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FROM GOSFORTH RECTORY

Following the Great Storm....

Isaiah Ch 6 is just so famous isn't it? I suspect we all have our own ideas about what it might mean to see the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne with the train of his robe reaching down to Isaiah in the temple... where, apparently, it filled 'all things' with the glory of God's presence, as the seraphs sang their song in praise of God's holiness.

Taken out of context, Isaiah's vision could be seen as the vivid imaginings of one person in love with God. In context we remember that Isaiah was more than a dreamer. He was in the temple at a time of national emergency, praying for his country. King Uzziah had died, so the foundations were shaking. For Isaiah, the answer did not lie in politics or in working harder for the 'Kingdom to Come', it lay in staying as close to the heart of God as he could. So he was 'in the temple'. The Temple was a place, but surely it was his open heart that qualified him to catch a glimpse of the reality that lay behind the curtain in the Holy of holies. What Isaiah recalled for us all, as the train of the Lord's robe surrounded him, was his utter unworthiness. Unclean, unfit and in despair, Isaiah was faced with the seriousness of God's holiness. What was he to do in the light of what he knew about himself and his nation? This sort of honesty before God evidently changes things. In his grace, God sent that refining, purifying and equipping fire to touch Isaiah's lips. *'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'* asked the voice of the triune God. *'Send me'*, said the newly hatched Prophet. And then he went out into the power vacuum and chaos of his time. His message was, 'The King of the whole earth is God. He is in control. His word both saves and destroys. For things to come right in our land we must not forget him. God is where the hope for renewal lies'.

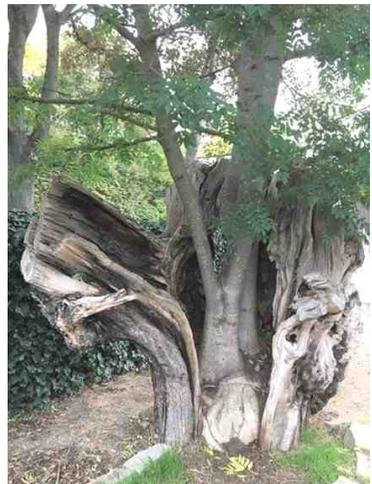
Between 1990 and 1993 I was self-employed for three years. At the start of this period, I had just completed three years of degree level Ecology and Forestry, but it was useless to me. There was a recession on and no permanent work. What was needed were people who knew how to work in the devastation that followed what became known as 'The Great Storm of 1987'. In the South East of England, and around Canterbury, where I found myself, 15 million beautiful old trees had blown down. I found work in the 'Wind-blow' as a lone working labourer. The woods were like a war zone. Day after day, I planted trees in amongst the ruts and root plates of those broken old trees. As the summer came on, I toiled for week after week in the blazing sun, weeding and strimming, and falling over in the brambles that overwhelmed the landscape. Sometimes I had to tunnel through acres of briars, up to 10 feet deep. On one memorable day, I strimmed through a lantern shaped wasp's nest, and was stung so many times that I had no choice but to abandon the still running machine in the bushes and go home. The next day, it was still there, out of fuel, but still guarded by a squadron of 'Jaspers'. I wrote a song about it all. I called it *'The woods of Kent, they make me cry...'*

Thirty years on, I still go to Canterbury to see my parents. When I go back, I try to get into the woods to see what is happening. Even the stumps of the big beautiful old trees are beginning to disappear now. They were too brittle and old to survive. Today, in their place, there is a new forest. It is not the planned one that I was paid to plant and tend – that effort to reconstruct the past largely failed. The resurrected forest has sprung up from seed that lay amongst the tree stumps. It is beautiful... especially in the spring when the sun shines and you can feel it growing. It is flexible and fragrant. It does not grow in straight lines. It is not a commercial success – it is what God wanted.

Here and there you will see a new tree growing straight out of the heart of an old stump. More often than not, the new tree is a more pioneering species than the one it has replaced. Whenever I see this I am reminded of 1 Corinthians Ch15 vs38 – *‘God gives it a body as he has determined’*. It is vitally linked to what went before - it is still a tree – but it is also different and better equipped to thrive in the new world which has emerged following *‘The Great Storm’*. We Christians love this idea don’t we? The problem is that we are also nostalgic. So often our visions of holiness have their roots in the past.

‘But as the terebinth and oak leave stumps when they are cut down, so the holy seed will be the stump in the land’ (Isaiah Ch6 vs13). In the chaos that follows a great storm, like the one we are in the midst of these days with the pandemic, God will commission those who draw close to Him. They will glimpse the Holy of holies. In this light, they will admit their un-worthiness and be open to God’s commissioning for work amongst the *‘Wind-blow’*. There they will find thorns and thickets. They will find ruts to fall into, and they will also probably get stung along the way. But the faithful will notice that the holy seed has been sown among the tree stumps. They will notice that God is not into restoration. He is into resurrection. As both Isaiah and St Paul discovered, *‘The one who calls us is faithful, and he will do it’* (1Thessalonians Ch5 vs23-24).

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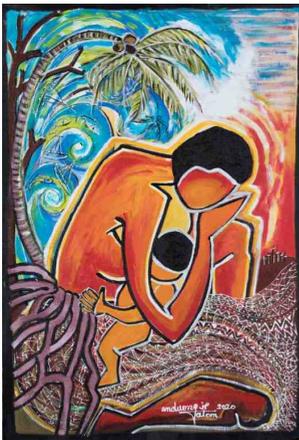
The Committee met on 9th of February for a forum rather than a meeting. The purpose was to start exploring ways to move forward in what will be very changed circumstance to those before Covid struck. Initially it will be for the stages as we come out of lockdown, but in the long term we will have to plan for the changed circumstances culturally, socially and economically. We had a good discussion but, not surprisingly, we will need a further meeting or meetings to crystallise the ideas and decide on further consultations and plans for the future. When Covid is contained the world will be very different and we certainly won't be able to resume where we left off, as if nothing has changed. Please pray for God's help and guidance as we look to the future. The next regular management committee meeting to monitor the situation will be on 16th March and the report hopefully will be in the April magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300.

Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

none to record this month

World Day of Prayer - Friday 5th March 7.00 pm



You are warmly invited to attend (via zoom) the service for World Day of Prayer, this year planned by the women of Vanuatu, an archipelago of 80 islands in the Pacific Ocean. The theme for the service is "**Build on a Strong Foundation**". It includes readings, prayers, songs chosen to fit this theme in the context of the people of Vanuatu, but will be relevant to us all.

Please bring a stone along - you will find out why! This wave of prayer will be taking place across the world on that day in over 170 countries. Come along and be part of it!

(You will be sent an invitation and access code to join this service along with your invitation to the Sunday service. If you don't receive this please contact Steven Round at - stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com for an access code.)

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FROM THE EDITOR

Contributions please! - We try to add a little more interest to the magazine each month by including a book review and a poem, usually done by Hugh and myself, but it would be really good if you readers would also contribute! If you have read an interesting book recently or have a favourite poem then do share it with us.

I'm usually so busy putting the content of the magazine together that I forget about the front cover and then have to rush out and take a suitable photo! I'm sure most of you have lovely photos of the area that would look great on the front cover so do send some to me. We want everyone to look forward to receiving their copy of the Gosforth and Wasdale Parish Magazine so do help us to make it a good read! Articles and photos need to be with me by the 15th of the month preceding publication, have a go!

Subscriptions - I know that many of you have been wondering about paying your annual subscription of £5 for the magazine, which is usually collected in February.

You kindly paid us last February and should have received 10 magazines. Due to lockdowns, we have only so far been able to deliver 9. With the plans for easing restrictions now published, we hope we will be able to resume normal deliveries next month and if so, the April magazine will be the 10th.

If this is the case, then we will ask for the 2021 subscriptions when we deliver your May magazine, and the subscription year will run till April 2022. We will remind you nearer the time!

Norma Hughes

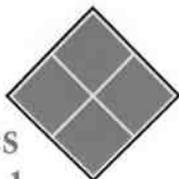
SAINT FOR MARCH - Walter Hilton

Have you heard of Walter Hilton? No? Me neither, as people say today. However, the Church of England has, because it remembers him on the 24th of March as an Augustinian Canon (a form of monk sometimes known as 'black canons') and a mystic. That weighty tome The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church has quite a lot to say about him. He wrote about the problems of a devout man living in the world, although he did escape from it for a while by living as a hermit, which must resonate with us today in lockdown. He died in 1396 as a Canon of Thurgarton in Notts and is said to be remembered (at least by those who have heard of him) as a mystic who thought about the move from our own 'disordered self love' to the love of God.





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Poem for Palm Sunday – 28th March (clocks go forward too!)

THE DONKEY

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and honking cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

G K Chesterton

This unexpected prophesy in the mouth of a donkey is highly suitable for celebrating Palm Sunday, the festival of the king who rides humbly on an ass, rather than on a war horse like the Roman conquerors.

The mood and imagery of the poem portrays the impending tragedy that is working towards its completion as Palm Sunday leads towards the crucifixion, with the donkey portraying itself as a freak of nature – though surely not in the same league as flying fishes, walking forests and figs that grow on thorns?

The blood-shot moon is a symbol of impending apocalypse (Revelation 6.12), and the scene gets darker still as the donkey hints at the overwork and ill-treatment it suffers as the 'tattered outlaw of the earth' – until it rounds on its abusers in the final triumphal verse which sees this humble beast of burden carrying the Saviour in triumph. (From 'The Heart's Time' – a poem a day for Lent & Easter, commentary by Janet Morley and published by SPCK).

HF



MARCH

Thank you to all those who found a way to get your subscriptions paid and enabled us to fill in the annual returns. Margaret Blencoe has resigned as treasurer from the point of completion of these returns but remains a loyal member of the MU. We owe her a real debt of gratitude for the thorough work she has done for many years and particularly for dealing with the difficult process of dealing with the bank when we merged branches. I am sure you will wish to join me in passing on the grateful thanks of us all.

Deb Lee has prepared "Count your Blessings" sheets for all members and although you won't have had them by Ash Wednesday, you should have them by the time this reaches you. While we sort out the appointment of a new Treasurer please send the money for Count your Blessings to me (Ruth) at 21, Meadowfield Grove, Gosforth, Seascale CA20 1HL, preferably as a cheque made out to Gosforth and Seascale Branch of the Mothers' Union.

Local branches are finding it impossible to meet so the whole Deanery are meeting monthly by Zoom. This gives us a chance to see familiar faces and pray together, as well as being informed by a talk. February's talk was on the origin of many wedding customs, such as the groom having the bride on his left so that his right arm is free to use his sword to defend her against any attempt to kidnap her!. The next meeting is Tuesday 9th March at 3pm. The speaker has not yet been booked but the talk is likely to be on how a local charity is managing during the pandemic, possibly Calderwood House for the Homeless. If you have internet do please try to join us. Deb Lee is willing to give people individual tuition on using Zoom prior to the meeting and the numbers at the meetings are growing as people gain confidence from this - just ring her on 01946 823470 if you want to have a try. There will be a Lady Day Service as usual on 25th March. This will be a live streamed service from the Workington area, details to follow. We will try to keep those without internet in touch by post or a letterbox drop.

Please continue to join with members in the worldwide MU community by saying the MU midday prayers each day and using the wave of prayer in the MU Prayer Diary, which you should have received with the magazine late in 2020. Those members who have internet access can also get information and ideas from the MU website.

PRAYER TOPICS – Please pray for: -

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone E– Central Africa (81,188); Nigeria (60,000); South Sudan (53,000); Sudan (386) and South Africa (61,644): that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers’ Union while keeping social distancing and following other Covid prevention measures.
- On 5th March the World Day of Prayer – for world leaders involved in complex international discussions, that they may listen to each other and the people they represent. May their decisions reflect true understanding of the needs and fears of all in this troubled world, and give hope and peace for future generations. May we all build our faith on the strong foundation of love and caring support for on another.
- All Mothers on Mothering Sunday 14th March that God may grant them the courage that Mary had as they look after and cherish all those in their care.
- All those who work in care services as foster carers, social workers and other vital roles, as they give their love and constant support to some of the most vulnerable in our society.
- All unpaid carers looking after family or friends, many of whom have had little respite throughout the period of this pandemic. May we all try to help any we know of, if only by words of appreciation and encouragement.
- The politicians, medical staff and essential workers battling with the effects of this pandemic.

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## NEWS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

**“March brings breezes, loud and shrill, to stir the dancing daffodil.”**

Even as I write in mid-February the wind is howling and rattling around the house as a cold deterrent to breaking lockdown! Lent is also approaching - sack-cloth and ashes, mortification of the flesh, self-denial or simply no chocolate? We could all be forgiven for thinking that the last YEAR has enforced self-denial in the limitations of our usual pleasures and variety (even in our weekly shopping.) I guess most of us have lived more simply and more cheaply during this time. But, because we were not spending, others (in retail and hospitality, for example) have been suffering the **“loud and shrill breezes”** of low income. So we, those of us with many blessings to count, can look for more positive ways of sharing those blessings to bring the brightness and joy of the **“dancing daffodils”** to the chill of March!

“Fairtrade Fortnight” begins just before Lent, and this year (as we couldn’t stage an event of any kind) we are pleased to be able to send a further £150 to Traidcraft Exchange, which will help farmers who are suffering the compounded difficulties of the pandemic and climate change and world recession. There are hold-ups of goods at the ports (containers full of coffee have been waiting for weeks) so please be patient and thank you to all who continue to buy and donate, both to Traidcraft and the Food Bank.

The need for help is all around us as all the wonderful charities we normally support with coffee mornings and other events for raising money cannot be held. Lent is a good time to think and pray about our stewardship and priorities. But don’t forget to notice and rejoice in **“the dancing daffodils”** –

**“And then my heart with pleasure fills, and dances with the daffodils.”** (W. Wordsworth)

*Mary Moody*

## **Native of Eskdale by Margaret Armstrong Elliot (1931 – 2015)**

Those of you who are familiar with Eskdale will enjoy reading this fascinating and charming account of life through the 1930s and 1940s on a small farm in the valley and its links with the well known Woolpack Inn.

Margaret Armstrong Elliot, lived in British Columbia having travelled widely, and enjoying a career as a distinguished artist. But she was born and brought up at Paddockwray Farm, Eskdale, which sits below the wooded fellside on the north side as you leave Boot and follow the valley road towards the Hardknott Pass.

To a younger reader much of the detail of her early life may seem alien today, for example: walking on her own at the age of 5 to the village school a mile away and in all weathers. But, for the time, this was quite normal; even in the suburbs of Liverpool in the early 1950's I was walking a similar distance to school on my own at the age of 6. There was little or no crime and very few motor vehicles.

According to the author in the book's opening pages, Eskdale was much loved by the poet Coleridge who recorded a visit there in 1802. He wrote '...but never sure was lovelier human dwellings than those nestled in the trees at the foot of the fells, and in among the intervening hills'. Paddockwray certainly fits comfortably with this description, as do Howes Farm, Christcliff Farm and the Woolpack further up the valley.

In the early chapters, the author gives us a frank and frequently amusing account of schooling in this remote rural setting and the expectations placed on children in playing an essential support role in running a self-sufficient agricultural economy. Life was clearly hard but never punishing, and often great fun and certainly character forming.

The book continues with a brief history of this ancient farm and follows with endless but amusing examples of the life she and her family led there.

A major change comes in 1937 when the family moves to the Woolpack, at that time both a farm as well as an inn. The subsequent war years seem remarkably peaceful and uneventful in such an isolated spot away from the bombings at Barrow and Liverpool, and war news arrived but slowly; but daily life was even more demanding with both Woolpack and its adjoining farm (supplying all its fresh food) to operate. Paying guests from the cities were ever passing through, grateful for an escape into this peaceful environment; at a guinea a night, full board, it was also very reasonable, if plain and simple.

Margaret was clearly a bright girl who easily passed the newly introduced 11 plus exam. Millom Grammar School was too far away for her parents to take her there each day so it was to a private school in Southport where she continued her education. Her experiences at this institution, always amusingly illustrated, are not unlike pages from a novel by Charles Dickens. But Margaret, clearly

resilient and a born survivor, comes through, enriched by the experience, and subsequently progresses to university at Durham - not without its own challenges for a woman undergraduate in the early 1950s.

This is a delightful book and well worth a read.

*Malcolm Richardson*

*[Native of Eskdale is published by Hayloft Ltd and is on sale at Lowes Court for £12 and also from Amazon)*

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St Olaf's, Wasdale Head

We are open again for worship!

Sunday 14th March, 11am – Service of Thanksgiving & Praise

Sunday 28th March, 11am – Palm Sunday, Morning Worship

Sunday 4th April, 11am – Easter Day, Communion

Sunday 11th April, 11am – Morning Praise

Sunday 25th April, 11am – Celtic Liturgy

St Olaf's will be open daily for individual prayer from **Monday 29th March** and for all visitors from **Monday 12th April**.

NEW TREASURER REQUIRED – our long serving treasurer, Rev Gavin Walker, has decided it is time to retire. We are so grateful to Gavin for his skilful stewardship of our finances for so many years, he leaves them in a sound state, and with our 2020 accounts already published.

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West Lakes U3A Programme for MARCH

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Alan Bell – Secretary



Zoom and Chat every Tuesday in March at 11.00 am

Wed. 3rd March at 2.00pm

Shipwrecks and artillery targets: The coastal archaeology of Drigg. Presented by Andy Sherman a CITIZAN archaeologist from York. He had two visits to the wrecks at Drigg in 2018.

Here is a quick summary: The Cumbrian coast around Drigg and Seascale has often been thought of as isolated and hard to reach, but the area has always been well connected by the sea and a surprising wealth of archaeology lies partially buried beneath its beaches. Andy will talk about the enigmatic shipwrecks discovered on Drigg beach in 2018 along with some of the other sites of archaeological interest which can appear on this piece of coast.

Mon. 8th March at 11.30 am

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Thurs. 11th March at 2.00 pm

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Thurs. 17th March at 2.00 pm

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Wed/Thurs 24/25th March at 2.00 pm: The Making and use of Gall Ink by Bill Shannon, courtesy of Morcambe Bay Partnership.

Wed. 31st March at 2.00 pm

A Schoolgirl's War by Mary Smith. Telling the story of school life during WW2 and featuring the recently discovered and exquisite art work of a WW2 school arts teacher. She set out to document in paint and pencils the lives of school children and their teachers as the war unfolded. I don't think there is a similar collection of paintings anywhere. Her work features in paint the disrupted schooling, air raids, doodlebugs, and underground lessons in shelters which were experienced by so many children.

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BROWNIES



We have been using Zoom for our meetings every week, making various crafts and completing lots of badges. We also invited a visitor from Hearing Dogs for the Deaf to talk to us and show us her dog. Next half term will be working towards our Mindfulness badge - finding out lots of ways to help us cope with the ongoing stress of the pandemic. We are ever hopeful that we can soon meet face to face.

If you would like your daughter to join us, please register your interest on www.girlguiding.org.uk

Samantha Milliner (Brownie Leader)
sam.milliner@hotmail.co.uk

ROTARY OF WEST LAKELAND

We have continued ZOOMING and recent sessions have included: Another talk from Jeremy Prescott, this time on the futility of the Vietnam war. With massive casualties on both sides and although the North was eventually victorious, Vietnam today owes much more to the philosophy of the South.

Burns Night was different from our usual format, with our member David Gray telling us about the Glencoe Massacre and related events, whilst we ate our Haggis neaps and tatties in front of electronic screens.

We have made another significant financial contribution to the Phoenix Centre Food Bank to help feed the needy in Copeland.

Graham Hutson

Lent Course on Zoom – Wednesdays at 7.30 pm

This years Lent Course is being led by Paul and Kina Saunders from the Western Lakes Methodist Church and is called “**Talking Jesus**” in 6 sessions. Each session is complete in itself so it’s not too late to join in. To receive an invitation and Zoom code to join the meeting please email: admin@westernfells.uk with your name & address and they will send you a booklet.

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GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is investigating drawing up a Community Plan, the latest manifestation of a village plan. A sub-committee has been set up to further this.

We also discussed the Copeland GDF (Geological Disposal Facility) Working Group. At present we are relying on our district councillor to keep us informed, but we will become more involved if or when specific proposals significantly affecting the parish are forthcoming.

Graham Hutson

GADS – Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society



By the end of January we would normally have staged our annual pantomime – but couldn't of course. Instead, our Facebook group shared many happy memories and photographs from previous pantomimes, going right back to our first – Dick Whittington in 1977. Encouragingly, the comments showed that we have a good following – ready and waiting to get back on stage again for our next show. Our Facebook page (gads1948) is now running “The A to Z of GADS” with themed photographs working our way through the alphabet.

In May 2020 we postponed our AGM “for a while” and our officers kindly agreed to maintain post until we could convene. If only we had known how long restrictions were going to last! Our AGM is due again in early May 2021 and after the latest announcements about easing the lockdown restrictions, it looks like we will have to use Zoom or similar – who had heard of Zoom 12 months ago? We will give more details in the April magazine with an update in May if necessary. In any case, invitations will be going out to all our members in good time.

As for Youth Theatre Group and our next play, YTG certainly will not be able to start again before 12 April and a Spring Play now looks beyond reach. But we are looking for something involving and light-hearted for the Autumn to get us going again. In the meantime, feel free to get in touch if you are interested in joining us – just email secretary@gads.org.uk

Jim Polmear, GADS

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Post Lock-down services for March.

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	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
7th March	Nether Wasdale	Communion	9.00am
3rd of Lent	Waberthwaite	Communion	9.30am
	Bootle	Communion	9.30am
	Gosforth	Family Service	10.30am
	Seascale	Communion	10.30am
	Eskdale Boot	Morning Prayer	11.00am
	Muncaster	Communion	11.00am
	Whicham	Communion	11.00am
	Drigg	Communion	11.00am
2nd Sunday			
14th March	Ponsonby	Communion	9.00am
Mothering Sunday	Drigg	Family Service	9.30am
	Irton	Communion	9.30am
	Gosforth	Communion	10.30am
	Seascale	Methodist led	10.30am
	Eskdale Boot	Communion	11.00am
	Corney	Communion	11.00am
	Wasdale Head	Morning Praise	11.00am
	Whicham	Evening Prayer	4.00pm
3rd Sunday			
21st March	Drigg	Communion	9.30am
5th of Lent	Eskdale Green	Morning Prayer	9.30am
	Waberthwaite	MP or HC	9.30am
	Gosforth	Morning Prayer	10.30am
	Seascale	Communion	10.30am
	Muncaster	Communion	11.00am
	Whicham	Communion	11.00am
	Nether Wasdale	Evening Prayer	6.00pm
	Bootle	Evening Praise	6.00pm
4th Sunday			
28th March	Beckermest	Communion	9.00am
PALM SUNDAY	Eskdale Green	Communion	9.30am
	Gosforth	Communion	10.30am
	Seascale	Methodist led	10.30am
	Wasdale Head	Celtic Liturgy	11.00am
	Irton	Communion	11.00am
	Whitbeck	Communion	11.00am
	Drigg	Communion	11.00am

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

To be confirmed

SERVICES IN THE SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY
MARCH 2021

As we prepare to publish the magazine for March 2021, we find ourselves in the midst of a national lock-down. Across the area covered by the parish magazines Sunday congregational worship has stopped for the time being. When the situation allows, we will return to normal. The schedule for March, overleaf, represents what will be happening on Sundays once the lock-down has lifted, and PCCs have had a chance to resume congregational worship.

Please keep checking local church notice boards for updates.

...This does not mean that the flame of Christian worship has gone out in our area. The following provisions have been made to allow our worship to go on:

ZOOM SERVICES

If you are a person with Internet access, you might like to join in with one of the two Zoom services hosted in our area. They are both very welcoming, ecumenical in character and attracting between 40 and 60 people... so you will not find yourself on your own!:

- **10.30am Morning Worship from the South Calder Mission Community** hosted by St Mary's Church Gosforth. If you would like an invitation to this service please email stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com or ring the Revd Philip Dorling on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684.

- **19.00hrs (7.00pm) Virtual Phoenix Evening Worship** hosted by Jill and Keith Hudson. An upbeat service with music of all sorts. For an invitation please email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring Keith and Jill on 01946 721592.

WEEKLY SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY LITURGY

If you struggle with Zoom, or if you are unable to access it, until the end of lock-down the South Calder Mission Community is also producing a Weekly Service Booklet with prayers, readings, a reflection for the day and suggested hymns (which can either be read from a hymn book or listened to on Youtube).

- If you would like to be emailed a copy of the weekly service each week, please contact the Reverend Philip Dorling on philipdorling123@btinternet.com or call him on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684 and he will arrange for a paper copy to be delivered to you at least 72 hours before the next Sunday.



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