



**Date of the next meeting:**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> 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!

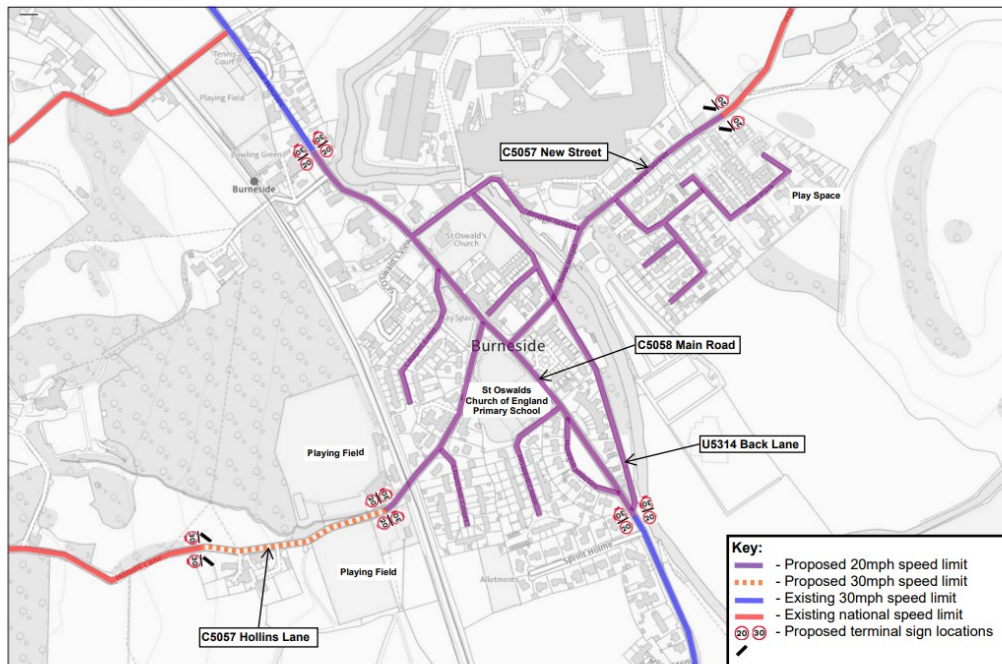
Burneside Parish Council have provisionally secured funding through Westmorland and Furness Council to reduce the speed limit in our village to 20mph. This initiative aims to promote safer roads, reduce vehicle noise, and enhance the environment for more walking and cycling.

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

[www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph](http://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/20mph)



### Proposed Changes to Speed Limits in Burneside



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### Abraham: the man who made the biggest leap of faith in history

If we need to get somewhere by public transport, we look at the route and trust the driver knows the way. By faith, we accept that he or she will get us safely to where we want to go.

It was very different for Abraham. God told him to leave his homeland and begin a journey, physically (and spiritually) to an unknown destination. He didn't even understand why God wanted him to move, but he trusted God anyway.

Abraham was born in a country far from Israel, now modern Iraq. His story covers hundreds of miles along with various events and incidents. Although he encountered numerous difficulties and challenges, Abraham lived in close fellowship with God.

We might like stability in our lives, but Abraham was unable to settle permanently anywhere. He lived a temporary existence. Slowly, gradually, God revealed to Abraham what he had to do. He was not perfect. In fact, he made several mistakes but God's plans for Abraham were not thwarted. God showed patience. Despite this man's failings, at times, God revealed His purposes.

God often calls people without giving them all the details! If we knew everything, we would not need faith. God does not always explain to us His ways – neither completely nor in one go. Abraham discovered aspects about God as time went on. It was a journey of faith; a life lived one step at a time.

We may look at Abraham's life and think we cannot have faith like him. If we were put to severe testing, we know we would fail. Our journey with God is different from his, but by his example we can rely on God's promises.

Abraham's life challenges us to believe in a great God and to obey Him. Like Abraham, at the end of our journey of faith, we have an eternal destination waiting for us.



*Lesley Amann*

**Annual Parochial Church meeting takes place on**  
 Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 12.15 pm in the Church meeting room,  
 all residents in the Parish are welcome to attend

## St.Oswald's Church May Services

3<sup>rd</sup> NO SERVICE

10<sup>th</sup> Morning worship 11am

17<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 11am

24<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion 11am



### Weekly Evening Prayers at St.Oswald's Church

Tuesdays @ 5.30pm  
in the Chapel



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

## COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE



### St Oswald's Church 100 Club



Annual subscription of £18 per  
number, fundraising for  
St Oswald's Church

Four draws- June 2026,  
September 2026, December  
2026 & March 2027

Prizes- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £50, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize  
£20 and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £10

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## Swifts, Swallows and House Martins need our help!!

Hello to all residents – we hope this finds you well and is of real interest.

You may be well aware that Swift, Swallow and House Martin populations across UK have fallen by 40% in the last 10 years.

There are two main reasons – the dramatic loss of flying insects (when was the last time you had to clean a mass of flies off your windscreen?) and loss of nesting sites. Modern homes do not have the holes and areas to make nests and modernisation of older buildings often results in losing pre-existing nest sites.

But all is not lost!! Many projects around the country and Europe have shown that setting up artificial nests (alongside conservation work to reduce use of pesticides and increase insect rich habits) can stem the losses and increase populations.

A group of us have already made a start in 2025 with House Martin nests in place around Bowston. We hope this can be extended this season.

There is now a wider effort to assist Swifts in South Lakeland which we are drawing on for advice. So this breeding season we want to find out where Swifts are currently nesting across the Parish and hope you can help us.

If you have Swifts using your house, or can see them using a nearby building, please get in touch below. We will build a map of nest sites – discuss with you about hosting a nest box in 2027 and trying to develop a 'Swifts in the Community' project supported by the Parish Council.

There is an excellent video on a successful Swift project in Leeds on Hamza's Wild Isles – on BBC iPlayer. I will send you a link if you email me.

So this year if you have Swifts nesting or would like to be part of this project contact me on [john.peatfield@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:john.peatfield@yahoo.co.uk) or Tonia on [tonia.armer@gmail.com](mailto:tonia.armer@gmail.com)

We will come to survey and map nest sites and chat about ways forward for 2027.

John, Tonia, Andy & Will.



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

[amanda@dashaw.co.uk](mailto:amanda@dashaw.co.uk) by the 3rd Sunday of the month