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4th An evening with Boo Hewerdine, Armathwaite Old School Hall.
5th Wreath & Pot Making Demonstraton & Workshop Hutton End 2pm to 4pm
5th St Michael's Church 'Christmas Coffee with Santa'. Toppin Memorial Hall,10.30am
7th Festive Carol Singing at the Globe Inn with Blue Jam
11th Low Hesket Village Hall Cuppa and Cake 2pm
11th Low Hesket Village Hall Christmas Bingo
15th Tea Service at 2.30pm in Skelton Methodist Chapel All very welcome
17th Calthwaite Village Carol singing meet at crossroads 6.30pm
18th St Mary's High Hesket Christmas singalong
19th A little village Christmas, St John's the Evangelist, Plumpton 1pm—3pm

January
8th Low Hesket Village Hall Cuppa and Cake 2pm
10th 3pm Joint Epiphany Service & Celebration, Toppin Memorial Hall
29th St Mary's Church High Hesket Coffee Morning 10.00 am—11.30am
29th Ainstable Church Institute Eden Valley Flix—Song Sung Blue

February
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Vicar's Notes

When do you put your Christmas lights up? Are you someone who waits until the week before Christmas? Perhaps you have already put them up, or perhaps you are still waiting for the right moment. Whatever your preference, I'm sure that Christmas lights appearing in windows and along our streets make everyone feel brighter. As the days grow shorter those little points of light bring a sense of warmth, comfort and hope.

Of course, part of the pleasure is that they remind us that Christmas is coming. There is a sense of anticipation, of waiting and growing excitement. We know what is ahead, and we begin to prepare for it. We bring out the decorations, put up the tree, make plans and look forward to celebrating with family and friends.

For Christians, this season of waiting has a deeper meaning. At the beginning of Advent, on Sunday 29 November, we begin the Church's season of preparation. Advent is a time when we wait for the coming of Christ, remembering the story of that first Christmas and looking forward to the hope that Jesus brings. Just as we look for the brightness of Christmas lights on these dark evenings, so we look towards the brightness of the baby Jesus, whose birth brings light into our world.

The angel's words to the shepherds, recorded in Luke's Gospel, are at the heart of the Christmas story:

'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord.' (Luke 2:10–11)

Good news of great joy, for all people. These are familiar words, but perhaps we need to hear them afresh each year. They remind us that the Christmas story is not just a lovely tradition or a welcome celebration in the middle of winter. It is a message of hope: that God comes among us, sharing our human lives and bringing the promise of new beginnings.

As we move from Christmas into a New Year, we might wonder what lies ahead. We cannot know what the coming months will bring, and there will inevitably be challenges as well as joys. But the message of Christmas gives us something to carry with us. We do not need to have everything worked out before we can be hopeful. We can step into a new year trusting that God's light continues to shine, even when the way ahead is not entirely clear.

You are always welcome at our churches, whether you come regularly, occasionally, or have not been for a long time. If you would like to come but feel more comfortable speaking to me first, please do get in touch. We will do our best to make sure you receive a warm and genuine welcome. You will find details of our Christmas services in the middle pages of this parish news.

We trying a 'pop up' Christmas choir at St Mary's Church, High Hesket – meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6.30pm for an hour, and then singing at the carol service on Sunday 20th at 11.15. Come and try it out – you don't need to be a trained singer – just willing. Children who can read are welcome to come with an accompanying adult.

Finally, thank you for your generous response to my repeated requests for additional support for our churches. I am very conscious that our churches depend upon the generosity and commitment of so many people, and I am enormously grateful for your continued support.

May the light and hope of Christmas stay with you throughout the New Year.

With every blessing,

Allison

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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.

Our Christmas Singalong is on Friday 18th December, doors open at 6.30pm and singing begins at 7pm. Please wear your Christmas Jumper and join in the fun at the chocolate Tombola. All your kind donations of chocolate is greatly appreciated before the night, leave in church or hand to any PCC member. Please do come and join in with the festivities.

Please put the 6th March in your diaries for the next St Mary's Pre-Loved Book Fayre and save all your spare and unwanted books which we will collect nearer the time. Thank you.

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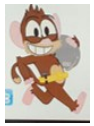
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May we invite you all to our Carol Service on Sunday 20th December at 11.15am, please bring the children as we would love to see you and wish you all a Merry Christmas.

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CRAFTY LADIES 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 7th and 21st December and 4th and 18th January. We look forward to seeing you!!

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Monday 7th December Advent Service in St Mary's Church at 2pm Please note a change of date from the program All welcome . Tea, coffee and mince pies following the service.

JANUARY 2027 NO MEETING

Feb 22nd (Monday) AGM and fellowship in Low Hesket Village Hall at 2pm Subs will be collected. Any queries Tel Daphne 016974 73614

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Next dates 11th December, 8th January & 12th February

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3c's group will not have any meetings in December however will meet again **on January 6th** meeting for the Bible study at 10am and others joining at 10.30am everyone is welcome.

Take Tea Out a Christmas lunch will be served on December 3rd at 1pm dominations for the lunch will go to Zambezi mission and Cap please contact Sheila if you would like to come. **There will be no Take Tea Out until Thursday March 11th at 2pm.**

Prayer meetings are held on the first Wednesday in the month in our own homes between 7pm – 8pm. If there is anyone or situation that you would like us to pray for please contact Sheila. For any other inquiries about Cottage Wood please contact Sheila Tel No: 01768 885362

We all wish you a peaceful Christmas and a happy new year.

All Saints Church Calthwaite

We have enjoyed a wonderfully full and meaningful November at All Saints. Alongside our regular Holy Communion on the first Sunday and lay-led worship on the third, we gathered for our special All Saints and Remembrance services. We also welcomed baby Milo into our church family through baptism. We pray for him and his family as he grows in faith.
This month, we also had to say a fond farewell to two much-loved members of our congregation, Helen and David Johnson. Both have been tremendous supporters of All Saints Church, serving faithfully on the PCC, helping to keep our church beautifully maintained, and encouraging us all with their friendship and prayers. While we will miss them dearly, we send them off with our love and best wishes as they settle into their new home and community over in Wigton.

As we move into Advent and look ahead to Christmas, there is plenty to look forward to:
1st December – Yew Tree Lights. Our churchyard yew trees will be lit up for the festive season. If you would like to dedicate a light in memory of a loved one, please let Pat know using the contact details at the front of the magazine. There is a suggested donation of £5.00, with proceeds shared between the church and Hospice at Home.

7th December (7:00 pm) – Carols at The Globe Inn. Join us for a relaxed evening of festive carols, with music kindly provided by Blue Jam. There will be a collection on the night.

17th December (6:30 pm) – Village Carol Singing. Meet at the crossroads at the church to spread some Christmas cheer as we sing carols around the village alongside our friends from Cottagewood. Everyone welcome to join us. We will have carol sheets please bring your own torch

20th December (9:15 am) – Morning Worship. Our friends from Cottagewood will be joining us once again for our Sunday morning service. Everyone is warmly invited.

24th December (4:30 pm) – Family Christingle Service. This is a wonderful way for all ages to celebrate Christmas Eve, and young people are warmly invited to come dressed up as whichever nativity character they would like to be. Please make your Christingles at home to bring along, and we will happily provide a glow candle or red ribbon if required. As always, we will finish the service with our joyful, traditional rendition of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

In January, we will return to our usual pattern of Sunday worship, with Holy Communion on the first Sunday and lay-led worship on the third. As we step into the new year, we know we face some challenges ahead with necessary repairs needed on our church building. Keep an eye out for upcoming fundraising events, as we deeply appreciate your ongoing generosity, prayers, and support in helping us care for this special place.

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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.

Anna Chaplaincy for older people

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 Tuesday 15th December at 2.30pm. **Everyone is very welcome**

St. Michael's Church, Skelton 100 Club Winners

	1st Prize £25	2nd Prize £15	3rd Prize £10
September 2026	48 R Grierson	83 Nick & Roger	115 R Jackson
October 2026	34 J Wilson	40 S Mounsey	3 Henry & Poppy
November 2026	32 R Mossop	115 R Jackson	93 H Grindal

St Michael's Church, Skelton
'Christmas Coffee with Santa' Sat 5th Dec 10.30am-12noon
Main Hall at Toppin Memorial Hall, Skelton £5 entry
(children free)

SKELTON METHODIST CHURCH

All services are listed on the Services page.

Wednesday 2nd December is the date for our Coffee Morning. All donations will be sent to Centrepoint, the charity which supports young homeless people. The Coffee Morning in January is Wednesday 6th January when the charity is Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Come and join us between 10.00 - 11.30am for coffee/tea and scones/biscuits.

Our Wednesday Get Together will continue throughout December and January unless the weather is bad. We meet from 1.30 - 3.30pm for knitting, sewing and chatting. A small charge is made to cover the cost of room hire and refreshments and all are welcome. Phoebe's Pop Up Cafe will continue to be held each month. Look out for information on Skelton notice boards.

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

Christmas wreath and pot demonstration and workshop



Saturday 5th December, 2 - 4pm
Hutton End Village Hall
Please bring your own pot, decorations, secateurs and any evergreen foliage would be welcome
Refreshments provided
Donations for the church of around £15 requested



Fri & Sat: 6pm onwards
Sunday: From 12 noon,
(last sitting 1:30pm)
And 6pm onwards



Closed from 21st Dec until 3rd Jan (apart from pre-booked Christmas Day). Open as usual 3rd Jan onwards!

Heather Glen Country House,
Ainstable

Christmas Menu
Two courses £33, Three Courses £38.50
Enjoy some Christmas favourites this festive season. Available Friday-Sunday.

Private Dining
From birthday meals to family gatherings, baby showers and Christenings. Private bookings available most days. West View Room caters for 70 guests and our Eden Restaurant up to 120 for sit down menu. Up to 200 for buffet.

Dates to avoid due to private functions
Sat 5th Dec, Sat 12th Dec, Sat 19th Dec

Heather Glen's Retreat
The perfect getaway this cosy season
Enjoy a one night stay in our two bedroom self-catering apartment with breakfast and dinner included. Four legged friends welcome. Only £380. Based on four adults. Contact us directly!

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from everyone at Heather Glen.
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Eden Valley Flix
Community Film Club

Friday 29th January 2027—Song Sung Blue (12)

Based on an incredible true story, Mike (Hugh Jackman) and Claire (Kate Hudson) are two down-on-their-luck musicians who prove that it's never too late to find love and follow your dreams. They form a joyous Neil Diamond tribute band called Lightning and Thunder, rising from a humble garage to dive bar gigs to unexpected hometown stardom. When tragedy strikes, their love for each other and passion for music give them the strength to overcome hardships, rediscover hope, and inspire everyone around them.

Doors open at 7pm and the film starts at 7:30. Entry price £4.00. The refreshment hatch will be open for the purchase of teas, coffees and soft drinks along with the usual range of snacks. If you would prefer an alcoholic a beverage, please feel free to bring your own and we will be happy to provide glasses.

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Adult Ballroom & Latin Dance Classes for Beginners

LOW HESKET VILLAGE HALL

Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm Commencing 12th January 2027
Partner essential
For more information Contact Martin on 07545 917 478
Email: info@waltzandmore.co.uk



Voluntary Car Scheme (VCS)

The VSC 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 01768 484727 Sheila Magee 0750 3891 040
Ainstable, Armathwaite, Hesket Ivegill & Calthwaite area - Neil Ruddick 07929 761 173
W&F Council—0333 240 6965 option 5

HESKET PARISH COUNCIL

www.hesket.org.uk

Chair: Shaun Long facebook.com/HesketParish

The next Ordinary Meeting of Hesket Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 12th January 2027 at 7.30pm at Low Hesket Village Hall.
Members of the public are always welcome to attend

A two-minute silence was observed prior to the November meeting to remember the fallen of all wars since the Great War. HPC provided remembrance wreaths to Plumpton; Calthwaite and High Hesket.
A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor; please contact the Chair for more information
Minutes of the meeting will be available on the HPC website in due course

As the weather turns cooler, please keep an eye out for elderly or vulnerable neighbours who may need an extra hand with shopping, clearing paths etc. Winter weather can cause pot holes and blocked drains; you can report these directly to the Highways Department via the Westmorland and Furness online portal: Westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk

Hesket Parish Councillors wish all parishioners a very joyful festive season and a Happy New Year

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

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

Christmas Masses

Wednesday 24th December Vigil Masses 2.30pm carols followed by Mass at 3.30pm St Wulstan's Alston. 6pm Family Mass at St Catherine's Penrith; 9pm St Catherine's Penrith with choir.

Thursday 25th December. Christmas Day Masses 9am St Catherine's Penrith, 11.15am Our lady of Appleby.

Amid all this hope and excitement and the preparations, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas. Can we all make an effort to attend a church or carol service and put aside for a short time the worries of family and our troubled world? Let us remember those for whom this is not a happy time; those who keep quiet to save their families or their marriage and those, who serve us, who may be facing losing their jobs in the New Year. Please amid all the preparation, it doesn't take long to say a quiet prayer.

Will this just become 'another' Christmas and New Year? What memories will linger on in to next year. Can we make it a 'different' Christmas and New year? Happy memories can often be created by taking time out to slow down and listen to others, to talk to children and others about their lives, their hopes and dreams for the future. Time is precious, but it is a gift. Can we remember ourselves, as we rush around trying to multi task? Set time aside, call it ME time, try a period of silence- no sounds just silence. You now have time to think, reflect, look back and then forward. You will be surprised how you have a better outlook on everything and how easy it can become a prayer and a resolution for the present and the future. Our annual preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion begins on 13th December with enrolment and training is from January to May 2027. It is a big commitment for children and parents. In addition to the children working in school there is a class every 2 weeks for children and parents through to the special day in May. It is special for the Parish as they welcome parents and children to Mass every 2 weeks and then join in the celebrations in May. Please say a prayer for our children and their parents.

Our children in St Catherine's Primary school are looking at kindness and the effect of kind deeds by ordinary people. They will hear the story of kind deeds from a bus driver, who regards himself as an ordinary worker!

We become neighbours, when we are willing to cross the road for one another. There is a lot of road crossing needed in our world. We are all so busy in our own circles. We have our own people to go to and our own affairs to take care of. But, if we could cross the road once in a while and pay attention to what is happening on the other side, who are equally as busy; we might indeed become neighbours.

We wish everyone a Peaceful and Holy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

AINSTABLE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE NOTICES

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF AINSTABLE -
The Village Hall Committee would like to make parish residents aware that the PCC have very kindly put forward a proposal for us to lease the Village Hall from them on a long term basis. We are very excited about the proposal and are presently working on setting up a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to enable us to enter into the lease. The CIO will initially be set up with the current Hall Committee as its trustees. Moving forward, the success of the Organisation will very much depend on the support and input of the local community. Its purpose will be to continue the work of the present long standing committee, to maintain and operate the building for the benefit of local people, providing a valuable space for social events and gatherings for many years to come - a vital facility for our rural area. It is likely to take some time to get things in place but everyone will be invited to the Organisations first and subsequent A.G.M's, and have a say in how the village hall is run and operated. We would like to thank everyone for their continued and future support and would very much like to hear new ideas for fund raising activities, groups etc. If you have any ideas or feel you could help in any way prior to our AGM, please do get in touch. Thank you.
ainstablevillagehall@gmail.com

A NOTE OF THANKS - The Village Hall committee and wider community would like to say a very big thank you for all the hard work put in by Tom Pollock upon his resignation from the Committee and position of Chairman. His many years on the Committee have seen vast improvements to the hall and we wouldn't have the building we have today without his dedication and input.

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT - Due to last years being a big success and enjoyed by all we will be holding another bingo night next year on Saturday 27th February. More details to follow in February issue.

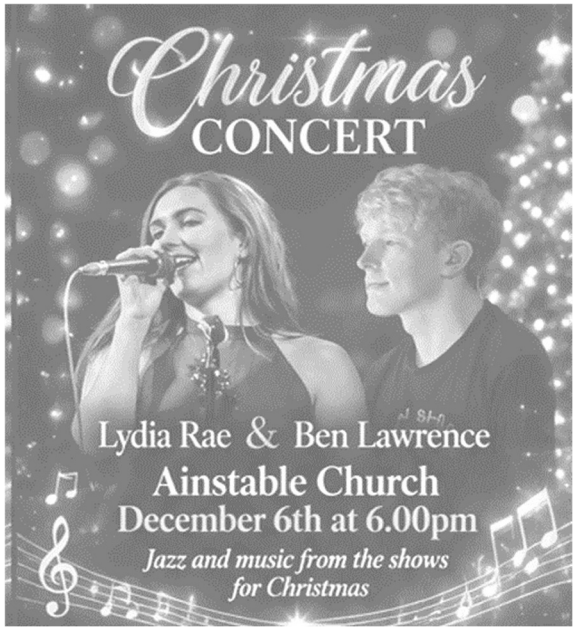
Armathwaite Old School Hall

Community Café
The next Community Café will take place on Monday 25th January 2027.
There is no community café in December or early January.
Come and enjoy a delicious lunch on the second and fourth Monday of the month at the Old School Hall, Armathwaite. Volunteers are welcomed to serve on the day or make soup, bake bread, cakes or traybakes or just come and chat to people. We are so thankful for the many volunteers who have provided the food and support from the Community who have attended. Lunch is free for children. If you are working from home or feeling isolated you will receive a very warm welcome. Contact Jean 07891795490 or Sue 07876485011 for more information.

Kitchen Update
After many years of fundraising and applying for grants the new kitchen will be installed beginning the first week of December and hopefully be complete by Monday 18th January. Thank you to the whole community for helping to fundraise for this project.

For hall bookings Emma armathwaiteosh@hotmail.com

St Michael & All Angels, Ainstable



GENERAL INTEREST

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.



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**
See our facebook page Hesket Forest Friends 'Stay and Play' for updates or call 0791 7832 574 Please do come along and support the group.

START LINE DANCING
Line Dancing for Beginners!
LOW HESKET VILLAGE HALL
First Tuesday of each Month
7:15pm to 9:15pm
starts 2nd February 2027
£6 pp including Break Refreshments
more information contact **Martin on 07545 917478**
email: info@waltzandmore.co.uk

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." — John 1:5
Loving God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus, the Light of the World. As we remember loved ones, celebrate with our community, and look toward a new year, bless our church family and our village. Give us strength and generosity as we care for our church building, and keep our hearts filled with your hope, peace, and joy. Amen.

CHRIST CHURCH IVEGILL

As we look back at 2026, the PCC of Christ Church , Ivegill , would like to take to the opportunity to thank everyone for their continued support for our beautiful church and churchyard. By attending the fund raising events, you are helping to pay for maintenance of the fabric of the building , inside and out , and the grass cutting in the churchyard, all vital for the maintaining this local village landmark and place of worship.
Looking at the visitors book in the back of the church , it is admired and cherished by those who visit. We would like to wish each and everyone of you, a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2027.

Come and celebrate the start of the festive season with us at the Advent Service on Sunday 29th November at 9.30an , Carols and Readings on Sunday 13th December at 2.30pm and Holy Communion on December 27th at 9.30 am.

ST JOHN'S THE EVANGELIST PLUMPTON



Christ & St Mary's Armathwaite

Thank you
We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who responded to our recent appeal in support of Armathwaite church. Your generosity and encouragement have been greatly appreciated. We are also most grateful to those who donated anonymously and whom we have not been able to thank personally. Thank you once again for your kindness, generosity and continued support. It is truly appreciated.

Carols at the Duke's Head, Armathwaite
We hope you will join us at the Duke's Head on **Thursday, 10 December at 7pm**. Come along to join in the singing of carols and to have a glass of beer or wine.

Christmas Fair with live Jazz Music
At Low House on Saturday, **12 December at 2pm until 3.30pm**. There will be tea, coffee and cakes, gift and cake stall and, of course, a raffle. We are fortunate to have Ben Lawrence playing jazz music on the piano again, so do come and join us with your friends and neighbours and enjoy a convivial afternoon.

Christmas Eve
At 11.30pm there will be Midnight Mass to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The service will be held in church and you are most welcome to join us. If you have never been to a Christmas Service before, why not come along and start your Christmas with us – we would love to see you.

Messy Church is here again! Come along and join in the fun on **Sunday, 10 January from 11.30am until 1pm at Armathwaite Old School Hall**. There will be singing, stories, crafts, activities and food. The event is free, but please book your place in advance, by contacting Sian Banks on 07881808679.

"Hills of the North" Calendars 2027 are now available from 8 Mill Brow and the Village Shop, priced at £9; all profit in aid of church funds. Buy your copy early to avoid disappointment! Tel: 016974-72054.

Food Bank – Food is desperately needed for those struggling to juggle paying for heating or eating. If you are able to help, please leave your donations at any time in the box at the back of church or on the driveway at 8 Mill Brow. Please assist us to support this much needed aid in the locality – a tin or packet of something per week would be greatly appreciated.

Sunday January 10th Joint Epiphany Service

With Rev'd Julia Reid and Rev'd Allison Fenton

Celebrating the arrival of the Magi and the shining of the star

Skelton Toppin Memorial Hall

service at **3.00pm**

Followed by refreshments

Methodist Services

	Cottage Wood Centre	Skelton
3rd January	3pm - Rev Julia Reid Covenant Service(HC)	10:30am - Rev Julia Reid Covenant Service(HC)
10th January	3pm - at Toppin Memorial Hall	3pm - at Toppin Memorial Hall
17th January	3pm - Dean Lawson	10:30am - Lois Morton
24th January	3pm - Rev Ian Newton	10:30am - Rev David Milner
31s January	3pm - Dean Lawson	10:30am - Michael Boone



Hesket Pop-up Christmas Choir

Rehearsals on Tuesdays 6.30-7.30pm

In St Mary's Church, High Hesket

Ready to sing at the carol service at 11.15 on Sunday December 20th

Do you love singing Christmas Carols?

Want to spread some festive cheer?

No auditions or music-reading required

Warm and welcoming atmosphere



Come and raise your voice this December

THE INGLEWOOD GROUP OF CHURCHES—SERVICES

Everyone is welcome to attend our services

ADVENT SUNDAY: November 29th

10.30am Service of Holy Communion for Advent Sunday with Bishop Rob, Bishop of Carlisle, All Saints Church, Calthwaite

6.00pm Service of healing and wholeness for Advent, Armathwaite Church (a simple service of prayer and readings)

Sunday, 6th December

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

Sunday, 13th December

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

Sunday, 20h December

9.15	**Armathwaite**	Holy Communion
9.15	**Calthwaite**	Morning Worship
11.15	**High Hesket**	Carol service followed by Holy Communion
10.30	**Skelton**	Carol service at Skelton Methodist Church

Christmas Eve – December 24th

3.00pm	**Family Carol Service – Plumpton**
4.30 pm	**Christingle service – Calthwaite**
5.30pm	**Christingle Service Skelton**
11.30pm	**Midnight Communion Service - Armathwaite**

Christmas Day - December 25th

9.00	**Skelton**	Holy Communion
10.00	**Hutton**	Holy Communion

Sunday, 27th December

10.30	**Ainstable**	Holy Communion

Carol Services in the Inglewood Benefice		
Sunday 13th December	3.00pm	Ainstable Messy Church
Sunday 13th December	6.00pm	Plumpton
Wednesday 16th December	7.30pm	Ainstable
Sunday 20th December	10.30am	Skelton Meth Church
Sunday 20th December	11.15am	High Hesket
(a carol service followed by communion for those who wish to stay)		
Sunday 20th December	**6.00pm**	St James, Hutton

Services for December in Christ Church, Ivegill:-
Sunday 13th December – Carol Service at 2.30pm
Sunday 27th December – Holy Communion at 9.30 am
Reminder:- Advent service on November 29th at 9.30 am

Methodist Services

	Cottage Wood Centre	Skelton
6th December	3pm - Rev Julia Reid (HC)	10:30am - Lawrence Tomlinson
13th December	3pm - at Penrith	10:30am - Rev Andrew Callaway (HC)
20th December	9:15am - at Calthwaite	10:30am - Kathleen Williamson Carol Service
25th December	No service	10:30am - Rev Ros Watson
27th December	3pm - Social Gathering	10:30am - Lois Morton

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

The Inglewood Group of Churches
Services in January

Sunday, 3rd January – Epiphany Sunday

9.15	Armathwaite	Morning Prayer
9.15	Calthwaite	Holy Communion
		With Revd Julia Powley
11.15	Skelton	Holy Communion
		With Revd Brian Dawson

Sunday, 10th January – Baptism of Christ

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

Sunday, 17th January – Week of prayer for Christian Unity

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

Sunday, 24th January -Conversion of St Paul

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

Sunday, 31st January: Benefice Service

10.30	**High Hesket**	Holy Communion

Services for January in Christ Church, Ivegill:-
January 10th- Morning Worship at 9.30am
January 24th- Holy Communion at 9.30am



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