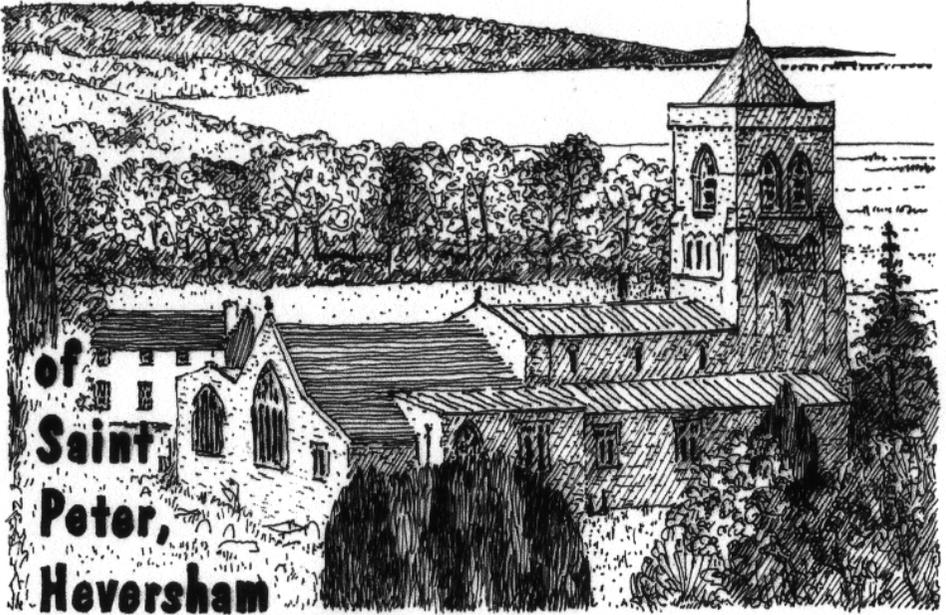




# PARISH NEWS



February 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:

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## The Vicarage, Heversham, Milnthorpe Tel: 63125

My Dear Friends,

In the last week of this month we start the season of Lent. Like so many of the traditions of the Church its true meaning has lost its original thrust. If you mention Lent to most people they think of a time of 'doing without'. Discipline is seen as negative, oppressive or inherently unpleasant. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Discipline or discipleship implies learning. Jesus said to his disciples 'Follow me' and as they followed they became learners, disciples. Following Jesus, being with Him was the most exciting adventure those men had ever undertaken. Dull and negative were certainly words they would never have used. Following Jesus now, as then, inevitably means that we will not be able to do some things because He will give us something better to do. Following Jesus and learning from Him are Christian priorities whatever the time of year but the Church in its obedience to God set aside a time each year to emphasise the 'priority of Jesus', and to refresh our understanding.

A quick look at the Gospels for Jesus' teaching about discipleship would be helpful. Here are just a few of the things Jesus said:

We must put God before absolutely everyone and everything else.

There must be no looking back.

Jesus is THE Way, the ONLY Way.

We must tell others about Him.

We must do the things He did.

We must have courage - He has promised to be with us always.

So let us this Lent examine Jesus' teaching and allow Him to show us areas in our discipleship which are in need of His help, Let us also confess the many times when God has been put on one side when 'something else turns up'.

Lent is an opportunity to examine our priorities so as to influence not just six weeks but the rest of our life. No one else and no other organisation should have priority over Jesus, because unless He is Lord of all He is not Lord at all. Let us use this time positively so that we emerge from it stronger in our discipleship and better equipped to be followers of Jesus in our everyday lives.

We will all be blessed as we follow. Let us not miss out.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'John', with a horizontal line underneath.

# Special Services and Events at St Thomas', Milnthorpe

## CHRISTIANITY IN QUESTION?

This is the theme for six Wednesday evening services during LENT in St Thomas' Church - starting on Ash Wednesday, February 25th at 8.00pm. there will be hymns, prayers and an address, together lasting no longer than 50 minutes.

Why such a title?

Simply because it outlines the current situation - with possible answers!

**Everyone is invited, and welcome.**

*The Ven Peter Dawson*



**Girlguiding UK**

*Once a Guide—always a Guide !  
Come to our*

## Special Family Service with The Brownies and Guides

The next non-communion service in St Thomas' will take place on Sunday 15th February, 11.00 am when the Milnthorpe Brownies and Guides will be attending.

**All are welcome  
to this special service  
which will also include  
Holy Baptism.**

## More Special Services

St Thomas' Church is to arrange a series of special Family services, and began with a non-communion Family Service and special invitation on January 18th to those bereaved in recent years.

## News from The Parish :

“February – fill dyke – black or white”, the old Westmorland saying tells us; meaning plenty of rain or snow to come ! ..... but then “ if winter comes, can spring be far behind ?” Snowdrops and aconites already in bloom, since the middle of January. A New Year is here, what can we promise for the future ?

## CHRIST – (MASS)

The name of Christ in Christmas was certainly celebrated at our Church with such lovely special services of Candlelight, Christingle, open air; concerts by the Eversley Choral Union and the Arnside Choral Societies as well as Christmas on the Green; and most of all by the services of Holy Communion.

## Eleventh Anniversary

Our 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of joining with St Peter's Church was celebrated with a United Service at St Thomas Church followed by a Jacob's Join of goodies in the Church Centre with fellowship.

## Mothers' Union

Twenty four members of Milnthorpe-Heversham Mothers' Union enjoyed a festive lunch together at the Blue Bell Hotel; and also a special meeting with readings and music devised by Mrs Audrey Wynne at the Church Centre. Our 95th Birthday Congratulations to member Mrs Eve Tilbury on Christmas Eve.

The January meeting commenced with a service in Church led by Dr Dorothy Williams, being a shortened form of Evensong, with prayers and readings by Judy Dyer. Reports by the Treasurer and Secretary were given at the Annual Meeting. All Committee members were re-elected with new member Joan Ellam.

### Milnthorpe Family Centre

fundraisers delivered Christmas cards in surrounding areas, during all weather, raising £300+ for funds. Thank you all.

Joey's Childcare are taking part in the *Chatterbox Challenge* during the week 2nd—6th February. This is a sponsored event which raises money for the charity *I CAN*, which helps children with speech and language difficulties across the UK. The Chatterbox Challenge for the children at Joey's will be to learn *the Very Hungry Caterpillar* and perform it to parents. To find out more - [www.ican.org.uk](http://www.ican.org.uk)

### Widening Horizons

The new season for members began on January 14<sup>th</sup> with a talk 'Growing Old in the Countryside', and another entitled 'Cumbrian Churches' by the Revd Canon William Greetham on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

*Mary Davidson*

### St Thomas' Friday Coffee Mornings

Another good year can be reported for the Friday coffee mornings at St Thomas Church Centre. Although the main purpose of the mornings is social, where a welcoming shelter from the rain is provided in convivial surroundings, it is heartening to see healthy contributions being made to Church funds. We believe that this year we have had record returns not only from the coffee sales (£2814.80) but also from the bric-a-brac (£2820.73). These figures do not include the six occasions when profits were given to charitable organisations – Christian Aid, MacMillan Nurses, Mothers' Union, Milnthorpe's Christmas Lunch, First Responders and the Art Exhibition charity. They also do not include the monthly Traidcraft stalls.

Many people richly deserve a very warm 'thank you' for their efforts. We have three cheerful and hardworking teams from both parishes; we have regular supplies of irresistibly fresh cakes and scones from expert bakers Ann Horn,

Veronica Sandham and Marjorie Parsons; and we have a highly supportive clientele. In last month's Parish News, Brenda mentioned that she was about to hand over the coffee mornings to Gillian Mumby. This has now taken place, although Freda Slattery and Brenda intend to continue with the bric-a-brac in March. Meanwhile Brenda thanks all who have contributed to this important aspect of the Church, and wishes everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

*Brenda and Geoffrey Gregory*

### Milnthorpe Christmas Day Lunch

was once again a very enjoyable time. There were 20 of us who shared a really bumper Christmas dinner and tea. This fifth Christmas Day lunch proved to have a real 'family' feel as we celebrated the time when Jesus became part of our human family, in order to bring us back to God. Many thanks to those who contributed, or joined with us and did so much to make the day special.

### Methodist Church Centenary in 2004

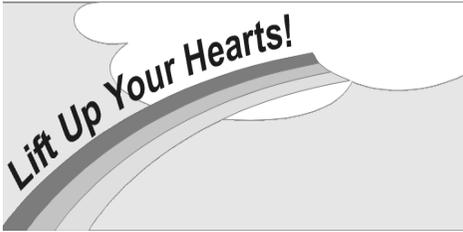
We plan to have several events to celebrate this Centenary year: In May we have Annie Mawson, the West Cumbrian harpist, in concert; also in May there will be a weekend Flower Festival (could you help us with planning this?), and a walk down memory lane with old toys (anything you can let us borrow will 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 they will be very well cared for. Please contact me.

*Joy Bell 62985 5*

## Special Services and Events at St Peter's, Heversham



### Lift Up Your Hearts

is the Diocesan Course for Lent 2004 which will be run in addition to the regular Home Groups. Please see Parish Boards mid February for dates/venue of this course or phone Revd Canon John Hancock at the Vicarage tel: 63125.

The course is for six sessions and covers Worship, Ministry, Discipleship, Outreach, Young People and Resources. There are leaflets for each session, and also a CD to accompany the course produced with the help of BBC Radio Cumbria's Richard Corrie. During Lent there will be details posted on the BBC website too. [www.bbc.co.uk/cumbria](http://www.bbc.co.uk/cumbria)

### The Epiphany Party

The Epiphany Party on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January was attended by 68 people at the Athenaeum Leasgill and organised by St Peter's Activities and Church Events (SPACE) – with a Jacob's Join and party games and much laughter. Watch this space for the next SPACE event !

*SPACE*

**Fish Club 4 + and Junior Salt 8 +  
@ The Old School  
From 9.30—10.30 am  
Every Sunday term time except  
The First Sunday in the month**

### Lent Giving at St Peter's Heversham

The PCC were encouraged by WOW that this should be given to Christian outreach in schools run by Northern Inter Schools Christian Union (NISCU), South Lakes branch. Partly this is because schools work is so important and they will often be members of the future church, but as notified by the NISCU Treasurer the South Lakes branch has struggled to keep out of the red. The position at present is much better but the total giving needs to be built up for the future expansion.

News of the workers is that much has been planned for this term and I hope all who are interested have received the December newsletter up to February. Matt and Clare now have a daughter Anna safely born on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, and all are doing well. Do pray for the family as they get into new ways. Paula has a very full programme in the primary schools and is also preparing for a Bible Exhibition to be held in March. This exhibition looks at the influence of the Bible on our country and the people who shaped the country. She asks for prayer that schools will want to come and will find it helpful for their RE curriculum. Libby has been working with the older girls and boys organising On Line and is also helping in the school groups.

If you are not on the prayer network and would like to be please let me know and I can give you a copy. The next local Prayer Time for NISCU is on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 12 noon at Joy Bell's house, 3 St Anthony's Close, Milnthorpe. Do join us.

*Chris Bennett 64091*



## **WINDOW ON THE WORLD (WOW)**

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

Mon 2nd Feb - at the Vicarage

Mon 1st March - at Ron and Rhona  
Rutter's home, Ellerslie, Heversham.

Mon 5th April - at Sylvia Read's  
home, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham  
Please come along and find out more  
about the worldwide church

*Rhona Rutter*

### **Prison Experiences in South Africa**

Mary and I could write a book about our  
experiences in Cape Town's Pollsmoor  
Prison last month (December). If (IF!)  
we were to attempt that, here is some of  
what we might say.

The Western Cape province of South  
Africa is very beautiful and many would  
say it's the ideal place for "the good  
life" - sun, sea, mountains, uniquely  
varied and colourful flora and fauna,  
beautiful houses (and B and B's) fabulous  
restaurants ... . But it has also tremendous  
problems: 40%+ unemployment, extreme  
poverty alongside the affluence, AIDS,  
drugs, gangsterism ... Which are the eggs  
and which are the chickens? Impossible to  
say precisely. But, not surprisingly, the  
prisons are full to bursting. 8,000 in  
Pollsmoor.

Adrian Bruce (no stranger to Heversham)  
now works full-time (voluntarily) in  
Pollsmoor with the male young offenders  
(17-22) and, hearing that we were going  
to Cape Town for a family event, he  
asked us to stay with him for a week and  
work with him in the prison - Mary to do  
craft work and me to do music and drama.  
I hope we were a blessing to them.  
Certainly we ourselves were blessed: it  
was a privilege to be involved in the fine  
Christian work that Adrian and his  
colleagues are doing.

Three particular thoughts:

First, these young 'criminals' are not an  
alien species. Apart from having darker

skins (most were 'Cape Coloureds') they  
are just like me. (I was about to write  
"just like and you and me" but decided  
not to risk it!) Yes, most of them have,  
probably as a member of a gang,  
committed terrible crimes; but, if I had  
been born into their environment, would I  
have behaved differently? I doubt it.

Second, it is utterly wonderful to see how  
the Christian gospel can transform even  
the toughest cases. To give just one  
example. One afternoon, after Mary and I  
had performed our mime "God in the  
boot", one of the lads there said he  
wanted to share; he stood up, read a  
psalm from his Bible that perfectly fitted  
the message of the mime and then  
preached a ten-minute sermon. His  
sincerity and the quiet authority of his  
bearing were truly impressive. Obviously  
destined to be a pastor one day! Why was  
he "inside"? Rape and murder.

Third, Adrian's own testimony is truly  
impressive. (He won't be reading this so I  
can be frank!) Not yet 40, he could still be  
earning that astronomical salary in the  
City in London (at least ten times what I  
ever earned as a teacher!). But he felt  
God's call to give all that up and go and  
do what he is doing in Cape Town; there,  
he draws no salary and he relies on  
donations from people like us to fund the  
work he is doing. If the funds fall short,  
he'll dip into his own pocket, his savings.  
Madness? He loves his work, draining  
and tough though it is, and says  
emphatically that he'd much rather be  
there than back in the City.

Another living example that, if we go  
where God asks us to go and do what God  
asks us to do, then we find the joy, the  
peace and the fulfilment that Jesus wants  
us all to enjoy. (John 10, 10). However,  
Adrian and his co-workers are  
dangerously vulnerable and need our  
prayers as much as our donations.

Let us not forget them.

*Robin Orr*

## St Peter's Handbell Ringers

Both Junior and Senior teams had an enjoyable and successful festive season ringing Carols and Christmas music at several venues in the area. We collected £67 for charity and have donated it this year to St John's Hospice. The Juniors, together with the Primary School Recorder group, rang at Heversham House, at Plumtree and at the Primary School Carol Service. They also rang before the Village Carol Service at St Peter's on Christmas Eve. The Senior team rang at Plumtree, at Heversham House, at Lindale Village Hall for the Over Sixties' Christmas party and at the Punch Bowl, Crosthwaite for the Agricultural Discussion Group's Christmas meeting. The Junior team has 6 young ringers aged 9 to 10 years. Sophie Fishwick, Katie Medcalf and Jonathan Hyman were joined in September by new members Daniel Craig, Nikita Procter and Sophie Thwaites-Breed when three previous members moved on to their secondary schools. Special thanks to Audrey Wynne for all her support in helping with the Junior team.

*Doreen Baines and Judy Dyer*

### Milnthorpe Residents' Association

Next Meeting 24th February 2004  
at The Cross Keys Hotel at 7.30 pm  
Agenda will be put on notice boards  
in the Village

### A Genuine Spotlight on Tennis !

Winter Club Sessions  
Sundays 2.00—5.00 pm  
Tuesday Evenings 6.30 onwards  
Under our new floodlights !  
At Dallam School, Heversham site

## STOP PRESS

'The Dallam students who produce the talking edition of the Parish News entered a National BT competition and were awarded £2000 for the school to use on equipment for this scheme.

More about this next month'.

## Milnthorpe and Heversham Community First Responders



A Reception was held at the Cross Keys Hotel on Saturday 17th January 2004 to thank the many companies, charities and people who have given money or time to set up the team. The newly purchased equipment was on view. At 8.00 pm the First Responders became operational and will attend appropriate incidents in the area.

**For more details of First Responders  
please phone Pat Barnes 64272**



# THE PINBOARD

## SUMMER IS ON THE WAY!

On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2004 the Church Army is holding a sponsored guided walk across Morecambe Bay - 8.5 m. I intend to join in. I am not looking for sponsors at this point but wondered if anyone else would like to walk. I need to send in names and a fee of £6 per person to cover guide , tractor fees and coach fare. If you would like further details please get in touch .  
Tel: 015395 63938.  
email [d@maudsley.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:d@maudsley.fsnet.co.uk)  
*Dorothy Maudsley*

## ARNSIDE CHORAL SOCIETY -

Glyn Hopkins accompanies  
Heversham based tenor  
John Cox in a recital of songs by Ireland, Mahler and Schubert on Sunday 22nd February - 3.00pm in St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe.  
Admission free.

Retiring collection to assist with promotion of the Arnside and Milnthorpe Music Festival on 8-10th May 2004.

Local singers interested in a Master Class with international tenor Wynford Evans on Saturday 8th May should contact ACS Hon Sec Hilary Wilson on 01524 761309 now!

## March 2004 Parish News

*Deadline for this issue is  
Sunday 15th February 2004.*



### **New Arrival at the CDC !**

...a new Child Health Clinic/Baby Clinic at Milnthorpe Family Centre in the CDC. This replaces the clinics at Stoneleigh and Parkview surgeries. It is a community clinic open to any parents with babies or young children. Every Tuesday from 9.30 -11.00 am. (Just call in – no appointment required).

The clinic, run by the Health Visitors, is to offer advice and support, and monitor the progress of babies and children. Phone 64887 for more information.

## Pancake Party Coffee Time @ The Old School

next to St Peter's Church  
Heversham  
Shrove Tuesday 24th February  
10.00 am - 11.30 am  
Cup of Coffee or Tea 50p  
Plenty of pancakes too !

All Welcome !

Traidcraft Stall selling  
Fairtrade food /gifts  
Activity table for toddlers

# 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

## February

### Sunday, 1st - Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Service & Holy Baptism	9.30 am at Heversham
	Family Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Holy Communion	1.45 pm at Westmorland Gen
	Sung Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham
Mon 2nd	WOW Meeting at The Vicarage	7.00 for 7.30 pm
Tues 3rd	Holy Communion	10.45 a.m. at both Plumtree & Heversham House

### Sunday 8th - The Third Sunday before Lent

	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

### Sunday 15th -The Second Sunday before Lent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Family Service with the Brownies & Guides including Holy Baptism	11.00 am. at Milnthorpe

### Sunday 22nd -The Sunday Next before Lent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Morning Prayer	9.00 at Hincaster
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe

### Wed 25th - Ash Wednesday

	Holy Communion	7.30 pm at Heversham
	First mid-week Lent Service	8.00 pm at Milnthorpe

### Sunday 29th -The First Sunday of Lent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	United Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe



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