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Readings for June 2026

First Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Hosea 5:15 – 6:6
2nd Reading Romans 4:13-25

June 7, 2026

Psalm 50:7-15
Gospel Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

Second Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Exodus 19:2-8a
2nd Reading Romans 5:1-8

June 14, 2026

Psalm 100
Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8

Third Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13
2nd Reading Romans 6:1b-11

June 21, 2026

Psalm 69:8-20
Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Jeremiah 28:5-9
2nd Reading Romans 6:12-end

June 28, 2026

Psalm 89:1-4,15-18
Gospel Matthew 10:40-end

Letter from Rev Michelle Woodcock
Priest-in-Charge of the Beacon Team Churches

Dear Friends,

Over the past few years, pilgrimage has quietly found its way back into the lives of many people. Perhaps it is because our world feels increasingly hurried or noisy, or because so much of life can seem fragmented and distracting. More and more people are discovering the simple gift of walking with purpose – not merely to arrive somewhere, but to notice, to pray, to listen, and to encounter God differently along the way.

I am now beginning to prepare to walk the next stage of the Camino De Santiago in Northern Spain in August. Last year I walked the first part from St. Jean Pied de Port over the Pyrenees to Pamplona. This year I will begin in Pamplona and hope to walk to Burgos...200km over 10 days. I'm really looking forward to the challenge and adventure! This pilgrim path has been walked by pilgrims for centuries. Some undertake it for faith, others for reflection, healing or simply space to breathe. Yet almost everyone who walks it speaks about the same thing: slowing down changes you, the rhythm of walking, the conversations shared, the silence, the beauty of creation and the openness to God all become part of the journey. I certainly found this to be true last year.

The encouraging thing is that pilgrimage does not require travelling across Europe. We are blessed with beautiful landscapes, ancient churches and pathways of prayer much closer to home. Recently, the Kent Estuary Mission Community launched its new pilgrimage routes and guidebook, connecting churches and communities around the estuary in a thoughtful and inspiring way. It is a wonderful example of how local pilgrimage can deepen both faith and fellowship.

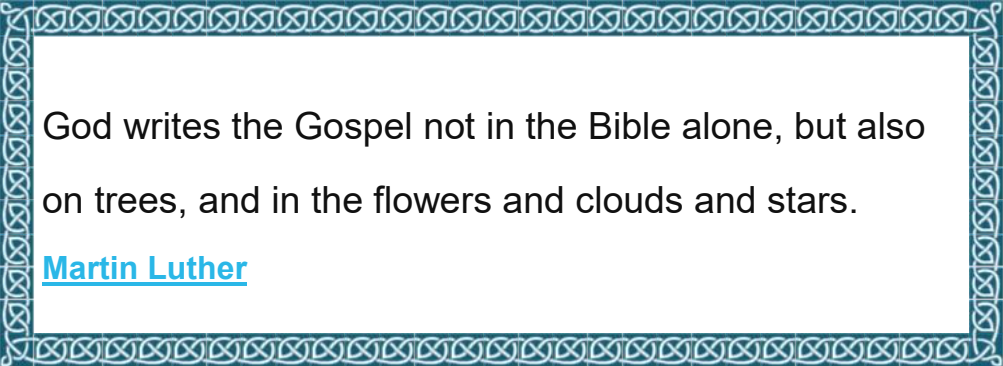
That has started me thinking and we in the Beacon Team are just beginning to explore whether we might do something similar ourselves here. Simple pilgrimage walks rooted in prayer, hospitality, reflection and companionship. Maybe a series of local walks between churches or through the landscapes we know so well, with opportunities for prayer and conversation along the way.

Pilgrimage reminds us that faith is not only about destinations, but about travelling attentively with God and with one another. Jesus himself walked with people constantly; on roads, by lakesides, through villages and alongside those searching for hope and meaning.

If this is something that interests you then I would love to hear from you. In the coming months I hope to gather a small group to explore ideas for Beacon Team pilgrimage walks and ways that we might encourage others to join the journey. In the meantime, perhaps there is an invitation for all of us simply to walk a little more slowly, to notice a little more carefully, and to leave a little bit more room for God to meet us on the road.

With blessings

Michelle



God writes the Gospel not in the Bible alone, but also on trees, and in the flowers and clouds and stars.

[Martin Luther](#)

News from the Diocese of Carlisle

Four people will be ordained Deacon and three will be Priested at a service at Carlisle Cathedral on **Saturday 27 June** at 11am led by Bishop Rob. Let us pray for all those to be ordained Deacon or Priest. And please remember to uphold their families in prayer also.

*Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer God,
You call your faithful people into a life of service,
Help us to nurture and hold in love
All those who are ordained at this time in the life of your Church.
Teach us your ways,
That we might recognise your Mission in the world,
Your compassion in caring for others,
And your love deep within every human heart.
We ask this in your Holy Name, as one undivided Trinity of love,
now and for evermore. **Amen.***

Worship With Us

St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:

Sunday 7th June - Morning Worship 11am
Sunday 14th June - *Joint service at Selside*
Sunday 21st June - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 28th June - *Join a service at another church*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

Sunday 7th June - Holy Communion BCP 9.30am
Sunday 14th June - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 21st June - Holy Communion CW 9.30am
Sunday 28th June - Evensong 6.30pm

St George, Kendal

Sunday 7th June - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 14th June - Worship@4 4.00pm
Sunday 21st June - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 28th June - Holy Communion 9.30am
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St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 7th June - *No service - feel free to join another church*
Sunday 14th June - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 21st June - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 28th June - Holy Communion 11.00am

St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 7th June - Abbey Service 10.30am



St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 7th June - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 14th June - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 21st June - Evening Worship (Celtic) 6pm
Sunday 28th June - Morning Worship 11.00am

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

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**

In April we welcomed Angela, the community fundraiser for St John's Hospice in Lancaster. She explained the area covered was from Garstang to Grasmere, also Sedbergh, with three separate Health Authorities involved.

The hospice was opened in January 1986, this being the 40th anniversary, the idea of Sisters from St John of God Hospital, Silverdale. Built by the people for the people, to live until their last day, the cost of £1.7m had to be raised, the end cost being £1.9m. There are thirteen beds for in-patients, with rooms open to the gardens and wildlife. Spaces for families and patients to be together, including a cuddle bed.

Eighty percent of patients stay in their own homes, with twenty-four-hour care provided, 365 days a year. Clinical Nurse Specialists are part of the Hospice at Home, providing Day and Night Respite, giving the carer a time for themselves, often much needed rest.

At the hospice there are day therapy teams, craft groups, FAB group, Friday drop-in tea and toast, and social gatherings for all family members. There are also complementary therapies. There is a chapel, Spiritual Care for all faiths, and also a social worker to advise families. The Forget Me Not Centre is dedicated for bereavement. Families have therapy together, craft etc, children often not realizing. They are encouraged to write down their worries, putting them in a Worry Monster, which can go full circle with older children reading what they had written when younger.

There are beautiful gardens, with a summer house. The kitchen garden is run by volunteers, providing fruit and vegetables for the

hospice but also along with plants to be sold in the shop. The café is open seven days a week and can be booked for a group visit.

Fundraising is so important because only 25% is from NHS; 75% has to be raised by the hospice. The cost per year is £7.4 million: £14,447 every day, £602 per hour. There are 10 shops in the area, one being in Kendal.

Angela finished her talk by explaining what fundraising projects were happening in the next few months and weeks. Eileen thanked Angela. Thank you to all for being so generous – we raised £89.02 for the hospice.

Five members went to the handover of the MU Prayer Capsule at Milnthorpe Church. Following a service led by Chaplains from the Diocese of Blackburn and the Diocese of Carlisle, the capsule was given by the Blackburn President to Ann Wodeman. Our link branch leader Jane and her daughter came, which was lovely. It was an enjoyable service.

24th June meeting – our summer outing to Levens Hall.

Future dates:

17th – 19th June 2026, Rydal Family Weekend.

Sun. 8th August 2026, Mary Sumner Day (more details to follow)

30th Sept - Colin Kendall, about the Blood Bike team (with Bring & Buy).

Mary Atkinson (Branch Leader)

Going somewhere

Older people often go to another room to get something, and when they get there, they stand there wondering what they came for.

It is not a memory problem. It is God's way of helping older people get more exercise.

Don't miss the



Saturday 6th June

10am – 2pm

St George's Church

Castle Street



Exploring Grief – Tuesdays in June at St. George’s Church Kendal, Radley Room.

We all experience grief in some form during our lives. The journey of healing requires time, patience and support. During June we are going to meet to explore what the psalms say about grief and how they can provide comfort and help us to express our emotions to our compassionate God who weeps with us, listens to our cries and understands our pain. These gentle Bible studies will be encouraging and helpful at those moments in life when you find yourself confronted by grief, whether your own or that of someone you care about. Sessions will run on;

Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th and 30th June (No meeting on 23rd)
from 10.30am – 12pm with tea and coffee and biscuits provided.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Michelle

From The Registers

Funeral:

28th May - St John’s Skelsmergh - Jill Bell

Burial of Ashes:

8th May - Burneside - Margaret Moussay (nee Read)
14th May - Skelsmergh - Elizabeth Crossley

Wedding:

8th May - St John’s Skelsmergh - Kathryn Jones & Ian Waller



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Regular Meetings in Grayrigg

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

Grayrigg Young Farmers - meet every Tuesday for meetings and social events. If you are interested in joining, come along or phone 07780 996498 for more information

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for older people

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Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria

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Followed by Tea and Cake

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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

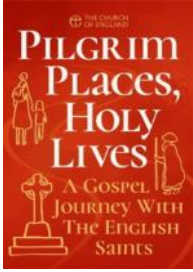
Friday June 26th 2026
from 10am to 11.30am

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



BOOK REVIEWS

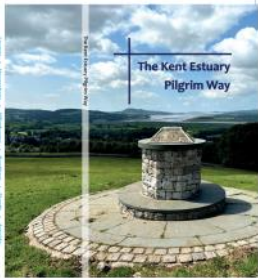


Pilgrim Places, Holy Lives is a full-colour devotional booklet which offers 24 days of Bible readings, reflections, questions and prayers on the ancient practice of pilgrimage.

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.

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The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way

Developed over a year by a group drawn from the churches, the new guidebook includes five circular walks and a return route which connects churches in Levens, Heversham, Milnthorpe, Beetham, Storth and Arnside.

The idea for the 67-page book originally came from retired vicar the Rev Colin Honour who had researched the Christian roots of the south Lakes. It took more than a year to develop shared life as part of a wider community of faith.”

As well as guides to the circular routes and the linear route, the book includes an introduction penned by Colin which outlines the coming of Christianity to the area and reflections for use on the journey.

500 copies of the guidebook have been printed and are available for sale (priced £6) in the Kent Estuary Mission Community’s eight churches.

The Consecration of Bishop Michael at York Minster

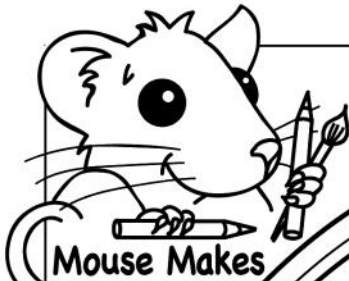
Our new Bishop of Penrith was consecrated as a Bishop at York Minster on 30th April. Sue Whittaker and I made the journey over to York along with a good number of other Carlisle clergy, Readers and others to support him on this most special day. It was an absolutely joyful day with some very powerful, serious and holy moments during the service.



After the service we all gathered outside to reflect, chat, and grab those all important selfies!

We continue to pray for Bishop Michael and his family as they settle here in Cumbria and as he prepares to embrace this new adventure on which God has called him.





"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
 love of **GOD** and the
 fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
 with you all."

2 Corinthians
 13:14



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Beacon Team Events

Coffee Morning & Plant Sale
Saturday 6th June
10am–12 noon
St Oswalds, Burneside

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and a cake stall



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