

APRIL 2024

A free copy for you

Parish News

Levens, Heversham, Milnthorpe



Levens Methodist Church

COFFEE SHOP

2.30 - 4.15 pm
Everyone Welcome

Mondays

Would you like a coffee & a chat?
please join us.

You can also play dominoes,
cards, Rummikub or do a jigsaw

Also bring your knitting, sewing
or craft project and have a natter.

Wednesdays & Fridays

Coffee and Biscuits

Milnthorpe Food bank -
www.milnthorpefoodbank.org
Collection boxes in Spar
and
Churches in
Milnthorpe and Heversham

There is an constant need of food
& household items so please
donate if you can, thank you

The Food Box in St John's Church
Levens is open at most hours: for
King's Food Bank, Kendal.
a check list of items most wanted
currently appears on their website -
<https://kingsfoodbank.org.uk/>
All contributions are greatly valued

The Food Box in Levens Methodist
Church is open when the church
building is open

Meet & Eat APRIL at Levens Methodist Hall

12 noon - 2 pm £5
Children under school age FREE

See poster in the village
for details for April

Add your name to list
at Coffee Shop
or Susan Beckwith 0779 6561810

EVERYONE WELCOME

M:HUB

on Beetham Road, Milnthorpe

Cafe is open
every Friday morning
from 9.30 am until 12 noon
for refreshments.

Coffee @ St T's Milnthorpe

Every Friday 10 -11.30 am

serving Coffee
and Tea

free WiFi &
contactless payment available

In church during April:
Entrance at North side
during the building works
Bring a mug or use a paper cup

Village Coffee Time
Third Tuesdays
Tuesday 16th April
10 - 11.30 am

at the Old School, Heversham

*Everyone Welcome *All Ages*
Simply coffee & biscuits & chat
A warm welcome - Do call in !



Heversham Pop up Pub

6th April

7.00pm - 11.00pm

1st Sat of every month

The Athenaeum

For our community - all welcome

Informal Cheese & Wine Evening with John Chew



Memories of the
Blue Bell at Heversham

**Saturday 13th April
at 7pm
in the Athenaeum**

Tickets £12 per person
includes a glass of wine
with cheese and nibbles

Further drinks available on the night.
Cash only

Raffle

Tickets available from:
Pam Forrester: 07751 627246
Hilary Hutchinson: 07729 305222

Proceeds shared between:
Alzheimer's Research UK & The Athenaeum



Saturday 2nd May

7 pm at St Thomas'
NEW Community Rooms
All welcome for
this brain teaser.

Form a team with friends
(max 4 per team)
£10 per team
in aid of
St Thomas Building Fund



For more info on Activities, please contact
Diane on 07771 682378 or Lesley on 07816 895021



Enjoyable Dementia friendly Walks with optional refreshments.

10.30 am start. Meet at:

11th Apr Dallam deer park walk from Park Rd car park, LA7 7AD

25th Apr Cockshot Point, Windermere walk, LA23 3HE

Woodland Wellness – Mondays 22nd April 11am – 12 noon

Being outside is good for us all. Come and join us for engaging activities connected to nature –: Silverhelme Scout Activity Centre, The Row, Silverdale, LA5 0UG

Social Table Tennis – at Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill, Arnside,
10.30 am start, Wednesdays **3rd & 17th April**

Dementia Embracing Community Singing Group

Silverdale Songsters - Friday mornings between 10.30 – 11.30 am
at St John's Church Hall, St John's Church, Silverdale

Zoom Poetry Group – Alternate Thursday 1.30 – 2.30pm **4th & 18th April**

The group choose the theme and Dignity in Dementia search out poems which are then emailed to group members. Then we read them together

www.dignityindementia.org



**Please phone for details
and to book lunches:
Liz Dawes 01539 728118**

**Gentle Exercise
Classes – Milnthorpe**

Every Tuesday 10.30 - 11.30 am
Catholic Church Hall
Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe LA7 7PS

**Gentle Exercise
Classes – Levens**

Every Wednesday 10.30 - 11.30 am
Levens Methodist Church
Lowgate, Levens LA8 8NL

Levens Lunch Club
The Gilpin Bridge, Levens
LA8 8EP

Fourth Tuesday of the month 12.00 pm

Hale Lunch Club
The Tavern at Hale,
Milnthorpe LA7 7BH

Third Thursday of the month
meet at 12.15 for 12.30 pm



My council tax seems very high this year, but my income has stayed the same. Everything else seems more expensive - how can I cope?

Contact the council if you are having problems paying your council tax. Firstly, there are discounts available to some people. If you're the only adult in your home, you'll get a 25% discount on your bill. Some adults, e.g. student nurses, are disregarded. If everyone who lives in the property is disregarded, there is a 50% discount.

Next, if you are on a low income or receive benefits, you might be able to get your council tax reduced. The council will ask you details about your income and your circumstances, so they can work out if you're entitled to a reduction. If you have other people living with you who are aged 18 or over, you might all be responsible for paying council tax. The council will make the calculations.

You may also be eligible for additional support if you're reached State Pension age.

Even if none of the reduction criteria apply to you, the council can still make a 'discretionary reduction'. They'll normally only do this if you can show that you're suffering severe hardship. If your immigration status doesn't let you claim public funds, you can still apply for a discretionary reduction, as this doesn't count as public funds.

Council tax is a priority bill because you can be taken to court if you get into arrears, so it's important to tell the council if you can't keep up payments. Contact South Lakes Citizens Advice for more help.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. South Lakes Citizens Advice, your local charity, is here for you.

How to access:

Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 – 2pm

- ***Adviceline: 0808 2787 984***
email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk
- ***Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444***



Levens

Local History Group

Meetings are third Thursday in Levens Village Hall starting 7.30 pm, unless stated otherwise on the website. See website for 2024 Meetings. Contact: secretary Allan Steward via website <https://www.levenhistory.co.uk/>



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INSPIRING WOMEN

HEVERSHAM

Next meeting
April 10th
Athenaeum
7.30 pm
Speaker:
Trevor Cooper
Red Squirrel
Conservation

Competition:
Anything to do with squirrels

Visitors are asked to pay £2 and can now attend for 3 sessions before making a commitment to join.

Can You Complete The Arnside Easter Trail?



FREE FUN

for all the family!



Booklets available at Londis



Running between
Friday 22nd March -
Sunday 14th April 2024



Complete between
9am-5pm any day and get a



PRIZE

PLUS the chance to win a
voucher for Arnside Chip Shop!



Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association

Plant and Cake Sale
Jams and Chutney too

on Milnthorpe Green
Saturday morning 11th May

Also

Date for your Diary:

Annual Horticultural
and Craft Show

The first Saturday in September
7th September 2024
at St Thomas' Church
Milnthorpe

NSPCC

Coffee Morning
on
Saturday 18th May 2024
10am – 12 noon
at
Levens Methodist Hall

£2 Entrance include refreshments
Cake stall Raffle Plants & Tombola.

Free Children's colouring activity

Any enquires please contact
Yvonne

Tel 015395 60716

Arnside Guides Plant Sale



Saturday 18th May
10am - 12 noon
at Levens Institute.

There will be a usual coffee morning run by the Guides, local stall holders and of course the plants!

Profits will be split equally between the Guides (individual girls fund raising for camps), and Levens Playing Fields.

♪ Happy Voices ♪ Singing Group

meets every Monday at
Christ the King Church Hall
on Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe
from 1.30pm – 3.00pm

Everyone welcome
no experience necessary

£2 a session including refreshments
Ring Lynne Gibbons
07814 709847 for further details

Singing for Fun

Come and join in with us
Relax and Enjoy No Membership

Held on the first Thursday morning
in the month -



4th April
at 10.45am

at Christ the King Church Hall
Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe
£2 includes tea or coffee

Levens Little Larks

Come and join us for a
sing-a-long together
every fortnight at 10.30am
Levens Methodist Church Hall
9th & 23rd April

We welcome all
parents, grandparents, carers
and all pre-school children

**Cost £1.50 with a
cuppa and chat at the end**



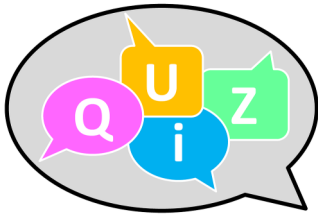
LEVENS WARBLERS

SINGING GROUP

invite you to join on
second & fourth
MONDAY of the month
10.30 am to 12 noon

8th & 22nd April

Levens Methodist Church Hall
For Singers and non-singers
cost £2.00 including refreshments
Please do come along and sample
what is on offer: friendship/singing
popular songs/listening/tea/coffee



Friday 12th April

at Milnthorpe Cricket Club

7.30 pm in aid of

Annual Senior Citizens' Party

£5 per player, £20 Team of 4

Raffle

All Welcome



All Welcome at Bingo

at Milnthorpe Cricket Club

Friday 26th April

Doors Open 7pm

Eyes Down 7.30 pm

in aid of Dallam Junior Football Club

£15 for book of 10 Bingo Tickets

Levens Arts & Film Society
are staging a fundraising concert
in aid of Levens Playing Fields,
featuring

The Little Arrow String Band
playing bluegrass,
old time and Cajun music

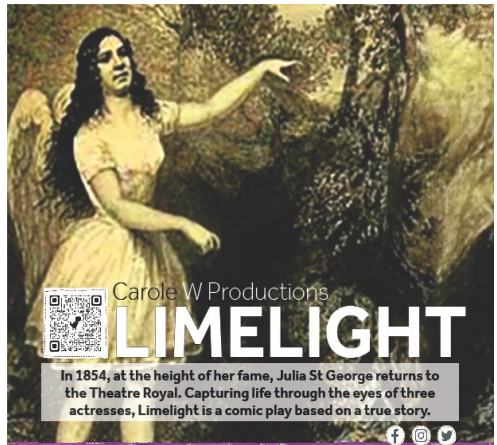
Friday 19th April

Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start

Tickets from
cloggingchris@outlook.com
or Tel. 07305 658648

Bar and Raffle

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would like to donate a prize for the
raffle, please contact Hugh on
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BYO drinks

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Village Litter Pick:
Heversham and Leasgill
Saturday 6th April.
Meet at Athenaeum at 10 am

Equipment will be provided
please help with this
annual opportunity to keep
the village looking tidy.



**Annual
Heversham Parish Meeting:**
Thursday 18th April
at the Athenaeum Leasgill
7.15 for 7.30pm
Including discussion on village
20MPH

All Parishioners most welcome



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www.theherontheatre.com
see website to hire venue

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**5th Apr – Korean/Canadian Film -
‘Past Lives’ — 7.30pm**
A mature, powerful love story

**7th Apr– Trio Volant – Classical Music
2.30pm**
Thomas Evans (clarinet)
Alice Braithwaite (bassoon)
Bea Hubble (oboe)
play a repertoire of reed trio
chamber music.

**12th Apr – Behold Ye Ramblers by
Townsend Theatre
Productions - 7.30pm**
in this play by Neil Gore,
music and songs celebrate the
Edwardian pioneers who
campaign for the Right to
Roam.

**13th Apr – The Rheingans Sisters
Folk Music – 7.30pm**

**26th Apr – Mystery at the Blue Saloon
by Ragged Edge Productions
- 7.30pm**
A travelling English Theatre
Company perform scenes from
Shakespeare in an American
Wild West Town in 1870
when a murder takes place.
Daft and entertaining.



Save the Dates

The 2024 Levens Arts Trail will take place on
**Saturday 6th July and Sunday 7th July, 10.30am
to 4pm.**

Please join us in Levens village to meet a host of
wonderful artists, makers and creators in their
homes/studios and see examples of their work
displayed in the Levens Institute.


Maps will be available to buy beforehand or on
the days of the event itself. Watch out for more
details ... coming soon.

This event is part of the fantastic ‘Levens Big
Weekend’.

levensarts@gmail.com



Watch this Space!



Watch this Space for news about the re-opening of St. Thomas' new Community Rooms at the end of April/beginning of May.

Events will be published on Facebook, in the Parish News and around the community

We do hope you will come and visit to take a look and perhaps make a booking for your next event, meeting or for your organisation.



A talk by
**Cumbria Wildlife Trust on
Planting for Pollinators
on Monday 22nd April
7.30pm
in Levens Methodist Church**

St John's & Levens Methodist Church
present

Recycling for Good Causes & Free Exchange event

Saturday April 13th 10-12
at the Methodist Church

Recycling
will include such items as old mobiles,
bits of jewellery broken or whole,

Used stamps
iPads & similar
-make sure you erase data -
spectacles etc

Free exchange -
items in good order
that you no longer need
- bring a photograph if large
bring what you can,
take away what suits you

No money changes hands

contact 015395 61676



Mothers Union
First Wednesday at 2pm
St Thomas' Church
Milnthorpe

(Enter through North side door
of church during building works)
All are welcome to visit and join

next meetings:

Wednesday April 3rd at 2pm
Bill and Joyce Walker will be
speaking about Samaritan
Orphanage India

Wednesday May 1st at 2pm
Rod and Elaine Stott will be talking
about '100 children in 10 years'

Visitors Always Welcome

Lady Day Service
for all in our deanery
Monday 8th April at 2pm
at St James' Church, Arnside

What is the Mother's Union?

A 4 million strong organisation in
nearly 90 countries with a vision of a
world where everyone prospers.

Its focus is to support "mothering" in
all its forms. It is a Union because it
represents people (men and
women) who are united in
advocating and supporting families
and those whose lives have met
with adversity.



St Peter's Church Heversham
Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners
and Annual Parochial Meeting
will be held on
Sunday 14th April
following the service
In St Peter's Church, Heversham.
All are welcome.

*Further details from the Churchwardens
or Secretary*

The business will include:

The election of Churchwardens

Election of 4 members of the
PCC

The appointment of
sidespersons and the
Independent Financial
Examiner

Presentation of the 2023
Annual Report of the PCC;
Churchwardens' Fabric
Report; Treasurer's Report
and Financial Accounts

Lizzie Fawcett
Secretary to PCC
Tel: 015395 63037

St Thomas' Church
Milnthorpe
Annual Parochial Church meeting
(APCM)
will be held in church
after the service
on Sunday 28th April.

St Thomas' Church Electoral Roll
2024

The electoral roll is due for updating
before the Annual Parochial Church
Meeting.

For new entries or amendments to
the existing electoral roll, please
complete one of the forms in the
back of church by 31st March
(Easter Day).

Electoral Roll officer contact details :
Margaret Barrow Tel: 0777 210 2339

St John's Church
Levens
Annual Parochial Church Meeting.
(APCM)

Sunday 21st April
following the service

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Please email info by 10th APRIL

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Dear Friends,

Is it the biggest miscarriage of justice in British history? For over twenty years, more than 700 sub-postmasters were unjustly prosecuted for false accounting and theft. They received this treatment at the hands of the Post Office—a limited company owned by the government.

The television dramatization was certainly the big talking point at the start of this year. The ITV mini-series *Mr. Bates vs the Post Office* revisited these events, arousing a sense of outrage across the nation. This resulted in demands that these convictions be overturned and adequate compensation be paid.

Some have made comparisons with the Church—a trusted institution that has, at times, caused harm. Have Church leaders sometimes demonstrated institutional blindness and focused on protecting the organisation at all costs?

The Post Office story has been likened to a classic David and Goliath tale. A good drama needs a central hero: here it is the unflappable, indefatigable Mr. Bates, one man versus a system stacked against him, yet armed with a conviction about finding truth to set many free.

This fight for right strikes a deep chord within us. Author and tech entrepreneur Antonio García Martínez has sought to explain this, “The Western mind is like a tuning fork calibrated to one frequency: the Christ story. Hit it with the right Christ figure, and it’ll just hum deafeningly in resonance.”

The Christian story resonates. That doesn’t mean Christians get it right. The chief ‘villain’ of the ITV drama—the Post Office CEO—was also a Church of England priest at the time.

The greatest expression of the David and Goliath story is found in a descendent of David, Jesus Christ, who comes as heaven’s champion to fight against injustices in our world and wrongdoing in our lives. Jesus was crushed by the priests of his day, but that death made forgiveness available and possible. At the cross, Christians find life and hope to sustain even through injustice and untruth: there we see evil being vanquished and captives set free to live new lives.

This ultimate David versus Goliath story—the gospel of Jesus Christ—shines light on human nature in such scandals and gives us hope for a future of justice, mercy, and peace.

Like David, Jesus has felled the terrifying Giant. Through suffering, institutional coverup (secular and religious) and appalling miscarriages of justice, the Truth looked dead and buried. But the Truth was vindicated.

We’re often little people at the mercy of a Giant. Sadly we can also be perpetrators, justifying our wrong actions and doubling down to defend our decisions. We are nevertheless at the mercy of powers beyond our control, within society, and personally in matters of life and death. But there’s a Giant-Killer who will have the last word.

Every Blessing, Revd Bryan Kerr
Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas’, St Peter’s, St John’s Churches

Update of Addresses:

Facebook: St. Peter's Heversham

Instagram: St. Peter's Heversham

TikTok: st.peter'sheversham

Threads: St. Peter's Heversham

Linkedin: St. Peter's Heversham

Twitter: StHeversham



WRITING A WILL?

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, why not consider making a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church? A gift in your will to your local church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry within your community.

The Church of England has partnered with Farewill to provide a free will-writing service, which can be used to benefit other churches also.

Details at: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/church-legacy>

Monthly Friday Morning Holy Communion

Please note new time!

Friday 19th April at 9.30 am
at St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe
followed by Friday Coffee Morning.
Entrance to church is north door

Afternoon
Communion



Tuesday 30th April at 2.30pm
(last Tuesday in the month)
at Levens Methodist Church



Kendal **Methodist** Circuit

Revd Tiras Dainty-Share 01524 963716

Email: tiras.ds@methodist.org.uk

Levens Methodist Church

10.30am Services unless stated led by:

7th Stephen Hitchcock
14th United/Sacrament Service
united with St John's at Methodist
Church with Revd Richard Bielby
21st Revd Barbara Fairburn
28th Revd Tiras Dainty-Share

Levens Methodist Church is now registered for the solemnization of marriages between a man and a woman and for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples.

Please contact :

The Revd Tiras Dainty-Share
tiras.ds@methodist.org.uk
telephone: 01524 963716



**You are welcome at
April Sunday Morning Services at Parish Churches -**

8.00 am Holy Communion

St Thomas' Milnthorpe

7th & 21st April

St Peter's Heversham

14th & 28th April

9.30 am St Peter's Heversham

7th Parish Communion

14th Morning Praise

21st Parish Communion

28th Fellowship Service
in the Old School

9.45 am St John's Levens

7th Parish Communion

14th 10.30am United Communion
at the Methodist Church

21st Parish Communion

28th Morning Praise

11.15 am St Thomas' Milnthorpe
During the building works please use
the north door

7th Morning Praise

14th Parish Communion

21st Morning Praise

28th Parish Communion

**Christ the King RC Church
Haverflatts Lane Milnthorpe**

Sunday Mass celebrated at 10.30am
Friday Mass now celebrated at 10 am

Find on You Tube channel and
Facebook Group by searching:

Kent Estuary Catholic Churches

Fr Philip Smith 015395 32731

Email:

kentestuarycatholicchurches@gmail.com

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Milnthorpe**

There will be no Sunday school at St
Thomas' Church during the building
works in April. Some quiet activities for
children will be available in church
during the Sunday
morning service.



What's the latest?



www.stthomasmilnthorpe.org.uk
&

www.stpetersheversham.org

If you would like an email of the weekly notices please click on 'contact us'

www.levens.org.uk has local info and NEWS and a link to the same archive of Parish News through - in the village St John's page.

<https://www.levens.org.uk/st-johns-church>

@NEWparishnews

Facebook page. Items posted are forwarded to Milnthorpe What's Going On page too.

Milnthorpe What's Going On page on Facebook to catch up with what is going on!

And **KEY** weekly Youth Activities post on this page

www.heversham.org has local info and an archive of over 17 years of Parish News in A4 pdf version.

Nextdoor.co.uk

Local info, tips and ideas

Samaritans'

Free helpline number is **116 123**. Calls to this number do not appear on phone bills. This number is free to call from both landlines & mobiles, including pay-as-you-go mobiles. You don't need to have any credit or call allowance plan to call 116 123.

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every single day
www.samaritans.org



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For regular email updates for St John's Church [Levens](#) please email:

jill.butterworth54@btinternet.com

For a pastoral phone call
for yourself or for
someone you know call:



[Heversham & Milnthorpe:](#)

Email via church websites
'contact us' or phone

Linda Cooper 015395 63836

[Levens:](#)

Levens Good Neighbours - You may find it good to know that the support offered by Levens Good Neighbours includes matching with someone to **offer friendship**.

If you call 07908 004672 any day between 8am and 8pm, this support can be arranged with you



Can Levens Good Neighbours help with:

A friendly phone call

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Ring 07908 004672
8am - 8pm any day

Volunteers are covered by insurance & policies relating to safeguarding and good practice.

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is run by 3 Parish Churches

of St Peter's Heversham, St John's Levens & St Thomas' Milnthorpe also including services details for the local Methodist and Catholic churches

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- thanks everyone!

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The Reverend Bryan Kerr Email: rev@lhmparishes.co.uk Tel **015395 61448**

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61676

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Mrs Jane Fell 63174

Milnthorpe: St Thomas'

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01524 761076

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015395 83183

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elizafawcett@icloud.com

Mrs Judy Rigg
01524 761857

www.kentestuarymissioncommunity.com

for information from churches in our Kent Estuary

Useful Numbers for Room Hire:

Milnthorpe St Thomas' Community Rooms www.stthomasmilnthorpe.org.uk

Milnthorpe Christ the King RC Church Fr. Philip Smith 015395 32731

M:HUB, Beetham Road, Milnthorpe Irene McKay 07958 605049

Leasgill Athenaeum www.the-athenaeum.org.uk Clare Lewis 07876 124236

Heversham Tristrams Pavilion / Playing Fields, Email: sports@dallamschool.co.uk

Heversham Bowling Clubhouse Vera Alderson 01539 897160

Levens Village Hall Helen & Alan Miller 015395 60334

Levens Methodist Hall Jane Jones 07875 163418

Levens Pavilion Alice 07817 200053

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