

Big Butterfly Count 2025 Between 18th of July to 10th of August.

Can you spare 15 minutes in any outdoor space and count the butterflies and day-flying moths you see and submit your sightings to help build our interactive map "If we lose butterflies, we lose more than beauty — we lose balance in our ecosystems and that will have serious repercussions for wildlife in the UK. You can do it as many times you like during the dates above and at different locations. For more information see <https://butterfly-conservation.org/events/the-big-butterfly-count-2025> or see the board at the back of church.

Foundation Governor - The PCC have started the process of appointing a new Foundation Governor and would like to hear from anyone who would be willing to fill this important role in our church school. If you feel this is something you wish to do or would like to know more information then please have a word with either of the churchwardens.

The Sounds of Simon & Garfunkel return on 5th September. Experience the magic of Simon & Garfunkel like never before with Tim Chu and Ian Bailey, two exceptional singer-songwriters, and composers, who are about to take you on a nostalgic journey. This is not a tribute act, it's a study and interpretation of some of Paul Simon's greatest songs. Tickets by speaking to or texting Collin on 07740 447858, £15.00, under 16's £7.50.

Altar Flower Rota - Thanks to everyone who has signed up to the Altar Flower rota at the back of the church. We still have gaps from the end of August and throughout September leading up to Harvest 5th October.



A very warm welcome to St Mark's Church Sunday 3rd August 2025

Welcome to worship today. During the service you will be invited to sit, kneel or stand at various points - these reflect what we most often do at St Mark's - but please do what is most comfortable for you.

Coffee, tea and biscuits are served after the 10am service and all are very welcome to stay.

Electricity Sponsorship The electricity this week is sponsored by an anonymous donor. Thank you to all of our donors.

Today – Trinity 7

10am Holy Communion

The Week Ahead

Monday	7pm	Kendal Concert Band rehearsing in church
Thursday	10am	Holy Communion

Next Sunday – Trinity 8

10am Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings: Hebrews 11.1-3, 8-16 & Luke 12.32-40

You can use this code to donate to St Mark's Church.
All donations are very gratefully received. Thank you.



Collect

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Colossians 3.1-11

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Gospel Reading: Luke 12.13-21

Someone in the crowd said to him, ‘Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.’ But he said to him, ‘Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?’ And he said to them, ‘Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.’ Then he told them a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat,

drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

For our prayers

- ◇ all whose lives are devastated by war, conflict, disaster, oppression or disease
- ◇ Charles our King and all who hold influence and power in our world
- ◇ Rt Revd Rob Saner-Haigh our newly appointed Bishop of Carlisle
- ◇ all of us as we encounter change - and for wisdom and strength for those who will face additional responsibilities in the coming months
- ◇ for those families who will struggle during the summer holidays
- ◇ we pray for all those recently married and those preparing for marriage in the coming months.
- ◇ those who are sick, struggling or recovering, including: Irene Armistead, Bernice Cooper, Jenny Gale, Olive Gordon, Doreen Hall, Grace Kemsley, Pat McLoughlin, Janet Penlington, May Smaje, Edna Watkinson, Moira Wild and Kate
- ◇ all who mourn at this time

Notices

Tuesday at Ten Crosscrake church's all-age community drop-in. They'd love to welcome you for company, chat, and a cuppa. 10am-noon.

Leading Intercessions – Revd Canon Shanthi Thompson will be providing a short session on Leading Intercessions 17th September from 10am – 12noon. This will be particularly relevant for members of the Anna Chaplaincy Team and for those who lead our prayers. All are welcome.