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**MAY 2026**

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## **A PASTORAL LETTER FOR MAY 2026**

I write this on the Sunday after Easter which was traditionally known as Low Sunday. Low Sunday was a day of reflection and calm after the festivities and excess of the Octave of Easter. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days until Pentecost (Whit Sunday) on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

Historically, Easter began a period of celebration and feasting. The harsh restrictions of Lent were no longer in effect and to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, a week of gluttony and partying commenced. This reflected the older pre-Christian origins, where a whole month was dedicated to worshipping the goddess Uostre.

Low Sunday falls on the day, according to the Gospels, when Jesus appeared to doubting Thomas, where Thomas is asked by Jesus to stick his finger into the wound in Christ's side.

I have always felt that Thomas has rather a bad press. When we read the Gospel story, we realise that the rest of the disciples did not believe in the resurrection until they had seen Jesus on the evening of Easter Day. Thomas was not there on that evening, but as soon as he saw the proof for himself a week later, he believed - just as they had!

One of the greatest blessings we encounter if we have a Christian faith, is the freedom to admit when we have doubts. If we are Christians, we can dare to ask tough questions concerning our faith and traditions. We each have a God-given brain and intelligence, and we might wish to delve more deeply into our faith and voice our doubts. Doubt can be a wonderful tool that propels us into deeper learning about many things and into spiritual revelation. Faith based on absolute certainty can lead to fanaticism, but faith tempered with doubt is mature and stable.

As we travel through Spring and into Summer, may we each have the courage to voice our doubts in life and to help each other grow and flourish as the human beings we are created to be.

Kind regards Sarah Lunn

## SERVICES IN THE DEANERY IN MAY 2026

### 3<sup>rd</sup> May - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 7: 5-end; 1 Peter 2: 2-10; John 14: 1-14*

- 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at Wark
- 9.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham
- 9.30am Holy Communion at Birtley
- 10.30am MURC Service at Wark
- 11.00am Holy Communion Otterburn (*Note Change*)
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Simonburn
- 11.00am Service of the Word at Falstone
- 4.00pm Holy Communion at Bingfield
- 5.00pm Holy Communion at Corsenside (*Note change of location for Summer*)
- 7.00pm Refresh Contemporary Worship at Humshaugh

### 10<sup>th</sup> May - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Rogation Sunday)

*Readings: Acts 17: 22-31; 1 Peter 3: 13-end; John 14: 15-21*

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Thockrington
- 9.00am Holy Communion at Thorneyburn
- 10.00am Service of the Word at Chollerton
- 11.15am Holy Communion at Elsdon (*Note change of time*)
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Wall
- 6.00pm Holy Communion at Wark
- 6.00pm Evensong at Bellingham

### 14<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension Day

*Readings : Acts 1: 1-11; Ephesians 1: 15-end ; Luke 24: 44-end*

- 10.00am Benefice Communion for North Tyne and Redesdale at Bellingham
- 7.00pm Benefice Communion for Lower North Tyne at Bingfield

### 17<sup>th</sup> May - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*Readings: Acts 1: 6-14; 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5: 6-11; John 17: 1-11*

- 9.00am Holy Communion at Gunnerton
- 10.00am Service of the Word at Birtley
- 10.00am Service of the Word at Bellingham
- 10.30am MURC at Wark
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Falstone
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Humshaugh
- 11.00am Service of the Word at Otterburn
- 11.30am Service of the Word at Bingfield
- 3.00pm Holy Communion at Horsley
- 6.00pm Evensong at Simonburn

### 24<sup>th</sup> May - Day of Pentecost

*Readings : Acts 2: 1-21; 1 Corinthians 12 3b-13; John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39*

- 9.30am Deanery Zoom
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Bellingham BCP
- 11.00am Holy Communion at Chollerton

11.00am	Holy Communion at Heavenfield
11.15am	Service of the Word at Elsdon (Note change of time)
3.00pm	Holy Communion at Byrness
6.00pm	Taizé Service at Humshaugh
6.00pm	Evening Service at Thorneyburn
6.00pm	Service of the Word at Wark

<b>31<sup>st</sup> May - Trinity Sunday</b>	
<i>Readings : Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-end; 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end; Matthew 28: 16-end</i>	
10.30am	Benefice Communion for North Tyne and Redesdale at Byrness
11.00am	Benefice Communion for Lower North Tyne at Birtley

## NOTICEBOARD



**FALSTONE COFFEE MORNINGS:** The next coffee morning is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 10.30-11.45 Falstone Village Hall. May is “Stroke Awareness Month” and is our chosen good cause for our May coffee morning. Let’s Make May Purple! to support stroke survivors. If you wish you can wear something purple – or even dye your hair purple !

**2025 ACHIEVEMENTS:** As part of our annual church review, we counted up what we’ve managed to achieve at our coffee mornings in 2025 and we were amazed and incredibly humbled.

- We held 11 coffee mornings in 2025 – one more than in 2024
- In 2025 the attendees of Falstone coffee mornings raised a total of £2,549 for charities (an astonishing increase of 50% on the previous year!). The charities we collected for were: Doddie Aid, Pancreatic cancer, Great North Air Ambulance, Children North-East, Prostate cancer, Calvert Kielder, Freeman Heart and Lung Association, Tynedale Hospice at Home and Royal British Legion.
- We secured a Karbon Homes grant covering the cost of the village hall hire and refreshments so we have been able to donate 100% of contributions you made directly to these charities.
- The numbers of people coming to our coffee mornings in Falstone increased by 30% in 2025 – meaning we’ve served more than 500 cups of tea and coffee for over 300 people!

*In summary our charity donations have increased – participation has increased and most importantly smiles have increased! One regular attendee has named coffee mornings the “Laugh a Minute Club”.*

I was interested to hear one of the NASA Associate Directors say about the recent successful Artemis II space mission: “it takes 1,000 people to successfully launch and ensure safe return of a space mission”. Well it’s a bit like that with a coffee morning everyone in the team makes a contribution to ensuring we all have an enjoyable time: servers, poster makers, tea makers, coffee brewers, cake makers, cleaner-uppers, chair putter-outers, grant providers and every one of you who come along to chat, share stories, laugh and smile. A huge “Thank you!” for all your smiles and your support. We look forward to continuing serving you in 2026, and seeing you all at one of our next Falstone coffee mornings on 19<sup>th</sup> May/16<sup>th</sup> June/21<sup>st</sup> July – come and join the fun!

Love, Marie Ness (on behalf of Falstone “Laugh a Minute Club”)

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**COACH TRIP TO POOLEY BRIDGE/ULLSWATER:** On Tuesday 2nd June 2026, we are delighted to invite you to our next coach trip to Pooley Bridge (Ullswater), with a comfort break at Houghton Hall Garden Centre on the way

Pooley Bridge is a picturesque Lake District village at the northern tip of Ullswater. It has several cafés and pubs – pretty much all of which have lovely lakeside views. Ullswater steamers run scenic boat trips around the lake (10 minute walk to pier).

Approximate timings: Leave Falstone (Black Cock car park) at 9am; Pick up at Tasset (Lane Head bus stop) at 9.05am; Pick up at Bellingham (outside Cheviot Pub) at 9.15am and final pick up Wark (from the bus stop opposite West Acres) at 9.25am

The first stop will be for coffee at Houghton Hall Garden Centre at 10.30am-11.15am (approx.), then on to Pooley Bridge (arrive approx. 12noon).

The bus will leave Pooley Bridge at around 4.30pm and will return to Falstone (dropping people off on the way) around 6.30pm

The coach trip is supported by a grant from the Ray Wind Funds CIC Small Donations Fund. The Fund has been established by energy company Vattenfall for the benefit of the communities hosting the Ray Windfarm. We are therefore able to offer places at **£5 per person**. For more information and to book your place, please contact Marie Ness (Tel : 01434 240679).

**\*UPDATE:** *There are now just 5 spaces left, so if you would like to come, please do book as soon as possible to guarantee your place.\**

**JOHN STEVENSON:** John Stevenson, who died recently, served for over thirty years as Bellingham Churchwarden. He was also an active member of the Masons and he ran the Reed Hall charity. He worked at the Heritage Centre and helped to run the Leek Club. The village will sorely miss his steady hand on the tiller of so many good causes.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his widow, Pat, and to his daughter Laura, grandson William and their family.

We would like to put a bench in St Cuthbert's churchyard to remember John. If you would like to contribute, please either put cash in an envelope, clearly marked 'J Stevenson bench', in the Donations box in St Cuthbert's Bellingham or transfer contributions by BACS to:

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## COFFEE MORNING

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We look forward to seeing you there!

From Revds.  
Bob and Mary Bain

**QUIET DAY AT ALNMOUTH FRIARY:** The monthly prayer group invite you to a Quiet Day at Alnmouth. Everyone is welcome! Please contact Sally Napier or Cathy Smith if you would like to join the group, or if you would like more details.

On 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026 from 10am to 3.30pm, there will be an opportunity to step away from the distractions of everyday life, relax with friends and find space with God. The day will offer two led sessions, together with some personal time to either explore the village or the beach or enjoy a time of quiet and personal reflection. There will also be the opportunity to join the Friary community for communion. We will enjoy a 'bring and share' lunch together. Shared travel will be organised and a £10 donation is suggested.



## GOD'S WORLD - OUR WORLD

The earth is warming and the daylight hours are lengthening, and our beautiful churchyards are making the transition from winter to spring. The snowdrops have given way to the daffodils in a beautiful display of nature's renewal. The warming sunshine gives us an invitation to get into the outdoors and feel invigorated by the season.

If you would like to be involved in caring for God's creation, why not sign up for the Friends of Corsenside newsletter and see what activities are planned for the year in the wildflower meadow, or you may like to join the Friends of Bellingham Glebe who will be meeting monthly to manage the land behind the Rectory for nature. Get in touch at [friendsofcorsenside@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcorsenside@gmail.com) or [friendsofbellinghamglebe@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbellinghamglebe@gmail.com) for more information.

If you are out and about you may be interested in two great apps to help you learn more about what you are seeing. I love the app **Flora Incognita** for identifying plants and the **Merlin Bird ID** app is wonderful for identifying birds from their song. Both apps are free and easy to use – why not download one and have a play?

Enjoy the spring!

## **NEWS FROM BYRNES**

It's been another quiet month at St. Francis with reduced footfall from hikers probably due to the torrential rain on and off throughout March. We look forward to the Summer Spine in June and I understand that Bishop Helen Ann is running the Northern Challenge. Our Chinese friend visited again a couple of weeks ago, he is on his third reading of the Bible in English, referring back to Mandarin for clarity and understanding. What a task.

A meeting is arranged this week to try and finalise a programme with National Parks Volunteers to help tidy-up the Graveyard. Byrness now has a Volunteer Group which will also muck in, folk will help on tasks around the village (litter pick) etc. and at St. Francis which is a massive help.

We also have a Red Squirrel Support Group, where we can log sightings of Nutkin via cameras, recordings, and signs along the A68 asking motorist to be aware. Thanks must go to Helen, Mark and Kim in the village.

Everything is bursting into life and the daffodils have been beautiful around the Church, Forestry England have placed a new picnic table and bench in the meadow below St Francis see the photograph, which will be much used.

The APCM at the end of the month together with Otterburn and Elsdon is a good opportunity to catch up with neighbouring parishes.



## **NEWS FROM CORSENSIDE**

The Holy Island Pilgrims visited Corsenside Village Hall on March 31<sup>st</sup> for lunchtime refreshments, and it was good to see some familiar faces again, as well as some new ones. We celebrated with grace before the meal and afterwards, there were some readings and hymns.

Thank you to Andrea Ashcroft and Freddie McComb for helping to make the event

possible and also to Barbara Gibson and Mary Virden for their much appreciated contribution of food.

On Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May, there will be a classical guitar recital by Richard Durrant at All Saints in West Woodburn (NE48 2SG) in aid of the Corsenside Parish churches. The event starts at 7.30pm and the tickets cost £20 each and there is a small booking fee when booking online. As the pews are not designed for sitting in comfort (rather, their purpose is to keep the congregation awake and alert!), you are very welcome to bring cushions with you. There are no numbered seats. Tickets are available from <https://www.ticketsource.com> and search for Richard Durrant.

Christian Aid Week runs from 10<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May in 2026 and in Corsenside, Christian Aid envelopes will again be dropped through West Woodburn doors during the course of the week. In these times of increasing hardship and poverty in third world countries (due, amongst other factors, to climate turbulence, decreases in government aid and falling charity revenues), please do consider donating, however little, if you can. Envelopes can be returned to Barbara Gibson at the Old Coach House opposite the Bay Horse (on the Bellingham Road), or to Diana Staszewski at Green Rigg (next door to the Village Hall on the East Woodburn Road) by Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. Alternatively, you can bring any donations down to the 'Cuppa and a Chat' session the Village Hall on Weds 13<sup>th</sup> May between 2pm and 3.30pm.

Finally, there will be a plant sale in aid of the Corsenside Churches running between mid-May and mid-June. This will take the form of a table-top sale on the verge at Middle Woodburn, near All Saints' Church, with a variety of annuals, perennials, vegetable seedlings and other plants on offer. All contributions to the table would be very welcome. Please contact Hugo Remnant on 07760 184503 or [hugo.remnant@btinternet.com](mailto:hugo.remnant@btinternet.com)

With all best wishes from Diana

## NEWS FROM ELSDON

A fun fundraiser for St. Cuthbert's Elsdon was held on Friday 24th April in the village hall. 'Race Night' was a virtual horse-racing event using locally-named horses played via a DVD on the village hall's big screen. We enjoyed socialising over pizza in an exciting atmosphere, whilst raising money to keep the church open. A real win all round!

'Brew and Banter' has changed its times to 10am-11.30am on the last Tuesday every month, in the village hall. It's another opportunity to meet up with folks over tea, coffee and biscuits. New faces are always very welcome. The next 'Brew and Banter' sessions are on Tuesday 26th May, Tues 30th June, Tues 28th July, Tues 25th August and Tues 29th September.



## NEWS FROM FALSTONE

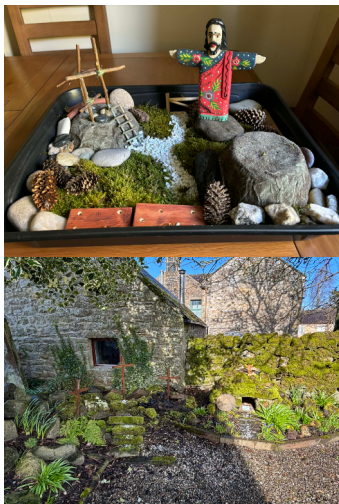
The life of a churchwarden is always busy, but leading up to Easter and during this time I think is the busiest time of the year.

The busyness started at St Peter's on Palm Sunday, which is when we hosted the North of the Deanery 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Eucharist service, and it was lovely to see folk from other churches attending. I was looking after my friend's two children that weekend, so they attended too. Keira (aged 15) and Amelia (aged 7) helped me both set up the church and clear away afterwards. Amelia loved ringing the bell and Keira took the part of St Peter when we read *The Passion of Christ*. This gospel reading details the final suffering, crucifixion, and death of Jesus and is found in all four Gospels. I played the part of criminal 2...!

The Easter chocolate morning was well attended by locals and visitors, and there was lots of chatter - a huge "Thank you!" must go to all the volunteers and stall holders. The children made Easter bonnets during the morning, and the competition to decorate a hard-boiled egg in the theme of *100 years of Kielder Forest* had lots of entries. Margaret Bird won the "older folk" section, with an egg which was beautifully hand-painted in acrylic, depicting an osprey nesting in the trees. Dylan Swan won the under 4 years category, his sister Emma won the 5-9 years category and Neave Swailes won the 10-15 years section. There were some wonderful and imaginative entries this year, and the eggs were left in the village hall to become part of the *100 Years of Forestry* exhibition, which was held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of April.

We were sadly unable to decorate the cross in the churchyard this year with the usual flowers, due to storm Dave who arrived on the Saturday evening. I personally think a storm should have a more menacing name like *Titan* or *Trojan* rather than 'Dave' - apologies to all you Dave's out there...!





Katrine Anderson (PCC treasurer) and I were up with the larks on Easter Sunday to travel to the Thockrington sunrise service, a place we have been a few times before. We were late for the service, although we managed to see the sunrise from the car as we were driving! I would like to say we were delayed due to a massive fallen tree on the road caused by Storm Dave, which we then had to grapple with (and cut up with a chainsaw we just happened to have in the boot of the car) to unblock the road, but in reality, we got lost - or I should say "I got lost", as I was the driver. In our defence the sign for Thockrington after the Carrycoats turn-off had been knocked down. That is our excuse, and we are sticking to it!

We did, however, arrive in time to celebrate the Eucharist with the other early risers! Thank you to Rector Sarah Lunn for taking this special service and supplying us with chocolate eggs afterwards.

St Peter's held a lovely family Easter Day service and there were 28 adults and 14 children present, which made for a lively morning. Rev Mike Wilkinson and I prepared this family-friendly service. Mike played his guitar, the children read the prayers and poems, played the percussion instruments and heard the Easter Story, which I read out to them, and I illustrated the story with a model of the Easter Garden which The Eric (my Dad) had made (see photo). The children especially enjoyed hunting for the chocolate treats in the churchyard afterwards, it was lovely to see the sun shining. (see photo) Thanks to John Waller, a member of St Peter's congregation, who supplied the most beautiful daffodils and tulips from his garden and which decorated the church.



PS: Did anyone try to ring the telephone number I put in last month's copy of the magazine? If you did, it would have got you through to the Women's Health Unit at the RVI - which is my work number! Oops and sorry!

Best wishes, Jill Swaile (Churchwarden and ALM)

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## NEWS FROM THORNEYBURN

The second 'Techie Tea' hosted by the regular Thursday Coffee morning went well and several people got some help with their phone and computers, and we had three GenZ helpers! ie youngsters who sorted stuff out for us older ones... we also had our first one at the Holly Bush who were happy to host one there for those who would like to learn while having a pint rather than a coffee. They are likely to be back if people are interested, for the May coffee morning and on the 11<sup>th</sup> at the Holly Bush.



The wonderful Altar Frontal made by the schoolchildren and community was dedicated in a lovely service attended by Greenhaugh School (wearing their Easter Bonnets) and a congregation of about 30+ embroiderers, community and parents on 24<sup>th</sup> March. We revisited the themes of our Fragile Earth and the importance of caring for God's Creation and each other, as well as



being told the Easter Story. It was a fantastic community event ending with cake and chocolates enjoyed by all. The Frontal remains up on the altar for all to see and is a great record of the project that the church, community and children were involved in over 4 years.

The Church and Community Partnership have set up a Community Transport scheme which I told you about in the last newsletter to help those people who cannot get to GP appointments or community events such as coffee mornings and church etc. This service is being well used and although there is no official fee, donations are encouraged to help the scheme carry on and help more people. The

volunteer drivers are paid 45p per mile to cover their costs and if people can give it is appreciated. We now have 2 female members of our church as drivers too. If you have no other means of getting to important appointments, then ring me so I can refer you in.



Our Easter Communion and Picnic on Easter Sunday was well attended with about 17 there who were treated to an unusual but jolly, informal! Communion (we ate cake throughout the service) as the weather was not conducive to a picnic outside and we admired the scenery and nature of the new altar frontal and the wonderful Easter gardens instead.

We have just held our APCM (agm of the PCC) and for that I must report a review of the year's activities and church building and churchyard etc. Looking back on 2025 we had a lively year with 2 delightful weddings, a lively christening as well as 2 funerals, alongside our regular services. The church and churchyard was kept in good repair and several community events were held such as soup and puds. The church is there to serve you and whether you attend for major life events, come to big services or just pop in for a moment of quiet or need support at a time of crisis, you are always welcome. This can only happen with the hard work of a dedicated team of volunteers, Readers and clergy. If you have any free time, we will welcome you to get involved with whatever we are doing, you don't have to regularly attend church to do so.

The funeral of Brenda Meacham will be held at Thorneyburn on Saturday 16th May at 1pm, with a brief graveside service of committal. Sue Meacham has said that anyone who knew her mam, would be more than welcome to join the family.

The plant stall is finally up and running, so feel free to call and check it out. I always welcome donations of plants (flowers and vegetables) too.

Going forward into summer, we will be holding Communion services at 9am on the second Sunday and Service of the Word normally at 6pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

I have just seen my first house martin, so spring and summer are on their way...enjoy!

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## **A BRIEF WORD FROM THE EDITOR**

This month's cover photo was provided by Cathy Smith, and shows Corsenside Church in brilliant sunshine and clear blue skies (for those of you who are reading the print version of the magazine, the skies really **are** blue...!)

If you have anything you would like to see included in the magazine (articles, cartoons, news, photos, events, birthdays, etc.), please feel free to email it to: [sarahMOTW@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahMOTW@btinternet.com)

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