

May

- 8th** Cuppa and Cake, Low Hesket Village hall 2pm
- 11th Armathwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 16th Old School Hall Armathwaite— Live music—The Hoo
- 25th Armathwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 26th Anna Chaplaincy Tea Service, Skelton Methodist Chapel 2.30pm
- 29th St Mary's Church High Hesket Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am

June

- 4th Low Hesket village hall Cheese and Wine social
- 5th St Michael's Church, Skelton ' Summers evening with The Morland Ukulele Group'
- 6th Old School Hall Armathwaite— big lunch
- 8th Armathwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 12th Cuppa and Cake, Low Hesket Village hall 2pm
- 14th Afternoon teas in All Saints Church, Calthwaite.
- 14th Hutton in the Forest—Car show
- 22nd Armathwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 23rd Anna Chaplaincy Tea Service, Skelton Methodist Chapel 2.30pm
- 26th St Mary's Church High Hesket Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am
- 27th/28th Armathwaite Open Gardens
- 28th Hutton in the Forest—Antique Fair

July

- 3rd Hesket MU Coffee Morning—Low Hesket village hall.
- 13th Armathwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 19th Old School Hall Armathwaite—Family BBQ
- 21st St Michael's Church, Skelton 'Family Treasure Hunt.
- 27th Armathwaite Old School Hall Community Café 11.30 am—2.00 pm
- 31st St Mary's Church High Hesket Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am

- August** 1st Produce Show—Low Hesket village hall

September

- 4th Low Hesket Village Hall Quiz night with pie and pea supper.
- 5th St Michaels Church, Skelton Coffee Morning 10.30am Skelton Memorial Hall
Big Breakfast for All Saints Church in Calthwaite School.
- 11th St Mary's High Hesket Cheese and Wine tasting
- 25th** St Mary's Church High Hesket Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am

October

- 5th St Michael's Church, Skelton Harvest Supper
- 25th Low Hesket Village Hall Christmas Shopping afternoon

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Notes from the Vicar

May is a month that often feels full — longer days, gardens coming into life, exams on the horizon, and summer adventures to be planned. There is a sense of things gathering pace. And in the midst of that, there are moments that invite us to pause, and to look a little more closely at the world around us and the lives we are living within it.

Rogationtide falls in the days leading up to Ascension Day (May 14th) and has long been a time of prayer for the land, the crops, and the life of the community. Traditionally, people would walk the boundaries of the parish — “beating the bounds” — asking for God’s blessing on the fields, the work of human hands, and the rhythms of the natural world. Today, it still offers an invitation to notice what sustains us: the food we eat, the labour behind it, and the fragile balance of creation. It is a moment to give thanks, and also to pray honestly for a world facing environmental strain. To walk, to pray, to pay attention — these simple acts draw us back to the truth that all we have is gift, and all we tend is held in God’s care.

Our Ascension Day service will be at Armathwaite Church at 11.00am. Each May, Christian Aid invites us to look beyond our immediate surroundings and remember that we belong to a global community. It is easy to feel that the problems of the world are too large, too complex, too far away for us to make any real difference. And yet, the Christian story has always been one of small acts carrying great love. A donation, a conversation, a decision to notice — these are all signs of a different way of living, shaped by compassion rather than indifference. Christian Aid Week is not simply about fundraising; it is about recognising both the injustice that persists and the possibility of change. Through our response, however modest, we take our place in that persistent work of hope.

Although we no longer deliver and collect envelopes, there will be opportunities to give during Christian Aid week, there are envelopes in church and collecting boxes. You can also donate online: www.christianaid.co.uk

May can also be a heavy month for many. For young people facing exams, and for teachers carrying the responsibility of guiding them, the pressure can feel unrelenting. There are deadlines, revision schedules, and the quiet fear of not being enough. In the midst of all this, it is worth remembering that our value is not measured by exams: each person is more than their performance, more than a set of results on a page.

This is a time to be gentle with ourselves and with one another — to make space for rest, for perspective, and for the reminder that God’s love does not need to be earned. In the Gospels, Jesus speaks into that anxiety with simple, steady words in the Gospel of Matthew: “Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”

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 Heskett will hold their Annual Parochial meeting in church on Tuesday 5th May at 7pm. This meeting is open to the public.

St Mary's Church High Heskett would like to sincerely thank the Community Support team who have done such sterling work in our Churchyard over the winter months, it is looking wonderful and is also so much safer for people walking between the graves.

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We are deeply grateful to the National Churches Trust’s Cherish Grant and the Wolfson Foundation for their generous support of our vestry project. Their commitment to preserving and strengthening church buildings makes a real difference, and we offer our sincere thanks for this invaluable

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CRAFTY LADIES meet in the Low Hesket 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 18th May, 1st June and 15th June. The change in the usual pattern is due to a Bank Holiday being the first Monday of the month!!

HESKET IN THE FOREST MU

Our May meeting is on Wednesday 13th May at 12 noon, at the Pot Place, Plumpton for our annual lunch. Names ASAP to Margaret 016974 73247 or Daphne 016974 73614

St Mary's Church High Hesket Coffee Morning

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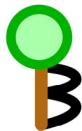


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June 8th Harrogate /Harlow Car gardens leaving the car park at 9am anyone wishing to go to the gardens admission is £17.80

July 13th leaving at 9.30 we are heading to Grasmere for the morning then onto Ambleside for the afternoon

August 10th Hope Town Railway Museum Darlington leaving from the car park at 9.30 admission to the museum is free although a donation will be appreciated

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Thank you A huge thank you to everyone who came along to the village hall for afternoon tea on Easter Monday. Thank you to everyone who baked, helped on the day, donated raffle prizes, and sent monetary donations. The total raised for type 1 diabetes charity Breakthrough T1D (formerly known as JDRF) is just over £1200. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you Nicola Carr **For information about Breakthrough T1D please visit www.breakthrough1d.org.uk**

HESKET IN THE FOREST MOTHERS' UNION

Wednesday 13th May. Lunch at The Pot Place, Plumpton. Time 12 noon
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CUPPA & CAKE is held on the 2nd Friday of the Month, in Low Heskett Village Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm. Admission £2.50 info from Christine Steel 07519 875822. Next dates are Friday 8th May and Friday 12th June.

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We were grateful to Canon Brian Dawson for leading our Holy Tuesday communion service.

In a public act of Christian faith, we had over 30 people join us on Good Friday walking from Calthwaite to Hesket to bear physical witness to the Christian message. [There are some photos on our Facebook page]. Thanks to Hesket Church for preparing a dramatic telling of the story of Good Friday and for serving the welcome hot cross buns and drinks for everyone.

Easter Sunday we not only celebrated the risen Christ but also Rev Allison baptised James Watson within the service. We welcome James into the church family. Thanks to everyone who decorated the church, made gifts and provided the lovely refreshments for everyone to enjoy.

Our AGM is on May 14th at 7.00pm in church with all notices posted on or near the church door. Any questions please ask Rev Allison or the Church wardens [details in front cover of magazine]

Pentecost is the Christian celebration of the Holy Spirit coming to Jesus' followers empowering them to spread the gospel and often called the birthday of the church. Pentecost falls on May 24th this year so there won't be a service in All Saints however you are welcome to join any of our other services within the group [see middle of magazine for times]

Prayer Holy Spirit, renew us with your power and fill us with hope. Guide us to share your love each day. Amen

The church remains a place of welcome for everyone-whether you come often, occasionally or simply curious. It is open during the day so please feel free to go in to pause, reflect and find peace.

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- Sunday 31st May - Rev Ian Newton

Other information:


The Coffee Morning on Wednesday 6th May is in aid of Christian Aid. Drop in between 10.00 - 11.30am for refreshments and a warm welcome.

Phoebe Evans will run her Pop Up Cafe on Sunday 10th May and proceeds will be donated to the National Deaf Children's Society. It is open from 2.30 - 4.30pm.

The Wednesday Get Together continues to meet every Wednesday from 1.30 - 3.30pm. Bring your knitting, sewing or crafting or just come for the company. We will be pleased to see you.

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SKELTON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Lisa Beken – clerk@skeltonpc-cumbria.org.uk 07522 939696

Chair: Ms Stacey Creighton - stacey.creighton1981@gmail.com; 016974 75710

The next meeting of Skelton Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 7.30pm at Skelton Toppin Memorial Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

This meeting will be preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting of Skelton Parish at 7pm. This is a meeting of the Parish, not the Parish Council, and all residents are welcome to attend.

Applications are invited to fill vacant councillor positions that have arisen on Skelton Parish Council.

Are you interested in being actively involved in local Climate Emergency issues, Planning matters and the Built Environment, the Natural Environment, Communications, Roads and Transport? Basically, everything that impacts our local community. The role of a Parish Councillor is to represent the interests of the whole community whilst taking an active role in the decision-making process.

Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@skeltonpc-cumbria.org.uk

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Saturday May 30th

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The Annual Meeting of Ainstable Parish will take place on
Tuesday 26th May at Croglin Village Hall
at 7pm.

This is a meeting of the residents of the Parish, not the Parish Council, and all are welcome to attend.

This will be followed by the Annual Meeting of Ainstable Parish Council and the Annual Meeting of the Millenium Green Trust
Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

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Parish Clerk at
clerk@ainstable-pc.gov.uk
for more information.

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Parish Council Meeting of Heskett Parish Council will be held on Tuesday May 12th 2026 at 7.30pm at Low Heskett Village Hall.
This will be preceded by the Annual Meeting of Heskett Parish, at 7pm.
This meeting is a meeting of the residents of Heskett Parish, not the Parish Council and is open to all.
Members of the public are always welcome to attend Parish Council Meetings.

Following their recent budget meeting, Westmorland and Furness Council are rolling out new waste collection arrangements on 2026/2027. This includes a £60 annual charge for any household who wish to receive a green waste bin collection. However, this service will still not be available to residents in Calthwaite and Southwaite in this financial year, so a green waste collection skip will continue to be placed by Westmorland and Furness at the Globe Inn, Calthwaite, on a monthly basis over the summer between April and October. Heskett Parish Council have arranged for additional skips in the months between May and September, meaning there will be two weekly collections in those months. This will be funded through a grant received from the Heskett and Lazonby ward Place Action Group, through Westmorland and Furness Council.

Contact details:

Parish Clerk: Lisa Beken – 07522 939 696 – clerk@hesket.org.uk



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Thank you to everyone, who supported the Macmillan/PPG Coffee morning on Saturday 7th March 2026.

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Dalston Flower and Craft Group

Next meeting is on Wednesday 13th May , 7.30pm in social room , Victory hall , Dalston . Unfortunately, our planned speaker for our paper flower workshop is unavailable but we aim to go ahead with a craft workshop .

Members free, guest £7 on the door to cover cost of materials . Refreshments will be served and as usual we will have time for a chat. New members and guests welcome . Further information from Annette 07770579618 . We will aim to publicise locally to confirm exact details nearer the date .

THE INGLEWOOD PARISHES RECIPE BOOK CHOCOLATE BISCUIT CAKE

INGREDIENTS

- 6 oz (175g) butter
- 1 1/2 oz (40g) Cocoa
- 4 1/2 oz (125g) golden syrup
- 4 oz (125g) Raisins
- 12 oz (350g) Rich tea biscuits
- 6 oz (175g) good quality dark chocolate.

METHOD

Melt butter, cocoa, syrup and raisins together in a pan over a gentle heat.
Add crushed biscuits (not too fine).
Press mixture into a greased swiss roll tin.
Cover with melted chocolate
When set cut into fingers.

AINSTABLE

AINSTABLE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

Notice of AGM –our annual AGM is being held on Wednesday 25th June at 8pm in the hall. Everyone welcome

Ainstable Church Institute



BIG BREAKFAST

In aid of church funds

Saturday 9th May 2026

9am – 12.30pm

£10 Adult £5 Children

Produce stall & Raffle



EDEN VALLEY FLIX

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



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:

Skelton /Lamonby area - Mags Towers 01768484727 Sheila Magee 01768484389

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

Community Café - 11.30am -2.00pm. Monday 11th and 25th May

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.

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We started Holy Week on Palm Sunday 29th March with a Joint Opening service between St Catherine's and Christ Church congregations. The wind blew and it threw down a lot of rain, but the donkey was very content to be inside the Haydock Centre looking out! The Centre was packed with the 2 congregations from Christ Church and St Catherine's, Father John opened the service with a warm welcome and after prayers and a Bible reading, the Rev Anna preached. After a concluding blessing Christ church congregation led by the donkey proceeded back for their Act of Worship, while St Catherine's congregation processed to church for Mass. A wonderful start to Holy Week. It was another timely reminder that we share more in common, than the areas, which divide us.

Among all the many liturgies celebrated during Holy Week, the Chrism Mass is a liturgy that few Catholics ever participate in. The Chrism Mass is presided over by the bishop and only takes place at the cathedral in each diocese. It takes place on the morning of Holy Thursday and all priests of the Diocese take part. During the Mass the bishop consecrates the sacred oils, which are used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the sick and Holy Orders. The annual renewal of priestly promises is an important aspect of the Mass, when all the priests renew their vows of ordination; faithfulness to Jesus Christ, obedience to the bishop and service to the Gospel and the people.

The numbers, walking and attending the Penrith Walk of Witness and similar Walks, despite the weather this year, continues to grow every year. After 30 days of Lent, we look forward with hope to the 50 days of Eastertide, especially in our troubled world. Plenty of people have a lot to say and strong opinions on God, faith and religion, but don't have time to listen. How about, if we listened more and maybe enjoyed a better understanding of God.

Our Easter services were packed as we welcomed many visitors as well as our own congregation, including families being united with family visitors. All the children received an Easter egg, which as usual were very well received.

Science week at our St Catherine's Primary school involved all classes and was received with great excitement. Many of the various aspects covered would open the eyes of many parents and grandparents, an opportunity to learn from the young?

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
Masses: Sunday 8.30 am and 10.30 am Weekday Services: Masses most days
Saturday 9.00 am Mass 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions
St Wulstan's, Kings Arms Lane, Alston CA9 3JF: **Saturday 6pm Mass.** Confessions, 5.30 pm before 6pm Mass **Our Lady of Appleby with Kirkby Stephen** CA16 6UA Sunday Mass 4 pm.

CHRIST CHURCH IVEGILL

Over the past month our churchyard has looked beautiful with its display of daffodils and crocuses . In Ivegill, we are fortunate to live surrounded by farmland and every year we celebrate Rogation Sunday ; this is always the fifth Sunday after Easter , this year on Sunday May 10th at 9.30. Traditionally it's a day to ask for God's blessings on agriculture , the harvest and human labour . Please come and join us , you'll be made very welcome .

Our other service at Christ Church, Ivegill in May is on Sunday 24th and this is a Holy Communion at 9.30am.

We are a small, friendly nursery situated in a beautiful rural area. As a small setting we are able to get to know our children and families well. Our intent is to nurture and enrich each unique, individual child through a range of playful experiences in a warm, safe, and caring environment. We run a weekly music session in the village hall for children under 5. Open Monday to Friday 8.50 - 3.30 during term time. Flexible provision for children aged 2 upwards. Free entitlement for eligible 2 year olds, 15 and 30 hour funding for 3 and 4 year olds. For enquiries contact us on 016974 73732 or ivegillnursery@gmail.com



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Christ & St Mary's Armathwaite



Open Gardens - 27 and 28 June 2026

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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 email Sue Bonsor at ksponsor@msn.com .

If you are unsure about opening your garden and would like a chat, please do get in touch with us.

Please keep this weekend free, simply come and see the gardens, have some refreshments, or help by making scones, serving refreshments or selling programmes. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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 or in the Old School Hall. All contributions are very gratefully received by the volunteers at the Food Bank and, of course, the recipients themselves who are struggling to feed their families.



Messy Church

We had a great number of children and adults at the Easter Messy Church and the hall was buzzing with eager people making resurrection bread rolls, prayer cards to hang on the prayer tree and palms to welcome the "donkey" which led the Easter procession to church. Many thanks to Calthwaite school for loaning us a donkey suit, by the way! Whilst in church, having encouraged the donkey with numerous Hosannas, we listened to the telling of The Easter Story and singing. Meanwhile, the hall was transformed into a place to eat some lunch. Watch this space next month to find out of the date of the next session or contact Sian on 078 181 08679 for more information.

What's happening at Christ and St Mary

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

www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12301/



Cottage Wood Centre

The Methodist Church Penrith Circuit

Our style of Worship is held in a relaxed style where we gather around tables and enjoy refreshments during the Services. We are now back to 5pm unless otherwise stated during the summer months come along you would be given a warm welcome. Easter Sunday morning was dry and we had a short Service at Brackenburgh crossroads to see the sunrise. Back at the centre we had sacrament then enjoyed bacon or sausage butties and fellowship together.

3c's group – meet on a Wednesday morning starting at 10am with a Bible reflection and others join us for crafts coffee and chat at 10.30am. This is open to everyone or you could pop in for refreshments this is held during school term times.

Take Tea Out – This is held on the 2nd Thursday in the month starting at 2pm where a full afternoon tea will be served. Please book a tea or a take away tea by giving Sheila a call.

Prayer meeting – We hold this in our own homes on the 1st Wednesday in the month between 7pm – 8pm. You could join us during this time for whatever time suites you. Is there someone or some situation that you would like us to pray for please contact Sheila on 01768 885362 or for any other inquiries about Cottage Wood Centre.

Services

Sunday 3rd May – **Cottage Wood Centre Meeting at Skelton Methodist Church at 10.30am**

Sunday 10th May – **Cottage Wood Centre** Lois Morton

Sunday 17th May – **Cottage Wood Centre** Revd Julie Reid

Sunday 24th May – **Cottage Wood Centre** Ian Newton

Sunday 31st May – **Cottage Wood Centre** Mr Lawrence Tomlinson

Gardening jobs for May

May is a bustling month in the garden as the weather warms up and plants start to thrive. There are plenty of tasks to keep you busy, ensuring your garden looks its best and is well-prepared for summer. Here are the essential gardening jobs for Ventilating your greenhouse

Task: Keep your greenhouse or potting shed ventilated during the day and close it in the evening

Why: Proper ventilation prevents overheating and promotes healthy plant growth, while closing it at night retains warmth.

How: Open windows and vents during the day to allow fresh air in. Close them in the evening to maintain warmth and protect plants from cooler temperatures.

Water plants regularly

Task: Keep your plants well-watered as we head into dryer spells.

Why: Consistent watering ensures plants remain healthy and prevents drought stress.

How: Water early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation. Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation system for efficient watering.

Prepare decking for summer

Task: Hose down the decking and get it ready for use.

Why: Cleaning your decking makes it safe and attractive for summer activities.

How: Use a hose or pressure washer to remove dirt and algae. Consider applying a deck cleaner and decking sealer for added protection.

Plant summer bedding plants

Task: Plant summer bedding plants.

Why: Bedding plants add vibrant colour and fill gaps in borders and planters.

How: Choose healthy, well-rooted plants and plant them in well-drained soil. Water thoroughly after planting.

Perform the Chelsea chop

Task: Chelsea chop late-flowering perennials in late May.

Why: The Chelsea chop delays flowering, resulting in blooms at different times and a prolonged display.

How: Cut back about one-third of the stems on plants like asters, sedums, and phlox. Use sharp secateurs for a clean cut

Regular weeding

Task: Hoe the ground regularly to keep on top of weed growth.

Why: Regular weeding prevents weeds from competing with your plants for nutrients and water.

How: Use a hoe to cut weeds at the soil surface. Do this on dry days to prevent

Task: Sow gourds like cucumber, squash, pumpkins, and courgettes.

Why: Sowing now ensures a long growing season and a good harvest.

How: Sow seeds in pots or directly in the ground in a sunny, well-drained location. Keep the soil moist until seeds germinate

Thomas the Bucket

THE INGLEWOOD GROUP OF CHURCHES—SERVICES

Sunday, 3rd May

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

Sunday, 10th May

9.15	Plumpton	Holy Communion
9.15	Ainstable	Morning Prayer
9.30	Ivegill	Rogation Sunday
11.15	Hutton	Holy Communion
11.15	High Hesket	Morning Prayer

Sunday, 17th May

Archdeacon, The Venerable Ruth Newton will be presiding and preaching at Holy Communion

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

Sunday, 24th May, Pentecost Sunday

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

Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday

10.30 **Skelton** Holy Communion

Benefice Service: there will be only one service and all are invited to Skelton to celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the birth-day of the Church.

Thursday May 14th 11.00am: Ascension Day

An informal service of Holy Communion will be held at Armathwaite

Services of Morning Prayer:

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

8.00am: Skelton Church

Stay connected

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you can also find us on Facebook, again search for 'Inglewood Benefice' and like or follow us! The churches of Skelton, High Hesket, and Calthwaite also have Facebook pages.

Each week, you can receive a recording of Sunday's sermon, just email inglewood-vicar@gmail.com and we'll send you a link.



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