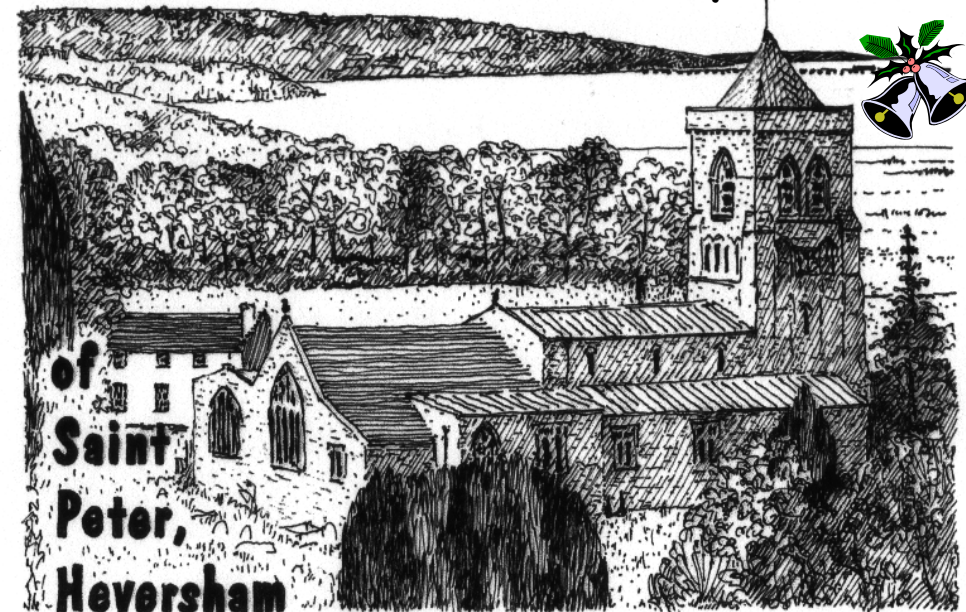


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December 2003/January 2004



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St Peter's and St Thomas' Parish News

There is now a new committee for the production of the Parish News made up of the following people: *Revd Canon John Hancock, Mrs Jane Cushnie, Mrs Mary Davidson, Mrs Linda Baverstock, Mrs Jane Fell, Mr Andrew Lucas and Dr John Cushnie.*

Please submit any news, articles and notices in writing (including email) to the Parish News committee by the 15th of the month to the following:

c/o Mrs Jane Cushnie, Dallam Barn, High Haverflatts, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, LA7 7DG
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Website: http://www.heversham.org/heversham_church.html

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February

Sunday, 1st - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
Family Communion with Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham

Christian Healing Ministry

In addition to the prayer ministry offered in Church on Sundays we have made the Healing Prayer Ministry available during the week. Every Tuesday from 10.35 a.m. (i.e. after the 10 a.m. H.C. Service) until 11.45 a.m. two of our prayer ministry team will be available in St. Peter's Church to pray about any matter which is of concern to you. It may be prayer for yourself, for someone else about whom you are concerned or about some situation. Nothing is too big or too small to bring before the Lord. Everything will be conducted in complete confidence. If you cannot manage the Tuesday time and would like prayer please do not hesitate to contact the Vicar. Already several people have availed themselves of this provision in which we feel the Lord is leading us to be his instruments in his healing ministry,

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The magazine has a circulation of 1450 local houses per month

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Christmas Eve

Christingle Service	4.00 pm at Milnthorpe
Village Carol Service	6.30 pm at Heversham
Village Carol Service	6.30 pm at Milnthorpe
United Holy Communion	11.30 pm at Milnthorpe

Christmas Day

United Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
Family Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

Sunday, 28th - Christmas 1

Holy Communion	8.00 am at MILNTHORPE
United Family Communion	10.00 am at Heversham

January 2004

Sunday, 4th - Christmas 2

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Service	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham
Fri. 9th	Ministry Team Meeting	7.30 pm at the Vicarage

Sunday, 11th - First Sunday of the Epiphany

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
Wed. 14th	Milnthorpe PCC	7.30 pm
Sat. 17th	Epiphany Party	at the Athenaeum, Leasgill

Sunday, 18th - Second Sunday of the Epiphany

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Family Service	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	(Remembering the Bereaved)	
Tues. 20th	Coffee Time @ The Old School	10.00 am to 11.30 am

Sunday, 25th - Third Sunday of Epiphany - Saint Paul's Conversion

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Morning Prayer	9.00 am at Hincaster
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
Mon. 26th	St. Peter's School Governors Meeting	7.30 pm

The Vicarage, Heversham, Milnthorpe Tel: 63125

My Dear Friends,

If someone came along and rescued us from an impossible predicament I should imagine that we would be very grateful. We would not forget that person. We would get to know as much as possible about them and although we could not see them they would have a lasting effect on our lives. Also if we got knowledge of the fact that the person was coming back our way again we would make sure that we would be there to meet them. There would be joy in our hearts every time we thought about them. Joy when we thought of our rescue, joy in our everyday life and joy when we looked forward to their return. That's a bit like Advent (the season that covers December up to Christmas) and Christmas itself. The only difference is that the looking forward to Jesus coming back is first. But that is not such a bad thing because it helps us to get our Christmas priorities right. Jesus will return - he has promised - and he will gather up the faithful to be with him, and it is vital that we are ready. Being ready means following Jesus' way in our everyday lives so that whenever he returns we are doing what he wants and are not caught out.

But that following of Jesus springs from our gratitude for his rescuing of us. We, the human race, had broken off our relationship with God by going our own selfish way. God loved his creation so much that he wanted to restore that relationship and only he could do it. That is why he sent Jesus to be born, to live, die and rise again for us. He has said that all those who receive him and believe in him will have eternal life and once again be his children, in right relationship with him.

At Christmas we remember the greatest rescue mission ever launched. That is why we have joy at this time. There may be all sorts of excitement at Christmas but there can be no joy if we cut out Jesus.

May you know the Joy of Jesus this Christmas.

Yours sincerely,



*You can also email your comments and suggestions to the
Parish News team at*

parishnews@heversham.org

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admin@heversham.org*

**Special Services and Events at
St Thomas' Milnthorpe**

St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe
Invites you to a
Family Advent Service
on Sunday 30th November
at 11.00 am
All Welcome

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☆☆ See the Christmas Pinboard for our ☆☆☆
☆☆ Christingle Service and ☆☆☆
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On January 18th we invite those who have been bereaved in recent years to a special Family Service.

News from The Parish :

Winter is almost here, with drear-nighted December' (as described by poet Keats): but the brightest and most wonderful time of the year is with us – the Birth of Jesus. Many forget the real reason of Christmas, among all the commercialism of today, but church bells will ring, and we will remember HIS BIRTH.

**Remembrance Sunday
'LEST WE FORGET'**

Members of organisations marched in procession on Remembrance Sunday, led by the Kendal Parish Church Boys' Brigade to the Milnthorpe War Memorial, where a short Remembrance Service was held, led by the Revd Ron Rutter and the Ven Peter Dawson. Names of the fallen were read, with two minutes silence, and the Last Post and Reveille, played by members of the Boys' Brigade. Wreaths were laid, before the contingent marched

to St Thomas' Church for a further full Remembrance Service led by the Revd Ron Rutter, at which the preacher was Revd. Bill Seville. Royal British Legion standards were carried by Sheila Ashburner and Ian Mills, and a R.B.L. wreath was laid by Maurice O'Loughlin , ex Army 2nd World War soldier.

Mothers' Union Link Branch Visit
Members of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union visited their link branch of St Luke's Barrow-in-Furness.

Gwen Tuer presented the branch with a crystal vase for use at meetings and hoped that members would meet again next year. A delicious tea of homemade goodies was later enjoyed by all.

Mothers' Union Meeting

At the November meeting of the Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union, the opening service was led by Dorothy Hornby, with a poem for Remembrance Day read by Pat Radcliffe. Prayers were said for members and their families. A list of forthcoming events was given: 3rd Dec M.U. Christmas Lunch at the Blue Bell (members to meet in the Square at 11.45am); 5th Dec M.U. Coffee Morning; and 10th Dec M.U. Meeting. Please bring food items towards a buffet tea. Mrs Tuer stated that last month's appeal for old sewing machines had produced a total of eight for Zululand.

Guest Speaker Jennie Webster, Warden of 'Springfield' Castle Road Kendal – a hostel for women and girls, was introduced. She spoke of the work of Springfield, which opened during the First World War and is now part of the Westmorland Association for Social and Moral Welfare. It takes a total of seven women or girls with problems including domestic violence, homelessness and pregnancy, and its upkeep depends on a Trust Fund, Churches' support and donations. She was thanked by Mrs Tuer.

PARISH CALENDAR

Regular Services

Tuesdays:	Holy Communion	10.00 am at Heversham
	Healing Prayer Ministry	10.35 am at Heversham
	Informal Prayer Gathering	1.00 pm at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Informal Prayer Gathering	7.45 am at Heversham

December

Mon. 1st	WOW Meeting	7.00 pm for 7.30 p.m. at Pat Radcliffe's home
	St. Peter's School Governors' Report to Parents	7.30 pm at school
Tues. 2nd	Holy Communion	10.45 am at both Plumtree and Heversham House

Sunday, 7th - Second Sunday of Advent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at HEVERSHAM
	United Parish Communion followed by Jacob's Join Lunch	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham
Mon. 8th	Heversham PCC Meeting	7.15 pm
Wed. 10th	Mothers Union	2.00 pm
	Milnthorpe PCC	7.30 pm
Fri. 12th	Christmas On The Green - see The Pinboard	

Sunday, 14th - Third Sunday of Advent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Holy Communion	1.45 pm at Westmorland General Hospital
Mon. 15th	Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
	Dallam School Carol Service	7.00 pm at Heversham
	Eversley Choral Union Concert	7.30 pm at Milnthorpe
Wed. 17th	St. Peter's Primary School Carol Service	2.30 pm at Heversham
Fri. 19th	Open Air Carol Service	10.00 am at Milnthorpe

Sunday, 21st - Fourth Sunday of Advent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Hincaster Carol Service	9.00 am
	Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Holy Baptism	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	The Nativity and Carols	3.00 pm at Heversham



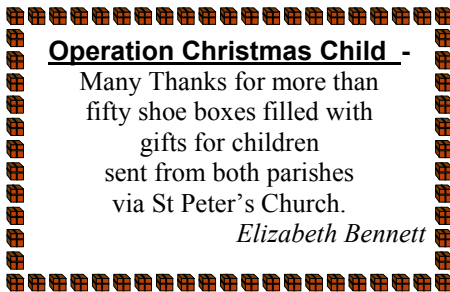
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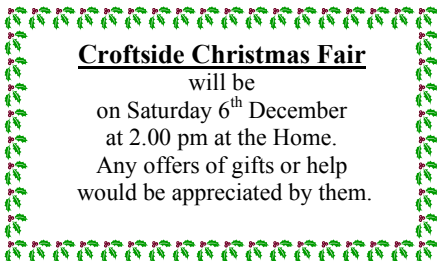
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 St Peter's Activities & Church Events
 Invite you to the
Epiphany Party
 on Saturday 17th January
 at The Athenaeum, Leasgill
All Welcome
 Tickets & more details on
 village boards & in church



Christ The King
 For Christmas Mass times please
 ring Fr. Dan Darragon
 Telephone 015395 62387



Operation Christmas Child -
 Many Thanks for more than
 fifty shoe boxes filled with
 gifts for children
 sent from both parishes
 via St Peter's Church.
Elizabeth Bennett



Croftside Christmas Fair
 will be
 on Saturday 6th December
 at 2.00 pm at the Home.
 Any offers of gifts or help
 would be appreciated by them.

**Coffee Time @
 The Old School**
 next to St Peter's Church
Heversham
 3rd Tuesday every month.
 16th Dec & 20th Jan
 10.00 am - 11.30 am
 Cup of Coffee or Tea 50p
All Welcome !
 Traidcraft Stall selling
 Fairtrade food /gifts
 Activity table for toddlers

Christmas Post by the MFC
 The Fundraisers from the Milnthorpe
 Family Centre (MFC) will be
 delivering Christmas cards again this
 year. As before, the post box will be
 in Forbouy's and the delivery cost per
 card is 15p. Cards can be posted for
 delivery in Milnthorpe, Heversham,
 Hincaster, Storth, Beetham. But
 NOT Arnsdale this year, not Paris, not
 New York either ! Please double
 check with the list of locations on the
 post box before putting them in it.
 Last year £312 was raised with the
 Christmas Post – that's more than
 2,000 cards !
MFC Fundraisers

**We wish all our Read-
 ers
 A Very Happy Christ-
 mas**

Men's Forum Present Cheques

Members of Milnthorpe Men's Forum presented cheques from the record profits of this year's Milnthorpe Art Exhibition, totalling £7,000, being equally divided between Dorian Hospice and St Thomas' Church Restoration Fund. Tony Liddle, Brian Taylor and Geoffrey Gregory presented the cheques at Dorian House Children's Hospice and saw some of the devoted work of the Chorley-based Children's Hospice.

At another meeting of the Men's Forum, Chairman Tony Liddle, presented an exhilarating and highly amusing talk to members at the Cross Keys Hotel. The talk entitled 'A Mercifully Short Career', covered the eventful year he spent as a Merchant Navy Cadet.

Piano Recital

A superb 'Music by Candlelight' piano recital, by Glyn Hopkins, was greatly appreciated by all in attendance at St Thomas Church. Music included pieces from Brahms, Schumann, Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninoff with all the proceeds donated towards local Marie Curie Nursing Services, which provide practical nursing care to patients seriously ill with cancer, in their own homes – day or overnight, 365 days a year.
 Thank you Glyn !

Bay Walk for Brownie Funds

Milnthorpe Brownie Pack Leaders Anne Gleadow (with nephew aged 8), Cath Doran, Angela Barrow and Natalie Nicholson raised £128 (donations still coming in) for Brownie Funds from their sponsored bay walk – Kents Bank to Kents Bank (circular route due to new quick sands). Along with a large party, they were escorted by Queen's Guide Cedric Robinson.

Visually Impaired Talk

At their November meeting, members of the Visually Impaired Group welcomed Margaret Roger of Kendal who gave an

interesting, often amusing, talk on life at Shap. Brought up in North Westmorland, she eventually bought a 16th Century large house in Shap, brought it up to a high standard, and began a Bed and Breakfast business. Much trade was gained later from the opening of the, then new, motorway and visitors travelling south to north.

Allotment Association

At the annual meeting of the Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association, thanks were expressed to the vicar and St Thomas' PCC for allowing St Thomas Church as a wonderful venue for the Annual Horticultural Show and £250 was donated to the Church Restoration Fund.

Officers elected were: Chairlady Lesley Salkeld; Vice Chairman Bill Stables; Secretary Kath Craig. Thanks were expressed to retiring Treasurer Gill Harkin. This post is now vacant and a volunteer would be most welcome. Please contact Lesley on 015395 64384 or Kath 64449. Thanks if you can!

Bowling Club AGM

At the Annual Meeting of Milnthorpe Bowling Club, retiring Chairman Rod Holmes thanked all who had worked so hard during the past year. It is hoped for the Green to be open March 28th 2004. In the lovely summer weather all had enjoyed friendship, fellowship, matches and the new Enigma Trophy (in memory of the late John Davidson). It is hoped to hold a Coffee Morning and a Quiz in 2004 towards funds. It was proposed, and accepted, that Mr and Mrs Holmes be made life members.

Officers elected were: President Bill Stables; President Elect 2005 Roy Jones; Chairman Derek Thompson; Vice Chairman Neil Dodds; Secretary Ann Bone; Assistant Secretary Tony Fisher; Treasurer Bill Stables. Barrie Jarrold, having retired as Secretary, said that he would continue to assist in various ways for the club.

Successful Students

Students Rae Martin, Julie Alderson, Julie Knowles and Janet Cherry, successfully completed the Family Learning Arts and Crafts Course and the CDC were presented with certificates, by Mayor of Kendal Jean Ewing, at an Awards Evening at the Castle Green Hotel. Course Tutor was Mary Salter. Other successful students, but unable to be present at the ceremony were: Diane Chaplow, Karen Townsend, Cath Denney, Christine Metcalfe and Wendy Smith.

Mary Davidson

St Thomas' Friday Coffee Mornings

The new year will bring a change in responsibilities for the Friday Coffee Mornings at St Thomas Church Centre. After some twelve years of organising supplies, rotas etc, Brenda Gregory is to hand over to Gillian Mumby, who has kindly agreed to take on this office. Brenda is confident that Gillian will receive the generous and cheerful support that she herself has always enjoyed from the teams of helpers and also from the customers both regular and casual, maintaining the quality of our Friday morning sessions. The bric-a-brac stall run jointly with Freda Slattery will continue as before, although after the Christmas rush there will be no stalls (bric-a-brac or Traidcraft) until March.

Brenda and Geoffrey Gregory

Baby & Child Health Clinic

Starting from Tuesday 6th January 2004 the Baby and Child Health Clinic will be at The Community Development Centre (CDC) at Milnthorpe Primary School on Firs Road. There will be a Health Visitor there every Tuesday 9.30 – 11.00 am for baby weighing and discussing any baby/preschool child health related issues. Just call in – no appointments are necessary. This community clinic at the CDC replaces the ones which have been held in

the past at Stoneleigh Surgery and Park View Surgery.

In the future the School Nurse for both Milnthorpe and Heversham Primary Schools, Liz Otway, is planning to be present at the clinic too, to advise on health issues for school age children. She can be contacted on 01539 734666.

CDC

Arthritis Research Campaign

Mrs Marion Bell (Area Appeals Manager) was guest speaker at the ARC Autumn Lunch on 12th November. She gave a brief summary of the wide range of research projects funded by ARC in the battle against arthritis, which causes pain to over seven million people in the UK, many of whom are children. In the financial year that ended 30.09.03, when reclaimed tax was included, the Milnthorpe and District Branch had contributed £6,976.91 to ARC funds. Thanks were expressed to the Committee, and they in turn thanked the large number of people who supported events during the year.

We wish all our friends a Very Happy Christmas.

Sally Richards, Hon Secretary

Christmas Lunch

For the fifth year running we have planned a 'Family' meal in the Methodist Church Hall, Milnthorpe, between 12.30 pm and 3.30 pm on Christmas Day. We can arrange lifts, if necessary.

If you live within a few miles of Milnthorpe (or you know of someone), please do come and join us to recapture a little of the flavour of this time of year. The invitation is to anyone, whether alone or not, young or old. Or if you can spare a few hours to help, it will be greatly appreciated and be very rewarding. Thank you.

Joy Bell 015395 62985



THE CHRISTMAS PINBOARD

Eversley Choral Union Christmas Concert

Dvorak – Mass in D
and a Selection of
Christmas Carols
on Monday 15th December
at 7.30 pm
at St Thomas', Milnthorpe
Tickets £5 at the door or
from choir members

Arnside Choral Society Christmas Concert

(including excerpts from
Handel's Messiah
and Haydn's Heiliger Mass)
on Tuesday 9th December
at 7.30 pm
at St Thomas', Milnthorpe
Refreshments
Programmes £5 at the door
or tel: Kath Singleton 62221

NEWS FROM

Heversham St Peter's CE School

HPSA
Christmas Fair
in the School Hall
Wednesday 26th November,
6.00-7.30 pm
Tickets £2.00 at the door including
mulled wine and mince pies
(children free)

Everyone Welcome



It won't be a silent night in
Milnthorpe on
Friday 12th December 2003
at our 3rd Annual
Community Event

Christmas on the Green
starting at 6.00pm
with our lantern procession

So Come & Step into
Christmas with
our evening full of festive fun.
We'll have you
rockin' round the Christmas tree
including performances by
FLOOKBURGH BRASS BAND,
MILNTHORPE COMMUNITY
& JUNIOR STEELBAND,
MILNTHORPE PRIMARY
SCHOOL CHOIR,
RIGNEY BANK
BALLET SCHOOL,
JOEY'S CHILDCARE,
MILNTHORPE OUT OF
SCHOOL CLUB.

We can guarantee a
white Christmas
and Santa Claus will be
coming to town.
We'll wish you a
Merry Christmas
with our free mince pies
and mulled wine !

WEATHER PERMITTING



THE CHRISTMAS PINBOARD

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, MILNTHORPE,
INVITES YOU TO

THE VILLAGE CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE at 6.30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

Address by Fr. Dan Darragon

Open Air Carol Service on Friday 19th December at 10 am on The Green, Milnthorpe



Everyone is Welcome
at St Peter's Church

for Carols & The Nativity
Performed by The Fish Club
and Junior Salt

on Sunday 21st December
at 3.00 pm
Tea & Mince Pies/Cakes

Support
The Childrens Society
and come and join us
at our
Christingle Service
at St. Thomas' Church
Milnthorpe
Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm
Everyone Welcome



ST PETER'S CHURCH HEVERSHAM,
INVITES YOU TO

THE VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE at 6.30 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We were able to pack up 16 boxes at Milnthorpe Methodist Church, made up from individual gifts given to us by many local people. A big thank you for your contribution.

Anne-Marie Whitfield

Methodist Church Centenary

In 2004 Milnthorpe Methodist Church is celebrating its centenary. We plan to have several events to celebrate this throughout the year: in May we have Annie Mawson, the West Cumbrian harpist, in concert; also in May there will be a weekend Flower Festival (could you help us with planning this?), and a walk down memory lane with old toys (anything you can let us borrow will be well treasured!); in September the Orton Male Voice Choir will be with us at Harvest time; and in December there will be a concert by the Westmorland Singers. More details of these plans will be given nearer the time.

So, have you, or anyone you know, had any connection with us in the past? We would love to know about it, along with any memorabilia, photos, or documents that you may be able to let us have. I would gladly collect, and it will be very well cared for.

Please contact: Joy Bell 62985

Poppy Appeal

The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning held at the Milnthorpe Memorial Hall raised £245.25.

Church Bell Ringing

Both Milnthorpe and Heversham have Church Bells and ringing teams. If you would like to learn to ring please phone the Tower Captains:

Heversham Mr George Handley 63571
Milnthorpe Dr John Thorley 62076

NEWS FROM Milnthorpe Primary School

Invitation to
The School Open Evening
on Wednesday 26th November
5.00 - 8.00 pm

Come and See
the Foundation Stage,
Primary Classes
& Community Development Centre
All Parents and Villagers Welcome

School Christmas Performances
The Little Angels / Cinderella
16th and 17th December at 6.30 pm
Phone school - 62344
All Welcome

Milnthorpe and Heversham Community First Responders

Training has now started and the team will hopefully be operational soon after the New Year. The team would like to thank everyone for the continued support for local fundraising events.



For more details please phone
Pat Barnes 64272

Jesus is the reason
for the season

Special Services and Events at
St Peter's, Heversham

**See Christmas Pinboard
for details of the
Village Carol Service and
the Nativity Play**

A Message of Thanks

It is exactly three years ago since Gerald was diagnosed with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, an event which completely changed our lives. These last three years have taught us such a lot. I remember writing in a Christmas letter that year the words of St. Paul - "we are hard pressed on every side but not crushed; perplexed but not in despair". It was easy quoting those words at that time as we did not know what was in front of us. Through the support, help and love we have received from the professionals, our family and friends, we are experiencing God's healing presence with us day by day. It is at this special time of Christmas when we celebrate God's love for us all, that we want to say a **special** thank you for making our journey along this hard road easier to travel through your love shown in so many ways, and your prayers. We wish you all a very joyous Christmas.

Lesley & Gerald Crossley

WINDOW ON THE WORLD (WOW)

The next meetings of WOW are
7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on:-

Mon 1st Dec - at Pat Radcliffe's
home, Sunny Vale, Heversham

Mon 5th Jan - at Robin and Mary
Orr's home, Farnaby Dyke, Levens

Mon 2nd Feb, at the Vicarage

Please come along and find out more
about the worldwide church

South American Mission Society
(SAMS)

On Sunday 2nd November, Rob Powell, the North West Area Secretary of SAMS spoke at the Family Service at St. Peter's, Heversham. This was his first visit and a large congregation enjoyed an entertaining and thought-provoking talk about mission. Few of us will forget the graphic illustrations of "beautiful feet" and "holy pokers" as well as the dressing up of one of our young people in S. American style! If you missed it, be sure to come next time!

Rhona Rutter

HOPE NOW AGM Weekend

The gathering of prayer-partners from all corners of the globe for a *Hope Now* weekend in Hampshire is always a lively event for that is when we can meet many of the people we have read about in the monthly newsletters and hear first-hand accounts of what has been going on in Ukraine and South Africa – *Hope Now's* main areas of activity. There were many reports that I would like to write at length but I have to be brief. The Mobile Medical Unit is at last up and running in Ukraine, taking expert medical and dental help and equipment into remote areas where, without it, people in need would have no help whatsoever. In some of the cottage-homes in Ukraine the fostered children have been, not surprisingly, manifesting symptoms of trauma in early life and therefore need expert help. A superbly gifted and qualified psychologist has been led by the Lord – one can't put it any other way – to give the next two years of her life to working in this area. This is great. The Ukrainian government has, at last, begun to face up to the problem of its homeless street children – roughly about 100,000 of them (yes, 5 noughts) – and has asked Vic Jackopson and *Hope Now* to help them in tackling

this colossal problem. An exciting encouragement but also a daunting challenge. In Pollsmoor Prison South Africa, tremendous work is going on in the area of 'restorative justice'; by comparison, the prevalent system of 'retributive justice' practised in most of our prisons in this country leaves much to be desired. I could go on.

To sum up: in Ukraine and South Africa, in the areas of **Health, Orphans, Prisoners and Education**, much good Christian work is being done, and in all these areas the Christian gospel is both the motivation and also the message preached.

Do, please, continue to support Hope Now's work in your prayers.

Robin Orr

Under 5's at The Brewery Art Centre

The Brewery Arts Centre in Kendal are running an exhibition for Under Fives in Cumbria – and wrote to Nurseries and Toddler Groups etc in the county to invite them to take part in the project, which will be on display from Sunday 14th December to Sunday 18th January. They had a great response and over 1200 children will be taking part. Canvases 18 x 24cm have been sent to all the groups, and once painted by the children and returned will be hung in the gallery to create a mass of colour tiling or mosaic. The title of the exhibition is taken from a book 'Artful Scribbles – the Significance of Children's Drawings' by Harold Gardner. The children can paint, draw, collage, handprint, footprint, stick, glue, whatever.

Joey's Childcare Milnthorpe and Heversham Toddler Group are taking part, and hope that many of you will be able to go and see the finished result at the Brewery – take a break from shopping ! The exhibition runs from Sunday 14th Dec – Sunday 18th Jan.

Jane Cushnie

Weekly Offering Envelopes

Envelopes for 2004 are now available for collection from Joan Anderton. If anyone wants to start using this method of regular giving, please ask me for a set. As, under the Gift Aid scheme, there is no longer a commitment for a given amount, please discard envelopes for weeks when you are not in church and put the giving for those weeks in one envelope when you return. This also means that you can increase your giving whenever you wish !

Joan Anderton

February 2004 Parish News

**The next Parish News will be
the issue for February.
Deadline for this issue is
15th January 2004.**

**MILNTHORPE RESIDENTS
ASSOCIATION**

Milnthorpe residents are invited to a
Milnthorpe Residents Meeting.

1. Matters Arising from last meeting.
2. Update Recycling
3. Update Proposed New Dallam School Access
4. 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 9th December 2003
Time 7.30 - 9.00 pm

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.
**For more details please phone
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