



May's meeting minutes will be published on the BPC website

'May 2026

New legislation published in March 2026 updates the way in which Local Plans should be prepared, beginning with a Notice of Intention to start the Local Plan and a Scoping Consultation. Following approval at Council on 7 May 2026 we intend to give notice of intention to start plan making by 30 June 2026 and run a scoping consultation in July and August. Details will be made available here.'

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/localplan>

We are working on a new Local Plan for Westmorland and Furness (excluding the National Parks). When this is adopted, it will replace all the existing Local Plans that were adopted by the former Councils.

The Local Plan will:

- set out how much new development (e.g. homes and employment sites) is needed to support our communities
 - make sure new development is built in the right places and in a way which is best for people and the environment
 - allocate sites for new housing and other development
 - protect some areas and green spaces from development
 - include policies that are used to decide planning applications
 - plan for development relating to minerals and waste
- We kicked off the process with an 'early conversation' with our communities and stakeholders in 2024. It is important that we get everyone involved to identify what kind of place we want to live and work in and how we want to see Westmorland and Furness change over the next 20 years.

We have run a number of 'Call for Sites', where we asked people to identify land or sites that are available to be developed for housing, employment, minerals or waste purposes.

Dear Friends,

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to spend some time in Northumberland with friends. One of the highlights of the trip was a boat ride around the Farne Islands. It was something I had wanted to do for years, as I have loved puffins ever since I was a child.

I must confess that, having only ever seen them in books and photographs, I had imagined them to be rather larger creatures—almost penguin-sized! In reality, they are delightfully small and incredibly charming. Watching them fly back to the cliffs was a joy. Their little orange feet spread apart like tiny landing gear as they came in to land. It was impossible not to smile.



The boat ride itself was less delightful. The sea was very choppy, and I am not the world's best sailor. There were moments when I wondered whether I would be able to appreciate the wildlife through the growing queasiness! Yet it was absolutely worth it. Seeing these remarkable birds in their natural habitat, surrounded by the beauty of the coastline and the sea, was a wonderful reminder of the richness and creativity of God's creation.

In a world full of worries and uncertainty, Jesus invites us to look at the birds. They don't spend their lives anxiously trying to control everything, yet God provides for them each day.

Jesus' point is simple: if God cares for the birds, He certainly cares for us. We matter deeply to Him.

This doesn't mean we stop working or planning. It means we don't have to carry the weight of the whole world on our shoulders. We can do our part and trust God with the rest.

When anxiety begins to take over, Matthew 6:26 reminds us of one simple truth: God knows us, values us, and will care for us.

"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. Are you not much more valuable than they?" Matthew 6:26

Blessings

Michelle x

St.Oswald's Church

July Services

5th No Service

12th 11am Holy communion

19th 11am Morning Worship

26th 11am Holy communion



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

Weekly Evening Prayers at St.Oswald's Church

Tuesdays @ 5.30pm
in the Chapel

Thank you to everyone who came to the Church and joined us for the plant sale & coffee morning at Church. We raised just over £380 which was great for such a rainy grey day!

Hope everyone's plants are thriving.

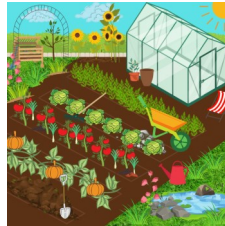
Next event at Church will be Soup lunches starting again in September.



BURNESIDE COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS : PLOTS AVAILABLE

There are a couple of plots available if you would like to join the happy group of gardeners to grow your own veggies, fruits or flowers, right here in the village!

For more information and charges please contact Andrea on 07442172994 or Stan Wilson 07502316880



FUN DAYS AROUND THE WORLD TO CELEBRATE IN JULY

FIFA Men's World Cup 2026 11th June to 19th July Held every four years, the 2026 Men's World Cup will be held in Canada, Mexico and the United States.



Women's T20 Cricket World Cup 2026 12th June to 5th July The ICC Women's T20 World Cup is a biennial world cup for the sport of cricket in the T20I format. The 2026 contest takes place in various venues in England and Wales.

Wimbledon Fortnight 2026 29th June to 12th July This annual international tennis championship is held in Wimbledon, UK. The top tennis players from around the world gather to take part in one of tennis' most prestigious tournaments.



International Joke Day 1st July This fun special day is intended to cheer people up, so tell someone a joke and make them smile!

Plastic Free July 1st to 31st July Plastic Free July is a shared global movement that helps millions of people reduce plastic waste through simple, everyday choices and be part of the solution to plastic pollution.

World UFO Day 2nd July World UFO Day is an awareness day for people to gather together and watch the skies for unidentified flying objects (UFO). It was chosen as it was the date of the Roswell incident in 1947, where many people believe that a UFO crashed in Roswell USA

Tour de France 2026 4th July to 26th July The Tour de France is an annual men's multiple-stage bicycle race held primarily in France. In 2026 it begins in Barcelona, Spain.

American Independence Day 25th July 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Events will be held across the US and around the world to celebrate the Semiquincentennial.

World Chocolate Day 7th July World Chocolate Day is just a day for enjoying and celebrating the introduction of chocolate to Europe, for which we are all very grateful!



Bastille Day 14th July The French national day which celebrates the storming of the Bastille prison in Paris, which signalled the start of the French Revolution.

Shark Awareness Day 14th July Celebrates this amazing and misunderstood creature and to raise awareness of threatened shark species and the importance of their conservation.

World Chimpanzee Day 14th July World Chimpanzee Day is a day of celebration of chimpanzees and the people who have done so much work to help save them.

St. Swithun's Day 15th July According to legend, if it rains on Saint Swithun's bridge in Winchester UK today, it will continue to rain for 40 days and 40 nights.



Festival of Archaeology 18th Jul to 2nd Aug Organised by the Council for British Archaeology, this is a two week long celebration which includes both online and in person events across the UK.

World Chess Day 20th July Chess is one of the most ancient, intellectual and cultural games, with a combination of sport, scientific thinking and elements of art, which can cross the barriers of language, age, gender, physical ability or social status.

Commonwealth Games 2026 23rd July to 2nd Aug The Commonwealth Games is an international multi-sport event involving athletes from the Commonwealth of Nations. In 2026 it will be held in Glasgow, Scotland UK.



National Cousins Day 24th July Celebrate your relationship with the offspring of your aunts and uncles today.

Christmas in July 25th July For anyone who truly loves Christmas, this is the perfect excuse to celebrate Christmas, especially if you live in the southern hemisphere and want to celebrate in the winter.

Global Tiger Day 29th July An annual celebration to raise awareness for the plight of tigers and the urgent need for tiger conservation. Tigers are a critically endangered species whose numbers are affected by the illegal wildlife trade, habitat loss and climate change.

International Day of Friendship 30th July A day to promote and encourage the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.

Harry Potter's Birthday 31st July Harry shares his birthday with author J.K. Rowling. It is a day when you can indulge a love of the wizard by reading, watching a movie, sipping a butterbeer or munching on a bag of Bertie Bott's Every-Flavour Beans.

