

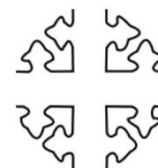
MU Families Group will meet after our summer break in the vestry of St Marks Church on Thursday 4th September at 2pm when Captain Hilary Borthwick will tell us about The Salvation Army.

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 £15.00, under 16's £7.50, by speaking to or texting Collin on 07740 447858, or from David Walker.

Charity Ride – Would you consider making a donation to Cancer Research? On Sunday September 7th, Rosemary Webster is one of several thousand people taking part in Chris Hoy's Tour de 4, a 56 mile cycle challenge from Glasgow up into the Campsie Hills and back. Chris Hoy's vision is to change perceptions around stage 4 cancer following his own diagnosis, and raise vital funds for cancer charities across the UK. Find out more at tourde4.com, and donate at gofundme.com, typing in Rosemary Webster. Thank you.

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.

Kendal and District Debt Centre - job vacancy. Are you passionate about supporting the vulnerable in our society whose lives are burdened by the burden of debt? Do you wish to have opportunities to share the Christian faith? Due to the forthcoming retirement of our current Debt Centre Manager, Kendal and District Debt Centre (an independent charity/CIO) working in partnership with Christians Against Poverty and in collaboration with a group of local churches seek to appoint a new Debt Centre Manager. For further information see job description on www.kendaldebtcentre.org. Closing date 8th September 2025. Interviews will be held on 15th September 2025



A very warm welcome to St Mark's Church Sunday 31ST 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 11

10am	Holy Communion
4pm	Helm Mission Community Songs of Praise on The Green, Natland

The Week Ahead

Thursday	10am	Holy Communion
Friday	7.30pm	A Celebration of Simon & Garfunkel Concert

Next Sunday – Trinity 12

10am	Holy Communion
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Next Sunday's Readings: Philemon 1-21 & Luke 14.25-33

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



Collect

God and judge of all, you show us that the way to your kingdom is through humility and service. Keep us true to the path of justice and give us the reward promised to those who make a place for the rejected and the poor. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?' Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7-14

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. 'When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence

of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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

TODAY!! Songs of Praise 31st August - If you are able to help setting things up, help with the refreshments or provide cakes or biscuits please can you sign the list at the back of the church. Thank you.