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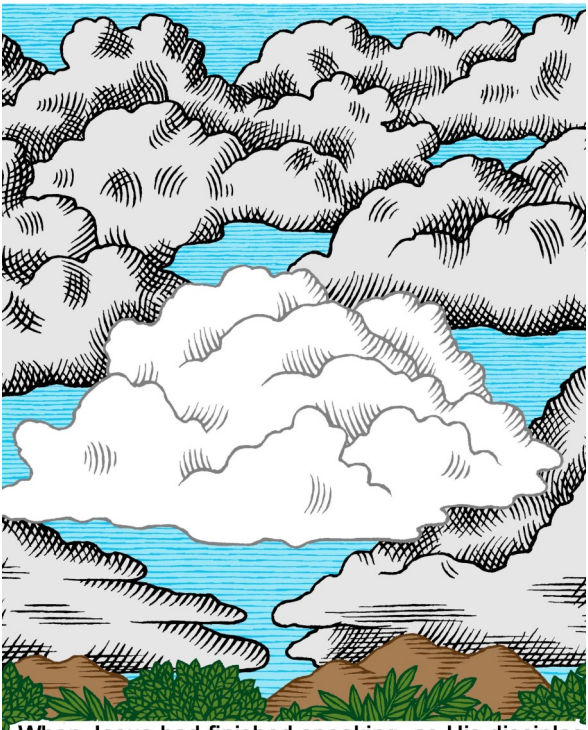

. When Jesus had finished speaking, as His disciples watched intently, He was taken up into heaven and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Acts 1:7-9

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May 2026

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Readings for May 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter **May 3, 2026**
1st Reading Acts 7:55-end *or* Gen. 8:1-19 Psalm 31:1-5,15-16
2nd Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10 *or* Acts 7:55-end Gospel John 14:1-14

Sixth Sunday of Easter **May 10, 2026**
1st Reading Acts 17:22-31 *or* Gen.8:20-9:17 Psalm 66:7-end
2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:13-end *or* Acts 17:22-31 Gospel John 14:15-21

Seventh Sunday of Easter **May 17, 2026**
1st Reading Acts 1:6-14 *or* Ezek. 36:24-28 Psalm 68:1-10,32-end
2nd Reading 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 *or* Acts 1:6-14 Gospel John 17:1-11

Day of Pentecost **May 24, 2026**
1st Reading Acts 2:1-21 *or* Numbers 11:24-30 Psalm 104:26-end
2nd Reading 1 Cor. 12:3b-13 *or* Acts 2:1-21 Gospel John 20:19-23 or 7:37-39

Trinity Sunday **May 31, 2026**
1st Reading Isaiah 40:12-17,27-end Psalm 8
2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 13:11-end Gospel Matthew 28:16-end

This edition's Thought for the Month comes from

Lester Amann, a member of the Parish Pump team.

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.

Sunday 31st May— Joint Team Service

On the fifth Sunday in a month, we come together for worship as a team. This month we will be gathering together at St Mary's Church in Longsleddale.
The service starts at **11am**

The Little Black Dog

I wonder if Christ had a little black dog,
All curly and wooly like mine;
With two silky ears and a nose round and wet,
And two eyes, brown and tender, that shine.

I'm afraid that He hadn't, because I have read
How He prayed in the garden alone;
For all of His friends and disciples had fled--
Even Peter, the one called a stone.

And I am sure that little black dog,
With a heart so tender and warm,
Would never have left Him to suffer alone,
But creeping right under his arm,

Would have licked those dear fingers, in agony clasped;
And counting all favors but loss,
When they took Him away would have trotted behind,
And followed Him quietly to the Cross. *Anon.*

(thanks to Eileen Allen for submitting this Eastertide poem)

From The Registers

Funerals:
2nd April - Kendal - Jean Mary Wilson
10th April - Kendal - Edith Howard
22nd April - Longsleddale - Kathleen Dixon
28th April - Kendal - Brenda Cottam

Worship With Us

St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:.

Sunday 3rd May - Morning Worship 11am
Sunday 10th May - Holy Communion 11am
Sunday 17th May - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 24th May - *Join a service at another church*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

Sunday 3rd May - Holy Communion BCP 9.30am
Sunday 10th May - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 17th May - Holy Communion CW 9.30am
Sunday 24th May - Evening Worship 6.30pm (after 5pm APCM)

St George, Kendal

Sunday 3rd May - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 10th May - APCM 3pm Worship@4 4.00pm
Sunday 17th May - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 24th May - Holy Communion 9.30am
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St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 3rd May - *No service - feel free to join another church*
Sunday 10th May - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 17th May - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 24th May - Holy Communion 11am

St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 3rd May - Abbey Service 10.30am

Sunday 31st May - Joint Team Service 11am at St Mary's.

Worship With Us

St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 3rd May - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 10th May - Morning Worship 9.30am + APCM
Sunday 17th May - Evening Worship (BCP) 6pm
Sunday 24th May - Morning Worship 11.00am

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Every Tuesday 6.00pm Short Evening Prayer
at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside
Every Wednesday 9.30am: BCP Holy Communion
at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside

Online Worship is available throughout the week via Zoom
Please contact Revd Jean Radley for details of how to join in
Regular weekday Zoom services include :

* **Mondays** 8.30pm : Compline
* **Fridays** 8.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

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Revd Michelle: *"Now that I live next door to St John's Church, Skelsmergh, I have decided to say my daily office in the church itself on* ***Tuesday*** *and* ***Thursday mornings****. I'll be there at* ***9 am*** *for around 15-20 minutes. It would be really lovely if you felt able to join me there.*

Perhaps you might pop in once in a while, or maybe it's something you would appreciate being part of more regularly. There will be no expectation for you to do anything other than just come and enjoy a quiet 20 minutes at the start of a busy day " **Revd Michelle**

Georgina Walker has sadly died; she was a loyal member, always smiling, helping and being a friend to us all. Please remember her family in your prayers. She will be missed.

Our March meeting was re-arranged to host the Lady Day Service for the Archdeaconry South. Rev Michelle arranged the service using the Mothers Union information, and also took the service. We welcomed friends and members from across the deanery. It was lovely to have our Diocesan President, Ann Wodeman, joining us. Christine Hill chose the hymns and accompanied us on the piano. Thank you Christine. Members took part in the service. Ann Wodeman led the prayers.

Following the service we all enjoyed refreshments in the Radley Room. It was so nice to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Thank you to Rev Michelle for a lovely service, to all our members who helped, for providing cakes, and in any way to make it a special afternoon, and also to Heather for her help.

27th May meeting – please note this will be at Grayrigg Coronation Hall at 2pm and will be a talk by a member from Sight Advice. All are welcome.

Future dates:

17th – 19th June 2026, Rydal Family Weekend.
24th June 2026 - our summer outing to Levens Hall.
Sun. 8th August 2026, Mary Sumner Day (more details to follow)

Mary Atkinson (Branch Leader)

Kendal Choral Society
SPRING CONCERT
THE ARMED MAN
A Mass For Peace, Karl Jenkins
with KYRIE from Missa L'homme Armé
Super Voces Musicales, Josquin des Prez

Saturday 23rd May, 7:30pm
St. George's Church, Kendal

Director: Duncan Lloyd • Keyboard: Shaun Turnbull
with The Amici Ensemble & contralto soloist Daisy Mitchell

£15 (pay on the door or ring 01539 725093)

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CUMBRIA
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Dance Atikk are one of the groups that meet regularly at St George's Church, holding classes in the Upper Room.

PLANT SALE

SATURDAY, 30th MAY
10am—1pm
Grayrigg Coronation Hall

Planted Hanging Baskets
Tubs & Troughs
Bedding & Vegetable Plants
Perennials

ALL ORDERS TO BE RECEIVED BY 25TH APRIL PLEASE.

Coffee & cakes will be on sale
Proceeds for St. John's Church, Grayrigg

Orders / enquiries please contact Kath on 07736 125236 / 01539 824630
or kath.dickinson@btinternet.com

Your support would be appreciated

UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAYRIGG

1st May **Pub Night** 7.30pm onward

17th May 1pm Sunday Lunch with Kath in the Coronation Hall

Cottage Pie with Veg. (veggie option available)
followed by fruit pie with cream/ice-cream.
£15 per head by ticket only - limited to 45 people
Proceeds for Grayrigg School. Contact Kath on 07736 125236 or email: kath.dickinson@btinternet.com

30th May Annual Plant Sale in the Coronation Hall
10am – 1pm
Enquiries to Kath 07736 125236 or
kath.dickinson@btinternet.com
Proceeds for Church funds

5th June Pub Night 7.30pm onward

12th June SEA SHANTY BAND - The Scrimshankers 7pm
In the Coronation Hall (Food on arrival)
Tickets £8 from Merryll on 07837 083288 by June 5th
All proceeds to Bay Search & Rescue

3rd July Pub Night 7.30pm onwards

4th July THE HOUGHTON WEAVERS 7.30pm

in the Coronation Hall Tickets £15 from Kath:
07736 125236 or kath.dickinson@btinternet.com
Proceeds for Church Funds

Regular Meetings in Grayrigg

Grayrigg Table Tennis Club - holds matches in the Coronation Hall from September to May. Anyone who would like to play in a team please contact Kevin Hunter on 07813 133507

Pickleball – takes place every Thursday evening 6-8pm in the Coronation Hall £3

Grayrigg Young Farmers - meet every Tuesday for meetings and social events.

The Grayrigg Good Neighbours

Join us every second Tuesday of the month in the Coronation Hall at **7.30pm** for a get-together and talks or craft activities. All welcome.

12th May — My Travels Around Africa with Emma Littlewood

There will be 9 monthly meetings: Annual Membership £12
£3 per visit for non-member

Laughter Lines

Three elderly ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning.
The Methodist minister observed, "Windy, isn't it?"
"No", the Baptist pastor said, "It's Thursday."
The Anglican vicar agreed: "So am I! Let's go and get a pint."

The Deanery of Kendal

Ascension Day

We celebrate the Ascension as we gather as churches of the Kendal Deanery, welcoming as our preacher The Reverend Jennifer Totney, the newly appointed Diocesan Ministry Development Lead.

Thursday 14th May
7.30pm
at St Peter's Heversham

Anna Chaplaincy
for older people
Kendal
Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria

Everyone is welcome to the

KENDAL TEA SERVICE

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

A short service with a Bible reading,
3 traditional hymns and prayers
Followed by Tea and Cake

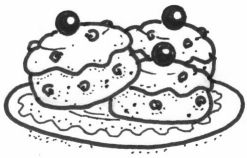
Thursday 21st May 2.30 pm at Kendal Parish Church
For more information about the Tea Service or Anna Chaplaincy in Kendal please contact Beverley Moore 07507 749238 or bevmoore.annachaplaincy@gmail.com

St George's Church
Chatter and Natter

Friday May 29th 2026
from 10am to 11.30am

All are welcome to join us on the last Friday of every month in the Radley Room for Tea/coffee, cake and meet up with friends.

For further information ring
Sue Whittaker 07866341554



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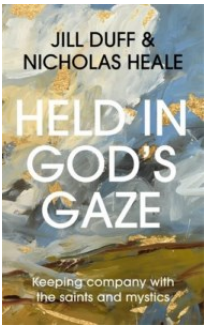
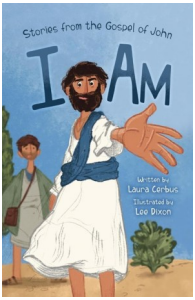


Held in God's Gaze – Keeping Company with the Saints and Mystics
By Jill Duff & Nicholas Heale, SPCK, £15.99

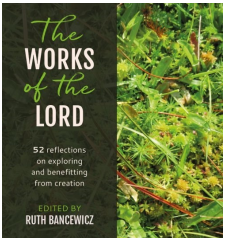
Discover the wisdom, prayer, and spiritual insight of saints and mystics across Christian history.
Jill Duff and Nicholas Heale invite readers to share in their experience of friendship with holy figures, from ancient and Celtic saints to medieval mystics, women spiritual leaders, the Spanish Mystics, and modern voices of faith. Through short, engaging chapters, the authors explore how these saints encountered God through prayer, scripture, and devotion, offering reflections that help readers grow in spiritual maturity. Each chapter concludes with study questions, perfect for individual meditation or group discussion.



I Am - Stories from the Gospel of John ~~£6.99~~ now £4

"I Am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live."

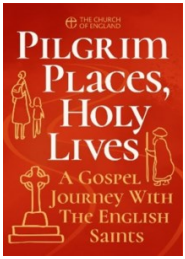
In this book written for 8-12s, the eight "I Am" sayings of Jesus are imaginatively retold from the point of view of John, the Gospel writer, helping children engage with God's word.



The Works of the Lord: 52 biblical reflections on science, technology and creation
By Ruth Bancewicz, BRF, £12.99

'Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them,' says Psalm 111:2.
We all benefit from science, and we all make choices about how to use its fruits.
This series of reflections lets scientific discoveries fuel your worship and helps you to consider how we can move forward wisely in a scientific society. Written by a diverse group of scientists and theologians associated with the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, UK, you are invited into the conversation whether you are a scientist or not, and you are given the opportunity to respond in both praise and practical action.
Available through South Lakes Christian Resources & Lynne Magee.

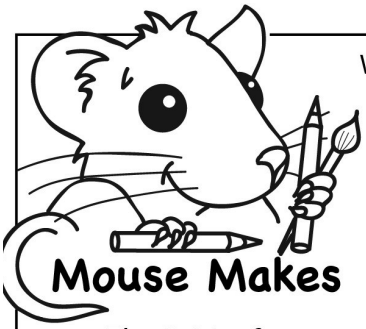
This summer, the Church of England offers a new series of reflections centred around pilgrimage – places and stories that help us feel part of something bigger on our journey towards God. Running from the day after Pentecost (25 May) to 21 June, these readings and reflections explore eight places which were important in the spread of Christianity in England, and the stories of the saints who lived there.



Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives is a full-colour devotional booklet which offers 24 days of Bible readings, reflections, questions and prayers on the ancient practice of pilgrimage. From Durham to Canterbury, Lindisfarne to Lastingham, it will help you reflect on what it means to live as a pilgrim on a purposeful journey through life.

Each week focuses on two saints who dedicated their lives to God and shared the gospel with others, enabling us to see the saints not merely as remarkable people from the past but as fellow travellers on the pilgrim journey who can shape our identity, our worship, and our witness to the world today..

Copies available from the Beacon Team Office £3.99



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

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Genesis 1:2

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of the Father.

Acts 1:4

What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

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Acts 2:1-41

How many believers were baptised that day?

The Spirit of

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Romans 8:15

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John 14:26

The Spirit of

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John 16:13

The Spirit of

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Acts 16:7

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The Fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5:22-23

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

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Beacon Team Events

Entertainment by *the last of the Red Hot Strummers Ukelele Band*
Music, humour and enjoyment.

At Skelsmergh Community Hall

Sunday 24th May 2.30pm

Tickets £10
(to include refreshments) from
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"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good…'?"

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11am-2pm
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