



The Parish Church of St James' Arnside with Storth Village Church

*part of The Kent Estuary Mission Community of the
Diocese of Carlisle.*

Parish Newsletter for SEPTEMBER 2025



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*Letter from the Curate
The Vicarage, Church Hill,
Arnside*

Dear friend

“There is something so special in the early leaves drifting from the trees – as if we are all to be allowed a chance to peel, to refresh, to start again.” (Ruth Ahmed)

September and the coming of the autumn season feels like a fresh start. Whether it's getting back into the shape and potential that the academic year provides, getting back into routines following the spontaneity of the summer or just having an opportunity to look afresh at what the coming months may hold... There's a freshness about the crisp of an autumn morning and the changing colours of the leaves that can encourage us to look at things in a new way.

In recent months, the national Church has been getting quite excited about the sense of a new season. The Church has been used to seeing statistics of decline over the years – with less people attending in the light of modern times and its accompanying demands and attractions. Some might have seen the Church as an autumn leaf – beautiful yet falling, dying. However, *“the tide of faith, whose ‘melancholy, long-withdrawing roar’, as described by*

Matthew Arnold, has now turned.”

This quote comes from the report commissioned by the Bible Society published earlier this year. Based on comparative YouGov data taken from between 2018 and 2024, it's suggesting a significant growth in church attendance – as well as openness to faith, the bible and to conversations about Christian spirituality. In the under 35s age bracket, in England and Wales, in the last 6 years, church attendance has quadrupled. The statistics and the stories are quite staggering. So much so that the secular media are addressing it with intrigue. (Just a couple of weeks ago, as I write, the Sunday Express' front page headline read 'Global crises sending Gen Z to church'.) This trend is being recognised and questions are being asked. I wonder whether you, too, might have asked yourself the question: What's all the hype about Christianity? What's so special about Jesus Christ?

I wonder whether these bible verses may go some way to begin to answer those questions...

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4.9-10)

“He tends his flock like a shepherd: He

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gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart.” (Isaiah 40.11)

It's incredibly exciting to be part of the Church in this country at a time when God appears to be very much at work – answering prayers that have been prayed for so very many years... prayers that more and more people will come to know the love and salvation of Jesus. May this growth last and may we see a continuous increase of people discovering faith and new folk walking through the doors of our churches.

A reverse of the decline in church attendance, however, doesn't mean that it'll just go back to how things used to be. The co-author of the Bible Society report writes: *“More people coming to church is not a return to the Christianity of the past... This is a new landscape... There has to be a posture of humility and learning, trying to work out what's going on.”*

Just as with those autumn leaves, I pray that the Church (and all of us in our own ways) may recognise that even beautiful things have to change, even to die, in order to make way for new birth and new growth. So let's take hold of this new season with a sense of hope for what's to come – whatever that may be.

With love & prayer

Hannah

PS. If you want to know more about Christianity, then please don't hesitate to be in touch. I'd be more than happy to chat.



Vicar's Sunday Notes

If you do not receive Andrew's weekly email with church information, please do let him know and he will add you to the list.

Pew Sheet: If anyone has any news/notices (including prompts for prayer and those who are sick) to be included on the weekly Pew Sheet, please let Andrew know during the week (before Thursday).

Andrew's email is: revdabn@gmail.com.



All are invited to our...
Harvest Supper
Thursday 16th October 2025
eating at 7.00pm
in the W.I. and Village Hall
£13.00

please sign up at one of the three village churches

Two courses: main and dessert (vegetarian option available).

Tea and coffee provided, but please do bring other drinks if desired.

*'For his mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.'*

GAZA HUMANITARIAN APPEAL

The British Red Cross have launched an appeal for those suffering so catastrophically in Gaza. If you might be moved to donate to this appeal, please visit the Red Cross website at

www.redcross.org.uk



READERS AND READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September (12th Sunday after Trinity)

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 - Mrs S Woodburn
Philemon 1-21 - Mr T Bradford
Luke 14: 25-33

Sunday 14th September (13th Sunday after Trinity)

**KENT ESTUARY MISSION
COMMUNITY GATHERING
ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
BEETHAM**

Sunday 21st September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

Worship Together
Readers arranged by leader

Sunday 28th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 - Mr M Crabtree
1 Timothy 6: 6-19 - Mrs S Swire
Luke 16: 19-31

THE GOSPEL IS READ BY THE VICAR



(If you would like a clearer understanding of a passage you are reading, Andrew or Ian will be happy to discuss it with you).

PRAYER LEADERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September

Mrs L Smith

Sunday 14th September **at Beetham**

Sunday 21st September **Worship Together**

Sunday 28th September Mrs S E Felton

SIDESPERSONS FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th September - Mr S Smith

Sunday 14th September - **at Beetham**

Sunday 21st September - Mrs S Comer

Sunday 28th September - Mrs S Swire

Could you serve as a ... FOUNDATION GOVERNOR

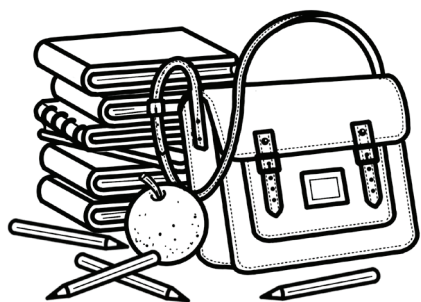
The search is continuing to find new Foundation Governors to serve on the Governing Body of Arnside National School and Storth CE School. Please have a word with Andrew if you might be interested (or know someone who might be willing to find out a bit more about what is involved.)

There is a poster at the back of church with further information.



FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Arnside National School Headteacher, Mr N. Sharp



Please remember in your prayers our schools as they return to a new academic year; staff, pupils, parents and those of the wider school family. We pray that pupils will benefit from the new challenges and exciting opportunities that a new school year brings.



The Bible Course



An eight-session course helping us explore the world's bestseller...

Wednesday

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November

12.30 - 2.30pm

Arnside Methodist Church Hall

An opportunity to learn more about the Bible
(*journeying from Genesis to Revelation*)
in conversation and company with others.

Please, if you would like to, bring some lunch!



Fairtrade
refreshments
will be served.



The Bible Course
has been prepared by
The Bible Society.



September Prayer

Loving Father,
Please help us with
all the new things
September brings: a
new school year, new
stages of life, with
children moving on
or out, new challenges for many as
summer gives way to autumn. Help
us in this season of change to know
the constant reality of Jesus. Thank
you for the new life He freely offers
to all who turn to Him.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.



By Daphne Kitching

"We do the works, but God works in us doing the works."

St Augustine of Hippo





for anyone bereaved anytime

7 sessions of films
and discussion

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional last session)

St Thomas' Church
Milnthorpe

Thursdays
1 - 3pm

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct
6, 13 Nov

Booking is necessary.

For more info &/or to book,
contact Lesley -
dianalesley@btinternet.com
01524 951566

To find out more visit -
thebereavementjourney.org



REST & RESET

Christian meditation
A moment to press pause II

St James Church Arnside

6:15 - 7:00PM

JUN TUES 3 RD	SEPT TUES 2 ND	NOV TUES 4 TH
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Contact revhannahwallace@gmail.com 01524 449 035

REST & RESTORE

A time of prayer for healing & wholeness

St James Church Arnside

6:15 - 7:00PM

MAY TUES 6 TH	JUL TUES 1 ST	OCT TUES 7 TH	DEC TUES 2 ND
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ST JAMES' DAY TRADITION LADIES WITH HATS

*Well done to the ladies in keeping our
tradition alive. Thanks to Pam for photo.*



*'Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens;
he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.'*

Food ~ Conversation ~ Fellowship


Monthly Manna

Psalm 78
v. 23-24

An opportunity to join together for food,
conversation and fellowship; sharing questions
and insights around the Christian faith.

Friday 5th September
12.15 - 1.30 p.m.
**St James' Church,
Church Hill,
LA5 0DW**
Bring some lunch, drinks provided.

All are welcome





St James Church: 7

**what's
ON**



MONDAY FRIENDSHIP GROUP

*Meetings are held from 2pm to
4pm.*

Arnside Methodist Church

**1st and 3rd Mondays
of each month**

*Everyone welcome, meetings open
to anyone who would like some
company.*

ARNSIDE

HIGHLIGHTS

THE BUDAPEST CAFÉ ORCHESTRA

**Arnside Village Hall
Sunday 12th October
7.30pm**

Tickets: £20

(booking fee applies)

**[https://www.ticketsource.
co.uk/budapest-cafe-
orchestra](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/budapest-cafe-orchestra)**

Telephone | 079800 77084

DEADLINE

The deadline for the
**OCTOBER
Newsletter**

will be Wednesday,
17th September 2025.

You can send submissions to:
sandy.felton@btopenworld.com



A TASTE OF COFFEE

**Saturday
4th Oct.**

**Arnside
Methodist Church
LA5 0AQ**

10:30am

An opportunity to try a range of Fairtrade coffees
and learn how choosing Fairtrade supports
farmers, fair wages, and ethical production.
Come taste, learn, and make a difference!



Fairtrade tea available on request

ARNSIDE

crafts &
activities

food
(including
a meal)

**Messy
Church**

fun

stories
& music

when: Friday 12th September 2025

time: 3.30pm - 5.30pm

at: Arnside Methodist Church



The Parish Church
of
Saint James
Arnside



ST JAMES CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2025



Tuesday 2nd September

6.15pm Rest & Reset - Christian meditation -
a moment to press pause.

Sunday 7th September (12th Sunday after Trinity)

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09.30 Parish Communion



Sunday 14th September (13th Sunday after Trinity)

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 *Kent Estuary Mission Community Gathering
at St Michael and All Angels, Beetham.*

Sunday 21st September (14th Sunday after Trinity)

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09.30 Worship Together



Sunday 28th September (15th Sunday after Trinity)

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
09.30 Parish Communion

Junior Church at 9.30am Parish Communion

Every Wednesday 8.15am Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday during term time: School Church 9.10am

Evensong at St Michael and All Angels, Beetham, each Sunday at 6.00pm



Messy Church at
Arnside Methodist
Church, Friday,
12th September
3.30pm to 5.30pm



**God
for All**