

✚ **PARISH NEWS** ✚



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My Dear Friends

We are know the Lord's Prayer, don't we? Or do we? And if we do, do we know what it means? We are familiar with the children's errors such as, 'Harold by Thy name', 'on earth as it is in Devon' and 'lead us not into Thomas Station'. The problem is that these errors sound almost right and prove that the content cannot possibly be understood. Are the other parts any better understood? Let us do a bit of 'unpacking', particularly of the part which connects very closely with Christian Aid Week (11—17 May).

The prayer starts with the word 'our', meaning God is your father and mine. But wait a minute! People all over the world say that word 'our' too. That makes them, no matter what their race, colour, ethnic origin or nationality, our brothers and sisters. We can cope with that because we never have to meet with them. The remoteness makes 'our' unthreatening.

But later in the prayer we say 'give us this day our daily bread'. It is a prayer not to be greedy and hoard but to take each day as it comes trusting God to provide for us. Bread here stands for all that is necessary for living. This is so easy for us to pray knowing that we have a freezer full and that if we run out we can easily get to a shop. Again, let us wait a minute. Others are saying this prayer with nothing on their plates let alone a store in their freezer (if they had one) and nothing in their shops. What the prayer is saying is this 'may all of us who say this prayer have sufficient for each day's needs. It is 'give us' not 'give me'. Can one member of the family eat a feast while another beside them starves? The brother or sister may be half the world away but the question still stands. A few years ago Christian Aid had the slogan 'May we live simply that others may simply live'. That is still a challenge to us today. Christian Aid challenges us to take seriously the 'our' and the 'us' in the Lord's Prayer. This prayer is one we cannot take lightly or say without proper understanding. If we do we are doing no better than those children who made those errors.

Christian Aid Week is one of the opportunities to practice what we pray and put the 'me' into 'us' and share, as Jesus bids us, with our brother and sister in need. How can we say the love of God is in us if we see others in need and do nothing about it? Are we quite so keen now to say the Lord's Prayer or are we more determined to live it?

With every blessing and may the love of God be in us all.

Yours sincerely

### **Church Cleaning Team**

A most generous benefactor has given us a new "Hewry" cylinder vacuum cleaner to make our job easier. I am sure that you would all wish me to thank him most sincerely

Andrew Wynne

### **Heversham Playground Appeal**

#### **London Marathon Run**

Thanks to all who supported this, especially to Helen at Heversham Post Office.

Stephen Pickthall's run raised £450 for the Playground appeal (4 hrs 9 mins)

### **Open Gardens for Arthritis Research**

Gardens at Cherry Tree Cottage and Woodview, both in Church Street, Beetham, will be open to the public from 11.00 am – 5.00 pm on Saturday 31 May.

Parking is available in the Church car park.

The entrance to both gardens is just £1.00.

### **Heversham & Beetham**

Open Gardens Weekend  
Saturday 28 and  
Sunday 29 June

Please contact Anne Robinson to offer plants or cakes for sale.  
015395 63191

### **Levens Choir**

#### **BENJAMIN BRITTEN'S**

#### **'THE LITTLE SWEEP'**

with guest young singers and  
AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION!  
(Come in Dickensian dress if poss.)

on  
**Tuesday, 13 May at 7.30 pm**  
at

'Big School' Heversham  
Tickets £5.00 ('Friends' £3.00)  
from choir members or on door.

Children and Students free.

Further details:

Tel: 015395 733259 or 01539 720168

### **Thank You**

The family of the late Mrs Dorothy Martin would like to thank everyone for their prayers, letters and cards following the death of a much loved mother and grandmother.

## **WINDOW ON THE WORLD**

The next meetings of WOW are on:

Monday, 5 April at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Ron and Rhona Rutter's home, Ellerslie, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham.

Monday 2 June at 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Chris and Elizabeth Bennett's home, Bridge House, Woodhouse.

Please come along and find out more about the worldwide church.

## **SAMS — South American Mission Society**

On **Saturday 10 May**, the annual **NW Area Day Conference** takes place at St Peter's School, Bolton, 10.30 am — 4.30 pm. This is always an encouraging and informative day with several SAMS personnel speaking about their work in South America. Please contact Rhona Rutter if you are interested in going.

### Please pray for Robin

Shortly after Easter, Robin Orr went to Ukraine for one month working for **Hope Now**. He is teaching in the First City Gymnasium (Grammar) School in Cherkassy where he went for one week in December 2002. He is primarily teaching English (Shakespeare) and Music (launching a school choir) but he is also invited to share his Christian faith.

Please pray for:

- Good relationships with staff
- Good relationships with pupils
- Opportunities to share the 'Christian Gospel
- Clear guidance where to go and what to do out of school (eg at weekends)
- Grace every day to pray (and not just say "Thy will be done")

Christian Aid Week — 11th — 17th May 2003

Christian Aid Week is about putting the kingdom of God into action. It works with and for poor countries to express God's care for humanity, to seek a more just world for all. It forges partnerships with organisations from some of the world's poorest communities, involving local people to find appropriate solutions to the challenges they face. It tackles both the causes and symptoms of poverty, believing that transformation is possible — and that together, with partners and supporters, it can make a difference.

Christian Aid's approach is holistic. It believes that the church has a role to play — through praying, by taking action and by giving — to fight world poverty.

The house to house collections will be taking place in Milnthorpe and Heversham between **11 and 17 May**. More collectors are required, so please let us know if you can give a hand, maybe with a few houses in your immediate neighbourhood.

This year there will be coffee mornings in support of Christian Aid on **Friday 16 May** at both the Methodist Church and St Thomas' Church. A short video on the work of Christian Aid will be shown in the upper room of St Thomas' Church rooms during the course of the morning for anyone who may be interested in seeing Christian Aid in action.

Local Co-ordinators: Margaret Barrow. Tel: 015395 64134 and  
Sarah Bowers. Tel: 015395 63080 for Milnthorpe and Ackenthwaite  
Peter and Jane Clark. Tel: 015395 65845 for Heversham.

**ARNSIDE & MILNTHORPE MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
(Sponsored by The Williams School of Church Music)

**Saturday 3 May — Master Class with Wynford Evans (Tenor)**  
10.00 am and 2.00 pm at St Thomas', Milnthorpe. £2.00 at door.

**Sunday 4 May — Arnside Choral Society**  
3.00 pm at St James' Church, Arnside — Mozart's Requiem — with soloists Tracie Penwarden, Janet Hoyle, Wynford Evans and Brian Lancaster.  
Tickets £6.00 from Tel: 015395 761725.

**Monday 5 May — The Musical World of Wynford Evans**  
7.30 pm St Thomas Church, Milnthorpe. Tickets £6.00. Tel: 015395 62221.

**Note From the Editor**

Please note that the next edition of the magazine (June) will be the last one collated by the existing editor. From the July Edition onwards control will pass to an Editorial Committee with members from both Parishes. Fuller details in next month's magazine.

Deadline for entries for the June edition is Sunday 18 May.

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## **ST THOMAS PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS — MAY 2003**

by Mary Davidson

### Happy Easter

Easter joys have been ours ... the beauty of God's glorious Springtime, and the Blessing of His redeeming love — Holy Week has passed, but long remembered — Palm Sunday's Holy Communion Service, with a dramatic reading of the Passion of Jesus, by members of the congregation, and palm crosses for all present; followed by the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday. On Good Friday morning an open-air Ecumenical Service was held at the foot of St Thomas' Church, attended by approximately 200 people, welcomed by the Vicar, who later gave a talk, with Bible reading by Father Don Darragan, and prayers by Sue Hilton (Methodist Church). Hymn music was organised by the Vicar.

St Thomas' Church was bright with Spring flowers on Easter Day: Reader Roger Bingham led the opening Morning Service of Communion with Sermon by the Vicar, prayers by Kathleen Dawson, and Bible readings by John Thorley and Linda Baverstock. The Ven Peter Dawson was Celebrant, Arthur Dewhurst — Organist.

### Delightful Occasion

There was a large congregation at St Thomas' Church on Mothering Sunday, welcomed by the Vicar and the Ven Peter Dawson, with special welcome to Jamie and Janet Walshaw, who had brought their 5 month old triplet daughters, Lauren, Bethany and Katie, for Baptism, accompanied by their 7 year old sister Gemma. Daffodil sprays were presented by all children to their mothers, also to all ladies present. Following the Service, pieces of Simnel cake, made by Mrs Kathleen Dawson, were served in the Church Centre, to all present.

### Thanks and Praise

At St Thomas' Church Annual Vestry Meeting, the Vicar paid tribute to retiring (and then re-elected) Churchwardens John Ricketts and John Thorley, for all support and work during the past year. In his later report he stated two main achievements had been the restoration of the Church roof, thanks to the huge financial response: also refurbishment of the kitchen due to money raised by the weekly coffee mornings organised by Mr and Mrs Gregory, and the catering team. The Church Centre has been painted, and the Church itself to be carpeted shortly. Electoral Roll Officer, Mary Davidson reported 63 names to be on the Electoral Roll: Gwen Tuer gave an account of Mothers' Union activities: Nancy Flynn replaced Steve Alderson as Deanery representative. Thanks were expressed by the Vicar to the many people contributing to the life of the Church, especially the Ven Peter Dawson, Rev Ron Rutter, all Readers, bell ringers, those organising study groups, prayer groups, church rotas, grass cutting, and to Glyn Hopkins, Choirmaster for choir work, and arranging Concerts.

The Churchwardens thanked the Vicar for all he does, and wished him good health for the future.

### Come to the Party

The Senior Citizens Annual Party is being held on Thursday 15 May at the Memorial Hall. Anyone who has not received an invitation, and would like to attend this pleasant event, please contact Sheila Ashburner. Tel: 015395 62727, or any member of the Party Committee.

### Men's Forum Hear about Derien House

At a well attended meeting of Milnthorpe Men's Forum, held at the Cross Keys Hotel, Mr Ian Minto gave an informative talk on the caring work of the Derien House Children's Hospital. Derien House is to be the main benefactor from this year's Milnthorpe Art Exhibition.

### Eversley Concert

At a Spring Concert held at Dallam School, members of the Eversley Choral Union performed Mozart's Great C Minor Mass, along with an invited orchestra: together with Allegris Mesevere, and Mozart's "Jupiter" Symphony No 1. Soloists were: Rachel Little, Soprano: Megan Read, Mezzo Soprano: Stephen Newlove, Tenor: Allan Smith, Bass.

### AGM Memorial Hall Management

The Annual Meeting of the Milnthorpe Memorial Hall Management Committee had good attendance, all welcomed by Chairman Bill Stables, who thanked members for their support, especially the hard-working Secretary Gordon Wilson, and Treasurer Neil Dodds. During the year 2002, grants given to various village organisations amounted to £5430.00 of which £2,500 was donated towards the Golden Jubilee Day Celebrations. All officers were re-elected. A request received from Milnthorpe Snooker Club, towards recovering the snooker tables, was granted.

### M P Opens Community Development Centre

The official opening of Milnthorpe Community Development Centre at the Primary School took place on 4 April by Tim Collins, MP. Guests were welcomed by Andy Blackman, Manager and Head Teacher. The event was to celebrate opening of the re-located Centre — the IT Centre originally began in 1998, being part of Cumbria Credits, and there are now 73 Centres across Cumbria, encouraging life-long learning, advantageous to adults. Establishment of the Centre, includes pre-school care, after school and holiday clubs. Mr Blae Rwan then introduced Tim Collins MP, who cut the ribbon leading to the new department, saying that this was a huge event in the history of Milnthorpe, giving enriched learning opportunities.

Music by Milnthorpe Steel Band completed the evening.

Mary Davidson



### Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union

At the April meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham MU a service devised by Dr Dorothy Williams from various sources was led by Mrs Judy Dyer, who thanked Dr Williams for taking the time and trouble to do this. The Bible reading was given by Mrs Gwen Tuer. A thank you card had been received from Mrs Rena Blight thanking members for taking part in the Lady Day service at Natland. The stall and raffle at the recent coffee morning had been well supported. Canon and Mrs D Ellis gave a slide presentation on "A Christian Approach to Islam" which members found most interesting and very appropriate. They were thanked by Lady Audland. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 14 May, when the speaker will be Mrs Pat Radcliffe on Wild Flowers.

#### MILNTHORPE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Because you live in Milnthorpe you are invited to a  
Milnthorpe Residents Meeting

- 1 First Responders
- 2 Update Residents Parking
- 3 Update Gateway Project
- 4 Update Dallam School Entrance — Mr S Holdup —  
Headmaster
- 5 Any Other Business

Your District Councillor Malcolm Alston and County  
Councillor Ian Stewart will be there to discuss these issues  
with you.

Venue: Function Room, Cross Keys  
Date: Tuesday 6 May 2003  
Time: 7.30 — 9.00 pm

## **PARISH CALENDAR**

### Regular Weekday Services

Tuesdays:	Holy Communion	10.00 am at Heversham
	Informal Prayer Gathering	1.00 pm at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Gathering	7.45 am at Heversham

*For Bell Ringing information call J Thorley 62076*

### **MAY**

1st	Holy Communion	11.00 am at Croftside
3rd — 5th	Milnthorpe and Arnside Music Festival (see posters)	
<u>4th Third Sunday of Easter</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Service with Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
	Family Communion with Holy Baptism	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
6th	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree and also Heversham House
7th	Milnthorpe PCC	7.30 pm
10th	SAMS Day	10.00 am — 4.00 pm at Bolton
	'Jonah and Whale' Party	12.30 — 2.30 pm in the Athenasium
<u>11th Fourth Sunday of Easter</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion with Holy Baptism	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Service of Prayer for Healing	6.30 pm at Heversham
12th	Heversham PCC	7.15 pm
14th	Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter	10.00 am at Burton
<u>18th Fifth Sunday of Easter</u>	Holy Communion	8.00 pm at Milnthorpe
	Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

<u>25th Sixth Sunday of Easter — Rogation Sunday</u>	Holy Communion United Rogation Service	8.00 am at Heversham 10.00 am at Bradley Farm, Hincaster
<u>29th Ascension Day</u>	Deanery Eucharist	7.30 pm at Crosthwaite
30th	Ministry Team Meeting	7.30 pm at the Vicarage
<b>JUNE</b>		
<u>1st Sunday after Ascension Day — Seventh Sunday of Easter</u>	Holy Communion United Communion with Confirmation United Sung Evensong	8.00 am at Milnthorpe 10.00 am at Milnthorpe 6.30 pm at Heversham
6th	College of Canons	10.00 am at the Cathedral
7th	Pentecost Family Day at Keswick	(see posters)
<u>8th Pentecost</u>	Holy Communion Parish Communion Parish Communion Praise and Worship	8.00 am at Heversham 9.30 am at Heversham 11.00 am at Milnthorpe 6.30 pm at Heversham