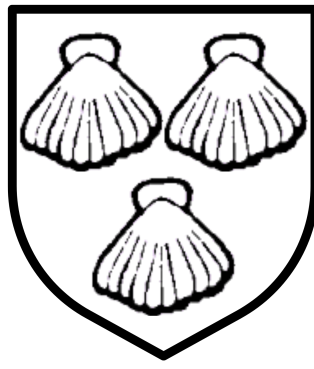




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Parish Newsletter

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from
The Vicarage, Church Hill, Arnside

We live in an age where we think death is an option.

David Hockney, artist

Modern science, advancements in medicine, anti-ageing skincare products, stress management, home exercise machines, new diets, etc, etc... All these things and more can extend our 'youthfulness' and, in some cases, our life expectancy. However, if one thing is certain for us all, it's that we will all – at some point – come face to face with death. A sombre start to my letter this month, you may think. Yet, with the festivals of All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Day falling at this time of the year, it is a particularly sombre season.

It may be a season that is particularly painful for you as we remember those who have gone before us. It may be a season when we can pray more heartily for peace in our world. It may be a season which you choose to avoid thinking about. It may be a

season which prompts you to ask deeper questions.

A common question asked at times of tragedy is why God allows suffering... Doesn't he care?

Actually, the God that made us and loves us cares more than we'll ever know. In fact, he, too, cries over the painful and horrendous things that happen. In this world, there will be problems, but God - rather than being the cause - has the answers. He is the one who gives us life – even in death.

This famous bible verse helps to remind us of this...

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. (John 3.16)

In death, we can know life. In our remembering, we can hold on to the resurrection. For Jesus died in order that we may be set free from the finality of death. For he then rose from the dead – bringing new life not just

for himself, but for everyone who believes in him. His resurrection enables us to have hope. Hope that isn't just wishful thinking, but hope that is anchored in the character of God - who brings light into darkness and life out of death.

As we remember others in this Remembrance season, may we also commit ourselves anew to the work of peace in our communities, and pray that we can be a people of the resurrection – those who live in the hope of new life now and in the hope of an eternity with the one who made us, loves us, cares for us, and gave his everything for us.

To close, some words from a hymn often sung at this time of year:

*O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.*

With love & prayer
Hannah

PS. If you might be interested in finding out more about *The Bereavement Journey* course, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Lesley who oversees the course locally – dianalesley@btinternet.com.



Harvest Festival 2025 Thank you

very much for your generosity this Harvest in supporting the work of:

**Lancaster & District Homeless Action
Manna House, Kendal
Springfield House, Kendal**

It was wonderful to see so many donations, making a real difference to the lives of many in need of help, support and encouragement this Harvest-time.

'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

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



Friday 7th November

Friday 5th December

12.15 - 1.30 p.m.

St James' Church,
Church Hill

Bring some lunch, drinks provided.

All are welcome

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Arnside National CofE School

Headteacher: Mr Nick Sharp



The academic year is in full swing and the classes are buzzing with interest, enthusiasm, laughter and smiles. Having fun is a key element of a love for learning and we are extremely lucky to have pupils who bounce into school, wide-eyed and eager to learn. Each day brings a new challenge and it's a privilege to play a small part in the journey of our pupils.

Enriching the curriculum with clubs and activities is all down to the hard work of staff. Our pupils enjoy a range of additional opportunities including coding with Mr Cherry, sport with the ever-young Mr Hoare, board games with Miss Denney and a splash of glitz with Mrs Henneberry's musical theatre club. There's certainly something for everyone and our School Council are always on the look-out for alternative options.

The school recently celebrated Harvest embracing the theme of 'Time for Tea'. With a Fairtrade foundation, the pupils shared work on the tea trade, production processes, tales of 'A tiger who came to tea', and a whole variety of songs including 'I'm a little teapot' by the Nursery & Reception class. Who doesn't love a cuppa? The Harvest collection organised by Mrs B and members of St James' was extremely successful and I would like to extend a huge thank you to

all our parents & carers who kindly donated to the collection.

"It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving." Mother Theresa.

Working alongside the charity Dignity in Dementia, our Year 6 pupils took part in their first dancing session with members of the local community. These fantastic afternoons are a chance for pupils to serve tea / coffee, chat and enjoy a dance or two – special moments in time and heartwarming experiences for all involved. The pupils were also thrilled to receive an invite to a special Henry VIII workshop at the Heron Theatre. The afternoon was a fascinating insight into the life of the monarch with the highlight being the question and answer session at the end. There's definitely no rest for Year 6s as Bikeability (cycling proficiency to those of a certain age) is here. With the expertise of Joe and Ric from Cyclewise, our pupils learn how to ride safely and considerately on the open roads.

One of the highlights of the year so far has to be our celebration of World Cerebral Palsy Day. Our pupils wore green with pride and we even had a special video update from Arnside's CP star, Millie Hughes, who gave us an update of life in Secondary School. As

is embracing all the new challenges with determination, courage and a sparkling smile – well done! Another special day for all at school was National Teaching Assistant Day. This provided a wonderful opportunity to thank, celebrate and praise the fantastic work of all our TAs; the glue that holds us all together and makes school run like clockwork. Thank you so, so much.

The next half term looks set to be an exciting one with a Pumpkin Disco, Children in Need, Wellbeing Week, the Kendal Mountain Festival and even an Odd Socks Day in the mix. Keep Friday 28th November 4-6pm free in you diary as it's nearly time for the 'C' word and our Festive Social event for pupils, parents / carers and members of the community. We'd love to see you there.

Take care, Mr Sharp

**Deadline for
December Parish
Newsletter:**

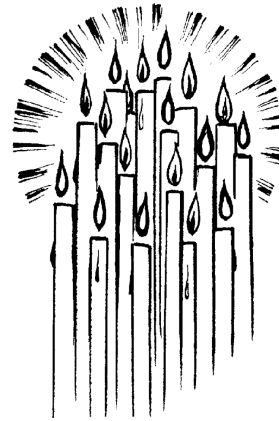
**Wednesday
12th
November**

*please send
submissions to
sandy.felton@btopenworld.com*



In memory of...

A service to remember and give thanks to God for all those whom we love but see no longer.



**Arnside
Methodist Church**
Chapel Lane, LA5 0AQ

Sunday 9th November

6.00 p.m.

REFRESHMENTS

The weekly refreshment rota requires eight volunteers in a four Sunday month. It

would be really helpful if a few more could volunteer to help so that our present helpers are not doing more than one slot a month. If you can help please see Jude and she will be happy to outline what is needed.



Rotas - readers, intercessors, sidespersons

READERS

Sunday 2nd November

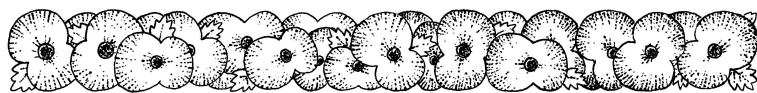
All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7: 1-3, 15-18 - Mr S Smith
Ephesians 1: 11-23 - Mr T Bradford
Luke 6: 20-31

Sunday 9th November

Remembrance Sunday

Village Services of Remembrance



Sunday 16th November

Second Sunday before Advent

Worship Together

Sunday 23rd November

Christ the King / Sunday before Advent

Jeremiah 23: 1-6 - Mr M Crabtree
Colossians 1: 11-20 - Mrs J Bratt
Luke 23: 33-43

Sunday 30th November

The First Sunday of Advent

Lectionary Year A begins

Isaiah 2: 1-5 - Mr A Mitchell
Romans 13: 11-14 - Mrs S Comer
Matthew 24: 36-44

King of Glory



INTERCESSORS

Sunday 2nd November

Mrs L Smith

Sunday 9th November

Village Service of Remembrance

Sunday 16th November

Worship Together

Sunday 23rd November

Mrs S Woodburn

Sunday 30th November

Mrs S E Felton

SIDESPERSIONS

Sunday 2nd November

Mr S Smith

Sunday 9th November

Mrs S Swire

Sunday 16th November

Mr R Hamer

Sunday 23rd November

Mrs A Jackson/Mr G Chatham

Sunday 30th November

Miss A Dean

Weekly Parish E-mail

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

'Sundays News' 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.

What's on...

REST & RESET

Christian meditation
A moment to press pause II

St James Church Arnside

6:15 - 7:00PM

JUN	SEPT	NOV
TUES 3 RD	TUES 2 ND	TUES 4 TH

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	JUL	OCT	DEC
TUES 6 TH	TUES 1 ST	TUES 7 TH	TUES 2 ND



The Bible Course

Explore the BIG story

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.

Remembrance Sunday in Arnside Sunday 9th November

8.00am
Holy Communion
at The Parish Church of St James

10.00am
Act of Remembrance and Laying of Wreaths
at The Memorial Playing Fields

10.30am
Village Service of Remembrance
at The Parish Church of St James

6.00pm
'In memory of...'
(a service to remember those whom we love but see no longer)
at Arnside Methodist Church



Charities Fair & coffee morning

Saturday 1st November
10am - 12pm
in Storth Village Hall

£1 entry
includes hot drink

Bacon
Baps

Stalls from...





Services during November 2025

Sunday 2nd November - *All Saints Sunday*

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

Tuesday 4th November

6.15pm - 'Rest & Reset' - *a service of Christian meditation, offering a moment to pause*

Sunday 9th November - *Remembrance Sunday (The Third Sunday before Advent)*

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am - Service of Remembrance at The Memorial Playing Fields

10.30am - Village Service of Remembrance at St James'

6.00pm - 'In memory of...' at Arnside Methodist Church

Friday 14th November

3.30-5.30pm - Messy Church at Arnside Methodist Church



Sunday 16th November - *The Second Sunday before Advent*

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - 'Worship Together'

Sunday 23rd November - *Christ the King (The Sunday before Advent)*

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

Sunday 30th November - *The First Sunday of Advent (Advent Sunday)*

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

Junior Church (during the school term) **meets during the Parish Communion at 9.30am**

Every Wednesday (during the school term) **there is Morning Prayer at 8.15am**

Every Wednesday (during the school term) **we gather with the whole community of Arnside National Church of England School for School Church at 9.10am**

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

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