



Date of the next meeting:
Tuesday 5th May 2026 at 7pm at St Oswald's Church Room, Burneside.
(This will be the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

Your Community is Calling for a 20mph Speed Limit – Have Your Say!

Burneside Parish Council have provisionally secured funding through Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in our village to 20mph. This initiative aims to promote safer roads, reduce vehicle noise, and enhance the environment for more walking and cycling.

Speed limits will only be reduced to 20mph if your wider community supports the scheme and therefore, we need your input.

Why Participate?

- Safer Roads: A 20mph speed limit significantly reduces the risk of accidents and makes our streets safer for everyone.
- Quieter Neighbourhoods: Lower speeds mean less noise from traffic, creating a more peaceful community.
- Greener Environment: Encouraging walking and cycling helps reduce carbon emissions and promotes a healthier lifestyle.

How to Get Involved There is a public consultation due to launch on Thursday 9th April and run until Friday 22nd May.

Once it opens you will be able to view the proposals and provide feedback to the consultation by:

Visiting www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph

Checking the details at our local displays

Your Opinion Matters Speed limits will only be reduced to 20mph if the wider community supports the scheme. Have your say by Friday 22nd May and help to shape the future of our roads.



Dear Friends,

As April arrives, the signs of spring are all around us. Gardens are beginning to wake, buds appear on branches that seemed lifeless only a few weeks ago and the air carries the quiet promise of new beginnings. The season itself invites us to pause, to breathe and to notice the gift of life returning.

In March I was able to take some time out for my annual spiritual retreat. I spent some time with the Society of Mary and Martha in Exeter. They are a Christian community devoted to hospitality, prayer and they offer space for rest and reflection. I was there on private retreat and it was a real oasis of silence and restoration. Time to step away from the noise of everyday life and rediscover stillness in God's presence is a real gift.

In the Bible, in the letter of James we hear the simple invitation "draw near to God and he will draw near to you." Sometimes we can imagine that faith requires great effort or complicated words, but often it begins simply with making space.

In the grounds of the retreat centre there is a full-sized outdoor prayer labyrinth. Unlike a maze, a labyrinth has only one path. You follow it slowly and deliberately, allowing each step to become a prayer. There is no rush and no wrong turn, only the journey inwards and then out again. Lots of people find that as their feet move steadily along the path that their hearts become still before God. With each step the distractions of life can fall away and the simple rhythm of walking helps to create space to listen both to God and perhaps also to what was going on in your own heart too. It reminded me again that prayer is not always about finding the right words; sometimes it's simply about being present.

This idea of stepping away is not new. Before beginning his public ministry, Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. In that place of solitude and prayer he prepared for what lay ahead. Retreat was not an escape from life, it was the beginning of it.

As we move through the final week of Lent and towards Easter, perhaps we might each find our own small "wilderness space"; a quiet walk, a moment of stillness in church, or simply a few minutes of prayer at the start or end of the day. In those moments we open ourselves to God's presence.

May this Easter season be one in which you find moments of quiet, where you can draw near to God and discover again the promise of new life.

With every blessing,

Michelle x





HOLY WEEK

1st April Holy Communion 9.30am

2nd April Maundy Thursday 7pm
Holy Communion with foot washing

3rd of April Good Friday Hour at the cross 3pm

5th April Easter Day Holy Communion 9.30am

12th April Holy Communion 11am

19th April Morning Worship 11 am

26th April Holy Communion 11am

Book of Common Prayer
Communion in
The Lady Chapel
every Wednesday 9.30am



**Weekly Evening Prayers
at St.Oswald's Church**
Tuesdays @ 5.30pm
in the Chapel

If there is anything you would like putting in the newsletter please email

amanda@dashaw.co.uk

by the 3rd Sunday of the month

EVENTS IN CUMBRIA FOR THE FAMILY

Follow the link for more information

<https://northwestforkids.co.uk/easter-egg-hunts-cumbria/>



1. Easter events Cumbria
2. Easter egg hunt at Acorn Bank NT
3. Easter egg hunt at Allan Bank NT
4. Easter egg hunt, Wray castle Bank NT
5. Easter egg hunt, Sizergh Castle NT
6. Easter egg hunt at Wordsworth House and gardens NT
7. Easter at Muncaster Castle
8. She longs to be a meadow - Easter trail. Lowther Castle
9. Easter Adventure Quest at Birdoswald Roman fort
10. Easter Eggstavanza, Walby farm park
11. Easter weekend, Holker Hall
12. Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-duck egg hunt, World of Beatrix Potter
13. Mini Egg Hunt, The World of Beatrix Potter
14. Alice in Wonderland Easter activities at Lakeland Maze Farm Park
15. More local Easter events and egg hunts

EASTER FACTS

Easter is named after **Eostre** (or Eastre), an Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and dawn, whose festival was celebrated in April. When early English Christians adopted the celebration of Jesus' resurrection, they maintained the name for the season, blending their traditions with the existing spring festivities

Chocolate Eggs: The first chocolate eggs were produced in 1873. by Fry's.

Egg Rolling: A traditional UK game where decorated hard-boiled eggs are rolled down hills, representing the stone rolling away from Jesus's tomb.

Easter Bunnies & Eggs: Symbols of spring and new life, with the bunny representing the hare, an ancient symbol of fertility.

Hot Cross Buns: Traditionally eaten on Good Friday, the cross represents the crucifixion, and spices represent those used on Jesus's body.

The Date Changes: Easter falls on a different Sunday each year between March 22 and April 25, based on the full moon.

Easter Bonnets: Traditionally, people wore new clothes to church, which evolved into decorating bonnets (hats) with flowers and bunnies

Religious Meaning: Christians believe Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose again three days later on Easter Sunday, representing hope.