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Saint John's Church, Levens and
Saint Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

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For the MAY 2008 ISSUE please send articles/ notices by 10th APRIL

The Vicarage, Woodhouse Lane, Heversham, Milnthorpe, Cumbria

Dear Friends,

I am sitting writing this looking out over the calm waters of the Kent estuary, the bay surrounded by the rolling green of the hills rising from the water's edge. It is the most magnificent view, one of which I never tire and for which I am profoundly grateful. The sunlight is breaking through the clouds and although cold, it is a beautiful Sunday afternoon. However, the beauty hides danger. The sands of the bay are shifting and treacherous and the speed of the tide – 'faster than a galloping horse' – is notorious.

The sea and even the water of our estuary, has many faces. It can offer adventure, opportunity, danger and even tragedy. Today the water is calm and yet the forecast for later today is for the worst storm of the winter to hit our shores during the night, with threats of a severe battering of our coast and inland areas, by high winds. The media is telling us to batten down the hatches and stay indoors.

Maybe this reminds us that life is not all sun, sea and sand. To the Jewish people, the sea was a symbol of chaos and unpredictability. One night, Jesus' followers were terrified as a fierce storm hit the Sea of Galilee whilst they were out on the water. They could do nothing to stop it, just cower at the danger they knew it presented. Yet Jesus stood up, spoke to the wind and the waves and commanded them to be still – and they were.

By the time this is printed, we will have celebrated the awesome events of Easter. We will have remembered Jesus' tortuous death on the cross, the culmination of the raging storm of hate on Good Friday, the cold emptiness of the waiting time, the disciples believing that this was the end, before these same men were amazed and thrilled to see Jesus raised from death – talking, walking and eating with them. They experienced the joy and hope of a situation, in which real victory over the forces of evil that had been thrown at Jesus, had come in a way they could never have imagined.

Maybe, you will have watched the TV presentation of 'The Passion', and seen the events of Holy week unfold on our TV screens, as the tide of hatred gathered pace, just like the turbulent, raging sea. And then, in the calm after the storm, the myth that death is the end, explodes in resurrection joy.

We too live in a world, which, like the sea, is often chaotic, and in turmoil – a world in which evil rages and many suffer. Nevertheless, today as then, Jesus is still the centre at the heart of the storm, a sign of the ultimate power of God's grace in a changing and uncertain world, bringing life, forgiveness and wholeness to those who accept the gift of himself. Have we accepted this gift?

Wishing you every blessing this Eastertide,

The Revd. Sue Wilson

**You are very welcome to any of these services
and prayer gatherings**

Regular Prayer Gatherings at St Peter's, and St John's Churches

Mon-Thurs:	Morning Prayer	8.15 am at Levens
Tuesdays:	Communion at ten	10.00 am at Heversham
	Christian Prayer Ministry	10.40 -11.40 am at Heversham

Saturdays: Informal Prayer Meeting 8.00 am at Heversham

Sunday Services in April 2008

St Peter's Church, Heversham

Sunday 6th	9.30 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Sung Evensong
<u>Saturday 12th</u>	6.30 pm	<u>Confirmation in the KE Group Ministry</u>
<u>Sunday 13th</u>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise
<u>Sunday 20th</u>	9.30 am	3rd Sunday in the month - our new service
<u>Sunday 27th</u>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Parish Communion

St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe

Sunday 6th	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Parish Communion
<u>Saturday 12th</u>	6.30 pm	<u>Confirmation Service at Heversham</u>
<u>Sunday 13th</u>	11.00 am	Parish Communion
<u>Sunday 20th</u>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	11.00 am	Family Service
<u>Sunday 27th</u>	11.00 am	Parish Communion

Mission Room, Hincaster

<u>Saturday 12th</u>	6.30 pm	<u>Confirmation Service at Heversham</u>
<u>Sunday 27th</u>	9.00 am	Morning Prayer - see notice board

St John's Church, Levens

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<u>Saturday 12th</u>	6.30 pm	<u>Confirmation Service at Heversham</u>
<u>Sunday 13th</u>	10.00 am	Family Service
<u>Sunday 20th</u>	10.00 am	Parish Communion
<u>Sunday 27th</u>	10.00 am	Parish Communion for Rogation Sunday

**Please see notice boards outside church or weekly notice sheets
for any additions/changes**

BE A PART OF THIS.....

Kent Estuary Commitment of Faith Baptism and Confirmation

You are invited to the Confirmation Service of 11 young people and 4 adults, one Baptism will be by full immersion (please also see the article on page 6) on Saturday 12th April 6.30 pm at St Peter's Church, Heversham

by Bishop James Newcome, Bishop of Penrith

Modern and Traditional hymns will be accompanied by the organ & the Music Group

Please stay after the service for drinks and nibbles

Christ the King RC Church, Milnthorpe Canon Alf Hayes Tel: 015395 62387

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil Mass	5.30 pm
Sunday Mass	9.00 am with children's liturgy during term time
Friday	9.30 am

Confessions

Saturdays 11 to 11.30 am with Exposition and Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (or any time on request)

ONCE A CATHOLIC? Feel like you want to come home? Heard of the Landings Programme? Contact Canon Alf Hayes 62387 or the Landings Coordinator, Mr. W. Gill 01524 762124.

Milnthorpe Methodist Church 10.30 am Sunday Services

April

- 6th Rev. Bill Riley
- 13th Rev. Bill Seville Holy Communion
- 20th Mr Bernard McKee
- 27th Dr Tom Fryers

Next Lunch Club 30th April -
Please contact Eileen Bolton 63318

STePS St Thomas' and Peter's Strollers and friends

By the time this magazine is published the STePS Easter walk (will have taken place, around the village of Silverdale and across Leighton Moss. Previous outings have included enjoyable walks along the River Kent, around the shore at Arnside, Sizergh to Levens, Dalton and the canal at Burton, and a couple of walks in Witherslack, one along the length of Whitbarrow Scar and a



low level walk through the valley. The routes are about 5 or 6 miles in length and

the pace allows for interesting conversations and photography along the way.

The next outing is on Saturday 26th April. Meet at St Peter's at 2.00 pm for 2.15 depart by shared cars (bring a bag for your boots - and a picnic tea) See the weekly notice sheets for a description of the route nearer this date - and of course friends from Levens are very welcome too!

Levens Methodist Church 10.30 am Sunday Services in April

- 6th Mr. Bernard Mc.Kee (Kendal)
- 13th Mrs. Susan Hilton (Milnthorpe)
- 20th Mr. Brian Gray
- 27th Mr. Wilf Barron (Kendal)

Confirmation in the Kent Estuary Group Ministry

Saturday 12th April 2008 St Peter's Heversham 6.30 pm

For some time now youngsters and adults throughout the Kent Estuary Group have been exploring in a variety of ways what it means to be a Christian. By 12th April hopefully many of them will have decided to be confirmed in their decision to follow Jesus.

In the middle ages the bishop performed all baptisms this only became a separate when the church grew and bishops were no longer able to get round all the parishes to perform this. So it came to be that Baptism was 'confirmed' by the bishop when he was in the area!

Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey in which those who have been baptised affirm for themselves the faith into which they have been baptised and their intention to live a life of responsible and committed discipleship. Through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming bishop, the Church also asks God to give them power through the Holy Spirit to enable them to live in this way. During the service the bishop asks the candidates to state whether they are ready to be baptised or have been baptised already and whether they are willing to affirm their faith in Jesus Christ. At this point candidates may be invited to give their testimony – a brief statement about how God has brought them to this point in their lives.

The bishop then asks the candidates to renounce the devil and all that is evil and to turn to Christ.

Candidates who have not been baptised are baptised by the bishop. The candidates then join with the rest of the congregation in reciting the Creed as an expression of the Christian faith into which they were baptised and which they are now affirming for themselves. They are signed with water as a reminder of their baptism.

The bishop leads the people in praying for the Holy Spirit to rest upon those being confirmed and following this confirmation prayer the bishop addresses each candidate by name and says:

'[Name] God has called you by name and made you his own.'

The bishop then lays his hand on the head of each candidate, saying
'Confirm, O Lord, your servant [Name] with your Holy Spirit.'

Each candidate replies *Amen..*

When all have been confirmed in this way, the bishop invites the congregation to join with him in praying:

'Defend, O Lord, these your servants with your heavenly grace, that they may continue yours for ever, and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and more until they come to your everlasting kingdom. Amen.'

The bishop will also use words of commissioning in which the candidates and all those who would like to - affirm their determination, with the help of God, to live a life of Christian discipleship.

Please come and support those being baptised and confirmed.

WOW – WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Cutting the Chains

Not many of us are called upon to make the ultimate sacrifice for our beliefs.



In 2007, a gang targeted Nigerian Bishop Benjamin Kwashi threatening to kill him. Through this attack, he stood firm for what he believed. 'I have decided that preaching the Good News of Jesus is worth living for and it is worth dying for,' he said.

Bishop Kwasi is one of an estimated 250 million Christians worldwide who face discrimination, harassment and persecution. It is a heavy price to pay for following Jesus, with many facing imprisonment and even death for the peaceful expression of their faith.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) is a human rights organisation that works on behalf of those persecuted for their faith and promotes religious liberty for all. Their mandate comes from the biblical principle to 'speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.'

The primary focus of CSW is high level political lobbying – ensuring the plight of suffering Christians is kept on the agenda of those authorities who may have the influence to help them. CSW also works to support and protect human rights activists working in difficult situations to improve the lives of Christians. Often the success of CSW's work is reliant on Christians in the UK showing support for their campaigns. This can vary from writing letters to political representatives, getting signatures for a petition and prayer.

Knowing that their Christian family worldwide is praying and protesting on their behalf is a tremendous support to many people facing imprisonment and death.

Through all of the work of CSW, prayer is the key. In the words of Cuban Pastor, Carlos Lamelas, who was imprisoned in 2006, 'I am absolutely convinced that in the

moments when I most needed renewed strength, it was those hundreds of prayers which reached the cell where I was imprisoned.'



Will you come and join us at WOW, as we join in with people praying around the world for those persecuted for their faith?

For more information about the 'Cut the Chains' campaign for freedom, fair trial and fair treatment for all those incarcerated for the peaceful expression of their beliefs, visit www.csw.org.uk.



Walk East Sussex

Last April, many people wearing blue Walk Cumbria tops, spent a week in our villages spending time talking to people in pubs, in schools, on the streets and in their homes, about what being a Christian means. We enjoyed a wonderful walk together from Arnside to Levens, played bowls and danced the night away at Park House Farm. We got to know our visitors really well and thoroughly enjoyed their company.



On the 18th and 19th of April, some of our last year's guests, plus many new faces, will be spending Friday night and Saturday in Milnthorpe. This time preparing, not to spend a week in September here, but in East Sussex.

So don't be surprised if you see a group of 'hoodies' out and about in our villages – I'm sure they'll appreciate a return of the warmth of the Cumbrian welcome they received last year!

KENT ESTUARY PARISHES

Arnside Beetham Heversham Levens Milnthorpe

'if you missed the Greek evening at St Thomas' last year, here's another opportunity to hear a fascinating talk'

IT'S ALL GREEK

Dinner & a talk

St. Michael's & All Angels Church,
Beetham

Friday 4th April 2008 at 7.00 pm

An evening of Greek things

with Dr John Thorley to give you a taste of the Mediterranean and perhaps also to get you thinking...

We'll start with a meal of (mainly) Greek food, with moussaka, olives, cheese, yoghurt and a glass of sweet Greek wine whose origins go back over 2,000 years;

Then a little bit of Greek;

the language in which the whole of the New Testament was written, and why this language is still important to us today! For instance did Jesus really say, "Give us this day our daily bread"? – not quite! And did the angels say, "Peace on earth and goodwill towards men"? Probably not! John said, "In the beginning was the word", but what did he mean? And what did Jesus really say to his mother at the wedding in Cana?

Tickets (£6) are available from
Mrs. Jean Young 015395 61841
or Beetham Post Office.



Pedal Power :

The 2nd Deanery Cycle Ride will take place on 20th September this year.
watch this space!

OUR NEW COLUMN

The Natural World

new

BeachCare, taking action for a cleaner coast

The Morecambe Bay Partnership is a local charity, which, among other things, leads a very active programme of volunteer beach cleans. The local Arnside/Silverdale group recently held clean-ups at Heversham Marshes and New Barns, Arnside.

More events are listed at their website www.morecambebay.org.uk which is updated regularly. If you want to receive email updates on local beach cleans please send your contacts to info@morecambebay.org.uk

BeachCare's success

In the last 5 years nearly 2,700 volunteers have removed over 20 tonnes of litter from our beaches. Much of this is plastics. The Partnership has been involved in raising awareness of marine litter issues, lobbying and campaigns to reduce the amount of litter at source.

Other Morecambe Bay Partnership Activities

The Partnership holds regular conferences and seminars to provide a platform for informed debate on often controversial issues, e.g. cockling, bridge across the bay, and climate change.

The Sport and Recreation User Group seeks to prevent conflict, resolve issues, influence the detail of developments such as offshore wind farms and Barrow marina and ensure safe and responsible use of the bay.

Currently the Partnership is exploring with a range of regional partners a programme to secure new investment to improve the quality of the environment and facilities for local people and visitors around the Bay.

Susannah Bleakley
Morecambe Bay Partnership
Reg Charity No: 1089559

Christian Aid Week in
Heversham, Milnthorpe
and Levens 2008



Christian Aid Week is seven days of fundraising, campaigning and worship. It unites 300,000 people in the UK's biggest house-to-house collection.

It inspires hundreds of events, brings together thousands of churches and reaches millions of people with messages about poverty.

And most importantly, it helps people in poor communities around the world change their lives.

This year Christian Aid week runs from the 11th – 17th May. Christian Aid's current campaigns include the Climate Change Bill, Zambia's Copper Claim and protecting human rights in Angola.

Please support this initiative. If you would like more information and particularly if you would be prepared to help with the house to house collection, please contact:

Milnthorpe - Margaret Barrow 64134
Heversham - Jane Clarke - 65845
Levens - Audrey & Eric Larkins
60769

SAMARITANS

01524 61666

(National tel no. 08457 90 90 90)

jo@samaritans.org

www.samaritans.org/lancaster

Are you struggling with debt or having money worries?

Call freephone helpline -
0800 0274995 Mon - Fri 8am-8pm
or go to www.cccs.co.uk

The Consumer Credit Counselling Service is a registered charity whose purpose is to assist people who are in financial difficulty by providing free, independent, impartial & realistic advice.

ANOTHER
St Peter's and St Thomas's
event to look forward to-

BARN DANCE

Saturday 31st May , 7.30 pm
at Park House Farm,

Heversham.
dancing to the
"strong infectious" music of
Tumbling Tom;
a Pie and Pea supper
Licensed Bar

Tickets available from tel:
62904; 65845; 63191; 64083
Adults £12.50
children (under 10) £3.



The Coffee morning
at St Thomas' Centre
on Friday 2nd May



10—11.30 am
cakes stall ?new items stall
Is organised by
Milnthorpe-with-Heversham
Mothers Union.

All are invited

Friday Coffee Mornings
at St Thomas' Church Centre

10 - 11.30 am

at Milnthorpe Methodist Church
9.30 am – 12 noon various stalls



Saint Thomas' Church: Milnthorpe

St Thomas' Annual Parochial Church Meeting

will be on Sunday April 27th
in the Church Centre
following a Jacob's Join lunch
after the morning service.
You are invited to attend.

St Thomas's Flowers – as you will note, there are two gaps this month – if you can help please sign the list in church.

6th -----
13th Mrs Burton
20th -----
27th Mrs Tuer



During the Carlisle Diocesan Mothers Union wave of prayer week, held March 1st – 5th members of Milnthorpe with Heversham Mothers Union, attended a meeting at St Thomas' Church centre, led by Joan Ellam, who also gave an appropriate reading, "The Sunflower" with Bible reading by Judy Dyer. Prayers were said by individual members for Mothers Union link branches in Dioceses in Nigeria, Kenya, Swaziland, Zulu land and Northern Argentina.

This year the annual international women's world day of prayer, was held at Milnthorpe Methodist Church, the theme being "God's Wisdom provides new Understanding", prepared by the woman of Guyana – a country of exceptional beauty and fifty percent Christian.

The service was lead by Deirdre Truman, of the Church of Christ the King, with the address by Iris Diggle, local Methodist Preacher featuring Guyana. Members of the various churches gave the prayers, "voices" and readings individually, with Bible passage read by Judy Dyer. An

anthem "Sophie" was sung in chorus by Eryl Ricketts, Deirdre Truman and Audrey Wynne. Throughout the service the organist was Joy Bell.

At the March meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union the Bible reading were the Raising of Jairus' Daughter and the Healing of a Woman in the Crowd.

MU News includes - a new Link Branch in Caldbeck; a Diocesan outing at Durham on 12th May and an MU Roadshow at Leeds Town Hall on June 23rd.

Leader Joan Ellam welcomed Miss Daphne Cunningham who gave a very interesting talk on Nursing Through the Ages. Miss Cunningham went on to speak of her own training in hospitals and later as post of Matron of Kendal County Hospital, where in 1960 a Training School for Nurses began. In 1919 the General Nursing Council for England and Wales was established with exams for State Registered Nurses from 1925. Nurses in training received £20 per annum at that time. Miss Cunningham showed us a genuine Florence Nightingale lamp, made for her by a friend. She was thanked by Audrey Wynne (also a nurse) for her interesting talk.

Mary Davidson

Milnthorpe Senior Citizens' Annual Party

If anyone over 65 living in Milnthorpe has not received an invitation for the party, on Thursday 15th May at 6.00 pm, and would like to go, please contact Sheila Ashburner (62727) or Alan Hartley (64224) by Friday 9th May.

Milnthorpe Memorial Hall

The Annual General Meeting of the Charity to which the public are invited, will be held on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.00 pm at the Cross Keys Hotel.

Saint Peter's Church: Heversham

St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting

will be on Monday April 14h
starting at 7.00 pm
in the Old School, Heversham

You are invited to attend.

Pastoral Assistants

For many years, members of St. Peter's and St. Thomas' churches have been consistent and loyal visitors to those in need. We know how important it is, for each of us to see friends and enjoy a chat, especially if we live on our own, have just moved into the area, or have been ill at home or in hospital.

With the advent of new regulations, several people have been involved in training since last summer and will be joining Revd. Sue as part of the visiting team. They'd love the chance to get to know you better!

If you would welcome a visit, or know of someone who is lonely, ill or in hospital, please could you let Sue Wilson know – we really would like to be able to help.

Coffee Time @ The Old School Heversham

Tuesday 8th April
13th May
10.30–11.45 am

You are very welcome!



BZZ club

Saturday 5th april
10-12 noon
at St Peter's Church

BELLS

Thirty years ago the six bells of St Peter's Church had a major overhaul—new headstocks, new bearings and a quarter turn and the bells returned from "Taylors Bell Foundry Loughborough". Their engineer inspected the bells July 2007 and suggested they needed a further overhaul by means of new brass bushes that the clapper bearings work on. This is to cost £62 + VAT on each bell. This work was agreed to be done by the PCC. The dismantling of the clappers and lowering to the ground and transporting to Loughborough is to be done by "Furness and South Lake District Bell Ringing Association", which we all appreciate. The engineers of Taylors will work on the clapper bearings and it will take approx 2 weeks so the bells will be out of commission for that time. The bells will be back in working condition the first week of July, when the engineers from Taylors will bring the clapper back, install them and check everything is working satisfactorily.



Learners are still welcome to ring bells!

Whilst pen is on paper...during the summer months when it is fine (!!!) Malcolm Cox and helpers will renew the duck boards after we have cleared the old wood and dirt that covers the walkways of the tower roof.

We are also assessing the feasibility of raising and lowering the flag from ground level - as is done at Beetham Church. We are looking for a volunteer to do this in the village of Heversham. Usual flag days - Queen's birthdays, Christmas week and Easter Saturday.

*George Handley
Tower Captain*

Saint John's Church: Levens

St John's Levens PCC meeting

on 5th March was the last meeting of this church year before our Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church on 6th April after the usual service; we tied up some loose ends and made necessary preparations for that meeting. But some things will go on or, indeed, are just beginning: for instance the installation of a CD recorder in church which (when we have learned to use it properly!) will allow the production of CD recordings of services for the use of people who cannot get to church, or perhaps would like a permanent record of some special service. The architect's report following the quinquennial inspection of the church last year has now been received. Fortunately there is no urgent work needed but various matters, e.g. drains and gutters, should have attention during the next five years. The church electrics should be checked too, and it would be very nice if the heating system could be updated, but we will have to save up for that! The Easter services were finalised – but by the time you read this they will have happened. There is still the Spring Fair to come – on Saturday 26th April at 10 am in the Institute. See you there perhaps?

Doreen Hughes Gain

IMPORTANT!

St John's Annual Parochial Church

Meeting will be on Sunday 6th April in church following the service. It is also the time for elections to the PCC – please consider if you wish to make any nominations. A reminder also that we have to consider the election of a new churchwarden very shortly. Please speak to a churchwarden if you have any thoughts.

Emmaus Group

recommence after Easter 7.30 pm Monday evenings. Please see Church notice sheet.

St John's Flower rota

March 30 th	Mrs A. Mason
April 6 th	Mrs M. Orr
April 13 th	Mrs T. Smalley
April 20 th	Mrs M. Knipe
April 27 th	Mrs L. Walker

Levens School Newsletter

It has been a very busy Spring so far at Levens School. The grounds are now starting to look very colourful thanks to the busy work of the Gardening Club last Autumn.

Our children have enjoyed some themed School Dinners this month – celebrating the Chinese New Year of the Rat with a special chicken noodle meal, and Paddington Bear Day with a citrus themed meal. As this goes to press, our Class 1

children will have visited the new Pizza Express Restaurant in Kendal for a pizza making session with their chef where they 'constructed' their own pizzas bringing them back to School to eat for lunch. World Book Day will have taken place ; children and staff coming to School dressed as a character from a book – perhaps you spotted Snow White or a Harry Potter character walking around the village!

Multi sporting events will also be taking place during the next few weeks; children have been attending a running club in the build up to a cross country event at Elleray, undergoing Gymnastics sessions to prepare for a Competition at Dallam, and undertaking football matches in preparation for the defence of our 7-a-side trophy in June.

As a School, we do remain very grateful to parents who continue to offer their help and support with the running of our after school sports clubs.



Restaurant in Kendal for a pizza making session with their chef where they



CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LEVENS

Members and leaders of local Christian groups meet together at regular intervals to plan events and activities which are designed to demonstrate their Unity of purpose, in serving the one true God and His Son Jesus. Some of our activities require us to have funds to avoid trespassing on the funds of individual Churches. For the purpose of raising such funds, we held a Coffee Morning last month and our funds have benefited to the tune of £366. Some of the projects we have funded are

The Welcome to Levens booklet for newcomers to the village, a CTIL Christmas Card sent to every household, open air events on the playing field, and last year's Walk Cumbria. Many thanks to all who assisted at or supported our event.

New initiative - pilot project

FRIDAY FORUM

Following on from a very interesting meeting with Revd Dr Roger Latham on 'Why is there suffering in the world and our Christian response'. It was planned to provide further opportunities for exploring important topical issues. An initial run of THREE Friday Forums has been arranged for the Spring Months. They will be held in Levens Institute on the third Friday of the month and will take the form of an Any Questions session. There will be a panel of three or four people with a particular interest in the topics under discussion. Each FORUM will have a theme and questions from the audience (preferably submitted in advance) will be invited and considered. PLEASE BOOK THE FOLLOWING DATES IN YOUR DIARY.

FRIDAY 18TH APRIL AT 8PM - Theme Matters of Life and Death.

Topics coming under this heading are Euthanasia/Living wills. Genetic research, cloning etc. Abortion and attitudes to new legislation on this matter. Others (it's up to you ! Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY 16TH MAY - Theme How Green are You ?

Topics could include Care for our planet - Environment issues - Climate Change - Recycling - Pollution

Attitudes - International, National, Local. FRIDAY 20TH JUNE - Theme Kick The Habit !

Topics to include Addictions - Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling - Where are our Leaders taking us ? Family and Society Issues. Anti-Social Behaviour.

If there proves to be sufficient demand for this venture there could be a series throughout the autumn and winter months. Friday night has been chosen for this Pilot as it is probably the best night for teenagers with homework and busy working Mums and Dads. Also, from time to time we expect our MP to take part (he's booked for the one in May) and he can usually only be here at weekends.

NB If you have a question you would like to put to the panel on any of the topics, but especially for the first FORUM, please contact Brian Gray, 3 Nethercroft, Levens LA8 8LU.Tel. 61434

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Levens Village Plan update

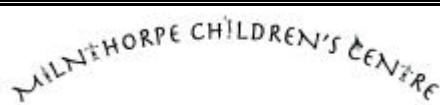
Levens Village Plan Steering Committee would like to invite you to an exhibition style **Village Plan Open Day at Levens Institute from 10.00 am til 3.00 pm on Saturday 19th April**. This is our opportunity to show you the responses of the completed questionnaires and advise you further on how we will progress towards producing the final Plan. We will draw the £50 prize for those who entered the completed questionnaire prize draw, this will take place at 2 pm.



We are also extending the Photo Competition to allow time for more entries to come in. Please drop in for a cuppa and a browse. We hope to see you there.



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Children's Centre 64896 ? Joeys 64090
Milnthorpe Primary School, Firs Road

From the beginning of April Children's Centre services can be accessed from the new community room which is located near to the entrance to Joeys .

RHyTHM TIME

?? ? Early Learning Through music ?? ?

FREE TASTER SESSION
for TODDLERS 1 year upwards

WITH A PARENT/CARER

Tuesday 15th April 10.30-11 am

Places limited - please book

phone Mary or Karen 64896

NEXT MEETING DATES FOR:

Levens Over 60s Club

Tuesday 22 April (4th Tuesday)

2 pm in Levens Institute. A slide-talk by Mr Maurice Steele: Lakeland Allsorts

Levens Royal British Legion

Monday 14th April, 7.30 pm in the Methodist Meeting Room.

Mrs Pat Haywood will speak on : Of what use is a microwave to me?

Levens W.I.

April 15th (3rd Tuesday) 7.30 pm in Levens Institute. Mr Roy Smith will speak on Life with Auntie – BBC. Please note change from printed programme.

For great ingredients

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Friday 11th April

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Association
Coffee Morning
and Plants Stall
on Saturday
morning 10th May
at St Thomas'
Church Centre.**



Open Garden for Cancer Care

Chris & Shirley Band are opening their garden at Orchard Cottage in Levens on Sunday 29th June.

Arnside Choral Society are holding a Coffee Morning at the WI Hall, Arnside Thursday 10th April 9.45 am - 11.45 am cakes, plants raffle, books etc.

Do come along
- admission 50p including coffee.

Concert VIVALDI GLORIA
on Sunday 4th May at 7.30 pm
in St Thomas's Church Milnthorpe.

HERON THEATRE, BEETHAM

Friday 4th April

FILM "ROMEO AND JULIET" (Cert 12)

Baz Luhrman's audacious 1996 adaptation of William Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet, shot in a modern setting yet following the original text.

Friday 11th April - Copenhagen

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Friday 18th & Saturday 19th April

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Wednesday 9th April at 7.30 pm
at Milnthorpe Cricket Club

Monday 14th April at 7.30 pm
at the Athenaeum, Heversham.

The course last about 2 hours.
Everybody Welcome.

For further information contact
Pat Barnes at 015395 64272

St John's Spring Fair
will be held in Levens Institute
Saturday 26 April

10 am – noon

Entrance 50p

All the usual attractions!!!



**Heversham Primary
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HPSA**

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 18 May 10 am – 2 pm

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DATES TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN MAY.....

An invitation to all 3 parishes
to celebrate -

Ascension Day

early in the morning

Thursday 1st May

meet at the top of
Heversham Head at 7.00 am
for informal Communion.

Walk back to the Old School together
for breakfast



How about:



If you are not able to join
us in the morning, read at
your breakfast table
the account of
Jesus taken up to Heaven
in the Bible from the book of **Acts**
Chapter 1 verses 1 –11.

ACTS tells us how the Christian
faith spread to the whole world and
was written for everyone who wants
to know what happened after Jesus
returned to Heaven.

*We hope you can join us in late Spring as we ask a blessing on the growing crops -
and in the autumn we will give thanks for a successful harvest.*



St Peter's and St Thomas' Churches Joint Service
for Rogation 2008 is on 4th May at Heversham Hall Farm at 10 am
by kind invitation of George and Jean Handley
everyone welcome

Some seating available, but bring a chair if you can

St John's Church are celebrating on Rogation Sunday 27th April
Please see notice boards in Levens for details

Pentecost

is on 11th May

