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Readings for October 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Habakuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 1:1-14

October 5, 2025

Psalm 37:1-9
Gospel Luke 17:5-10

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading 2 Kings 5:1-3,7-15c
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 2:8-15

October 12, 2025

Psalm 111
Gospel Luke 17:11-19

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Genesis 32:22-31
2nd Reading 2 Timothy 3:14– 4:5

October 19, 2025

Psalm 121
Gospel Luke 18:1-8

Bible Sunday

1st Reading Isaiah 45:22-end
2nd Reading Romans 15:1-6

October 26, 2025

Psalm 119:129-136
Gospel Luke 4:16-24

Smile Lines

Two children watched their grandmother reading her Bible. “Why does she do that?” whispered one. “I expect she’s studying for her final exams,” came the reply.

Letter from Rev Michelle Woodcock
Priest-in-Charge of the Beacon Team Churches

Dear Friends,

This summer I walked the first 67 kilometres of the Camino de Santiago - Frances – the famous pilgrimage route across Northern Spain that stretches for some 800 kilometres. It's a journey I've wanted to make for almost 10 years, so it was very exciting to finally begin. I started in France in St. Jean Pied-de-Port and paused the journey (for now) in Pamplona where I hope to return and continue walking on from Pamplona to Burgos next year. This initial stretch is known for being challenging, featuring a significant climb over the Pyrenees mountains via the Napoleon Route to reach Roncesvalles. It certainly felt like the road was relentlessly heading uphill for the first two days of walking!! In one sense, I have only just begun; in another, I have already walked a whole pilgrimage.

The Camino is made of small steps: dusty roads, quiet paths, steep climbs and occasional storms. It's also made of companions- people from across the world, walking at different speeds, with different stories, but sharing the same road. There were moments of silence, moments of laughter and moments of aching feet and tired shoulders, as well as one moment of utter despair at the end of a long wet walking day where I couldn't find a bed for the night! I worked that one out in the end but there were tears that day!

Through it all there was a sense of God walking with me. At some of the hostels you stay in along the way, the host will gather the pelegrinos (pilgrims) together and ask them to share their stories about why they are walking this pilgrimage. One host, Josef, asked us to sum up our reason/ journey into something that could be a title for a book. I said "God has walked with me through fire and brought me here." Maybe I should write that book one day.

That has been my experience of God. I have known him to walk with me through all sorts of fires during my life and to bring me safely through. On the Camino, I was reminded that God can speak through the thunder in the storms and also the still small voice in the morning, guiding, comforting and leading. He doesn't wait for us at the finish line, but walks with us in every step.

And so it is with life. We may not all travel to Santiago, but each of us is on a pilgrimage, through the joys and struggles of daily life, through the questions, prayers, and hopes of faith.

Our parish life together is its own Camino; a journey we share, helping one another along the way, offering welcome, encouragement and bread for the road.

In those 67 kilometres I was reminded again of the sacredness of small steps. Each step brings us nearer to God, whether it feels like it at the time or not. A prayer whispered, a kindness offered, a hand held in grief. These are pilgrim steps, every bit as important as the grander milestones. May we walk this pilgrimage together, listening for God's voice – sometimes in the thunder, often in whispers and trusting that he walks beside us guiding us home.

*Blessings,
Michelle*

Book Review

Attentive to God: Being Aware of God's Presence in Daily Life

By Tony Horsfall, BRF, £9.99

Mindfulness is not new, and God's people down the centuries have always been encouraged to practise 'the sacrament of the present moment' – that is, to notice God in the events of everyday life and become attentive to that presence.



Tony Horsfall explores six Bible stories that describe individuals encountering God, showing how we can learn how to notice the presence of the divine for ourselves. He also unpacks key spiritual practices that anyone can follow and introduces insights from influential writers on the awareness of God in the ordinary.

Books, Bibles, Christmas Cards, 2026 Calendars and Diaries are available to order from Lynne Magee (South Lakes Christian Resources slchristian_resources@outlook.com) or through the Beacon Team Office (admin@beaconteam.org.uk). Christmas Cards are ready to view in St George's lounge.



St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:.

Sunday 5th Oct. – Harvest Festival 11.00am
Sunday 12th Oct. - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 19th Oct. - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 26th Oct. - *Please join worship at another church*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

Sunday 5th Oct. - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 12th Oct. - Baptism Service 9.30am
Sunday 19th Oct. - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 26th Oct. – Evening Worship 4.00pm

St George, Kendal

Sunday 5th Oct. - Harvest Festival 11.00am
Sunday 12th Oct. - 'Worship at 4' 4.00pm
Sunday 19th Oct. - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 26th Oct. - Holy Communion 9.30am

St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 5th Oct..- Evening Worship 4.00pm
Sunday 12th Oct..- Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 19th Oct..- Harvest Festival 11.00am
Sunday 26th Oct..- Holy Communion 11.00am

St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 5th Oct..- Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 12th Oct..- Harvest Festival 6.00pm
Sunday 19th Oct..- Evening Worship BCP 6pm
Sunday 26th Oct..- Holy Communion 11.00am



St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 5th Oct.. - Abbey Service 10.30am

Every Tuesday 5.30-6pm Evening Prayer
at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside

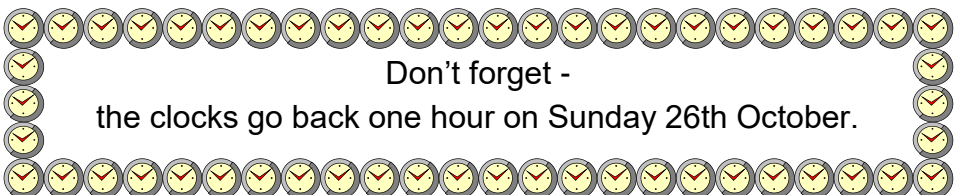
Every Wednesday 9.30am: BCP Holy Communion
at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside

Online Worship is available throughout the week via Zoom
Access: Please contact Revd Jean Radley for details

- * **Mondays** 8.30pm : Compline
- * **Fridays** 8.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

Revd Michelle will hold daily office in St John the Baptist Church, Skelsmergh on **Tuesday** and **Thursday mornings** from **9 am** for around 15-20 minutes. .

"Perhaps you might pop in once in a while, or maybe it's something you would appreciate being part of more regularly. There will be no expectation for you to do anything other than just come and enjoy a quiet 20 minutes at the start of a busy day " **Revd Michelle**



Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2025

This autumn we are inviting churches and friends across Cumbria to give generously to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. Your gift will support two practical, hope filled projects with Christian Aid and Church Mission Society that are already changing lives.

What your giving supports

Women in Burkina Faso learning poultry keeping and simple eco friendly farming so they can feed their families and build small businesses. A starter flock of 10 hens and 1 rooster can quickly grow. Each hen can lay more than 200 eggs a year, and sales add up fast with typical income of three thousand to three thousand five hundred CFA francs per bird. That can mean around five hundred and twenty five thousand CFA francs in annual turnover which is about six hundred and ninety pounds. Simple training plus a small flock becomes food on the table and a pathway out of poverty.

Training a new generation of indigenous church leaders in Northern Argentina through the CeFA training centre. In 2024 nine men completed the first year long course. In March 2025 a cohort of 13 women began their studies so that local churches can be served in their own languages and contexts. Students like Etelvina are growing in confidence and faith to lead and to serve their communities.

As before, 10% of gifts to the Appeal will be shared with two local partners here in Cumbria - Cumbria Development Education Centre (CDEC) and Carlisle One World Centre (COWC) - helping us grow understanding and action for global justice at home.

* **Grayrigg Church and Community News** *

Many thanks to all who attended and all those who helped at the Field & Plot to Plate Lunch at Grayrigg on the 24th August. It was a wonderful afternoon and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. We raised the grand total of **£485** which will be shared between the Church and the Coronation Hall, so thanks again to you all.

I have kind of got the bug again for doing this sort of thing and I'm thinking of doing one on the 15th February, 22nd March, 19th April & the 17th May. Again there would be 2 courses for £15, with the profits as before being split between the Hall & the Church. Please let me know what you think of the idea either by text to 07736 125236 or email me at kath.dickinson@btinternet.com.

February's menu, if there is enough interest and I go ahead with it, will be - Chicken in a creamy leek or mushroom sauce, with roast potatoes & veg followed by Sherry Trifle. March will be Lasagne with salad & garlic bread followed by Sticky Toffee Pud. Vegetarian options will also be available. As on the 24th August, I plan to serve at 1pm.

Kath

The Grayrigg Good Neighbours

Join us every second Tuesday of the month in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm for a get-together and talks or craft activities. All welcome.

14th October - My visits to Chile, Argentina & Peru with Sue Hunter

11th November - Helping Hedgehogs - with Dr. Lisbeth C. Tuckey
BVSc MRCVS

9th December - Flower Arranging Demo with Katie from Made-in-Flowers

There will be 9 monthly meetings: Annual Membership £12 £3 per visit for non-members.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAYRIGG

3rd Oct. Pub night + food in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

25th October Soupa Saturday in the Coronation Hall - 11.30 am to 2.00 pm - for church funds.

7th Nov. Pub night in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

29th November Christmas Fayre in the Coronation Hall - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm - for church funds.

5th Dec. Pub night + food in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

15th December Carol Singing in the Church - for over 60s fund.

Grayrigg Table Tennis Club - holds matches in the Coronation Hall from September to May. Anyone who would like to play in a team please contact Kevin Hunter on 07813 133507

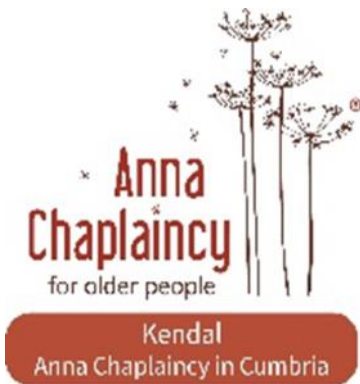
'Donations in memory of the late Colin Chamley raised **£1,051** for Prostrate Cancer UK. Many Thanks, Doreen and Family'

Thanks to everyone who came & supported the evening with the Houghton Weavers. Their harmonies were spot on and the mandolin player - well, all I can say is WOW! I've never seen or heard anything like it. They were fantastic and those that didn't come missed a real treat. I'm hoping to have them back next August so watch this space. We only made £90 profit but everybody who was there had a brilliant night, so thanks again.

Kath

Howgill and Firbank WI

The next meeting will be the AGM on **Thursday 2nd October** at 7.30 pm at Firbank.



Everyone is welcome to the

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TOGETHER**

**A short service with a Bible reading,
3 traditional hymns and prayers
Followed by Tea and Cake**

**Thursday 16th October 2.30 pm at Kendal Parish Church
For more information about the Tea Service or Anna Chaplaincy
in Kendal please contact Beverley Moore 07507 749238 or
bevmoore.annachaplaincy@gmail.com**

Grayrigg Rainfall

The rainfall in July 2025 was 113.3mm or 4.46 inches.

The rainfall in July 2024 was 90.8mm or 3.54 inches.

The average July rainfall over the last 33 years is 116.8mm or 4.60 inches.

The rainfall in August 2025 was 148.9 mm or 5.87 inches.

The rainfall in August 2024 was 165.5mm or 6.52 inches.

The average August rainfall over the last 33 years is 135.1mm or 5.32 inches.



Ouch! The cost of living is pinching hard at Manna House right now. Donations from the incredibly generous public are way down, as is our success rate with grant makers. There is stiff competition for less available funds and Manna House is not alone in feeling the pain.



Could you help? Could you spread the word farther with friends & family or any groups you belong to? Maybe you could take part in a fundraising event for us? If you are in any position to increase your giving, now would be the time to act in favour of Manna House.

Here's how:

For a one off donation or to set up a standing order, our bank details for BACS are: Sort code: 16 52 21 Acct number: 53190423

You can also donate by clicking on the link www.justgiving.com/mannahouse or going to the PayPal link on our website

If you prefer to send a cheque, our address is The Stephenson Centre, Ann Street, Kendal, LA9 6AA, and the cheque is made payable to Manna House (Cumbria).

And finally, if you ever buy online, consider raising free donations for Manna House with easyfundraising. There are over 6,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/manna-house/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the retailer will make a donation to Manna House at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Manna House will be really grateful for your donations. Thank you for your support. For Manna House and our clients, it's literally a lifeline. If you have any queries about this please phone us on 01539 725534 or email on info@manna-house.org.uk

St George's Community Hub

Soup and a roll, cake and fruit, tea, coffee and squash are available between 11.45am and 1pm on Thursdays.

There is a listening ear available for anyone who would find that helpful.



Beacon Team Safeguarding Training

**Tuesday 7th October at
St George's 10am - 12ish**

**For ALL Churchwardens,
PCC Members
and anyone running a church
activity.**

**For more details, please
speak with Heather Wilson.**

St George's Church Chatter and Natter

Come and join us on the last Friday of every month in the Radley Room for Tea/coffee, cake and meet -up with friends.

October 31st
from 10am to 11.30am

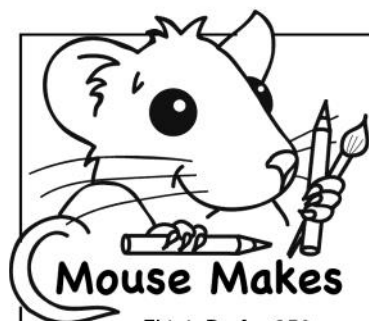
For further information ring
Sue Whittaker 07866341554



Beacon Team Mission Community Mothers' Union

Name change: Because we have members from most of our churches, we want everyone feel included. Following members' agreement, a new name was chosen by Rev Michelle, supported by Ann Wodeman and myself. From September our Branch is known as Beacon Team Mission Community Mothers Union.

Next meeting: Wednesday **29th October**, 2pm in the Radley Room. Please come along, all are welcome.



Mouse Makes

This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
*How do you praise and
worship God?*

Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him

with the sounding trumpet,

Praise Him

with the harp and lyre,

Praise Him

with tambourine and dancing,

Praise Him

with the clash of cymbals,

Praise Him

with the resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath

PRAISE THE LORD!

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Close Quarters Folk Group

Sunday **19th October** 2pm St John's Church, Skelsmergh

Join us for an afternoon of folk singing with Tea & Cake
Admission £15 by pre-booked ticket only.

Contact Jean Shepherd
07957924904

Dipping Your Toe in the OT -
Sat 4th Oct in Kendal Parish Church.

- this time looking at Ezekiel. We shall see what we can learn about his background, his ministry and his message and then think about how what he had to say can be relevant for us today

Meeting in KPC vestry at 9.30am, it will finish by 12 noon.

Don't forget to bring a Bible!

Led by Revd. Michael Hunter, Old Testament Tutor.

Advertise here!!

You can have a space like this space for just £25/year

Faith on the Frontline - Faith in Politics

Come along to Costa Coffee, Elephant Yard, Kendal, on Sunday **19th October** 5.00-6.45pm for the last in the series;

The panellists who work in politics will answer questions on how their faith is applied in their everyday lives.

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