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FROM GOSFORTH RECTORY

Living in the open

The other day, I suddenly realised that the magazine deadline was approaching again! The battle to find something to say in the monthly letter began at the kitchen table, when I asked my family what I should write about. Without faltering, my daughter suggested that I might like to write something about hares. She had seen one the other day. As I thought about it, my mind's eye returned to the animal I had stopped to pick up, several springs ago. It had a golden underbelly, which almost sparkled as I held it in the evening sunshine. It had looked up at me through a pair of orange-hazel eyes. It was big and heavy. It wasn't scared. Apparently, a hare can run faster than a puma... but not faster than a passing car on the A6. Modern life had fatally wounded this beautiful creature.

There are lots of interesting things about hares. They may have arrived in Britain with the Romans. Hares breed all year round, and, when born, the 'leveret' is fully furred, and has a top lip that is spit, right up to its nose. Sometimes an old hare's teeth will protrude! The other thing about hares, is that they shelter in a 'form' – a depression in the ground – that is totally exposed to the elements.

Most people feel humbled when they have a close encounter with a hare. Why? Well, maybe it has something to do with the fact that they live in the open. In a world full of pandemics and safeguarding, data protection and PIN numbers, that is an extremely radical and very beautiful idea. Imagine having nothing to hide. These days, to live like that would be a 'mysterious' thing to do. Amidst all our worries, the hare is a humbling challenge to us all.

Another interesting thing about hares, is the part they frequently play in the folk tales of Britain. Quite often, we are told about a man (always a man!)... a Lord, or a Hunter... who follows a hare into 'open ground' and discovers something 'new' there. 'Open ground' is beautiful, but it is also dangerous. We know, don't we, that we see things differently out there. If a person listens patiently, they can also hear new things. The doors of the soul begin to 'creak open'. In that 'light', a person might encounter the truth about the world, and their place in it. If you follow a hare into the open, you might even find a new kind of freedom!

In around AD590, an Irish Princess called Melangell, moved to Pennant in North Wales. She went there, not to hide, but to escape the 'chains' of her existence in the King's court. She went to seek God, and the truth

about life. One day, whilst out hunting with his dogs, a Welsh Prince called Brychwel Ysgithrog 'put up a hare'. They chased the golden animal into a dense thicket of brambles. There, in an opening, sat Melangell, deep in prayer, with the hare nestled into the folds of her cloak. Brychwel was incensed. He had never been denied anything before, so he demanded an explanation. Melangell's simple, open, reliance upon God, humbled the Prince, and 'set him free'. Immediately, he was moved to give her the piece of ground where she and the hare had found their 'form'. It was to be a place of 'perpetual refuge for the service of God.' One thousand four hundred years later, there is still a shrine at Pennant. It is open to every modern 'hunter' or 'prince' that might pass by, as they chase the sort of quarry that runs through the thickets of modern life today. The shrine is a place to stop and reassess life. More than that, it is also close in spirit to the Christ, who once said: *'Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head'*. Like the hare, Christ lived a mysterious and golden life, completely open to the world. He trusted God and had nothing to hide. Because of that, again and again, we are humbled before him.

Philip Dorling

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM was held on 13th April by Zoom, an entirely new experience for all those who attended. Several churchwardens will continue their duties – Norma Hughes and Malcolm Richardson for Gosforth, Rachel Putnam for Nether Wasdale, Hugh Foulerton and Andrew Lopez for Wasdale Head. We were delighted to welcome two new churchwardens this year – Ann McKenzie for Gosforth and Keith Thomas for Nether Wasdale. Alister Harlow will continue as deputy churchwarden for Gosforth.

There were no new Parochial Church Council members elected this year – Carolyn Foulerton continues as secretary, with Amanda Keddie as treasurer and Norma Hughes as vice chair. There are several vacancies on the PCC, volunteers welcome!

Reports were received and distributed from the rector, the three management committees, the treasurer and the safeguarding officer, and the accounts for 2020 were accepted.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions it is not possible to publish printed copies of the reports this year. These are available by email, please contact the secretary if you would like to see them.

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Gosforth Parish Church Management Committee

There is only one thing to report, as at the time of writing we haven't met since the last report:

The Churchyard – At the end of 2020 the deficit on the year for the churchyard was £2,937.00. We are, therefore, exploring the idea of making the church more environmentally friendly and, in looking at the need to reduce the cost of grass cutting, have taken a first step in that direction by reducing the number of cuts in the areas where there are many spring flowers. They will only be cut twice a year, the first cut being in early June and the second in late September. This will retain the leaves on the plants for longer and allow them to maximise the food in their underground storage organs (mainly bulbs). The other areas for the churchyard will be cut shorter and will be cut at 3 week intervals, giving slightly fewer cuts than last year. This will reduce the costs somewhat while we look in more detail at what will be done in 2022 as we consider further changes to the management of the churchyard.

The trees have been inspected and there is more expenditure needed in cutting back a few of them for health and safety reasons. This will mean that unless more money is donated for the upkeep of the churchyard, we will have used nearly all of the money we have by the end of 2021.

References to ecofriendly churchyard management are:- Caring for God's Holy Acre – a charity that specialises in preservation of wildlife and the heritage of burial grounds, graveyards and cemeteries and arochoa.org.uk
- Caring for God's Earth.

The next regular Management Committee meeting to monitor the situation will be on Tuesday 11th May and the report hopefully will be in the June magazine. If you have anything you wish us to consider please phone 01946 725 300.

Ruth Schofield (Clerk to the Committee)

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

31st March 2021

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CHRISTIAN AID WEEK: 10 – 16 May



This year Christian Aid week runs from 10th – 16th May. Like most charities, Christian Aid are suffering a severe lack of funds, endangering the progress of many vital projects in the poorest countries of the world. The climate crisis hurts us all, but people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms. Every envelope. Every gift. Every challenge can change lives.

Collection envelopes will not be delivered to houses but will be available in our three churches from the beginning of May – Nether Wasdale on 2nd May and Wasdale Head and Gosforth on 9th May. If possible, try to remember to bring your donation along on those dates, or take an envelope home and return them later in the month when you are next in church.

However, if possible, we have been asked to donate on line this year by going to: caweek.org

SAINT FOR MAY - Josephine Butler

Continuing this mini-series of female saints, we come to Josephine Butler, a social reformer who is remembered in Common Worship on the 30th of May. Born in 1828 and married in 1852 to a sometime Canon of Winchester, she became appalled at the state of working girls and prostitutes in Liverpool in 1866 and became involved in reclaiming women from prostitution and from the 'white slave trade'. In 1869 she formed the 'Ladies National Association for the Repeal of the Contagious Diseases Act' and she extended her work to the Continent. Her activities as a social reformer were supported by a life of almost continuous prayer, guided by the example of St Catherine of Sienna (last month's saint). She even wrote a life of Saint Catherine as part of her life of devotion and prayer.





MAY

At the last zoom meeting it was decided that if the Government's roadmap keeps on schedule, our first gathering together will be on Wednesday 15th September when the 4 branches of the Deanery will join together for a special service at St James' Whitehaven to remember all who have been badly affected by Covid and mark the restart of branch meetings. (Please note the change from Monday, as in the last magazine, to Wednesday). Our branch committee will meet in either June or July and plan meetings for October and November with the hope of later planning for a "new normal" situation in 2022. Despite the pandemic, the MU continues to work with the chaplains at West Cumberland Hospital to provide items in support of the staff as well as the patients.

At our April zoom meeting we had an interesting talk on the work of the Magistrates Court at Workington given by a member of the Whitehaven MU branch who is a magistrate there. The next zoom meeting is on **Monday 10th May** at 3pm (speaker still to be confirmed). If you have internet do please try to join us. Deb Lee is willing to give people individual tuition on using Zoom prior to the meeting and the numbers at the meetings are growing as people gain confidence from this, just ring her on 01946 823470 if you want to have a try. Then on **Wednesday 23rd June**, Deb is hoping that she can have an open day at her home at St Bees with limited numbers at any one time and with social distancing maintained.

"Count your Blessings" If you haven't yet sent a donation but still wish to do so, please send the money to me (Ruth) at 21, Meadowfield Grove, Gosforth, Seascale CA20 1HL as soon as possible and definitely by the end of May, preferably as a cheque made out to Gosforth and Seascale Branch of the Mothers' Union. Please continue to join with members in the Worldwide MU community by saying the MU midday prayers each day and using the wave of prayer in the MU Prayer Diary. If you haven't received your copy, please let me know as I have a few spares. Those members who have internet access can also get information and ideas from the MU web-site.

PRAYER TOPICS – Please pray for: -

- The MU members and associates in the dioceses in Zone G– the English Province of Canterbury (29,088) and Europe (200 members scattered in small groups around the continent) that they may enjoy Christian Fellowship within the Mothers’ Union while keeping social distancing and following other Covid prevention measures.
- Politicians worldwide as they make very difficult decisions in trying to bring this pandemic under control.
- All who work in the financial sector, for integrity in all financial dealings and for fair distribution of wealth throughout the world especially in these times of economic uncertainty.
- The teams of people who, each with their own special skills, training and diverse experience are working together, to bring, hope and healing in this emergency situation across the world.
- Magistrates, especially those who work in our local courts, that they may deal justly with those brought before them and use their powers to direct assistance to those who need it.

Pentecost Sunday 23 May at 3pm Churches Together in Seascale & District

Now that restrictions are gradually lifting we expect to be able to hold our Pentecost celebration service this year. It will be a scaled down and low key event, but since we are permitted to sing outdoors on church premises we shall be raising our voices in songs of praise in our annual commemoration of the spreading of the gospel to the world.



We shall meet outside St Cuthbert’s Church, Seascale. Phoenix Praise will guide our singing, not as a band but as singers dispersed among us and there will be a small musical accompaniment.

There will be updated information nearer the time, in emails, newsletters and on posters.



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NEWS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

The Duke of Edinburgh loved to listen to the young people who came to receive their Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award. He also enjoyed launching ships and working with conservation groups, but he did not like to be expected to answer questions about himself in boring interviews! He nevertheless continued to carry out these commitments throughout his very long life of service.

It is good to be reminded of such loyalty at a time like this when we hear too much of dishonesty in public life, discord in international relations and self-interest often dominating both public and private lives.

It is unlikely that the Duke of Edinburgh ever had the opportunity to experience a Methodist Covenant Service, but if he had he would have found these words especially arresting:

“Christ has many services to be done, some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations, and temporal interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves, in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet, the power to do all these things is assuredly given us in Christ, who strengtheneth us.”

Mary Moody

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" Global and Local " Fairtrade & Foodbank News

Thanks to your continued generosity and regular monthly orders. Our local Gosforth and Wasdale Fairtrade Group has, during the last 12 months, despite lockdowns, been able to send a total of: £500 to TraidCraft Exchange and £250 to Christian Aid.

In addition, North Lakes Foodbank have received regular food donations, Fairtrade items purchased from our stock, and cheques, in all totalling at least £1,000, which Philippa takes to the Egremont Branch from us each week. Below is an excerpt from a letter of thanks from the foodbank dated 18th March 2021:

"Thank you very much for the generous donations that have been given to the North Lakes Foodbank from Gosforth Fair Trade Group.

Across Allerdale and Copeland we continue to support people in crisis, helping around 6,500 people each year. Our partner agencies refer clients for a wide variety of reasons, and during the winter months there are particular issues with fuel costs, vulnerable people often having to make the choice between buying food or paying for fuel. The pandemic has in many cases made financial hardship worse, as families have children at home, meaning they need to provide more food and heating for them. We also help homeless people who have been placed in emergency accommodation by the local council on a regular basis.

Through our Holiday Lunchpacks 4 Kids scheme we support families during the school holidays whose children would normally have a free meal during term time. Families can sign up to the scheme through their schools and collect a bag of lunchtime food each week during the long holidays. During the pandemic we have made this available at half terms as well as during the long holidays. Around 500 families are supported in this way.

It is only thanks to the generosity of people such as yourself that we can continue to meet this need.

Linda McDonald – Assistant Project Manager North Lakes Foodbank – info@thefoodbank.org.uk "

This is a great achievement in such a difficult year, with no special events or stalls possible. Thank you!

Philippa Grant, Mary Moody, Michiko Kato – Gosforth Fair Trade Group



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NEW HYMN BOOKS – we have ordered 35 new hardback copies of Mission Praise, with 1385 bestselling songs and hymns! These will replace the old version of Mission Praise (small and too few hymns) and the Ancient & Modern hymn books (where the 'modern' were mostly written in the 19th century).

We have obtained the new books for £6.75 each (cover price £9.99) and **if anyone in Gosforth & Wasdale would like to dedicate one in memory of a loved one, please contact me.** Also, the old hymn books are freely available if anyone would like some – again, please get in touch! We are planning a **'Songs of Praise'** service on Sunday 27th June to launch the new books – make a diary note!

WORSHIP – services at St Olaf's in May:

Sunday 9th May 11am – Morning Praise

Sunday 23rd May 11am – Communion

Services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month are at Nether Wasdale.

Hugh Foulerton

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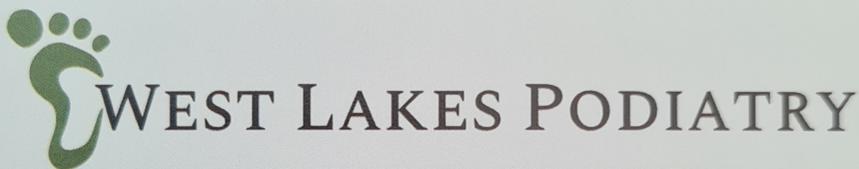
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The Patient Participation Group is a small group of volunteers who meet regularly (at least four times a year) with the Practice Manager and a GP. They act as a ‘critical friend’ to the practice, giving the patient point of view on the development and improvement of services, bringing in new ideas, helping to find solutions to problems and, where possible, taking part in activities to support good health in our area. If you want to know more about Seascale and Bootle Surgeries Patient Participation Group please email Eileen Turner at turners.home@btinternet.com

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Facebook: The Seascale and Surgeries Patient Group page is a private group for practice patients and carers to share useful health related information and ask questions relating to the Practice. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/seascaleandbootlePG>

Twitter: Seascale and Bootle surgeries can be found @SeascaleHC

POEM OF THE MONTH

Worthy

Here lies Sir Henry Newton, Knight,
Upon his chilly bed of stone,
Beside him Katherine, out of sight,
Waits quietly, as she's always done.

His leather surcoat, scuffed with years,
Is belted, buckled, braced to serve,
His sword lies ready and his beard
Is trimmed and neat, his air reserved.

Around his neck a ruff, new-starched,
His pillow, never creased by sleep,
Above him, dreams of duty arch,
His stony eyes a vigil keep.

Beneath him, on the monument,
His sons and daughters kneel in rows,
Two boys, his marble replicas,
Four little girls who never grow.

Titles and coats of arms surround him,
Lilies, leopards disappearing,
Worthy honours crumble round him,
Tourists ignore him within hearing.

One hand lies quietly on his heart,
Swearing to purity of life,
We cannot see the other hand
Which must, for comfort, clutch his wife's.

Karen Hughes

This poem, with its echoes of the ironic observations found in John Betjeman and Philip Larkin, appears in A Sense of Tiptoe by Karen Hughes (Holland Park Press). A former theology student, actor and musician, Karen has also written librettos, and poetry in the Christian tradition of Charles Causley. Martyn Halsall.

BOOK OF THE MONTH – THE BIBLE!

This is a book choice that the Editor is unlikely to censure!

I'm referring to **The New Oxford Annotated Bible – New Revised Standard Version** with the Apocrypha – specifically **the 5th edition, fully revised and expanded**, and published in 2018. (ISBN 978 0 19 027607 2). I have for a long time sought the best possible study bible, and this one arrived at Christmas (courtesy of Carolyn), along with its partner tome **The Oxford Bible Commentary** (ISBN 978 0 19 927718 6) – also the 2018 edition. Together 3772 pages to keep me quiet, but with four months under my belt I have found both volumes hugely helpful – challenging and eye opening. My reading initially is confined to Mark's Gospel, followed by James, and Hebrews - after Paul's 7 genuine letters, the earliest writings in the New Testament - and personal favourites, probably because their 'earliness' makes them less influenced by emerging Christian traditions.

Between them the two volumes represent the best of contemporary mainstream Biblical scholarship - the Commentary has over 70 learned contributors. Its authority, and the annotations at the foot of every page in the Bible, give fresh insights to many of the biblical images and teachings we were brought up on. They are helpful in illustrating the historicity of biblical stories, distinguishing these from later traditions and doctrines. In an ongoing search to try to get as close as possible to the actual teachings of Jesus, I have found both volumes have breathed new life and understanding to bible reading.

The Times review sums it up: "The Commentary draws on a broad spectrum of critical scholarship to provide an authoritative guide to reading the books of the Bible. It puts the resources of scholarship at the disposal of a wide readership – students will derive excellent guidance from it. Those who have primarily an interest in the Bible as literature will find it a source of new insights. Preachers and teachers will find it enormously helpful – a milestone in biblical scholarship."

As both were a treasured gift, I haven't looked up the price, but for anyone wanting to replace a dogeared Bible or searching for a reliable biblical commentary – they will be worth every penny!

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West Lakes U3A - May 2021 -Virtual Speaker Talks by Zoom



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Members 2021 will receive a Zoom code.

Non-members please join us, annual membership fee only £5 for all zoom talks.
Non-members will need a zoom invitation code.
Contact: alantg1@btinternet.com in good time.
Updates see our website www.u3asites.org.uk/west-lakes/event .
Alan Bell, Secretary West Lakes U3A

5th May 2021 -Wednesday -2pm - Courtesy of West Lakes U3A Louise from RSPB will present a talk on Swifts and Swallows.

11th 18th 25th - Tuesdays -11am - Zoom & Chat every Tuesday with the same code

20th May 2021 - Thursday - 2pm - Singing for Fun Group at 2pm

12th May 2021 - Wednesday - 2pm- Courtesy of West Lakes U3A Chris Hammett will present a talk on Architecture and Life of Antoni Gaudí, his work and La Basílica De La Sagrada Família.

Antoni Gaudí i Cornet was a Catalan architect who has become internationally recognised as one of the most prodigious experts in his discipline, as well as one of the top exponents of modernism Architecture. His exceptional ground-breaking genius made him the inventor of a unique, personal, and incomparable architectural language that defies classification. Join Chris Hammett for a closer look at the man, some of his wonderful buildings and his magnum opus “La Basílica De La Sagrada Família”.

18th May 2021 - Wednesday - 4pm - Courtesy of Skiddaw U3A Local History

Bob Price will give a talk via zoom entitled - Flour Power - Acorn Bank Watermill Restoration.

19th May 2021 - Wednesday - 10.30 am - Courtesy of Skiddaw U3A Guest Speaker Jack Ellerby - Saving our Night Skies

Jack is the Project Office for the Friends of the Lake District Dark Skies Project. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the value of dark skies and the effects of light pollution on wildlife, environment and people.

19 May 2021 – Wednesday - 2pm - Courtesy of West Lakes U3A An Art DVD or talk.

26th May 2021 - Wednesday - 2pm - Courtesy of West Lakes U3A A talk about Captain Shaw of Bootle and the showing of a professionally made DVD by the pupils and staff of the Captain Shaw School.



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SCHOOL NEWS



All the children and staff have settled back into school after a restful two-week break for Easter. It is hard to believe that there are only twelve weeks left of this academic year! We are hoping to get out and about a bit more once restrictions lift further. The Year 6's will be visiting Blengdale for shelter building and to carry out geography fieldwork.

Our Reception class are currently incubating eggs which they hope will hatch shortly. This is a fantastic opportunity for them to see new life coming into the world.

Curriculum swimming will resume this term after missing out last year. The Year 1 and 2 children travel to St Bees for a lesson a week. The aim is for children to leave our school being able to swim 25 metres.

After school activities also restart this term with choices including Film Club, Calm Colouring and Construction Club all delivered by teachers in school and within our class bubbles.

Mrs Sarah Layzell – Assistant Headteacher

GOSFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Thanks to contact through our County Councillor, Paul Turner, the community services team from HMP Haverigg are undertaking various tasks on community areas within the parish. The first tasks were the removal of plant growth on the path from Denton Park to the sub-station and general clearing and tidying up on the Viking Way. We are discussing with them other tasks they could undertake for us in the village.

Following an approach from the Parish Council, the Cumbria Highways Department will be attending to potholes and undertaking resurfacing on the roads through the centre of village and along the Wasdale Road towards Wellington.

A revised planning application has been submitted for development on the land adjacent to Ellerslie Park. The parish council will be considering this at our May meeting. Parishioners who commented on the previous application may wish to consult the new application on the LDNPA website, and resubmit their comments, if they consider they have not been adequately addressed in the new submission.

Graham Hutson

ROTARY OF WEST LAKELAND

The club has continued with its remote meetings, including:

An illuminating talk on 'North West Cancer Research' by Charlotte Ellwood and Alastair Richards.

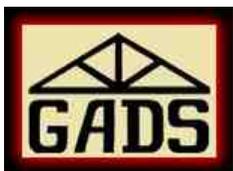
A thought-provoking presentation on 'Climate Change' by Mark Thompson, who spoke about electric cars a few weeks ago.

Our member, Alan Bell, presented a recorded illustrated talk by Andy Sherman on the subject 'Shipwrecks and Artillery targets - The coastal archaeology of Drigg'.

A sobering presentation by Jeremy Prescott on the vital role played by Bomber Command during the second world war at the expense of tremendous sacrifices by the crews.

Graham Hutson

GADS – Gosforth Amateur Dramatic Society



Despite the theoretical ability to re-start our Youth Theatre Group on 22nd April, we took the cautious step to postpone until the next stage in the Government 'roadmap' as, ideally, we would like to return to a fully interactive group with minimal social distancing and more relaxed Covid restrictions. So, we are currently aiming to re-start YTG on Thursday 20th May. We will have some space in this group for new members, so please get in touch if your youngsters (8 to 18) would like to join - please contact YTG director Tosh – yt@gads.org.uk

We are also hoping to resume our informal play readings (Plays for Pleasure) in June or July once we can meet up socially in the Kellbank. New faces are always welcome, and it is very entertaining.

Our A to Z of photographic memories continues albeit with somewhat random timing and order. Who knew that Q followed I in the GADS alphabet? But who cares – it's just a bit of fun.

If you would like to be kept up to date, you can follow us on Facebook or join our mailing list via the GADS website – www.gads.org.uk (About GADS | Keep up to date). Or you can email us using secretary@gads.org.uk.

Jim Polmear, GADS

Services for May

Sunday	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday	Nether Wasdale	Holy Communion	9.00
2nd May	Waberthwaite	Holy Communion	9.30
5th of Easter	Bootle	Holy Communion	9.30
WHITE	Gosforth - Zoom	All Age Worship	10.30
	Seascale	No Service	10.30
	Eskdale Boot	Morning Prayer	11.00
	Muncaster	Holy Communion	11.00
	Whicham	Holy Communion	11.00
	Drigg	Holy Communion	11.00
2nd Sunday	Ponsonby	Holy Communion	9.00
9th May	Drigg	Family Service	9.30
6th of Easter	Irton	Holy Communion	9.30
WHITE	Gosforth	Holy Communion	10.30
	Seascale	No Service	10.30
	Eskdale Boot	Holy Communion	11.00
	Corney	Holy Communion	11.00
	Wasdale Head	Morning Praise	11.00
	Whicham	Evening Prayer	4.00
Ascension Day	13th May 2021		
3rd Sunday	Drigg	Holy Communion	9.30
16th May	Eskdale Green	Morning Prayer	9.30
7th of Easter	Waberthwaite	Morning Prayer	9.30
WHITE	Gosforth - Zoom	Morning Prayer	10.30
	Seascale	No Service	10.30
	Muncaster	Holy Communion	11.00
	Whicham	Holy Communion	11.00
	Nether Wasdale	Evening Prayer	6.00
	Bootle	Evening Prayer	6.00
4th Sunday	Beckermest	Holy Communion	9.00
23rd May	Eskdale Green	Holy Communion	9.30
PENTECOST	Gosforth	Holy Communion	10.30
RED	Seascale	Methodist	10.30
	Wasdale Head	Holy Communion	11.00
	Irton	Holy Communion	11.00
	Whitbeck	Holy Communion	11.00
	Drigg	Holy Communion	11.00
	Corney/Wab	Evening Prayer	6.00
5th Sunday	Benefice Sunday		
30th May	Gosforth	Holy Communion	9.30
TRINITY -	Irton	Holy Communion	11.00
WHITE			

SERVICES IN THE SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY

MAY 2021

As we prepare to publish the magazine for May 2021, the national lock-down is beginning to be eased. Across the area covered by the parish magazines Sunday congregational worship is re-starting – all carefully risk-assessed and Covid-safe. The schedule for May given below represents the situation at the time of writing.

It is

IMPORTANT...

to keep checking your local church notice boards and their websites for up to the minute information.

ZOOM SERVICES

If you are a person with Internet access, you might like to join in with one of the two Zoom services hosted in our area. They are both very welcoming, ecumenical in character and attracting between 40 and 60 people... so you will not find yourself on your own!:

- **10.30am Morning Worship from the South Calder Mission Community** hosted by St Mary's Church Gosforth. If you would like an invitation to this service please email stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com or ring the Revd Philip Dorling on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684.
- **19.00hrs (7.00pm) Virtual Phoenix Evening Worship** hosted by Jill and Keith Hudson. An upbeat service with music of all sorts. www.phoenixpraise.org.uk For an invitation please email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring Keith and Jill on 01946 721592. Services weekly until at least Pentecost.

WEEKLY SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY LITURGY

If you struggle with Zoom, or if you are unable to access it the South Calder Mission Community is also producing a Weekly Service Booklet with prayers, readings, a reflection for the day and suggested hymns (which can either be read from a hymn book or listened to on Youtube).

- If you would like to be emailed a copy of the weekly service each week, please contact the Reverend Philip Dorling on philipdorling123@btinternet.com or call him on 01946 725102 or 07500 239684 and he will arrange for a paper copy to be delivered to you at least 72 hours before the next Sunday.



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