

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR OCT AND NOV

<u>Date</u>	<u>BARTON</u>	<u>POOLEY BRIDGE</u>	<u>MARTINDALE</u>
4 th October		10.00am Church4All Dr A McConkey	10.30am Communion Rev D Jago
11 th October	10.00am Communion Rev Dr A Fenton		
18 th October		10.00am Morning Praise Mr A Wright	10.30am Communion by extension Mrs J Barrett
25 th October Bible Sunday	10.00am Morning Worship Mr A Wright		
1 st November All Saints		10.00am Communion Rev D Wood	
8 th November Remembrance Sunday	10.00am Communion Ven L Townend		
15 th Novem- ber	10.00am Morning Prayer and Baptism Ven L Townend		10.30am Communion Rev D Jago
22 nd November Christ the King		10.00am Communion Ven M Rodham	
29 th Novem- ber Advent Sunday	10.00am Communion Ven L Townend		
6 th December		10.00am Church4All Mr A Wright	10.30am Communion Rev D Jago

All services listed above are subject to government and C of E Covid 19 regulations and should therefore be regarded as provisional. Please check on a weekly basis on the website: www.ullswater-churches.org.uk. Full details of the arrangements in place in each church in the benefice are to be found on this website – click on the COVID 19 tag. Please do not attend any church service if you have any Covid 19 symptoms or if you have had contact recently with anyone with such symptoms. The church buildings remain closed except for published services – this enables each church to establish a safe environment for Sunday services.

GRAPEVINE

October and November 2020
A Bi-Monthly Notice Sheet for BARTON GROUP PARISHES
Barton Pooley Bridge Martindale
www.ullswater-churches.org.uk www.barton-church-ullswater.uk

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW VICAR

Ven Lee Townend

“It is with great joy that I will become the new priest in charge of the Benefice from October this year. I will be doing this alongside my normal day job of being the Archdeacon of Carlisle so do please bear with me as I juggle these two roles. It is only for a short season as we will look in the future to make permanent appointments across the Penrith area.

I’ve always enjoyed worshipping with the churches and being part of the community here so taking on this extra role is an immense privilege.

This is a truly amazing place to live and, when the sun is shining as it is when I write, it does feel like we share a small piece of heaven that many people can only enjoy for their 2 weeks of holiday. What a blessing to live here!

For those of you who don’t yet know me I’m the husband to Liz who teaches in Penrith and father to Joe and Megan who both live in London. We have a Border Collie, Mabel, who keeps us fit as we regularly walk up to The Cockpit on the fell behind our house.

I’m a keen follower of all sports, especially Sheffield Wednesday, and enjoy holidaying in our caravan and the Greek islands (but not this year of course due to the pandemic).

The pandemic has been a terrible blight on our lives and has devastated so many of us. People, finances, freedom and employment have all been subject to the tyranny of this disease. I don’t know anyone who in some way has not been affected by it.

But what I also know is that we have a great God who promises to see us through even the very worst that life can throw at us. One of the great comforts for me has been to listen again and again to the words of Jesus who said that he would be with us always until the end of time. Jesus also said that he would never leave us or forsake us. Those promises tell me that everything this world faces Jesus faces too, and He is alongside us.

We know that the very worst thing life could throw at Jesus, death on a cross, was not the end for Him. He overcame death when he rose again. New life from old. Order from chaos. Hope from despair. Light from darkness. When we walk with Jesus we too, even in the face of a pandemic, will find, eventually, new life, order, hope and light. Jesus is the one who overcomes!

So I look forward to getting to know many of you over the coming months and to share the good news of our saviour, Jesus, to our community and many visitors.”

Every blessing

Lee
The Venerable Lee Townend
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HELLO - FROM THE ULLSWATER MISSION COMMUNITY LEADER THE VENERABLE MORRIS RODHAM

You may have read or heard about the new deployment plans for the Anglican churches around Ullswater? These were to create 3 groupings of churches: Patterdale at the south end of the lake; Dacre, Matterdale and Watermillock in the west; and Pooley Bridge, Barton and Martindale in the North and East. Each group would have a vicar. I hold the unpaid post at Patterdale, and the other two vicars would be on a half-time paid basis. The aim of these new groupings was to give a more realistic opportunity for churches to work together in a mutually supportive way, given the common geographical feature around which we are all situated.

Together, we will be known as the 'Ullswater Mission Community' - basically a community of different churches seeking to work together more in serving our local villages and the visitors we have to this area. I have been asked to be the overall leader, on a 'one day a week' basis. This is being paid for by my own church at Patterdale as a contribution to supporting the wider area, so it does not affect any other church's finances!

We had hoped to be able to recruit vicars to the above posts mentioned, but COVID-19 has had a seriously negative effect on the wider Diocese's finances so there has, with only a few exceptions, been a temporary hold on appointments of vicars. In the meantime we are receiving some interim support from the Penrith Area Mission Community Leader, Gary Cregeen (at Dacre, Watermillock and Matterdale), and the Archdeacon of Carlisle, the Venerable Lee Townend (at Pooley Bridge, Barton and Martindale). This will be for anything between 6 and 18 months. We thank them for their support at this time. Lee has written an introduction to himself elsewhere in this magazine.

My role as the overall Mission Community leader is to assist and support all the local churches around Ullswater in their health, vibrancy, community engagement, and, hopefully, growth. Churches will continue to have their own unique characteristics, ethos and style, but there will be some events and projects where we hope to be able to do some things more effectively by working together, in a mutually supportive way.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking the many volunteers who work so hard to keep the churches open and running especially without a vicar, during these unprecedented times of difficulty. And thanks too to those who volunteer to serve their local villages in whatever capacity. It's all much appreciated! Too many people to name in person, but you will know who they are. Thank you to you all!

I look forward to any opportunities we may have to meet one another in the future, despite the ambitions of COVID-19 to stop us!

God bless

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Christmas Coffee Mornings

Please note that due to the covid 19 pandemic the Christmas coffee mornings for both the RNLI and St Paul's Church are cancelled.

Please consider making a donation to these organisations in lieu of your normal expenditure and support at these events..

For the RNLI, please contact Mrs Brenda Couzens, Islestones, Margate Cross, Tirril CA10 2LN 017684 86361. Cheques made payable to RNLI

For St Paul's Church, please use the link on the church website.

Many thanks.

St Michael's APCM

This will be held on Wednesday 23rd October at 3pm in St Michael's Church, Barton. All welcome

Anyone wishing to be added to the electoral roll should contact Veronica Wright - veronica@thewrights.org.uk before 4th Oct for a form with details of eligibility. The form must be returned by 6th October.

Midweek Fellowship

Wednesdays at 7.30pm

On line by zoom

Chat, bible study, prayer, more chat - for about an hour

Contact Dr Andrew McConkey andymcconk@gmail.com for details

PRAYERTIME

St. Paul's Church, Pooley Bridge

Every Wednesday at 9am for 30 minutes

Psalm, Bible Reading, Prayers.

All welcome

A good way to start the day

Churchwardens contact details

St. Michael, Barton	Mr H Pitt	01768 890500
St Peter & St Martin, Martindale	Mrs J Cooper	01768 868055
St Paul, Pooley Bridge	Mrs A Strong	017684 86034

Items for the December and January Grapevine should be sent to veronica@thewrights.org.uk by 21st November.