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April

- 2nd Low Heskett Village Hall Easter egg bingo 7 pm.
- 4th Easter Vigil Service with bonfire at Ainstable Church 7.30pm.
- 13th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 18th John Rutter Ensemble 'Songs for Spring' Ainstable Church 7pm
- 19th John Rutter Ensemble 'Songs for Spring' Hutton Church 2.30 pm
- 19th Old School Hall, Armthwaite—Spring Fayre
- 23rd St Michael's Church, Skelton—Butties at cherry Tree House, Skelton 12 noon.
- 24th St Mary's High Heskett Coffee Morning
- 24th St Mary's High Heskett Flower demonstration - David Ryland
- 25th Old School Hall Armthwaite— Live music Arthur Coates and Kerran Cotterell
- 27th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 28th Anna Chaplaincy Tea Service Skelton Methodist Chapel 2.30pm

May

- 11th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 16th Old School Hall Armthwaite— Live music—The Hoo
- 25th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm

June

- 4th Low Heskett village hall Cheese and Wine social
- 5th St Michael's Church, Skelton ' Summers evening with The Morland Ukulele Group'
- 6th Old School Hall Armthwaite— big lunch
- 8th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 14th Afternoon teas in All Saints Church, Calthwaite.
- 22nd Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 27th/28th Armthwaite Open Gardens

July

- 13th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 19th Old School Hall Armthwaite—Family BBQ
- 21st St Michael's Church, Skelton 'Famiily Treasure Hunt.
- 27th Armthwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm

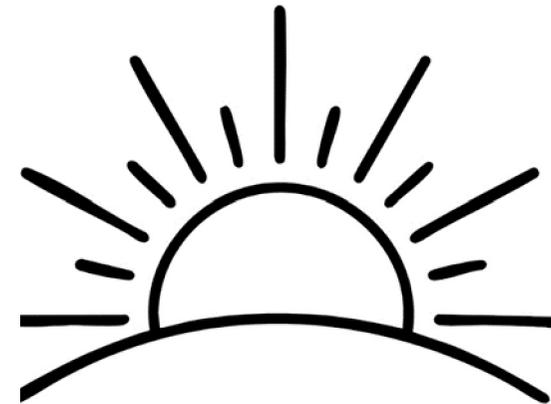
August 1st Produce Show—Low Heskett village hall

September

- 4th Low Heskett Village Hall Quiz night with pie and pea supper.
- 5th St Michaels Church, Skelton Coffee Morning 10.30am Skelton Memorial Hall

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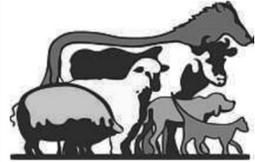
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Notes from the Vicar

After the long greyness of winter, the earth slowly begins to wake again. As I write this, the crocuses are brightening the gardens and the first daffodils are beginning to appear. Spring is here. There is something deeply hopeful about this time of year. It reminds us that darkness and cold are never the final word. Light returns, colour reappears, and life quietly begins again. It is no accident that the Church celebrates Holy Week and Easter just as the world around us begins to change.

Holy Week begins with celebration. On Palm Sunday we remember Jesus entering Jerusalem while crowds wave palm branches and shout "Hosanna!" There is excitement in the air as people sense that something important is happening. This year we will have one service across the benefice, beginning outside in Plumpton School car park before moving into church.

As the week unfolds, we recall some of the most important moments in the Christian story. On Maundy Thursday we remember the Last Supper, when Jesus shared bread and wine with his friends and asked them to love one another. Good Friday is a quieter day, when Christians remember the suffering and death of Jesus. It is a solemn moment in the story, acknowledging the reality of pain and loss that is part of every human life.

And then, early on Easter morning, the story turns towards hope. The message at the heart of Easter is powerful: that life can emerge even from the darkest places, and that new beginnings are always possible.

Perhaps that is why Easter feels so closely connected with spring. All around us we see signs of new life. Buds appear on branches that seemed lifeless only weeks ago, birds return with their morning song, and gardens slowly begin to stir back into colour.

Of course, life is never suddenly perfect. We still face worries and uncertainties, and the world still carries its share of difficulties. Yet the season of Easter reminds us that renewal and hope are never far away.

You would be very welcome at any of our Holy Week or Easter services. In particular, do join us for the Easter Vigil and bonfire at Ainstable Church on Holy Saturday as we gather to welcome the light of Easter. This is an ancient tradition we're re-starting this year: the views from Ainstable Church over to Blencathra are stunning, and we're hoping for a sunny spring evening. But do wear lot of layers because we'll be outside for part of the service.

Towards the end of April and during May our churches will be having their annual meetings. Everybody who lives in the parish(es) is entitled to attend the meetings and to vote for the churchwardens. Notices of the meetings will be displayed on or near the church door, as has been the practice since parish churches were first established.

Spring is a busy and hopeful time in the life of our villages and churches. Whether you come to a service, a concert, a meeting, or simply pass the church on a walk, you are always very welcome.

And as the days grow longer and the first flowers continue to appear, perhaps take a moment to notice the quiet signs of the season around us. After the long greyness of winter, the world is waking again — and that is always something to be thankful for.

With my prayers,

Allison

ST MARY'S CHURCH HIGH HESKET

Our door is open every day from 10 - 3.30pm come along, reflect on your day or just enjoy the peacefulness of our church. We have a Contactless Donation machine situated on the bench at the back of church. If you'd like a coffee or a book or would just like to give something Just tap your card on the machine and it will be greatly appreciated.

St Mary's Church High Hesket will hold their Annual Parochial meeting in church on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm. This meeting is open to the public.

Our Pre Loved Book Fayre was a wonderful success and so a heartfelt thank you to all the 101 folk who came along to help fundraise for the renovations in our damp vestry. We raised £266.01 from the books you donated and the excess of books were donated to Hospice at Home so they can raise funds too. Thank you.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HIGH HESKET; FOODBANK COLLECTION POINT St.Mary's Church is open daily from 10.00 a.m. to 3.30p.m. for anyone living locally to drop off items for Carlisle Foodbank. The tub for donated items is in the porch. There is very real ongoing financial hardship for many families now, so please support this extremely important cause as much as you can. Even a single item will make a difference. So please contribute what you can. All donations including food items, toiletries, household products and pet foods are needed, and are regularly forwarded to Carlisle Food Bank for distribution. Your support is and will be greatly appreciated. Thank you



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The PCC of St. Marys' Church High Heskett would like to invite interested contractors to submit a Tender for the work of maintaining the Graveyard. We have prepared a full job description of the work involved and the contract would be for a period of 2years with the annual charge being paid monthly. If anyone would be interested in the contract, please apply to almamckinny@aol.com and I will email you a copy and make arrangements to meet in the churchyard to discuss our needs. The deadline for Tender applications is 30th April 2026.
Thank you, the PCC St. Marys' Church, High Heskett

BOOK CLUB Come and join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and tell us about a book you're currently reading or have read, or just come for a listen! There's always a good discussion! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th April at St Mary's Church, High Heskett. £2 entry for drinks and biscuits.

CRAFTY LADIES meet in the Low Heskett Village Hall 1.30pm to 3.30pm every first and third Monday of the month. Cost is £3 to cover hall hire, heating, coffee, tea and biscuits. Please bring your own projects to work on while we natter, we are a friendly bunch and would love to see you there. Future dates are Monday 30th March and 20th April. The change in the usual pattern is due to Easter Monday being the first Monday of the month!!

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Village Hall AGM Everyone welcome, Monday 13th April at 7pm The village hall is a great asset to the community and is available for anyone to use. It is managed by a very small committee, and we are looking for new members. Anyone interested in joining the committee or with ideas of events you would like the hall to be used for, please come along to the AGM and see what we do, even if you decide after the meeting that it's not for you. Further info from Christine Steel 07519 875822

Cuppa & Cake – cancelled in April—next one is 10th May

Easter Egg Bingo

Thursday 2nd April, 7pm in the village hall

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More info from Christine Steel 07519 875822

HESKET & DISTRICT GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB.

Our first summer outing is Wednesday 15th April with lunch at the White Heather, Kirkbride. The coach will be leaving Low Hesket Village Hall at 9.30am with a stop in Cockermouth/Lakeside Home Centre the coach fare for all trips is £15 . if any non members are interested please contact Christine 07519875822

HESKET IN THE FOREST MOTHERS' UNION Monday 27th April 2pm West View Low Hesket (Daphne's House) Subject Mary Sumner
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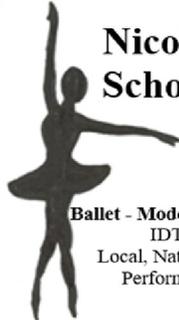
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All Saints have a service on the Tuesday of Holy week [31st] at 7.00pm and on Easter Sunday [5th] at 9.15am .

The annual walk of witness takes place on Good Friday. Please meet at Calthwaite church at 9.00am . We will walk down past the river along Pin Point with a coffee stop halfway round then proceed to Hesket church for a short service and further refreshments. Everyone welcome to join at any point en-route including dogs [on leads]

The church is open during the day and there will be some Easter reflection displays during Easter week

APCM

Our APCM will be held in church on 14th May at 7.00pm everyone is welcome to attend the meeting however only those on the electoral role may have a vote. All notices will be displayed in church porch. If you would like to join our small PCC team please chat to Pat, Ally or Rev Allison [details in front cover]to see what this entails. We are particularly looking for a secretary this year.

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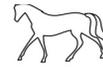


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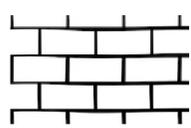
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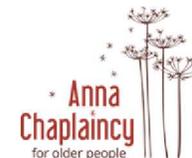
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The final draw has just been completed and the first draw of 2026-27 will take place in June. A big thank you to everyone for buying a number, together we raised £500 for the Church. Renewal forms will soon be distributed, please fill it in and return to Wendy Bird, 3 The Lea, Laithes, Helen Pickup, Skelton or Gillian McKillop, Skelton. If you would like to join, please do, it is £10 for 10 monthly draws contact Wendy Bird 07817955673.



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The Annual Parish Council Meeting of Hesket Parish Council will be held on Tuesday May 12th 2026 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.

This will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Hesket Parish, at 7pm.

This meeting is a meeting of the residents of Hesket Parish, not the Parish Council and is open to all.

At the March meeting of the Parish Council the following matters were discussed:

The Parish Council resolved to authorise three additional Green Waste skip collections in Calthwaite, with money received through the Place Action Group. Additionally, £1,500 has been awarded from the Place Action Group to fund interpretation boards and signage for the Eden Valley Daffodil Walk, facilitated by the Parish Council.

An update was provided regarding the Speed Indicator Device solar panels for Armathwaite and Plumpton. Supplier issues mean that these are further delayed. The Highways department at Westmorland and Furness are working with the Parish Council to reach a resolution, and ensure these are installed.

A grant of £250, to be awarded in the next financial year, was agreed towards refurbishments at Armathwaite Old School Hall.

Community Governance Review

Westmorland and Furness are currently conducting a review of Parish and Town Councils. Hesket Parish Council has requested to change warding arrangements, creating five wards instead of the current three, whilst retaining the current 15 Councillors. However, Westmorland and Furness are proposing a reduction to 10 Councillors. The Parish Council feels strongly that this is too few Councillors to effectively represent such a geographically large Parish and have objected through the consultation. This is open until 22nd April 2026. The Parish Council would be grateful if residents could respond to the consultation, supporting the retention of the current fifteen Councillors. Consultation link: <https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/voting-and-elections/community-governance-review>

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Good Friday - 3rd April at 7.30pm - Rev Julia Reid
Easter Day - Sunday 5th April at 10.30am - Rev Gillian Belford (Communion)
Sunday 12th April at 10.30am - Rev Andrew Callaway
Sunday 19th April at 10.30am - Lawrence Tomlinson
Sunday 26th April at 10.30am - Members' Service

Our Coffee Morning on Wednesday 1st April from 10.00 - 11.30am is in aid of Action for Children.

The Wednesday Get Together is held every Wednesday afternoon from 1.30 - 3.30pm. This is a drop in opportunity to knit, sew or chat. Refreshments are provided.

Phoebe Evans will be holding her Pop Up Cafe on Sunday 12th April from 2.30 - 4.30pm. All proceeds will go to support a children's charity.

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Chapel Anniversary 28th April 5pm with David Milner

3c's - group meet on a Wednesday morning beginning with a Bible reflection at 10am with others joining at 10.30am. This is held during the school term where various crafts are under taken. Refreshments are served and it would be an opportunity to meet people who live in our area. If you are passing call in and have a coffee with us.

Take Tea Out - This starts on 12th March running until July we have August off and back in September. We serve a full afternoon tea starting at 2pm if you would like to join us or have a take away tea please call Sheila to book it. **Also please let us know if you have any allergies which we will cater for.**

Prayer meeting held in our own homes between 7pm – 8pm on the first Wednesday in the month join us for any length of time. If you would like us to Pray for someone or any situation give Sheila a call. For more information about Cottage Wood call Sheila - 01768 885362.

Services

Sunday 5th April – Easter Sunday – Revd Julia Reid – meeting at CWC for 6.30am walking to the Brackenburgh crossroads for a short Service. Back to the centre where we will share sacrament followed by Bacon or sausage butties. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 12th April – Revd David Newlove

Sunday 19th April – Dean Lawson

Sunday 26th April – Revd David Milner – Chapel Anniversary

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All films are shown at Ainstable Institute – Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
Entry to films £4, refreshments available to purchase
Sub-titles will be used if requested.

We are holding our AGM on Thursday 7th May @ 7.30pm in the hall – We are looking for new members to join us. We hold a couple of meetings a year
Thanks for your support

Christ Church, Ivegill

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day at 9.30am

Sunday 12th April - Morning worship at 9.30am

Sunday 26th April - Holy Communion at 9.30am

Dalston Flower and Craft Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm in Victory Hall, Dalston. Our demonstrator is Sue Oliver and her demonstration is entitled "My Willow Weaving Journey". She will be showing us how she makes baskets and smaller decorative items using willow. Guests are welcome or new members who wish to join our friendly group. Guests £7 on the door. There will be a raffle and Refreshments will be served. Further information from Annette Brough 07770579618

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The Catholic Parish of St Catherine, Penrith, with the Chapel of St Wulston, Alston and Our Lady of Appleby with Kirkby Stephen

We start Holy Week on Palm Sunday 29th March with a Procession of Palms and the week progresses with Maundy Thursday at 7pm celebrating the Last Supper. Good Friday we join the Penrith Procession of Witness, followed by our own service at 3pm. On Easter Saturday evening at 7pm the service starts with the Lighting of the new fire, a procession led by the Paschal (Easter) candle in to a darkened church to be followed by Bible readings and the first Mass of Easter. During this Mass 2 adults will complete their training, one will be baptised and both will be received fully in to the church making their First Communion. Our 8.30am and 10.30am Sunday Masses will follow as normal.

Holy week and its services, shared or at similar times of our fellow churches, makes us appreciate that we share more in common, than the areas, which divide us. It is noticeable that the numbers, walking and attending the Penrith Walk of Witness and similar Walks, is growing every year.

Our school St Catherine's March letter urges pupils to Slow Down, Reflect and Prepare for the events of Holy Week and the Celebration of Easter. It is timely advice for everyone! Whether we have had a 'good' Lent or it has passed us by; we pray that we can be more sensitive to the needs of others, holding back the unnecessary harsh words, never to quench the hopes and dreams of others, while always looking for the positive.

To become a Catholic, adults follow the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and in February visit our cathedral in Lancaster for the Rite of Election meeting Bishop Paul with their sponsor. This February over 100 adults from across the diocese together with their sponsors met Bishop Paul in a service of welcome. This level of numbers is being repeated throughout England, as well as in some European countries. It is positive news.

The St John Boste Men's Fellowship, who meet on the 2nd Friday of each month, provides a forum for men to grow in faith, to welcome men curious about the Catholic Faith, to welcome and meet, without commitment, men wanting to return to the church, who may or may not be married to a Catholic. It is run by men and for men.

Our other activities continue to grow including the Catholic Women's League, SVP, Prayer Group, Parish Book Club, Monze Group raising money for a neonatal unit in a Mission Hospital in Monze Zambia and the 3Ps First Friday Group, who Pray, Play and eat Pizza for the Young school pupils.

TIMES OF SERVICES THROUGH THE YEAR The Catholic Parish of St Catherine, Penrith Please contact St Catherine's to check. Tel: 01768 862273 Website www.stjohnboste.org.uk Email – parishoffice.stcatherines@btinternet.com Fr John B Winstanley, Parish Priest St Catherine's Rectory, Drovers Lane, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 9EL Tel: 01768 862273
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Saturday 9.00 am Mass 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions
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Hesket and district Produce show

Saturday 1st August 2026, Low Hesket village Hall.

What will you produce? We look forward to seeing your entries this year.

More details to follow nearer the time but in the mean time here is the schedule for you to plan your produce.

HESKET AND DISTRICT PRODUCE SHOW SCHEDULE 1st August 2026

VEGETABLES (Home Grown)

1.	3 Beetroot	6.	4 Peas
2.	1 Cabbage	7.	4 Tomatoes
3.	3 Onion Sets	8.	1 Cucumber
4.	3 Carrots	9.	4 Potatoes (kidney or oval)
5.	4 Runner Beans	10.	3 Stalks Rhubarb

FLOWERS (Home Grown)

1.	1 Stem of Chrysanthemum	16.	1 Stem Floribunda Rose
12.	3 Lilies (any variety)	17.	1 Vase Sweet Peas
13.	1 Vase mixed flowers	18.	3 Dahlias
14.	6 Pansies	19.	1 Flowering Pot Plant
15.	1 Rose	20.	1 Foliage plant

INDUSTRIAL (Cookery – only one entry for each class)

21.	Victoria Sponge with Jam	28.	Quiche
22.	Chocolate Cake	29.	Jar Homemade Lemon Cheese
23.	3 Squares Gingerbread	30.	Jar Homemade Raspberry Jam
24.	3 Rounds of Shortbread	31.	Jar Homemade Strawberry Jam
25.	3 Pieces of Traybake	32.	Jar Homemade Blackcurrant Jam
26.	3 Choc Brownies	33.	Jar Homemade Chutney
27.	3 Rock Buns	34.	Rum Butter (beaten method)

INDUSTRIAL (Other Crafts)

35.	Homemade item - Knitting	41.	Painting In Oils
36.	Homemade item - Crochet	42.	Homemade from Wood
37.	Homemade – Cross Stitch	43.	Photograph (Waterfall) (6x4)
38.	Flower Arrangement in yellow	44.	Photograph (Flower) (6x4)
39.	Picture any Medium	45.	Photograph (Bird) (6x4)
40.	Watercolour	46.	Photograph (Animal) (6x4)

SENIOR CITIZENS

47.	1 Vase Garden Flowers	49.	3 Rock buns
48.	Any Homemade Craft Item	50.	Poem about Summer (4 lines only)

HIGH HESKET SCHOOL PUPILS ONLY

51.	Handwriting (Year 6)	55.	Painting (Year 2)
52.	Handwriting (Year 5)	56.	Painting (Year 1)
53.	Painting (Year 4)	57.	Painting (Reception)
54.	Painting (Year 3)	58.	Painting (Nursery)

ALL CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS (Your own work)

59.	A picture using Footprints (year 2 and under)
60 - 68	Paint a Rainbow A4 size (Nursery children, Reception, Years 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
69 - 77	Decorate a paper plate (Nursery children, Reception, Years 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
78 - 86	Grow a cress head egg (Nursery children, Reception, Years 1,2,3, 4, 5, 6, 7)
87 - 91	3 Decorated buns (Year 7, 8, 9,10, 11)
92 - 96	Handmade birthday card Size A5 (Year 7,8,9,10,11)

Armathwaite Old School Hall

Community Café - 11.30am -2.00pm. Monday 13th and 27th April

Come and enjoy a heartwarming homemade lunch, every second and fourth Monday. Volunteers are welcomed to serve on the day or make soup, salad or a cake or just come and chat to people.

Contact Jean 07891795490 or Sue 07876485011 for more information.

For bookings contact Emma armathwaiteosh@hotmail.com Check the new website or We are Armathwaite Facebook page for events coming up.

Live Music- Saturday 25th April at 7.30pm

The Controlled Burn Tour -Arthur Coates and Kerran Cotterell are a high energy folk duo.

Tickets £15.00 www.armathwaite.org.uk/events

Spring Craft and Food Fair-Sunday 19th April 10.00-3.00pm

Donations for the bottle/chocolate tombola and volunteers please. Contact Jean 07891 795490.

Gardening Club

The garden looks beautiful but needs more volunteers to help keep it tidy. Meet up on the second Saturday of the month 10.30-12 noon. Cake and refreshments free.

Ainstable Village Hall Committee

would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported the Bingo night. It was great to see so many families and children having a fun time! We would also like to thank everyone who helped make the food, serve, donate prizes and much more, making the evening so successful. A Great night was had by all raising a fabulous £697.00 for Hall funds.

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Open Gardens – 27 and 28 June 2026

We hope you have these dates on your calendar for this year!

If you would like to open your garden, don't forget it doesn't need to be perfect, just well loved; please get in touch with Jane Dutton 016974 72840 or Sue Bonsor 016974 72054.

If you are unsure about opening your garden and would like a chat, please do get in touch with either Jane or Sue. Open Gardens – 27 and 28 June 2026

Foodbank

We are continuing to collect much needed food and toiletries for the Food Bank. There is a box on the driveway at 8 Mill Brow or you can leave goods in the box at the back of church. There is also now a box in the Old School Hall so if you are going to an event in the hall, please drop an item in the box. All contributions are very gratefully received by the volunteers at the Food Bank and of course, by the recipients themselves.



We are so grateful for the donations we have received so far this year; your kindness is much appreciated.

Greetings Cards

There are blank greetings cards for sale in church priced at £1.50 and £2 each. There are several designs which depict pictures of the East Window, the window created by Phil Dutton and another with a view of the outside of the church building. Please support your local church.

For all up to date information about what is happening at Armathwaite Church or in the Inglewood Group of Churches why not visit:

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Voluntary Car Scheme (VCS)

The VCS provides transport for any age (under 16s must be accompanied by an adult) who cannot make their journey by public or private transport. Drivers wanted: If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the numbers below:

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Ainstable, Armathwaite, Hesketh Ivegill & Calthwaite area - Neil Ruddick 07929761173

Gardening jobs for April

April is a vibrant month in the garden as spring fully sets in. There are numerous tasks to keep you busy, ensuring your garden thrives as the growing season gets underway. Here are the essential gardening jobs for April:

Plant out sweet peas Task: Plant out sweet pea seedlings sown in January.

Why: Sweet peas benefit from early planting to establish strong roots and produce abundant blooms. How: Choose a sunny spot with well-drained soil. Plant seedlings about 15cm apart and provide support such as trellis or canes.

Mow, feed, and re-seed the lawn Task: Mow your lawn, feed it, and re-seed thinning or patchy areas. Why: Regular mowing, feeding, and re-seeding ensure a lush, healthy lawn.

How: Mow on a high blade setting initially. Apply a spring lawn fertiliser and reseed bare patches. Use a trimmer to tidy the edges for a neat appearance.

Spring clean borders

Task: Weed and tidy your borders.

Why: Keeping borders weed-free and tidy promotes healthy plant growth and an attractive garden. How: Remove weeds by hand or with a hoe. Add a layer of mulch to suppress future weed growth and retain soil moisture.

Plant out strawberries Task: Plant out strawberries with plenty of fertiliser.

Why: Proper planting and feeding ensure strong growth and a good fruit yield.

How: Choose a sunny spot with well-drained soil. Mix in a balanced fertiliser and plant strawberries about 30cm apart. Water well after planting.

Watch for bulb shoots Task: Monitor bulbs planted last winter for shoots.

Why: Spring bulbs should start to emerge, signalling the start of their growing season.

How: Check for new growth and ensure the area is weed-free. Add a light layer of mulch if needed to protect emerging shoots.

Plant summer-flowering bulbs and tubers Task: Plant summer-flowering bulbs and tubers.

Why: Planting now ensures they have enough time to establish and bloom in summer.

How: Choose a sunny location and plant bulbs like lilies, gladioli, and dahlias according to the depth and spacing instructions on the package.

Finish Planting onions and early potatoes Task: Finish planting onion sets and early potatoes.

Why: Completing planting this month ensures they have enough growing time for a good harvest. How: Plant onion sets about 10-15cm apart in rows 30cm apart. Plant early potatoes in trenches or individual holes, 30cm apart in rows 60cm apart.

Monitor and control aphids Task: Watch for aphids and treat as necessary.

Why: Aphids can damage plants by sucking sap and spreading diseases.

How: Inspect plants regularly, especially the undersides of leaves. Use organic insecticidal soap or introduce beneficial insects like ladybirds to control aphids. Task: Monitor bulbs planted last winter for shoots. Why: Spring bulbs should start to emerge, signalling the start of their growing season. How: Check for new growth and ensure the area is weed-free. Add a light layer of mulch if needed to protect emerging shoots.

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THE INGLEWOOD GROUP OF CHURCHES—SERVICES



Services for Holy Week

Monday 30 March, 7.00pm, Holy Communion, Hesket

Tuesday 31 March, 7.00pm, Holy Communion Calthwaite

Wednesday 1 April, 7.00pm, Holy Communion Plumpton

Maundy Thursday, 2 April, 7.00pm, Holy Communion, Hutton
(with foot washing and stripping of the altar)

Good Friday, 3 April, Walk of Witness from Calthwaite to High Hesket, leaving
Calthwaite at 9.00am with a service in Hesket church at 11.00

An hour at the cross, 2.00 - 3.00pm, Skelton

Holy Saturday, 4 April, 7.30pm, Easter Vigil and Holy Communion, Ainstable
Church

Sunday, 5th April – Easter Sunday

9.15	Armathwaite	Morning Prayer
9.15	Calthwaite	Holy Communion
11.15	Skelton	Holy Communion
11.15	Hesket	Morning Prayer

Sunday, 12th April -Easter 2

9.15	Plumpton	Holy Communion
11.15	High Hesket	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hutton	Holy Communion

Sunday, 19th April - Easter 3

9.15	Armathwaite	Holy Communion
9.15	Calthwaite	Morning Worship
11.15	High Hesket	Holy Communion
11.15	Skelton	Morning Worship

Sunday, 26th April -Easter 4

9.15	Plumpton	Morning Prayer
9.15	Ainstable	Holy Communion
11.15	High Hesket	Morning Worship
11.15	Skelton	Morning Prayer
6.00pm	Hutton	Evening Prayer

Services of Morning Prayer, every week

Tuesdays 10.30: On Zoom, please contact Sue and Ken Bonsor for joining details

Thursdays 8.00am: Skelton Church

A Service of Evening Prayer: Sunday 26th April at 6.00pm

A new service of evening Prayer on the last Sunday of the month for the summer months at St James' Church, Hutton in the Forest

Prayer

Loving God,

We thank you for the joy of Easter and the gift of new life.
With grateful hearts, we give thanks for all we have received.

Bless our community with hope, peace, and kindness.
Help us to care for one another and to live in love and light.

The John Rutter Ensemble Inglewood Concerts

- Saturday April 18th, St Michael and All Angels, Ainstable, 7.00pm
- Sunday April 19th, St James, Church, Hutton in the Forest, 2.30pm



Tickets available on the door: cost £10 including refreshments,
Under 21s free

All proceeds for the upkeep and ministry of the Church

CUMBRIA SINGERS

invites you to their **Annual Concert** in **Carlisle Cathedral**
on **Sat. 25th April 2026 at 7.30pm.**

This programme of choral works by Haydn and Mozart, will include **Mozart's 'Great Mass in C Minor'**
Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy an evening of superb choral music in this magical historical setting!

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