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for the Seataillan Benefice
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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2025 and the 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

### **BECKERMET**

13<sup>th</sup> Aug Funeral Amanda Brown

### **CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH**

13<sup>th</sup> Aug Burial – Low Church Amanda Brown

### **SEASCALE**

No Occasional Offices known

### **GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD**

15<sup>th</sup> Aug Funeral and Burial Eileen Hope (Gosforth)  
15<sup>th</sup> Aug Funeral and Cremation Geoffrey Snape (Crematorium)  
27<sup>th</sup> Aug Funeral and Burial Ian Tinnion (Gosforth)

(This month, instead of a letter from Philip, his daughter Grace has written something for us. NH)

## LETTER FROM GRACE

I would like to invite you to **give**, and or participate, by running or walking 100km, this October for **Mountain Rescue in England and Wales and Church Restoration in Wasdale: the Lake District valley with the smallest church, the tallest mountain and the deepest lake in England...**

Both of the charities mentioned are very important to me, because they are active where I live near Wasdale in the English Lake District. All the money raised will be **split equally** between the management committee of **St Olaf's Wasdale Head Parish Church** and **Mountain Rescue England and Wales**.

**St Olaf's Wasdale Head Parish Church Management Committee** are undertaking a restoration project on St Olaf's Church which is part of the Seatallan Benefice of Churches. This tiny and amazing church is reportedly 500 years old and is said to be the smallest parish church in England. St Olaf's Church is freely open to everyone, and because of this, many people from all over the world pass through its doors – they include walkers, hikers, climbers, local people who live in Wasdale and the surrounding area, and of course the faithful and dedicated members of the church's congregation...usually about 12 of them on a Sunday! In total, this humble church welcomes something like 30,000 visitors each year. Just 25 people live in the parish that surrounds it.

St Olaf's church is principally a place of pilgrimage for Christians, but everyone is welcome to use the building as a place of prayer, reflection, meditation and memorial, indeed, the Fell and Rock Climbing Club's War Memorial is in its church yard.

**For the reasons given above, I believe that it is so important that St Olaf's and its churchyard can be preserved as a blessing for future generations to enjoy. In its own quiet and beautiful way this special place speaks very powerfully for Christ to so many people.**

So far, the local community and the tiny congregation of **St Olaf's** have saved and raised £140,000 for the restoration. It has been an amazing

effort... but the project still needs to find £70,000 to cover the costs that will be involved with making sure this building is standing firm in 100 years time.

In addition to raising money for the restoration of St Olaf's church, half of the money I raise will be given to the **Mountain Rescue**. This charity is hugely important across England and Wales and is especially busy and valued in the Wasdale area. By raising money for the Mountain Rescue, I hope that we might spread an awareness of their invaluable work, at the same time as generating some of the funds they need each year in order to train and equip their teams, so that they can go on saving lives in our mountainous areas.

At the moment, I am a student in **Liverpool**. I hope that my fundraising effort will appeal to the students and church members of this amazing city. They could really make a difference for this tiny, rural, Cumbrian church, as well as for the teams of volunteers who serve with the Mountain Rescue across England and Wales. Please encourage people you know to get involved.

I hope that people might want to join me in **running or walking 100km** this October for these causes. Please ask friends and family to sponsor these causes generously. Currently, the target I have set myself is to raise £15,000... but, as I mentioned above, much more than that is needed... so all donations will be received gratefully! Donations can be made via my Giving Page, which you can access by scanning the QR code on page 5. **THANK YOU!**

And finally, I just need to say... my inspiration for this fundraiser comes from my faith. As a Christian, I find that running can be an offering of praise to God, as well as a chance to pray for the areas that I run through – that they will know God's blessing and peace. For this reason, I want to invite those who join me to pray for the areas they run or walk through as they clock up 100K this October. Whatever your background or faith, all are welcome to run, walk or give to what I am convinced is a very good cause, and may we all know God's blessing as we press on towards this goal together. (Philippians Ch 3. v14)

Thank you.

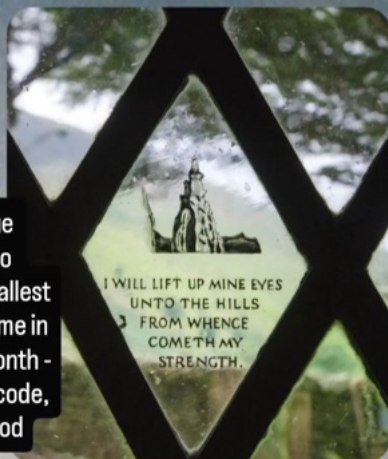
*Grace*



# The Wasdale 100

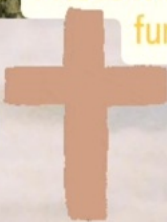
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I will be running 100km this October for rescue and restoration in the Wasdale valley, home to the smallest church, the deepest lake, and the tallest mountain in England's Lake District. You can join me in running or walking this 100km throughout the month - perhaps not all at once! By following the link/QR code, you will be able to join the event or give to a good cause.



My Dad is the vicar of St Olaf's, the tiny church underneath Scafell Pike. St Olaf's is the mountaineer's church, and is very important to many people. The church needs a new roof so that it can continue to serve all who visit!

Please follow the link to read the full fundraiser story 🙏



The Mountain Rescue is an active charity across England and Wales and is hugely appreciated by many. As someone who loves to be outside: climbing, walking, running, and camping with friends and family, I would love to raise as much money for them as possible; they risk their own lives to save others.



# The Wasdale 100



Grace Dorling

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## **SOUTH CALDER MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

These continue to take place on Zoom every Thursday morning at 9.30am and last about 20 minutes. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please contact Jonathan Falkner on 01946 721852 for an invitation on Zoom.



## **COFFEE, CAKE & CHAT (The Three C's) – 10.30 – 12 noon**

We meet monthly in St Mary's Room on the first Thursday of the month for a friendly catch up, chat and some lovely home baking! This month it will be on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October so make sure its on your calendar. Everyone most welcome. There is no charge but donations are most welcome – this month, as we will just have had our Harvest Festival, it will go towards the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal.



## **THE LOCAL FOODBANK**

Just a reminder to everyone that the local Foodbank (ours is Egremont) is still very much in need of our support. There are collection boxes at the back of most of our churches and the food is collected regularly and taken to the foodbank.



Food is usually collected from Wasdale and Gosforth on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month.

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*A poem for Autumn...*

## **An Autumn Wind**

**From 'In Memoriam' by By Alfred Lord Tennyson (1809-1892)**

Tonight the winds begin to rise  
And roar from yonder dropping day:  
The last red leaf is whirl'd away,  
The rooks are blown about the skies.

The forest crack'd, the waters curl'd,  
The cattle huddled on the lea;  
And wildly dashed on tower and tree  
The sunbeam strikes along the world:

And but for fancies, which aver  
That all thy motions gently pass  
Athwart a pane of molten glass,  
I scarce could brook the strain and stir

That makes the barren branches loud;  
And but for fear it is not so,  
That wild unrest that lives in woe  
Would dote and pore on yonder cloud

That rises upward always higher,  
And onward drags a labouring breast,  
And topples round the dreary west,  
A looming bastion fringed with fire.



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## OCTOBER 2025

Pending the decisions taken at the September meeting, at present there isn't a meeting planned for October. If there is one, members will be notified by e-mail or telephone.

**MU Diaries, Christmas Cards, Calendars etc.** Those who have internet access are asked to look on line to view the catalogue at [www.mueshop.org](http://www.mueshop.org) . if you wish to place an order, please ensure you find the section on your Diocese and choose Carlisle so that our county MU gets a small % of what you spend. If you don't have internet access, please contact Mary or Ruth.

## PRAYER TOPICS

**October Prayer** – this month's prayer is derived from Luke 4 verses 18 and 19 as this month MU is focusing on prison ministry.

We pray that we too would respond to Jesus' call. We give thanks for the Mothers' Union members who support prisoners, their families and later when the sentence ends, help them establish new beginnings. May God walk with them in this work. Amen.

Please pray for: -

- The contribution and commitment of MU's four million or so members as they aim to be effective witnesses for Christ and strive to end poverty, injustice and violence.
- Countries of the world in hostility that they may find reconciliation through peaceful negotiations rather than war and bloodshed.
- Those who feel on the margins and isolated from others and those whose lives have met with adversity
- The work of Mothers Union members in prisons often helping to look after the children of prisoners on visiting days.
- The Governors staff and prisoners at Haverigg Prison near Millom, the volunteers who go into that prison to support the prisoners and their families. Those who are providing the training and learning opportunities to give the prisoners skills so they have a chance of getting a job when they are discharged. Give thanks for the chaplaincy work of Rev. Angela Overton Benge at this prison.
- The future of the Mothers Union in this Diocese and the way forward for the present members of the Gosforth and Seascale Branch



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# *St Olaf's Wasdale Head*

## *faith in the fells*

### **OCTOBER SERVICES AT ST OLAF'S**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 11am – **Harvest Thanksgiving.**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 11am – **Family Morning Worship**

All our services are followed by refreshments in the Wasdale Head Inn.

As in past years, at the **Harvest Thanksgiving** we collect donations and food for the North Lakes Foodbank in Egremont - a hard working local charity. Please bring gifts to the service – the most useful gift is tinned food.

The service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October is in half term week, so appropriately it is Family Morning Worship.

Services at Nether Wasdale are at 9.30am on Sundays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**WASDALE HEAD SHOW** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October. An event not to be missed.

**RECORDS BROKEN** – It is a busy year at St Olaf's. In August we welcomed 5241 visitors and pilgrims – a record month. It was also good to welcome 40 to the Benefice Service on the last day of the month, and thanks to well attended services earlier in the month, and numbers being bolstered by our friends from the 7th Day Adventist camp, 13 services were held in St Olaf's during August with a total attendance of 352. In-church donations also established a new record, to help boost St Olaf's Restoration Fund.

As a church it is our duty to help support the Wasdale Head community and its economy, and steadily growing our visitor and pilgrim numbers is one practical way of doing this, as they spend money locally and need hospitality. With over 250,000 visitors coming to Wasdale and Wastwater each year, St Olaf's has plenty of growth potential without increasing traffic flow into the valley.

Whilst this may sound a commercial approach (it is), we know that people find faith and peace in Wasdale and its little church, loved by so many as a humble, special, sacred space. Our mission is *faith in the fells* and we hope the ever changing wall display panels provide quiet inspiration to those who visit. In turn, the many thousands of prayers and prayer requests written by visitors in our book help guide our mission – so it has become a partnership in faith.

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## BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS

Hopefully all our younger generation have had a good start in their new school year. For some this may well have been college, university or even starting work for the first time. Those long summer days are fading into the distance as we are now firmly in autumn with all that brings. One thing for certain is that each day will get slighter shorter which means the nights will get that little bit longer. The weather at this time of the year is often unpredictable, often with wet blustery days with the occasional dry sunny spells with more of the latter preferred. One thing for certain is that the flowers in our gardens and the trees especially will be preparing for the harsher months ahead. Leaves are already falling but the spectacle of the vibrant autumn colours change our landscape into something special before fading away ready for winter hibernation. Enjoy this spectacular arrangement of autumn colours when it arrives as it can be truly magical.

### Cumbria in Bloom

Having carried out all the wonderful work in getting the village ready for the judges all we can do now is wait for the outcome of the judge's decision which will come in early October. Hopefully all the hard work will be recognised and they will gain the reward they have worked hard to achieve. Whatever the outcome one thing is certain, the village has never looked as good. The floral displays have been excellent and the team spirit generated has also been beneficial for our community. **Well done & thank you.**

### Little Mesopotamia Walks (£5 fee)

For those who may not be aware there is an experimental arboretum between the two becks in the village with different microclimates, managed for environmental benefit and to provide habitat to encourage wildlife. There is an abundant variety of trees, some with flowers to encourage pollinators, as well as other plants and a flourishing bird population. Walks are being organised on the following dates starting from the village car park: **-Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Oct, Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Nov & Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** all starting at 2.30pm.

Booking is essential via: - [www.littlemesopotamia.co.uk](http://www.littlemesopotamia.co.uk) which provides much more information

### Reading Rooms

This facility continues to be at the heart of our village providing a wide variety of activities throughout the week for members of our community to attend. A big thank you to the directors of this valuable village asset for their vision and hard work in getting it to where it is today. Also, a big thank you also needs to go to those volunteers who actually organise or support many of the activities for without them many of the events wouldn't be possible. You don't have to live in the village to be able to enjoy the events/activities available. **Everyone is most welcome to attend and we will always make you feel welcome.**

### Saturday Café

During the last couple of months, a new venture of a café has opened on Saturdays in the Reading Rooms. This has proved very popular as Tina who



runs the café bakes wonderful cakes and sausage rolls. If you haven't been yet I suggest you have a trip out to try for yourself.

### **Coffee Cake & Chat**

Our sessions continue throughout the year on **Tuesday from 9.30-11.30** and on **Thursday from 1.30-3.30**. All refreshments are free of charge but if you would like to leave a donation that would be gratefully received. On **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** we have arranged for **Pet Encounters** to attend our usual session to which all members of the village can come along and enjoy. We have also invited the village nursery children to come along and join us on that morning.

### **St John's Services**

Our regular church services take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at St Johns Church in the village, starting at **9.30pm** followed by refreshments in the church after the service. The dates for these services are the **12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> October and the 9<sup>th</sup> (Harvest Festival & Foodbank Collection) & 23<sup>rd</sup> November**.

### **St John's Soup Lunches**

The soup lunches started again in September with the next one being on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October** with another on the **19<sup>th</sup> November**. These take place in the Reading Rooms at the usual time from **12-1.30pm** in aid of St John's Church Beckermert. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not add these dates to your diary. Excellent value at **£6** per head which includes a bowl of soup or two even, home-made cakes plus copious tea/coffee and a raffle ticket. A great way to meet up with friends & even make new ones. All proceeds in aid of St John's Church Beckermert.

### **Friday Quiz & Bingo Nights**

**Quiz** nights will be on **10<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7<sup>th</sup> Nov & 5<sup>th</sup> Dec**, **Bingo** nights on the **26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 21<sup>st</sup> Nov & 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** all at the usual time of **6.30-8.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend wherever you live. Why not come along and sample one of these sessions which are often full of fun and laughter.

### **Special Fundraising Evening Talk "38 Years of GBH in Education"**

A second talk was given in the Reading Rooms on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September when about 15 members of the village attended. With donations received and a raffle on the night £109 was raised towards the cost of the repairs required to St John's Church Beckermert.

### **Hospice at Home Coffee Morning**

A very successful coffee morning was held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September in the Reading Rooms to raise much needed funds for this organisation that provides wonderful support to many individuals in our area at the most difficult time in their lives. A big thank you to the organisers, the helpers who made the cakes etc and for those who came along and supported the event on the day. It was a fantastic success raising just over £1,150 for Hospice at Home.

### **Beckermert Village Lottery**

Our village lottery has now successfully completed its second year. **Subs of £25** are now due to be in for the next twelve-monthly draws. In the first year we

had 155 entries, last year 177 so we hope to increase it further which will raise even more funds for local groups and or individuals in our community. The next draw will take place as usual in the Reading Rooms during our Coffee Cake & Chat session on **Tues 7<sup>th</sup> October**. If you wish to continue then please make payment prior to the draw. This can be done via bank transfer, cheque or cash. If you would like to join then contact me via details below. The lottery funds have assisted various activities within the village over the past year including our entry and plants for Cumbria in Bloom, Beckermets Nursery, The Reading Rooms & St John's Church.

### **Youth Club Evenings**

Held in the Reading Rooms on **Mon & Thurs** evenings from **6-8pm**. Free entry, with tuck shop available.

**Next Free Film Night** - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Reading Rooms. Bar refreshments & ice cream available.

**Open Mic Night** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October

**An Evening of Cumbria Dialect** - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Charity Race Night** - 20<sup>th</sup> October Tickets £5

**Jazz Club Nights** - 24<sup>th</sup> October & 28<sup>th</sup> November with bar open for refreshments

**Wine Tasting Evening** - 25<sup>th</sup> October Tickets £20

**Two Rivers Rock** - Village choir meet every Wed evening in the Reading Rooms. New members welcome.

### **Additional Details**

For further Information about these events/times and others in Beckermets please check either the: -

**Beckermets Reading Room** or **Beckermets Village Facebook pages** for details.

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## **NEWS FROM SEASCALE**

### **Wednesday Outreach**

At our September meeting, Allison gave us a film show of her visit to Australia which was much enjoyed by everyone.

Our October meeting will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm when we will be having a visit from David Mann a Cold to Cosy homes adviser.

All are welcome to join us at our meetings.

### **Tea Services**

The October Tea Service will be on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm and will be led by Viv Kendall.

All are welcome.

*Jackie Folkes*

## NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY

5<sup>th</sup> October at 11am

Service will be at Ponsonby Church

2<sup>nd</sup> November at 11am

Service will be in Calderbridge Village Hall.

**Reminder - our Christmas Fair will be Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2pm**

On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September Ponsonby Church celebrated their Harvest and the church was beautifully decorated with sunflowers.



## Wasdale Head Show & Shepherd's Meet

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
(from 10 am)**



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**Visitors are very welcome to attend a couple of meetings or activities before becoming a member.**

Current annual membership is £7. There is usually a small charge for indoor meetings.



**Cycling** - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday morning monthly - meet Gosforth

**Tai Chi** - Mondays - weekly - Gosforth Public Hall

**Chair based exercises** - Wednesday mornings weekly  
- Gosforth Public Hall

**Folk Dancing** - Friday afternoon weekly - Gosforth Public Hall - 2pm

**Ukelele** - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday mornings - House group

**French conversation** - Wednesday mornings weekly  
- The Kellbank, Gosforth

**History** - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday morning monthly - Drigg Village Hall

**Indoor Bowls** - Wednesday afternoons weekly  
- Pre booking essential. See website for details.

**Treble Recorder** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday afternoon & 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday morning  
monthly  
- Santon Village Hall

**Strolling** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday afternoon monthly

**Art Appreciation** - 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning monthly  
- St Joseph's Seascale

**Advanced Recorder Consort** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday afternoons  
- Santon Village Hall

**Intermediate Recorder** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday mornings  
- Santon Village Hall

**Family History** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday morning monthly - Santon Village Hall

**Open Mind** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning monthly - Gosforth Public Hall

**Chatty Lunch** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning to follow Open Mind  
- Gosforth Public Hall

**Discovery** - 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday afternoon monthly - St Mary's Room, Gosforth

**Reading** - 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday morning monthly - currently full  
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**Out and About** - dates vary - check website

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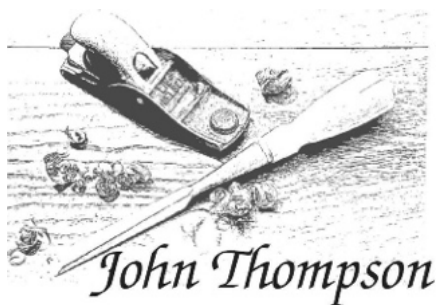
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## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



Our little group of new starters have settled in very well and are enjoying being part of our school community. The new outdoor area is now fully complete, and they have been spending time playing with the fabulous new equipment. The infant toilets have also had a long-awaited upgrade, which includes an extra toilet.

Preparations are under way for the Harvest Festival in the church - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am. Everyone welcome. School will be collecting food donations for the local foodbank. Each class will perform a song during the service.

The children have elected a new set of School Crew members. Our School Crew is made up of two pupils from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. They meet regularly to discuss ideas, raise concerns, and suggest improvements. The council helps pupils learn about democracy, responsibility, and teamwork, while also contributing to decisions about school activities, the learning environment, and ways to support the wider community. It strengthens the sense of belonging and ensures that pupils feel listened to and valued.

We also have two new worship leaders for the new year. Joe and Arwen delivered their first worship on Friday and did an excellent job.

FOGS held their annual 5KM Fun Run - albeit in the torrential rain. Unfortunately, the Colour Run for those not old enough for the Fun Run had to be postponed. We will share the new date when we have it. Other FOGS activities being talked about for this half term are Tombola at Egremont Farmers Market, Autumn Disco, Clothes Swap and Coffee Morning.

*Mrs S Layzell*  
*Assistant Headteacher*

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## NEWS FROM GADS - GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



Tickets are now on sale for our next production 'Two' by Jim Cartwright. We always like to try and offer something different and "Two" is certainly different. We will be turning the Public Hall into a 1980's pub for three nights from Thursday 16th to Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October. The play is directed by Benita Blacklock who brought Sheila's Island to the stage last year to fantastic reviews. Join us as we meet the regulars and learn their stories - some poignant, some funny and some thought provoking. This is an adult production aimed at those aged 14+ as it contains mature themes. The audience will be immersed in the play from the moment they arrive into the 'pub' as the stage won't be used for this production. Listen to the music, have a drink and enjoy the show! By 16 October, there are likely to be no parking facilities at the hall, although the disabled access door at the rear should still be in use.

Tickets for "Two" will be £7.50 for adults and £5 for u18 / full time students. Doors will open at 7pm and the shows start at 7:30pm but you need to bring your own drinks as our bar will only be serving our cast members. You can get tickets via [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk) or directly from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/gadsgosforth](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gadsgosforth).

During the 6 month construction work, facilities at the hall will be limited. This means that we will not be able to bring you our customary pantomime in January. However, the weekly Youth Theatre Group will keep going for as long as we can. Hopefully this will lead up to a performance of "The Phantom and the Phoenix" in March. There are still places available in the Youth Theatre Group so please get in touch if you have a youngster (aged 8 to 18) interested in joining. You can visit the website [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk), follow us on Instagram (gads\_gosforth) or email us using [gadsgosforth@gmail.com](mailto:gadsgosforth@gmail.com).

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

By October the preparations for the library refurbishment will be underway and the current library will be closed. A new library will soon re-open across the road in Denton Hill (the old Hobby Shop) as a smaller pop-up library.



The pop-up library will open on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10-12 am and only be open on Saturdays to start with. We encourage county library users to go to Seascale Library as services in the new temporary library will be much reduced. The refurbishment project is expected to take 6-8 months and may prove problematic for public hall users.

## MUNCASTER MICROBUS

**AGM: WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at HOLMROOK READING ROOM ALL WELCOME**

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### **Trips coming up are:**

Whitehaven shopping trips every Tuesday and Thursday – FREE if you have a NoW card bus pass.

- Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Kendal - £10.50
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Egremont Farmers Market  
- £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Windermere / Ambleside - £10.50
- Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Carlisle / Gretna - £11.50
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Egremont Farmers Market  
- £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Keswick - £9.00
- Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Ulverston (Dickensian Festival) - £9

## WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB

During August, members who help with delivering food for Phoenix Pantry based in Cleator Moor were told that the operation would be closing at the end of the month. We are still waiting for the official announcement about this but we believe the reason is that FareShare, the organisation which collects and delivers surplus or out of date supermarket food from regional centres (Preston in our case), has cut back significantly on deliveries, and we have seen a more than 50% reduction in food arriving at Phoenix and consequently the number of clients Phoenix can afford to support.



We are obviously very disappointed about this; 4 of our members have been helping weekly with this enterprise since 2020 – even during Covid restrictions. A representative from Cumberland Council has agreed to speak to us in the near future about the situation going forward.

As a result, the Club has been considering other possible options for projects that might best serve our community. Hopefully I will be able to report on these in the next edition of the Parish Magazine.

*Malcolm Richardson*

## GOSFORTH WI

Our October meeting will be held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October in St Mary's Room at 7.15pm

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The speaker will be Stephen Wilson – Novochock Poisonings.

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**Playground:** Come and see for yourself – A lovely playground in a great setting.

**Wild Flower Meadow:** Enjoy a walk or just sit and relax in the peace and quiet of the meadow. Supervised children are welcome.

**Fishing Club:** If you want to join this club it's only £12/year. If you want some more information, please contact David on 07931-393954.

**Bookings:** The Reading Room has a fully equipped kitchen, facilities for people with disability, in fact everything you would need for a great party. £9 / hour. Why not call David on 07931-393954 to see if it is available for your next event?

**Membership:** Membership renewals for 2025 are due from 1<sup>st</sup> January. £8 for annual membership and £4 to join a club.

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Some Gosforth services and Phoenix services are being 'zoomed' each week. There is also a weekly liturgy available by email each Sunday.

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FOR THE MOST UP TO DATE SERVICE INFORMATION**

### **ZOOMED SERVICES**

**11.00am Service of Holy Communion or Morning Worship** hosted by St Mary's Church Gosforth. If you would like an invitation to this service please email [stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.gosforth.zoom@gmail.com)

**Thursdays at 9.30am South Calder Mission Community Morning Prayer:** For an invitation please contact David Davies – [divord4@gmail.com](mailto:divord4@gmail.com)

### **SUNDAY EVENINGS**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Month: St Mary's Room, Gosforth**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday** – Informal Worship at 6.30 pm – Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship (with occasional Holy Communion)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** – All-age worship at 6.30 pm – Especially suited to and often led by children + young people (and the young in heart).

Occasionally special events and circumstances may lead to changes in the regular programme. *These services are services of Seascale Methodist Church and its Gosforth Methodist congregation, and as such are safeguarded by their safeguarding processes.*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month: Faith and Fellowship – 6.45 for 7.00pm** at Various Locations. Please contact Jill Hudson on 019467 21592 – [jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk) *This group has no formal or legal connection with the Church of England or the Methodist Church in England.*

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month: 7.00pm Phoenix Praise Informal Evening Worship** St Mary's Room Gosforth. Led by Jill and Keith Hudson. Songs/hymns, readings, short talk, discussion and fellowship followed by refreshments. For more information please email [jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillhudson@hotmail.co.uk) and for a Zoom invitation email [khudson@freenetname.co.uk](mailto:khudson@freenetname.co.uk) or ring 01946 721592 or visit [www.phoenixpraise.org.uk](http://www.phoenixpraise.org.uk). *These services are services of Seascale Methodist Church and its Gosforth Methodist congregation, and as such are safeguarded by their safeguarding processes.*

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# SEATALLAN BENEFICE SERVICES - OCTOBER 2025

|                                      | Church                  | Service                                | Time        |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>            | Nether Wasdale          | HC                                     | 9.30        |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale                | Harvest Morning Prayer at St Cuthberts | 9.30        |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | Morning Praise                         | 11.00       |
| <b>Proper 22</b>                     | Ponsonby                | HC - Harvest                           | 11.00       |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist Evening Worship              | 6.30        |
|                                      |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>           | Beckermet               | MP or HC for Harvest                   | 9.30        |
| <b>17<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale                | Methodist Worship at Methodist Church  | 10.30       |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | HC                                     | 11.00       |
| <b>Proper 23</b>                     | Wasdale Head            | Harvest Festival                       | 11.00       |
|                                      | Seascale                | Faith & Fellowship                     | 6.45 for 7. |
|                                      |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>           | Nether Wasdale          | Iona Harvest Worship                   | 9.30        |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale                | HC at St Cuthbert's                    | 9.30        |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | Morning Worship                        | 11.00       |
| <b>Proper 24</b>                     | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Methodist All-age Worship              | 6.30        |
|                                      |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>         |                         |                                        |             |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>           | Beckermet               | HC                                     | 9.30        |
| <b>Last after Trinity</b>            | Seascale                | Methodist Service at Methodist Church  | 10.30       |
| <b>GREEN</b>                         | Gosforth                | HC                                     | 11.00       |
| <b>Proper -</b>                      | Wasdale Head            | Family Morning Worship                 | 11.00       |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room | Phoenix Evening Worship                | 7.00        |
|                                      |                         |                                        |             |

## SAINT FOR OCTOBER - ST. ETHELBURGA



Saint Ethelburga, who died in 685, is remembered on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October as the Abbess of Barking. Not much is known about her, including the year of her birth. Most of what we know comes from Bede, who describes her as 'upright in life and constantly planning for the needs of her community'. She founded the Church of All Hallows, Barking, by the Tower of London, which survived the Great Fire and the Blitz, but not the IRA (though now restored). Bede says that 'no one who knew her ought to doubt that the entrance to the heavenly country was open to her'.

Cover photo: Apples galore this Autumn! (KW)