

MU Families Group will meet in the vestry of St Marks Church on **Thursday 5th March at 2pm** when Rowena Pavey will speak to us about the Carers' Association.

Experience Easter

Interactive event for schools 16th-29th March

Please see information at the back of church to find out more.

Our **next meeting** will be at Old Hutton church on

Tuesday 24th February at 2.30pm.

Email or text Rev Becky if you would like to volunteer to tell a story or help the teams with the construction of the sets

Church Administrator Vacancy

Crosscrake, Natland, New Hutton and Old Hutton

(Paid role, up to 8 hours per week)

We are looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated person with good administrative skills and relevant experience to support our Vicar and work alongside our volunteers. This role is an important part of helping our churches run smoothly and serve our local communities well.

All appointments are subject to our safer recruitment procedures.

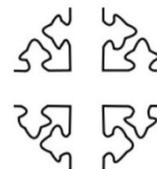
If you would like to receive a role description, person specification and application form, please email Becky.

Closing date: Monday 16 March

Interviews: Week commencing 13 April

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING.

We all need to renew our Safeguarding Training every 3 years. We held many sessions in early 2023 and so the people who attended will now need a refresher session. Becky and Roy will lead sessions in the Natland vestry on Wednesday 25th February (2.30pm), Monday 9th March (2.00pm) and Wednesday 11th March (9.00am). Please see the notice at the back of church to check if your training is due for renewal and please sign up for a session convenient for you. If you would prefer to renew your training online, this option is still available. Any questions, please speak to Roy."



A very warm welcome to St Mark's Church Sunday 22nd February 2026

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 services 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 – 1st Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion

The Week Ahead

Monday

9.15am Fab Com meeting

1pm Anna Chaplaincy Training in the vestry

2pm Fin Com meeting in church

Tuesday

10.30am Walk and Talk with reflection

10am-12noon Drop-in Crosscrake church

2.30pm Experience Easter Meeting at OH Church

6pm Compline

Wednesday

9-11am Mini Marks

12 noon Lent Lunch

2.30pm Safeguarding training in the vestry

Thursday

10am Holy Communion

3pm Hymns & Readings at Kendal Care Home

Next Sunday –

2nd Sunday of Lent

10am Holy Communion

Next Sunday's Readings:

Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

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All donations are very gratefully received. Thank you.*



Collect

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First reading: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

¹⁵The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.'

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written,
"One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."' ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,
"He will command his angels concerning you",
and "On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."'

⁷Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."'

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,
"Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him."'

¹¹Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Post Communion

Lord God,
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith,
increase our hope,
and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word
that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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
- ◇ For the churches in our Mission Community with vacancies (both clergy and lay) This Lent, may we hear God's call and respond in faith.
- ◇ those who are sick, struggling or recovering, including: Irene Armistead, Bernice Cooper, Doreen Hall, Ian McLoughlin, Pat McLoughlin, Kate Moore, Christine Moore, May Smaje, Edna Watkinson, Janice Hornsby and Moira Wild
- ◇ all who mourn at this time including: the family and friends of Mark Bewsher and Dr Francis Obale, thinking especially of his wife Begho and their children.

Notices

Thank you to everyone who supported our coffee morning on Thursday. We raised £132.70! 😊 This will be put towards the cost of upgrading our security system.

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