

# *The Parish Magazine*

*for the Seatallan Benefice*

*Gosforth & Wasdale*

*Beckermet, Calderbridge & Seascale*



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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### BECKERMET

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|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Harry Tyson | Funeral                 |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026 | Joan Logan  | Funeral and Crematorium |

### CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH

|                             |                  |                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Harry Tyson      | Burial             |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | Margaret Simpson | Interment of Ashes |

### SEASCALE

|                             |                             |                       |
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| 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2026 | Margaret Jennifer Jones     | Funeral – Crematorium |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026 | Dorothy Todhunter           | Funeral – Crematorium |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2026    | Aiden Murray & Jessica Hope | Away Banns            |

### GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD

|                             |               |                    |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 | John Grimshaw | Funeral and Burial |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2026    | Dorothy Burns | Funeral and Burial |

## HOW CAN I KNOW WHAT TO DO?

It is not that contentious to say that, if no one can agree on anything - you have a problem! It is sad to say, but to me, that is what it feels like living in Britain at the moment. In the middle of May 2026, as I write this piece for the parish magazine, no one seems to be able to agree on anything very much. What is to be done?...

For Christians, the most important means of guidance has always been **humble prayer**. There may be some way to go before this kind of prayer becomes popular amongst the political classes of the UK, but, just in case anyone out there is interested – this is how it is done! We come to God, acknowledging that we lack wisdom, and that His ways are not our ways (Isaiah Ch55 vs8). In that attitude, we talk to God... and we listen to Him. Listening is loving. It is surprising what springs forth when we do this – fear is cast out.

A second way that we might find guidance, when we can see no way forward, is by the use of our **'renewed minds'** (Romans Ch12.vs2; Ephesians Ch 4.vs23). Sometimes, prayer is answered in dramatic ways. It can even surprise or shock us... but, more often, God wants us to submit our minds to him... and then as he renews them, USE them, to see the world as he sees it. He loves it all... but not everything in it is as it should be. We need to see that, through his eyes, and act to make things better for everyone... not just for ourselves. One of the ways in which a person's mind can be renewed is to **'steep it' in God's Word** (Colossians Ch 3.vs16). On some issues, we don't need any form of guidance other than that which is to be found in the pages of the Bible. God's will is so plainly set out there for so many of the issues we face in life. A man once lent his friend £50. Two months later, the beneficiary was still praying about whether or not he should pay it back! How ridiculous, when God's Word clearly tells us all what should be done in that situation! But, be careful! In using God's Word to guide us, we need to consider very carefully the context in which the words were written, before we can apply them suitably to our own present day situation.

Another way in which wise Christians have discovered what to do in tricky situations, is to discuss the issues that confuse them all with other – preferably more mature – members of the Body of Christ (Acts Ch15). That is one way to establish the **'Mind of Christ'** on one issue or another. Having a chat with friends is not the same! Hanging about in like minded groups can just re-enforce our errors... and our problems! There are several groups which meet week by week where this sort of discussion should be possible – Belonging, Faith and fellowship, the

music groups and of course the weekly Zoom prayers. These are all places where we might talk about finding the 'Mind of Christ' on the things going on in our time.

I am afraid that, in today's social and political conditions, even very committed Christians might find it very difficult to admit that this might be the sort of process they embarked upon, in order to find a way forward when no one can agree. Who knows? Maybe things will change as stakes rise for our nation. Anyway, here's a good scripture if you are finding it difficult to know what to do:

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.  
Proverbs Ch 3.vs5-6.***

Enjoy the summer – whatever it may bring!

*Philip*

## **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**

This will take place as usual in St Mary's Room on **Thursday 4th June** (the first Thursday of the month.)



Everyone is most welcome to come along for a chat and a cuppa and enjoy a selection of delicious homemade biscuits and cakes! There is no charge, but if you would like to make a donation, this month it will be given to our local 'First Responders' group.

Ann McKenzie reported at our AGM in April that a total of £830 had been donated to various charities from our coffee mornings during 2025! Thank you all for your generosity. Well done!

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## **GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – MAY 2026**

On behalf of St Mary's Management Committee, we wish to express our sincere gratitude to all those who helped, in whatever way, on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May at the first "Boon Day" of the year. We had 15 helpers and achieved much, both inside and out, as the weather stayed favourable for most of the day. There continues to be a number of projects to complete and with this in mind, we are hoping to run another Boon Day on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We are hoping to undertake some, much needed, TLC of the Vestry, St Mary's Room and the toilets. We plan to give each of these areas a fresh coat of paint. Please keep this date in your diaries if possible.

Our next meeting of the Management Committee is to take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 4pm in St Mary's Room.

*Susan Round (Clerk to Committee)*

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Having recently put a biscuit recipe in the magazine, I was asked by a reader if I had any more good recipes I could share, so here's another one that has been popular with my family. I first tasted it in Norway and the recipe was given to me by my Norwegian friend Berit Risoy.

### **NORWEGIAN APPLE CAKE**

10 oz. S.R. flour

4 oz. Caster sugar

6 oz. Soft margarine

1 Egg

Place all these ingredients in a bowl and mix well together to form a ball, either by hand or in a mixer.

Divide into two, one portion slightly larger than the other, and roll out or press the larger portion into the base of an 8" shallow loose bottomed cake tin, leaving the sides slightly raised.

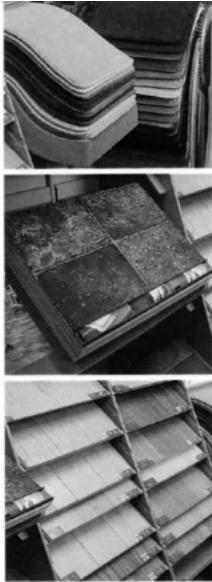
Spread with the stewed apple (2 large cooking apples).

Roll out the rest of the mixture and place on top of the apple, sealing the edges. I usually do this on baking paper as it can then be easily lifted onto the apple.

Bake at 160C for about 30 mins.

Sprinkle the top with icing sugar and serve hot or cold with cream.

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**'Belonging' is a small group designed to help churches to build communities in which people can thrive, feel seen, heard and understood. We hope that it will lead to the formation of a regular home group for anyone that is interested in that form of discipleship.**

**'Belonging' is open to all and will happen in the homes of church members from across the Seatallan Benefice of churches. At present the sessions are mostly happening at the Rectory in Gosforth.**

**Do come along if you are interested.**

**Each session will begin at 7pm.**

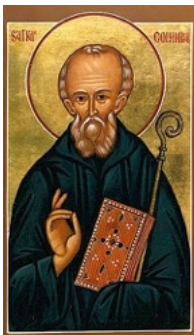
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## **SAINT FOR JUNE - ST.COLUMBA**



On the 9<sup>th</sup> of June the Church of England remembers Columba as Abbot of Iona, and Missionary who died in 597. His name is sometimes given as a variant of Colum. He was born in Ireland and he embraced the monastic life as a young man and founded monasteries there. He travelled across the sea with twelve companions to Iona to found the famous monastery on the island, arriving just before Whitsun. He was responsible for the conversion of Picts and Scots, in what is now Scotland, and also for converting the people of Northern England. He was said to have the face of an angel, to be polished in speech, and holy in deed.

## BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS

The months of 2026 are creeping along as it will be June by the time you are reading this edition of the PCC Magazine. The weather has been slowly improving with a great deal more sunshine. The days although getting longer still often have a cool breeze accompanying them. June will see the longest day and shortest night and we all know what follows. We all need to make the most of these longer days either being busy in our gardens or enjoying time with families especially if we are able to get away for a well-earned holiday. Speaking of holidays hopefully you will have been able to have booked somewhere to get away and enjoy pastures new whether that is abroad or visiting one of the many wonderful areas of our own beautiful countries. My special place is the west coast of Scotland, where I have to visit as often as possible.

It is always important that we have something or somewhere to look forward to but many are much less fortunate due to lack of finances, while for others their situation is even worse, living with the fear of war and all that entails. If you are one of the fortunate in this world, please think of others by either donating food items to the local food bank (**boxes in Reading Rooms & St John's Church**) or by donating to one of the many charities who are desperately trying to help those in greatest need at this moment in their lives.

### Reading Rooms

Beckermet is very fortunate to have the wonderful facility of our Reading Rooms thanks to past grants provided by the GDF. These facilities continue to be at the heart of the majority of activities that go on in village. Some of these are regular weekly events, some are monthly, while others are just one offs. Whatever events that are put on they are all organised by volunteers in the village who work hard to ensure that there are a wide variety of activities/events to enjoy. All events are advertised through the Reading Rooms and Village Facebook pages which give details of these events. If you still have not managed to attend to see for yourself this valuable village asset then I strongly recommend that you do so. The rooms are also available for private functions and ideal for parties of all ages, but especially for young children as there is no worries about cake or drinks being spilt at home on your carpets. These events bring in the vital income which enable the small group of directors to fund all that is required to enable the rooms to meet the legal requirements of a publicly used building. Please help support these activities in the Reading Rooms.

### Coffee Cake & Chat in the Reading Rooms (supported by the GDF)

Our weekly sessions on **Tuesdays from 9.30-11.30** and on **Thursdays from 1.30-3.30** continue to be very popular and well supported by many local residents together with a growing number of people from further afield. Apart from attracting regular individuals from other villages, we often get walkers,

passing cyclists and visitors to the area on holiday. A new initiative in recent months has been the members of the GDF team who come once a month taking their turn behind the counter to serve at our sessions. This has enabled them the opportunity to chat to all who attend making them feel an integral part of our community. In addition, it has enabled our volunteers a greater opportunity to sit and chat with everyone who attends. Having been so successful it will continue in the months ahead.

The sessions are a great way of meeting up with other members of the village with many making new friendship links beyond the Reading Rooms. Recently around 40-50 people have attended over the twice weekly sessions which have now been going for over three years with numbers attending increasing. Can I remind everyone that there is **no charge** for the refreshments available but if you would like to leave a donation that would be gratefully received. If you have never been before then why not come along as you will be made most welcome.

### **Cumbria/Britain-in-Bloom**

This group of volunteers under the guidance and leadership of Claire Dunn continue work to improve the environment in our village in preparation of their entry representing Cumbria in Britain-in-Bloom. They meet regularly to improve various aspects of the village while some work individually on various tasks such as weeding and planting. Plans to improve two areas of the village are in place to really lift the appearance of both which will hopefully stand them in good stead when they are judged in the summer. If you feel you would like to support then contact **Claire Dunn** or myself.

### **Two Rivers Rock: - Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm**

Two Rivers Rock are our local choir who meet weekly in the Reading Rooms. They are a great group of individuals who are always looking for new members to join, especially men. If you are interested then why not come along as you will be made most welcome. Unsure if it is for you, then come and see for yourself.

### **St John's Services: - new start time 9.15am (usually on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays).**

Please note that all services at St John's Church in Beckermets now start at the slightly earlier time of **9.15am** The dates of the services over the next three months will be the **14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June, 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July & 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug**. If you haven't been to a service before then why not come along. We will be delighted to see you and you will be made most welcome. Free refreshments are available after the service should you wish to participate

### **Beckermets Village 50/50 Lottery (now with 178 members with draw on 1<sup>st</sup> Tues of each month)**

The latest draw held on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** saw the lucky winners sharing £130

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**Friday Quiz & Bingo Nights** (always on Friday Nights-proceeds in aid of St John's Church Beckermert)

**Quiz** nights are on **Fri 5<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July & 7<sup>th</sup> Aug** while **Bingo** nights are on **26<sup>th</sup> June, 24<sup>th</sup> July & 21<sup>st</sup> Aug** all at the usual time of **6.30-8.30pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend wherever you live. Come along and sample one of these sessions which are often full of fun and laughter. The bar is available for both alcoholic, soft drinks and tea and coffee. Quiz teams of around 4 with prizes for the winning team but if you can't make a full team still come, as we will join you into one on the night. At bingo there are 10 houses to be played during the evening plus the 11<sup>th</sup> game and a raffle plus a prize for the lucky bingo book, all included in your entry of £10 (**entry fee for both includes tea/coffee**).

**St John's Soup Lunches** (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month)

The next St John's Soup lunch will be on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** so please add this date into your diaries starting at the usual time of **12.00-1.30pm**. For **£6 each** you will be able to have a lovely bowl or even two of delicious home-made soup (four to choose from) followed by delicious home-made cakes and a raffle ticket included. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not come along as it is a great way to meet up with friends & even make new ones.

**Youth Club Evenings:** - on **Mon & Thurs** evenings from **6-8pm**.

**Art Group:** -Mondays 10.00-12.00

**Yoga Group:** -Sundays from 10.30-11.30am

**Two Rivers Rock:** - Weekly 6.30-7.30pm

**Open Mic Night:** -Wednesday **17<sup>th</sup> June & 15<sup>th</sup> July** from **7.30-10.30pm** with bar open for refreshments

**Live Music with Don Mackay** - Reading Rooms Entertainment: **-Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 8pm**

**Additional Details:** - available from **Beckermert Reading Room** or **Beckermert Village Facebookpages**

*John Mackay    01946 841429    07912859480*

# WASDALE ACTION GROUP



Wasdale Action Group is a community-led initiative formed by local residents and businesses who care deeply about the future of Wasdale. The group was formed in response to the growing challenges of increasing visitor numbers to Wasdale.

It is wonderful to see more people discovering and enjoying this extraordinary landscape. However, with this increase in visitors has come a range of changes that have a growing impact on both the valley itself and the local community. Our aim is not to discourage visitors, but to raise awareness of the pressures the valley is facing and to encourage responsible, respectful behaviour.

By working together – visitors, residents and organisations such as the National Trust, the Lake District National Park Authority, and the Cumberland Council – can help ensure that Wasdale remains a beautiful, unspoiled place.

As you know, Wasdale's roads are narrow and passing places limited. At busy times, the roads become congested causing stress for car drivers, residents and emergency services such as the Wasdale Mountain Rescue Team and parking is limited. With this in mind, the Wasdale Explorer shuttle bus seemed to be the answer.

The Wasdale Explorer shuttle bus runs Saturdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays from the start of May to the end of August. It connects the valley of Wasdale with the villages of Gosforth, Muncaster Castle and Ravenglass. Visitors and locals can use the Wasdale Explorer to access Wasdale without a car, to enjoy a stress-free journey to Wasdale Head and back.

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Greengarth	08:10	10:30			16:25	
Gosforth, Petton Place	08:15	10:35			16:30	
Nether Wasdale, village car park	08:30	10:55	12:55	13:55	16:50	17:50
Wasdale Head, Green	09:00	11:25	13:25	14:25	17:20	18:25
Wasdale Head, Green	09:00	12:25	13:25	14:55	17:20	19:00
Nether Wasdale, village car park	09:30	12:55	13:55	15:25	17:50	19:30
Gosforth, Petton Place	09:50			15:45		19:50
Greengarth	09:55			15:50		19:55
Muncaster Castle, car park entrance	10:00			16:00		-
Ravenglass, village car park, bus shelter	10:05			16:05		20:00

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## NETHER WASDALE COFFEE MORNING

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*Christine McKinley*



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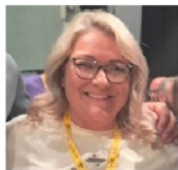
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## SEASCALE METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

### Wednesday Outreach

The next Tea and Chat will be on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2.30pm. We are pleased to report that two of our members who have recently been in hospital are now back at home. All are welcome to join us at our meetings.

### Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm - Songs of Praise with Phoenix Praise

This will take the place of our usual Tea Service this month. We look forward to our afternoon with Phoenix Praise. Our offering will be given to the Growing Well project at Egremont. We would be pleased to welcome any visitors who would like to join us.

### An Advance Notice -

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2pm – 4pm

Strawberry Afternoon Tea in Seascale Methodist Church Hall

*Jackie Folkes*

## NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY

### Church Services

7<sup>th</sup> June Ponsonby 9.30am Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> June Ponsonby 3.00pm Evening Prayer

5<sup>th</sup> July Ponsonby 9.30am Morning Prayer

19<sup>th</sup> July Old Church 3.00pm Evening Prayer

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West Lakes U3A – JUNE 2026 Events

Date	Group	Contact
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Cycling</b> Meet 10 am at Gosforth Public Hall	John ☎ 019467 25831
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Ukulele</b> 21 Gosforth Road, Seascale; 10 am	Contact Janet Hardy on <a href="mailto:janethardy36@gmail.com">janethardy36@gmail.com</a>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>History / Chatty Lunch</b> Trips, Slips & Falls plus Chatty Lunch Drigg Village Hall; cost £2; 10.30 am	Vera ☎ 019467 25213 <b>Pre-booking lunch essential</b>
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>French Conversation</b> Kellbank, Gosforth; cost £4; 10.15 am	James ☎ 07931 996742
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Chair Based Exercises</b> Gosforth Public Hall; 11.30 am	John ☎ 019467 25831
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> / 10 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup> / 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Indoor Bowls</b> Gosforth Public Hall; cost £3; 2 pm	John ☎ 019467 25831
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	<b>Discussion of Current Affairs</b> The Kellbank; 10.45 am – 12 noon	Bridget ☎ 07594 167575
Thurs, 4 <sup>th</sup> / 11 <sup>th</sup> / 18 <sup>th</sup> / 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Moky Fit</b> with Shameem Eskdale Village Hall; cost £2, 11 am	Sherill ☎ 07484 384640
Fridays 5 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Folk Dancing</b> Gosforth Public Hall, 2 pm – 4 pm	Vera ☎ 019467 25213
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June Theme: <b>Critters</b>	<b>Photography</b> St Mary's Rm, Gosforth; cost £2; 2 pm	Nigel ☎ 07774 673461
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Walking for strollers</b> 2 mile stroll from 2 pm; <b>No dogs</b>	Valerie ☎ 07796 527876
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Art Appreciation</b> St. Joseph's, Seascale; cost £2, 10.30 am	Margaret <a href="mailto:Mbakerphoto999@gmail.com">Mbakerphoto999@gmail.com</a>
11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Crafting</b> Gosforth Public Hall, 2 pm; cost £2	<a href="mailto:westlakesu3a@gmail.com">westlakesu3a@gmail.com</a> <b>Pre-booking essential</b>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Intermediate Recorders</b> Drigg Local History Group trip to Helena Thompson Museum, 10 am	Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849 <a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Family History Group</b> Santon Village Hall; cost £2, 10 am	Hilary <a href="mailto:westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com">westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com</a>
Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup> , 10 am	<b>Treble recorders</b> Santon Village Hall Supper room	Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849 <a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2 pm	<b>Advanced Recorders</b> Santon Village Hall Supper Room, 2 pm	Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849 <a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> / 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Open Mind / Chatty Lunch</b> Polonium poisoning by Stephen Wilson Gosforth Public Hall; cost £3	Alan Vera ☎ 019467 25213 <b>Pre-booking lunch essential</b>
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Reading</b> St Mary's Room; cost £2; 10.30 am	<b>This group is currently full</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> June - DLHG Trip alternative	<b>NO Discovery meeting this month</b> Drigg Local History Group trip to Helena Thompson Museum, cost £12.50	Poster on u3a website Further details & booking: <a href="mailto:driggdlhg@gmail.com">driggdlhg@gmail.com</a>
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> June Coach leaves Seascale 9.15 am Gosforth 9.30 am	<b>Out &amp; About</b> Leighton Hall, Carnforth Coffee - Yew Tree Barn; lunch on arrival Cost £35 incl lunch (coffee extra)	Vera ☎ 019467 25213 <b>Pre-booking essential</b>

Any queries regarding Events should be sent to: [westlakesU3A@gmail.com](mailto:westlakesU3A@gmail.com)

## GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



Year 3 and 4 have been busy with sporting events the last couple of weeks. They have taken part in a Kicky Rounders event, a Quicksticks Hockey event and Tri-golf. We had our annual Wheelchair Rugby visit from Nat. This is a fabulous experience for the children and those staff members who join in! A group of older girls spent the day in Egremont at the rugby ground. They spent the morning doing drills and skills and the afternoon playing against teams from other schools. We completed our application for the School Games Mark and are pleased to announce that we achieved the Gold standard for the fourth year in a row. The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community.



Philip Dorling paid a visit to our Year 6s in Wastwater as they had questions for him about the Holy Spirit. This was the final lesson from our unit on Ascension and Pentecost. The children thought long and hard about their questions and some were quite challenging. We are very grateful that Philp can take the time to help us out with our RE curriculum.

After securing funding we purchased wooden sleepers to create three raised beds on the school field. Before the Easter break each child was sent home with a planted seed in a pot. They were returned and we were super impressed with the growth. There was a mixture of flowers and vegetables. These have all now been planted in the raised beds after a kind donation from West Coast Composting of top soil and compost. We have also put in our application for Cumbria in Bloom.

As a school we marked Hedgehog Awareness week. Activities included our pre-schools who made hedgehog biscuits, Year 2 designing hedgehog homes and Year 6 made an informative video on how we can support hedgehogs in our gardens. We are well on our way to becoming a Hedgehog Friendly Campus.

We have had some very exciting baby news in our school recently. Mrs Hilton and her husband Andrew are expecting their first baby in September. We all can't wait to meet the little one!

FOGS recently funded a bird box with built in WIFI so we can stream footage in school through our iPads. It wasn't long before a pair of blue tits moved in and she has now laid nine eggs (there may be more hidden). Dad is doing a great job coming and going with food. We are excited to see the hatching stage.

*Mrs S Layzell  
Assistant Headteacher*

## **BECKERMET SCHOOL NEWS**

After a very busy few weeks, we can't believe it's nearly half-term already! Our after-school clubs have been very popular this term, with gardening, eco-club, sports and computing all on offer.

Year 3 & 4 children did their resuscitation training with 'Flat Stanley'. They really enjoyed their morning and put maximum effort into all aspects of the training! The children in our Year 1 and 2 class visited the Lake District Animal Park near Bassenthwaite this month. The weather was fantastic and they had an amazing day! They saw birds of prey, flamingos and bush dogs, who are a new addition to the park!

Our Reception class spent the day at a local farm but the weather wasn't quite as kind to them! They still had a great day learning all about the sheep and cows on the farm. The children in Year 3 and 4, and Year 1 and 2, have also visited our local church as part of the RE curriculum. We're lucky to have such a lovely building so close to our school.

The children in Year 6 have worked incredibly hard on their SATs preparation and we are all very proud of their efforts and are looking forward to a more relaxing end to the school year!

*Sue Alderson – Senior Teacher*

## **GOSFORTH WI**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.15pm in St. Mary's Room.

Our speaker will be Robert Steel and the topic is Uzbekistan which we are really looking forward to hearing about. Our competition this month is a 'scenic holiday photograph'.



## GOSFORTH LIBRARY



Warmer weather has improved lime plaster drying times in the library and all three coats are now complete, but need further drying time before electrical work, painting, joinery and carpets can progress. External work to consolidate the walls and guttering work are progressing. Additional members of Rolland Hills team have been on site to start preparation for the internal finishing work whilst the drying continues. We are still awaiting the work to start on moving the electrical supply to the building to allow the roofing work above the inglenook fire place to be completed.

*John Reed*

## GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL REFURBISHMENT UPDATE - MAY 2026

### Phase One Progress

While progress has been made on the internal lime rendering, the building has proved to be much damper than expected. The library has all 3 layers of lime render but the supper room (above the library) just has its first coat. Lime render draws out the moisture from the walls and ceilings it is applied to. It is working well as the atmosphere in the Library was 'cold and damp' when we entered on Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> – a warm sunny day outside. This demonstrates the challenges the builders are facing and hence why there are delays. Final decorating, carpeting etc. cannot start until the plaster is dry.

### Timeline

We expect all internal and external plastering to be complete by the end of June. While it is hoped much of the internal decoration, carpeting etc will also be complete by the end of June, this cannot be done until the plaster is completely dry.

### Phase 2

Phase 2, the construction of a new kitchen and store at the rear of the Hall, and refurbishment of the main hall itself will commence mid-July. The Hall will be open to the end of August, allowing the annual Art Show to go ahead. It is expected that Phase 2 will complete at the end of April 2027.

*Karen Russ*  
*Chair, Gosforth Public Hall Management Committee*

## NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY



In May, we held our AGM and were honoured to be joined by our local Noda representative Jim Morgan. Not only did Jim present most of the awards at our own Awards Ceremony, but he also presented us with an award from Noda North West Region for our “best in class” programme for “Shrek – the musical”. With over 1000 entries, this was a terrific achievement. Also in May our audiences enjoyed our “21<sup>st</sup> Century Showcase” of songs from modern musicals. If you were there, we hope you enjoyed it. You may think we will be taking a break while the Hall renovation is underway, but not so.

Our Youth Theatre Group has launched into its new term with lots of fantastic sessions planned. A huge thank you goes to the First Responders who joined us in May to deliver invaluable training in life-saving techniques — a session that was both educational and inspiring for our young members. There is currently a waiting list for places in our Youth Theatre Group, but if you would like to be added, please get in touch by emailing us.



Our popular Summer Youth Workshop will run again this year from 17 to 22 August but we are relocating to the school to avoid the disruption of the building work. This means that we will focus on acting as we have very little access to our technical equipment, scenery, props or costume. Applications for this popular week will open in early June.

The GADS team are also busy planning other events and entertainment for the coming year, so there will be plenty to look forward to. Our new committee are discussing a variety of workshops, “Plays for Pleasure”, social events, and other exciting activities to keep the GADS spirit alive throughout the months of refurbishment.

To keep up to date, you can visit the website [www.gads.org.uk](http://www.gads.org.uk), follow us on Facebook (GADS1948), Instagram (gads\_gosforth) or email us using [gadsgosforth@gmail.com](mailto:gadsgosforth@gmail.com). But best of all, why not join our mailing list? You won't get bombarded, but you will be the first to find out what's happening. There is a link to sign up on the website home page.



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## WEST LAKELAND ROTARY CLUB



May was mostly a quiet month for our club although we did hear from some excellent speakers.

Joe Ritson told us a bit about some peoples' experiences in West Cumbria during World War II, and John Bell, a well known historian, told us a bit about industrial developments in our local area also during the World War.

But I think we were especially rewarded by two speakers from a Parkinson's Disease local support group: John Kane, a former Trade Union official at Sellafield, who has suffered from this disease for over 10 years and gave a moving testimony of his own battle with Parkinsons, and how this has helped him, not only to deal with the condition himself, but also how he became inspired to help others, offering them advice and pointing them to the many useful sources of support and medical advice.

Finally, on 12 May we had an excellent speaker from Friends of the Lake District, always interesting, and a first for our club.

And, for your diaries: don't forget our Rotating Wheels annual show at the old Gosforth Show field on Sunday 19 July.

*Malcolm Richardson*

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Other Trips:

- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Windermere and Ambleside £10.50
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Egremont Farmers Market  
£3 donation to the market
- Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June – Grange and Cartmel £9.00
- Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> July – No trip
- Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> July - Egremont Farmers Market  
£3 donation to the market
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Workington £8.50
- Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> July – 5 Lakes £13.00



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Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 6:30pm  
Members: £7.50, Non Members £8.50, U/12 £5  
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**Membership:** Membership renewals for 2026 are due now £9 for annual membership and £4 to join a club. These can be renewed/ started any time. If you are an existing member or want to join us contact David on [drmarsden@outlook.com](mailto:drmarsden@outlook.com) or 07931-393954.

## COMING SOON

**Rotating Wheels Rally**  
Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July in Old Gosforth Show Field



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## ZOOMED and EVENING SERVICES IN THE SEATALLAN BENEFICE

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

**NB. PLEASE CHECK LOCAL NOTICES  
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 - JUNE 2026

	Church	Service	Time
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Nether Wasdale	Iona Service	9.30
<b>1<sup>st</sup> after Trinity</b>	Ponsonby	Holy Communion	9.30
<b>Green</b>	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	11.00
<b>Proper 5</b>	Gosforth	Morning Praise	11.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist Evening Worship	6.30
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Beckermet	Holy Communion	9.15
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> after</b>	Seascale Methodist Church	Methodist Morning Worship	10.30
<b>Green</b>	Gosforth	Holy Communion	11.00
<b>Proper 6</b>	Wasdale Head	Morning Worship	11.00
	Seascale	Faith and Fellowship	6.45 for 7
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Nether Wasdale	Holy Communion	9.30
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> after Trinity</b>	Seascale	HC at St Cuthbert's	11.00
<b>Green</b>	Gosforth	Morning Worship	11.00
<b>Proper 7</b>	Ponsonby	Evening Prayer	3.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist All-age Worship	6.30
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>			
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Beckermet	Holy Communion	9.15
<b>4<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b>	Seascale Methodist Church	Methodist Morning Worship	10.30
<b>Green</b>	Gosforth	Holy Communion	11.00
<b>Proper 8</b>	Wasdale Head	Evening Prayer	4.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Phoenix Praise Evening Worship	7.00
<b>Every Sunday</b>	Seascale St Joseph's RC Church	Mass	9.00

## 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 collected is taken regularly to Egremont Methodist Church, where the Foodbank is based.



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Cover Picture - A painting of Gosforth's Viking Cross, painted by Philip's Gt Grandmother while on holiday in the area around 1860.