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- 4th Hesketh in the Forest Mothers Union 90th Birthday Lunch 12 noon. Low Hesketh
- 4th Low Hesketh Village Hall Quiz night with pie and pea supper.
- 11th Cuppa and Cake, Low Hesketh Village hall 2pm All Welcome
- 11th St Mary's High Hesketh Cheese and Wine tasting
- 19th Harvest supper and Auction Ainstable 7pm
- 20th Hutton-in-the-Forest Apple Day 10am to 4pm.
- 25th St Mary's Church High Hesketh Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am
- 26th Big Breakfast for All Saints Church in Calthwaite School

October

- 5th St Michael's Church 'Harvest Supper'. Toppin Memorial Hall, Skelton at 6.30pm
- 9th Cuppa and Cake, Low Hesketh Village hall 2pm All Welcome
- 25th Low Hesketh Village Hall Christmas Shopping afternoon
- 30th St Mary's Church High Hesketh Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am

November

- 5th St Michael's Church, Skelton - 'Butties at The Garth, Skelton' 12 noon-1.30pm
- 27th St Mary's Church High Hesketh Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am
- 28th St Michael's Church, Skelton - 'Crib Festival' at St Michael's Church 1.30-3.30pm
- 29th St Michael's Church, Skelton - 'Crib Festival' at St Michael's Church 1.30-3.30pm

December

- 11th Low Hesketh Village Hall Christmas Bingo
- 5th St Michael's Church 'Christmas Coffee with Santa'. Toppin Memorial Hall, 10.30am
- 18th St Mary's High Hesketh Christmas singalong

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Notes from the Vicar

Care for creation

Although this is the beginning of our church's Harvest season, our farmers have been working hard all summer to bring in the harvest. At this time of year, we naturally give thanks for the fruits of the earth and for all those whose work provides our food. Psalm 8 invites us to look beyond ourselves to the wonder of creation. Gazing at the heavens, the psalmist marvels that the God who made the moon and the stars should also care for frail human beings. Yet, astonishingly, God entrusts us with the care of creation.

For centuries, however, those words about humanity's "dominion" over the earth were sometimes misunderstood. They were used to justify exploiting the world's resources with the attitude that, "God gave it to us, so we can do whatever we like with it." But that is not what the psalm is saying. God's gift is not one of ownership but of stewardship. The world remains God's, and we are called to care for it wisely on his behalf.

This summer has been one of the hottest on record. Many parts of the country have experienced drought, while others have suffered the devastation of wildfires. During a holiday in the North York Moors, I found myself walking across moorland that had been ravaged by fires last summer. Although life is slowly returning, even a year later it remained a stark reminder of how fragile creation can be.

Harvest is therefore about more than giving thanks for God's generosity. It is also an opportunity to ask ourselves what it means to care faithfully for the world God has entrusted to us. We celebrate God's good gifts with gratitude, while also acknowledging the ways in which we have failed to be good stewards—even unwittingly.

The Future of our Churches

Over the last few months, I've been gradually letting you know that all our churches are under increasing financial pressure as our costs rise and our congregations dwindle. We don't receive funding from the national Church or from the Diocese, however wealthy they may appear. It costs us around £250 each week for each church simply to cover our day-to-day running costs.

Two of our churches have been struggling the most. Plumpton Church's reserves are steadily dwindling. St James's, Hutton-in-the-Forest, has reached a crisis point and has exhausted its reserves: there is more about this later in this parish news. Please do get in touch with me if you're concerned, or if you think you might be able to help in any way.

Care for creation

We've also been enjoying meeting the many families who have come to our churches for christenings. Although there is no fee for a christening, we do ask for a modest donation to help cover the heating and other costs involved in the service. We are deeply grateful to those families who have been so generous in supporting the churches through their giving.

Do get in touch if you'd be interested in booking a christening. But please remember that I can only be in one place at a time, and christenings are often booked many months in advance!

A change of day After just about a year in post, I've been able to reconsider my pattern of work and when I might take my day off. From September, my day off will be a **Friday** rather than a Saturday.

I look forward to seeing many of you at church to celebrate the Harvest.

With my prayers,

Allison

ST MARY'S CHURCH HIGH HESKET

St Marys Church doors are 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.

The PCC of St Mary's Church wish to thank everyone who came to the produce show, the exhibitors, the judges, those buying at auction, the local businesses who sponsored the Classes and the folk that just came to support the Community and enjoy the day, it was an excellent success and we do hope you enjoyed yourselves .

We wish to sincerely thank the community for your ongoing support for the continued restoration work in our church and at present we are working on the issues of Damp in the Vestry. Our thanks also go to the Community Payback workers who are working so hard in the older part of the churchyard, keeping the weeds down and and the brambles at bay!! Along with the work of Nick whom we pay to cut the grass in the new part of the churchyard, we are sure you will agree that the churchyard is looking good. Thank you for all for your hard work.

Unfortunately there is one issue that is out of control and that is the amount of Dog Poo that is being left in the churchyard by dog owners who are just disrespectful of the area they are walking through with their animals. Please keep dogs on leads at all times, use our churchyard only as an access to the public path as it is not a dog exercise area, Please Pick up after your dog!! Thank you.



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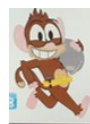
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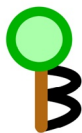
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BOOK CLUB Come and join us every 2nd Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm and tell us about a book you're currently reading or have read, or just come for a listen! There's always a good discussion! Our next meeting is on Wednesday 9th September and 14th October at St Mary's Church, High Heskett. £2 entry for drinks and biscuits.

CRAFTY LADIES meet in the Low Heskett 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 7th and 21st September and 5th and 19th October. We look forward to seeing you!!



HESKET IN THE FOREST MU In September we will be celebrating our 90th Birthday With a soup and puddings Lunch in Low Heskett Village Hall On Friday 4th September at 12 noon Names to Daphne 016974 73614 or Margaret 016974 73247

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As September begins, we give thanks for village life: children and staff returning to school, fields and gardens moving towards harvest, and our church continuing to offer a quiet place of prayer and welcome each day.

School We hold the children, families, teachers and staff of our village primary school in our prayers as they begin a new school year. May the weeks ahead bring confidence, friendship, curiosity and joy in learning.

The church is also open daily for anyone who would like to come in for quiet, prayer, reflection, or simply a few moments of peace.

Harvest Services The village primary school harvest service will take place on **Friday 2nd October**. Our church harvest festival service will be on **Sunday 4th October**. Any donations for the foodbank will be gratefully received as we give thanks for God's provision and share what we can with neighbours in need.

A Thought After the Eclipse Many of us will remember the remarkable partial solar eclipse on 12th August, when the moon passed before the sun and the daylight changed for a while. It was a reminder of the wonder of creation and of how even brief moments of shadow can make us more aware of the light. As we move into September, with a new school year beginning and harvest approaching, we remember that God's light remains constant through every season. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." **ohn 1:5**

Prayer

Lord of light and life, bless our children and all who teach and care for them as a new school year begins. Help us to notice your goodness in creation, in our community, and in the gifts of harvest. May we share generously with those in need, and may your light guide us through every season. Amen.

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Craig Lapka, Business Manager at Court Thorn Surgery, said:

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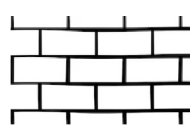


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St. Michael's Church Skelton.

St Michael's Church door is open every day from 10 - 4.00 pm come along, reflect on your day or just enjoy the peacefulness of our church.

St. Michael's Church, Skelton Foodbank Collection Point. A huge thank you to all who kindly donate to the Foodbank. Items for the Foodbank can be left in church. The church is now open every day between 10am and 3pm. All donations will be taken to the Salvation Army in Penrith, for onward distribution to those in need in our local area.



All Welcome! Anna Chaplaincy You are warmly invited to a Tea Service. A short informal church service followed by tea and cake. To be held in Skelton Methodist Chapel on 28th July and 24th August at 2.30pm. **Everyone is very welcome**



St Michael's Church 'Harvest Supper'
Pies, peas and a pudding and auction of produce
Monday 5th October 2026 at 6.30pm
Adult £8; Child £4
Toppin Memorial Hall, Skelton

SKELTON METHODIST CHURCH

All services are listed on the Services page.

The Coffee Morning in September will support the work of All We Can (formerly the Methodist Relief and Development Fund). This is on Wednesday 2nd September from 10.00 - 11.30am.

Our Wednesday Get Together meets every week between 1.30 - 3.30pm in the Church. Come and join us for craft and conversation along with some light refreshments.

Phoebe will be running her Pop Up Cafe on the second Sunday of each month between 2.30 - 4.30 to raise money for children's charities. September's Cafe is on Sunday 13th September. Please come along and enjoy some delicious baking. Thank you to all who come and support these events. It is much appreciated.



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June 2026	121 R Lavender	11 S Robinson	21 C Dixon
July 2026	50 A Newton	105 A Charlton	56 R Jackson
August 2026	9 E Forbes	60 W Wilson	44 B Leech

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 22nd September 2026 at 7.30pm at Skelton Toppin Memorial Hall.

Members of the public are always welcome to attend

Report from the Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2026:

- Following Westmorland and Furness's decision to discontinue green waste skips, due to green waste bin provision becoming available to all areas, the Parish Council agreed not to go ahead with additional skips, due to the liability risk this would place upon the Council, and to return funding to the Place Action Group, so that it could be reallocated to local projects.
- Work is progressing on the questionnaire for the new Community Led Plan, which should be finalised at the September meeting,
- It was agreed to go ahead with repairs to the phone box in Ellonby.
- Councillors were informed that the number of Parish Councillors would be reduced from the current 13 to 10 from May 2027.
- It was agreed to contact local parents to begin discussion on options for improvement at Braisgate Play Area.

Could you be a Parish Councillor?

What Does the Parish Council Do? Gives residents a local voice.

Looks after play areas, noticeboards, benches. Maintains and restores local heritage assets.

Pays for local grass cutting. Responds to local planning applications.

Inputs into the new Westmorland and Furness Local Plan. Actively developing a new Community Led Plan. Working with the Climate Action Group on an Emergency Plan for the Parish. Could you get involved? We currently have vacancies for Councillors, and some current Councillors may be standing down at the May 2027 elections. We need local people to get involved to help the Parish Council survive and thrive, and to help shape the future of our parish. Interested? Contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@skeltonpc-cumbria.org.uk

T:01768 896219

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Heather Glen Country House,
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Friday Night Takeaways

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Friday Dining Special at Heather Glen

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Dates to avoid due to private functions

Friday 4th September

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TOP GARDENING JOBS TO DO IN SEPTEMBER

1. Divide herbaceous perennials
2. Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
3. Clean out greenhouses so that they are ready for use in the autumn
4. Start to reduce watering of houseplants as light levels drop.
5. Order spring flowering bulbs.
6. Take semi ripe cuttings of evergreen shrubs if you want to propagate them.

Lawn Care The weather is still suitable for creating and repairing new lawns with turf or seed. But you are running out of time to use lawn weedkillers to control perennial weeds such as daisies and buttercups. - You may need to strengthen your lawn for winter by applying an autumn lawn feed which is high in potassium to strengthen the roots. Avoid using old summer feeds as these are high in Nitrogen which at the wrong time of year could encourage lawn diseases.

Trees, shrubs and climbers Shrubs that flowered early in the year (Camellia and Rhododendron) should continue to be well watered to ensure a good flower display next spring. Remember to use recycled water wherever possible. Prune climbing roses once they have finished flowering, cutting sideshoots back a couple of buds from the main frame. Late-summer flowering shrubs such as Helianthemum (rock rose) can be pruned this month. As a very general rule prune flowering shrubs either before or after they have flowered. Take hardwood cuttings of roses. Keep trimming hedges as required to keep them tidy. If there are strong winds, beware of falling trees. Trees that still have their leaves are easily blown over in strong winds - especially as wet soils make trees less stable.

Flowers - What some people call a weed others call a wildflower; if you like it then why not look for the seed heads to ripen then pluck off the heads and shake them over a chosen area where you would like to have wild flowers next year. Poppies for example take easily from casual sowing like this. Same applies to your more traditional perennials. Buy or order spring-flowering bulbs. Daffodils are traditionally planted September/early October for best results. Tulips are best left until November. There are many other bulbs to choose from so visit a garden centre to see what's available. It's okay to plant new perennials as the ground is still warm but moist and they will have time to establish before winter. You can also buy spring-flowering bedding plants such as Bellis, Primula, wallflowers, and violas. Continue cutting back any perennials that are fading and dying down. Deadheading plants such as Dahlia, Delphinium and Penstemon will prolong the display and give colour well into the month. Your hanging baskets will also benefit from a little deadheading and feeding to keep them going until mid-autumn. Divide any overgrown clumps of alpines and herbaceous perennials (such as crocosmias) to invigorate them and improve flowering next year. You can still apply weedkillers to kill most perennial weeds.

Thomas the Bucket

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

www.hesket.org.uk

facebook.com/HesketParish

Chair: Shaun Long

The next Ordinary Meeting of Hesket Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Hesket Parish Council held an Ordinary Parish Council meeting on July 14th 2026, at Armathwaite Old School Hall. The following matters were discussed;

Following the resignation of Councillor Martin, Councillor Shaun Long was appointed Chair with Councillor David Ryland appointed Vice-Chair.

Councillors agreed that a permanently sited Speed Indicator Device (SID) would be preferable to the current proposal for a mobile device, in Armathwaite. The Clerk has been asked to obtain pricing directly from the supplier.

Following an offer from Councillor Harris to sell the land on which Calthwaite Play Area is sited to the Parish Council for a nominal £1, Councillors agreed to adopt the play area. The existing Play Area Committee has agreed to cover the legal costs associated with the transfer.

Councillors agreed to the proposed traffic restrictions for Calthwaite, and with recommendation not to proceed with the central reservation at this time.

Following changes to the Westmorland and Furness Council green waste arrangements, the Parish Council agreed that it would no longer provide additional green waste skips and would return the grant funding received from the Place Action Group, to be used for other local projects.

The Parish Council objected to planning application 2026/0953/FPA at the Barn at Mellguards Farm, Mellguards, Southwaite, for the erection of a dwelling and associated development, on planning policy grounds.

Contact details:

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

GENERAL INTEREST



HESKET FOREST FRIENDS

Stay & Play 0– 5 years Every other Tuesday
Low Hesket Village Hall 10 am to 11.30 am
£3.00 per child **All Welcome**

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The Catholic Parish of St Catherine, Penrith, with the Chapel of St Wulston, Alston and Our Lady of Appleby with Kirkby Stephen

St Catherine's Church Update.

Once again in holiday season we have welcomed many visitors from different parts of the UK and from different parts of the world. The visitors together with our many new parishioners have boosted our attendances. It is a great boost when they stay after Mass for a tea/coffee and help to provide a great social gathering. In a small way we are part of a world-wide church of circa 1.4 billion.

On Thursday 17th September Bishop Paul will preside at a Mass and Father Stuart will be inducted as our Parish Priest. He will make an oath of Fidelity and a Profession of Faith and in return Bishop Paul will formally entrust the Parish to his care. After Mass there will be a celebration buffet in the Haydock centre. We pray that God will bless him throughout his ministry with us.

An ALPHA course hosted by the parish of St John Boste will start on 9th September and will run over 11 weeks until 18th November 2026, in the Haydock Centre, between 6pm to 8pm each evening. The course is open to everyone, no matter their background or beliefs. Alpha is a safe place to meet new people, find out the basics and share thoughts. Each week a big question around the Christian faith will be presented and explored. The evening includes a meal, followed by a video with group discussions included. Whether you have questions or not, or are just curious, why not come along, either by yourself or bring a friend. For further enquiries; contact Deacon Charlie Conner, charlie.conner@lrcd.org.uk or stcatherine.penrith@lrcd.org.uk; telephone 01768862273.

September is a month of hope, anticipation, excitement and challenge for many. Children may be starting nursery, entering reception class or having a new teacher in a different classroom. Older children may be moving to a 'big' school or realising that their first public exams are closer. Starting at University may mean leaving home to live in a different city. Training courses start up at all levels, some local, others in different cities. Our children of all ages face a challenging world. The pace of change and expectation continues to grow. Please say a prayer for each of them that they might not feel alone and realise that our prayers and support for them will not waver.

Can you help Skelton Show? Skelton Agricultural Show is looking for support to help keep our much-loved show running.

We're currently seeking:

- **Trophy Secretary** – helping manage and organise the show's trophies throughout the year.

Horticultural & Industrial Team Support No experience is needed – just enthusiasm and a willingness to help. Full support will be provided. To find out more, please contact **Helen Dent** at helen.dent@skeltonshow.com.

St Michael & All Angels, Ainstable

Since Easter we have been holding a lay-led morning prayer service on the second Sunday of the Month. We must thank Mike Hall for making the effort to come all the way from Skelton to lead some of the services. I also led some of the services and having never led any lay worship before, it's been a bit of a steep learning curve, but also a real privilege. The numbers attending have fluctuated, but there have always been enough to make it feel worthwhile. Having two services a month really helps with building a sense of community. I would say to anyone thinking "I really want my local Church to stay open, how can I help?" The first thing you can do is come to Church! I hope the lay services will continue next year.

In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays
Let us see the creator's hand and give thanks.



HARVEST SUPPER & AUCTION OF PRODUCE

In aid of Ainstable Church funds

Saturday 19th September 2026 at 7pm.

Raffle ~ £10 Adult £5 Children

To book, please ring or text (by 13th September)

Gwen Banks 07765 782279 or Lorraine Fisher 07769 710866

Donations of produce would be very welcome

Friday 18th September 2026 –

Mothers Pride 12



Eden Valley Flix
Community Film Club



From the team behind 'Finding Your Feet' and 'Fisherman's Friends', Mother's Pride is a heartwarming comedy-drama about a grieving family who unites to save their failing pub and community through beer-brewing and the Great British Beer Awards.

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Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start Entry to films £4, refreshments available to purchase.

Sub-titles will be used if requested.

Armathwaite Old School Hall

Community Café -Monday 8th and 22nd September 11.30-2.00pm

Come and enjoy a delicious lunch every second and fourth Monday. Volunteers are welcomed to serve on the day or make soup, bake bread, quiches, cakes or just come and chat to people. We are thankful to the many volunteers as well as the support from the Community who have attended.

Contact Jean 07891795490 or Sue 07876485011 for more information.

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Drivers wanted: If you would like to volunteer please contact any of the numbers below:

Skelton /Lamonby area - Mags Towers 01768 484727 Sheila Magee 0750 3891 040

Ainstable, Armathwaite, Hesketh Ivegill & Calthwaite area - Neil Ruddick 07929 761 173

W&F Council—0333 240 6965 option 5

A letter which has been sent to everyone on the electoral role of Hutton in the Forest. Please note – anyone who is interested in the future of St James' Church is welcome to attend the meeting.

Consultation Letter: The Future of St James' Church, Hutton-in-the -Forest

I'm writing on behalf of the PCC of St James, Hutton in the Forest to share some important news about our church, and to invite you to a public meeting to discuss its future.

Although we do have a regular congregation, it is elderly and reducing in size. At the same time, our costs continue to increase, and our financial reserves are exhausted. After much thought and prayer, the PCC believes that it needs to consider what its options are for the future. One possibility would be to close the church building, although of course that would only be considered if all other options had been fully explored.

Before we make any firm decision about the future, the PCC would like to engage with the community and consider whether there are realistic alternatives that could secure the church's future. We would therefore warmly invite you to:

**A Public Meeting at St James' Church, Hutton-in -the Forest,
on September 15th, 2026 at 7.00pm**

This consultation will offer an opportunity for you as part of the local community to hear more about the situation, ask questions, and share your thoughts, ideas and concerns. The meeting will be chaired by our Archdeacon, The Venerable Ruth Newton.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide you with a full understanding of our circumstances, to listen to your thoughts and explore what community support there might be for the church. If significant, ongoing support—both practical and financial—emerges from the wider community there may be a way to secure the future of our church. However, without that, there may be no choice but to consider the closure of the church.

We understand how important this church is to many in the community whether or not they worship here regularly. We hope this meeting will be an opportunity for open and constructive conversation as we seek a way forward together.

With warmest good wishes, Rev'd Dr Allison Fenton, priest-in-charge
On behalf of the PCC of St James, Hutton in the Forest

CHRIST CHURCH IVEGILL

As our thoughts turn to the changing season, we would like to invite you to our Annual Harvest Service; This is an important time in our local calendar, as we give thanks for the food, animals, crops and our farming community. The Harvest Service is on Sunday 27th September at 9.30am and everyone is welcome. Gifts of non-perishable goods such as tins, cereals and dry foods, like pasta and rice can be left in church before 1.00pm on Saturday 26th September and will initially be used to decorate the church before being delivered to Carlisle Food bank.

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Strawberry Tea in Ivegill Village Hall in July; it was lovely to see so many people there and to hear the chatter of friends old and new. We raised £571 which is very much appreciated and will be used for the upkeep of our churchyard.

All Services are listed on the Services page.

ST JAMES'S HUTTON IN THE FOREST

Hutton End Village Hall is available for hire for family parties, groups etc. The hall is accessible for wheelchairs. Contact: Margaret Gray (booking secretary) for prices and information margaret.e.gray.mg@gmail.com

St James's Hutton In The Forest

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Christ & St Mary's Armathwaite

Help! Are you able to spare an hour, perhaps once a year, to help keep our beautiful, peaceful church clean and tidy? Or perhaps you like arranging flowers and would be prepared to provide flowers for one month during the year? If you are able to help with either of these, we would like to hear from you. Your help would be much appreciated. Please contact Jenny Roscoe for more information (Tel 016974 72383 or email jennyroscoe1@gmail.com)

Harvest Supper - 21 October 2026

Everyone is invited to join us in the Old School Hall for the Harvest Supper at 7pm on 21 October. Numbers will be limited so please give your name to Jenny Roscoe jennyroscoe1@gmail.com or Sue Bonsor ksbonsor@msn.com as soon as you can please. Offers of help with provision of the food will be greatly appreciated. There is no admission charge, but donations are most welcome for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal.

Food Bank

The church continues to collect items for the Carlisle Food Bank and donations can be left at any time in the box at the back of church or in the box on the driveway at 8 Mill Brow. Demand is high and anything you can give will be greatly appreciated. Donations have really dropped off over the past few months and we appreciate that you also may be feeling the squeeze on your finances, but if you are able just to give one item per week it would help a family who are in a really desperate financial situation. Thank you to all those who give regularly. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Open Gardens

A belated 'thank you' to everyone who contributed in any way towards making the Open Gardens a huge success again this year. The sun shone for most of the time and lots of people came and supported the event, raising £2088 which has been divided equally between the Old School Hall and the Church.

Finance

If you would like to contribute towards the ministry of Armathwaite church and the upkeep of the churchyard, please contact the Treasurer, Sue Bonsor for details. Email ksbonsor@msn.com or telephone 016974 72054.

Remember to look at the *A Church Near You* website. Details of services and events at Armathwaite Church can be found at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/12301/>



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Messy Church is a way of being church for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.

Everyone is welcome. All children need to be accompanied by an adult and all adults need to be accompanied by a child.

At Messy Church you will have the opportunity to try out some crafts, to think about a bible story, to do a bit of singing, pray – using simple prayers, and eat a simple lunch together.

In the Inglewood Benefice we've got 2 places where Messy Church happens: Armathwaite Old School Hall and Ainstable Church Institute.

To find out more contact:

Sian Banks

Fiona Mackaskill

Rev'd Allison

Or you can check out the website: messychurch.brf.org.uk

Dates:

27th September 2026 – Ainstable (11.30 am to 1.00 pm)

8th November 2026 – Armathwaite (11.30 am to 1.00 pm)

13th December 2026 – Ainstable (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm)

10th January 2027 – Armathwaite (11.30 am to 1.00 pm)

21st March 2027 – Ainstable (11.30 am to 1.00 pm)

25th April 2027 – Armathwaite (11.30 am to 1.00 pm)

Cost: there is no charge for Messy Church but you might want to consider making a donation towards our overheads.



Cottage Wood Centre

The Methodist Church Penrith Circuit

Serving our community in the name of Jesus

Services are at 3pm where you would be given a warm welcome. We gather around tables and enjoy refreshment during the Service. There are crafts undertaken sometimes during the Service which reflect on the message given during the talk.

In July we had a swop Saturday and coffee morning where people brought items and exchange them for something on the tables. This money was given to the Methodist homes to the befriending service. The morning raised £110.00.

Skelton show was a success again this year with over 100 hot drinks served. We were able to have lots of conversations with the people in and out of the marquee. The children's are was extremely busy with face painting which again was well over 100 children getting their faces painted. The other activities were busy as well a huge thank you to all who helped preparing before and helping on the day. This is a good outreach to our communities and working together as churches.

3c's Group Meet on a Wednesday morning 10am for Bible study this year we are looking at Corinthians 1 & 2. At 10.30am others can join us for refreshments and crafts. This is open to anyone or if you are passing call in for a coffee or tea.

Take Tea out Returns on Thursday 10th September meeting from 1.30pm. If you would like to join us for tea or have a take away please contact Sheila and book either. It is a good way to meet people in our area.

Prayer Meeting We hold this in our own homes between 7pm – 8pm. You could join us at any time which suits you or if there is someone or some situation you would like us to pray for contact Sheila.

Harvest Festival A supper will be held on Saturday October 3rd starting at 6.30pm we will be serving Fish & Chips please contact Sheila to book a supper. This will be followed with a quiz. Please contact Sheila to book a supper the price will be £10. Sunday October the 4th our Harvest Service will be taken by David & Sarah Crouchley at 5pm.

Sheila's contact no: 01768 885362

THE INGLEWOOD GROUP OF CHURCHES—SERVICES

Sunday August 30th 10.30 St James, Hutton in the Forest

Benefice service of Holy Communion with Bishop Michael the Bishop of Penrith preaching and presiding

Sunday, 6th September

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

Sunday, 13th September

9.15	Ainstable	Morning Prayer
9.15	Plumpton	Holy Communion
11.15	High Hesket	Morning Prayer
11.15	Hutton	Holy Communion

Sunday, 20th September

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

Sunday, 27th September

9.15	Ainstable	Holy Communion & HARVEST FESTIVAL
9.15	Plumpton	Morning Prayer
11.15	High Hesket	Morning Worship
11.15	Skelton	Morning Prayer
5.00pm	Hutton	Evening Prayer & HARVEST FESTIVAL

Services of Morning Prayer:

Tuesdays 10.30:	On Zoom, please contact Sue and Ken Bonsor for joining details;
Thursdays 8.00am:	Skelton Church

Also happening weekly:

Gospel Gathering - a weekly bible study and discussion about the following week's Gospel Reading.

Mondays 3.30 – 4.30 at the vicarage in Plumpton. All welcome but please email or ring Rev'd Allison to let her know you're coming.

Services for September in Ivegill:-

Sunday 13th September - Morning Worship at 9.30am

Sunday 27th September - Harvest Service at 9.30am

Methodist Services

	Cottage Wood Centre	Skelton
6th September	5pm - Rev Julia Reid (HC)	10:30am - Rev Julia Reid (HC)
13th September	5pm - Kathleen Williamson	10:30am - Rev Dave Milner (Harvest Festival)
20th September	5pm - Dean Lawson	10:30am - Lawrence Tomlinson
27th September	4pm - at Keswick	10:30am - Michael Boone
4th October	Rev David & Sarah Crouchley (Harvest Festival)	10:30am - Kathleen Williamson

The Catholic Parish of St Catherine, Penrith:

Sunday Mass: 8.30am and 10.30am

Saturday 9.00am Mass, 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

St Wulstan's, Alston: Saturday Mass 6.00pm

Our Lady of Appleby: Sunday Mass 4.00pm

Stay connected

You can find our web presence on 'A Church Near you' – just search for **Inglewood Benefice** www.achurchnearyou.com 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 inglewoodvic-ar@gmail.com and we'll send you a link.



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