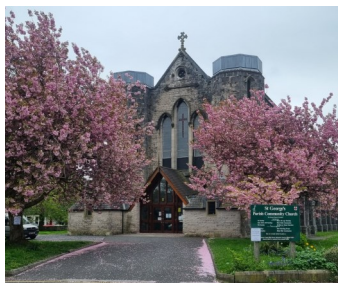


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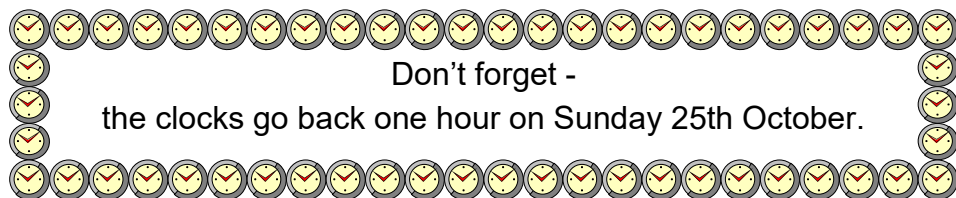
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Laughter Lines

The new vicar taking his first service was determined to make a good impression. The congregation sat spellbound throughout the eloquent sermon and the extended intercessions, which seemed to cover the whole category of human wants. After the service one church member asked another in awe: "Don't you think our new vicar prays well?"

"I most certainly do," came the answer. "Why that man asked the good Lord for things that our old vicar didn't even know He had!"

Letter from Ian Wilson
Lay Reader in the Beacon Team Churches

Dear Friends,

Autumn is the season when the world around us starts to show signs of a natural ending to the year. Leaves fall and gather into corners like secrets. The sun's passage across the sky gets more fleeting with each passing day. Keats's "mist and mellow fruitfulness" is all around us.

People have, naturally, seen a parallel between Autumn and our own lives. There comes a time when we are no longer the bright, shiny, summery people of our prime, and we have to learn to accept that our days too are getting shorter, and the colourful beauty of our youth is fading to a more mature, less strident hue.

Yet that autumn easing of our lives doesn't mean we are finished with yet. Winter is still some way off. Coupled with the undoubtedly better health that many, if not most, of us enjoy today, I think our culture puts enormous pressure on us to remain 'young' in the eyes of the world. Paul McCartney once wrote about being 64 one day, but as I reach that milestone myself, I know that I am not ready for a life of watching Heather knitting sweaters, or just "doing the garden" all day (though it does need a lot of 'doing' just now!). The latter years of our lives present us, it seems to me, with a hard choice; a choice between what our hearts and minds still search for and desire, and what our bodies remain capable of doing.

For the Christian, this raises a question of what discipleship means as we get older. The theologian and preacher Sam Wells writes about there being two strands of discipleship: first there is, if you like, the discipleship of doing; the things we spend a lot of energy on in our earlier life; the learning of disciplines, and formation of our character through the actions of our lives. What we are about in this stage of our lives involves taking on roles that define us; our jobs, our place in a family, our commitments to a church. And all these are good things for this part of life.

But equally important is the discipleship that comes with weakness. This is a very different part of our discipleship, and it's one where we turn towards God and allow our spiritual nakedness to be seen. In this discipleship we are no longer afraid to ask for help, or to admit to our failures. In this discipleship what we seek is forgiveness, reconciliation and restoration.

And maybe this is what the Autumn of our lives, whenever that may come along, is for. Maybe this time is given to us by God because those of us

lucky enough to experience this time of life still need this time let God heal our wounds and embrace our weaknesses.

We're not good at believing that God is a God of weakness as well as strength. We like to sing about an all-powerful saviour God who is here to rescue us from the evils of this world. And that is an important part of what we believe. But the central message of Christianity is that God so loves us that he came to us a human being, one of us, and suffered all of the weaknesses that go with being human. And that means we can trust God to be for us and with us. We can trust Him with our own weaknesses, our own fears, our own need for forgiveness and the healing it brings.

The Autumn of our lives, the subtle or sudden changes that bring on our time of weakness, need not be the end of our discipleship. If we allow the Holy Spirit to be with us in our weakness, then God can heal not only the sadness and failings of our lives, but the lives of those around us too. And that is perhaps the greatest discipleship of all.

With love and prayers,

Ian

Confirmation Service in the Beacon Team

This is advance notice that the Beacon Team will be hosting a Confirmation Service at St. Oswald's Burneside at 4pm on Sunday 17th January 2027 with Bishop Michael.

If you or anyone you know is interested in exploring confirmation then please get in touch with Rev Michelle and she will discuss it with you.

07468535387 or rev.michelle@beaconteam.org.uk



St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:

Sunday 4th October - Harvest Festival 11.00am
Sunday 11th October - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 18th October - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 25th October - *Join a service at another church*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

Sunday 4th October - Holy Communion BCP 9.30am
Sunday 11th October - Harvest Festival 11.00am
Sunday 18th October - Holy Communion CW 9.30am
Sunday 25th October - Evensong 6.30pm

St George, Kendal

Sunday 4th October - Harvest with Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 11th October - Worship@4 4.00pm
Sunday 18th October - **Bible Sunday** - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 25th October - Holy Communion 9.30am
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St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 4th October - *No service - feel free to join another church*
Sunday 11th October - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 18th October - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 25th October - Holy Communion 11.00am

St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 4th October - Abbey Service 10.30am



St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 4th October - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 11th October - Harvest Festival 6pm
Sunday 18th October - Evening Worship (Celtic) 6pm
Sunday 25th October - 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 the summer 4 members enjoyed an afternoon at Natland Mothers' Union, where we were entertained by the Brewkulele Ensemble.

Barbara Simpson (*Away from it all* caravan) sends her thanks for the toy and beach towel sent from our branch.

Upcoming joint meetings this month and next:

Saturday 10th October, 11am at St Oswald's Burneside

MU Deanery South 'Songs of Praise' followed by a Jacob's Join Lunch.

Monday 19th October 12.30– 1pm Deanery meeting at Ings

Monday 30th November, 2pm Deanery MU Carol Service at Kendal Parish Church.

We are looking forward to meeting together at 2pm on **Wednesday 28th October** when Revd. Ashley Henderson will be our speaker.

If anyone would like to provide deodorant for refugees, please bring along to this meeting.

Mary Atkinson (Branch Leader)

At St George's Church, Kendal
Saturday October 17

***The story of Jesus
as you might never have heard it before!***

A public reading of the whole of Mark's Gospel

Hot/cold drinks and biscuits from 1pm
Reading from 1:30pm until about 4pm, with a short break in the
middle

*Come for the whole reading or drop in and out for just part of the
time*

Bring your friends and neighbours too!

Readings for October 2026

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Isaiah 5:1-7
2nd Reading Philippians 3:4b-14

October 4, 2026

Psalm 80:9-17
Gospel Matthew 21:33-end

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Isaiah 25:1-9
2nd Reading Philippians 4:1-9

October 11, 2026

Psalm 23
Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Isaiah 45:1-7
2nd Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

October 18, 2026

Psalm 96:1-9(10-13)
Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

Bible Sunday

1st Reading Nehemiah 8:1-12
2nd Reading Colossians 3:12-17

October 25, 2026

Psalm 119:9-16
Gospel Matthew 24:30-35

Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2026

Dear friends,

We read constantly of the squeeze on household finances due to the cost of living. So, a huge thank you goes to those who supported last year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We saw an increase in annual giving of nearly £2,500; that is amazing!

This year, sees the culmination of our three year programme of support for Christian Aid's work in Burkina Faso, helping families in rural communities to find sustainable sources of food, income and dignity; and partnering with Church Mission Society in Northern Argentina to grow new indigenous Christian leaders for ministry.

As you will read here, much has been achieved in those years, thanks to your kindness and generosity. My deep wish is that this continues over the next 12 months as together we support our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world.

This harvest season, please prayerfully discern what you can give to the Appeal and encourage people in your church to do the same as with God's grace we continue to see people's lives flourish.

With every blessing,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Saner-Haigh', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

The Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh, Bishop of Carlisle

Exploring Grief

Thursdays in the Radley Room, St. George's Church Kendal.

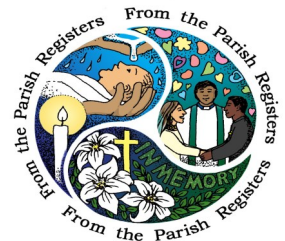
We all experience grief in some form during our lives. The journey of healing requires time, patience and support. During September we are going to meet to explore what the psalms say about grief and how they can provide comfort and help us to express our emotions to our compassionate God who weeps with 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;

Thursday 17th 24th September, (no meeting on 2nd) 8th & 15th October
from 10.30am – 12pm with tea and coffee and biscuits provided.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Michelle

From The Registers



Baptisms:

6th September - St George's Kendal -

Rory Gill

Wedding:

5th September - St Oswald's Burneside -

Natasha Mountain and Sebastian Gledhill

Grayrigg Church and Community News

UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAYRIGG

2nd October	Pub Night	7.30pm onwards
31st October	Soupa Saturday - 11.30am - 1.30pm in Grayrigg Coronation Hall Proceeds for Church Funds	
28th November	Christmas Fayre - Grayrigg Coronation Hall 10am – 1pm	Proceeds for Church Funds



Grayrigg Rainfall

The rainfall in August 2026 was 73.8mm or 2.91 inches

The rainfall in August 2025 was 87.9mm or 3.46 inches

The average August rainfall over the last 34 years is 131.5mm
or 5.18 inches.

Howgill and Firbank WI

Thursday 1st October - Firbank Church Hall at 7.30pm

This will be the AGM

The competition is for any knitted article.

Grayrigg Church and Community News

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.

Oct 13th Wreath Making

with Sue Hunter

Nov.10th The Kendal Woman

with staff from the Environment Agency

Dec. 9th The Lost Buildings of Kendal

with Richard Pealing

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

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. If you are interested in joining, come along or phone 07780 996498 for more information



Orchestral Brass in Concert

Saturday 24th
October

5.30-6.30pm
At St George's
Church Kendal

Tickets just £9

Organ Recital Wednesday 14th October

Experience the Power of the Wilkinson Pipe Organ

Join us for an hour of organ music....with the sounds of our historic 1883 Wilkinson Grade 1 listed pipe organ filling the sacred space of St George's church.



The organ has 2,032 pipes!
It will be played by Graham Toft BSc FPA
Organist at Lancaster Christ Church

1pm—2pm refreshments from 12.30pm

St George's Church Castle St. Kendal



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 15th October 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

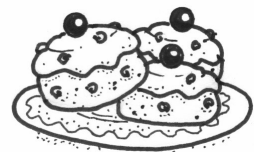


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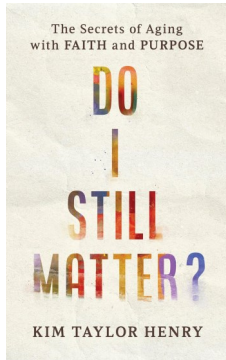
Friday October 30th 2026
from 10am to 11.30am

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 REVIEW

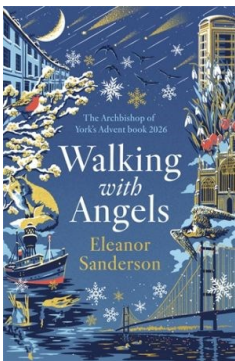


Do I Still Matter? 9781640703322
Kim Taylor Henry £5

Do I still matter? It's a question that plagues many of us at that awkward in-between age. You're too old to be called middle-aged; after all, how many people really live to be 110? But definitely too young to be elderly! Your roles, your body, and your life are changing. While that's nothing new, now you're less confident about your goals, your purpose, or your value. You're asking the question and you want an answer: *Do I still matter?*

Kim Taylor Henry has experienced the fears, doubts, and insecurities that creep in as the years progress. In 40 daily readings, she offers biblical insights and practical pointers for dealing with the challenges that accompany aging. From the monumental (*Who am I now?*) to the mundane (*My hands look so old!*), Kim confronts the universal concerns of senior adulthood with a reliance upon God.

Available through South Lakes Christian Resources & Lynne Magee.



Walking with Angels. 9780281092079
by The Rt Revd Dr Eleanor Sanderson
Bishop of Hull £11.99 now £11

This year we will be following the Archbishop of York's recommended Advent book. Drawing on the words spoken by angels in Scripture, it explores how these messengers of God reveal the good news at the heart of the Christian story. Each of the four weeks of Advent focuses on a different aspect of that message, helping readers grow in love for God, for their neighbours, and for themselves.

If you would like to buy a copy of this book, please let Lynne know.

From The Deanery:

Bible Comes to Life Exhibition 6th to 11th October

St Thomas' Kendal are hosting CMJ's interactive touring exhibition: a Bedouin tent, a display of the biblical feasts, models of the second temple and the Ark of the Covenant, a display explaining Jesus Christ – his incarnation, life, death and resurrection – and people dressed as priests, prophets, shepherds, Nazarene ladies and a Roman centurion to show you round.

School classes will be visiting from Tuesday to Friday.

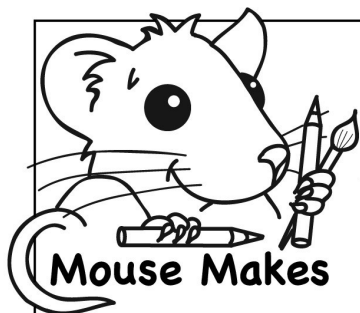
Go along to one of the sessions open to the public on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, 6.30-9pm, and on the Saturday, 10am-4pm.

More information at cmj.org.uk/bible-exhibition

Yes, it's only October, but get ahead and buy your Christmas cards, diaries and calendars now.

There is a selection of Christmas cards in the Beacon Team Office, which support The Leprosy Mission, Compassion and the Food Bank. Come along and browse most Monday and Thursday mornings when Lynne is in the Office.





The **Bible** is a collection of books, written by many different people who were helped and inspired by God. The **Bible** includes books of history, law, poetry and songs, wisdom, testimony, letters and prophecy.

The **Bible** encourages us, corrects us and teaches us about God and how we can be friends with Him.



2. Which book of the Bible has the shortest title?



4. He was an Old Testament prophet that has a book named after him.

9. The Old Testament book of poetry and songs.

11. The last book in the Old Testament.

12. Which book tells the story of the spread of Christianity?



1. How many books are there in the New Testament?

2



3

B I B L E S U N D A Y

5. The first book of the Bible.



8. The last book in the Bible.

8

5



6

7

3. The Word of God is sharper than a two edged

Hebrews 4:12

6. God's word is like?

A _____ and a _____
Psalm 119:105



7. What are the first four books of the New Testament known as?

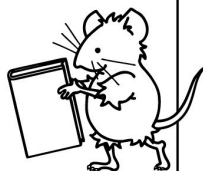
10. Who wrote the third book of the New Testament?

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14. A book of the Bible named after a woman

13. The Bible is also known as the _____ of God.
Hebrews 4:12



From the Diocese: Women's Refresh Day

24 October, 9.30am - 4.30pm. Christ Church, Penrith



Refresh is our annual day of church, bringing women together for uplifting worship, meaningful connection, and joyful celebration. This year we aim to reflect renewal, hope, and new beginnings. We're delighted to welcome the Bishop of Penrith as our guest speaker, sharing inspiration for the season ahead. Enjoy refreshments, fellowship, and gift bags for all attendees. Come ready to be encouraged, refreshed, and renewed.

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