

# *The Parish Magazine*

*for the Seataillan Benefice*

*Gosforth & Wasdale*

*Beckermest, Calderbridge & Seascale*



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## FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between  
the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2026 to 9<sup>th</sup> September

### **BECKERMETH**

No Occasional Offices known

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

No Occasional Offices known

### **SEASCALE**

No Occasional Offices known

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

No Occasional Offices known

## **'Faith crossed out'... with thanks to Revd Canon J. John**

Some years ago, the Anglican Evangelist, J. John - who is a Canon of St Paul's Cathedral in London, came to Carlisle to host an evening in The Ballroom at the Mitre Hotel - some of you might have been in the crowd. His presentation was, as always, good: interesting, challenging and funny. J. John's family background is Greek, he also writes a blog, and the following is a précis of a 'post' he made back in 2017. I was reminded of the piece when reading a magazine recently which included the picture he mentions below...I thought it might provide 'food for thought' in this month's magazine:

*'There is a widespread trend in Christian circles to talk about a conspiracy against our faith. Personally (J. John writes), I tend to be very wary of such rumours. And yet, every so often, I come across some act of such crass hostility that I find myself wondering, in bewilderment, if the 'conspiracy theorists' do actually have a point.*

*The most recent occurrence of this, has been in connection with the seemingly trivial news that Lidl has created a brand of Greek food called 'Eridanous'. The products are promoted with a delightful photograph of sun-drenched, blue-domed roofs overlooking an equally blue Mediterranean Sea. Yet the domes are not just those of any old roofs; they are in fact those of a church, specifically that of the Church of the Anastasis, in Santorini. You would not know this from the picture, because the crosses that adorn these buildings have been 'photoshopped' out, apparently 'to avoid offence'.*

He goes on: *'Now, as someone who is both Greek and a Christian, this amazes and annoys me. First, I find it **insensitive**. The Greeks have, for over a thousand years, taken pride in being the heroic defenders of Christian Europe's south-eastern border. You may disagree with that role, and that pride, but, trust me (he writes) it is a fundamental part of the Greek psyche. In this culturally embattled corner of the Mediterranean, the issue of whether a building is capped by a cross or crescent is no light matter. The unfortunate tension between cross and crescent has erupted in bitter bloodshed in Cyprus and the horrid Balkan war of 1991–99. To remove the cross from the image of these buildings, is a grotesque and blundering cultural insult. One of the problems of rampant political correctness is that, the effort to stop one offence, almost inevitably ends up creating others. There is nothing quite so inclined to 'create offence' as political correctness trying to erase it.*

Second, I find it **troubling**. This removal of crosses echoes the recent debates in the United States about whether to keep or topple statues of Confederate war heroes. Extreme political correctness demands that all that is offensive about the past be erased. This, of course, is impossible; history is a deep-grained reality that is not easily eliminated. It is also perilous; history teaches lessons, and to ignore our past is to choose to walk blindfold into the future. We may find much about the past and the present offensive; the wisest reaction, when you feel like this, is to acknowledge what was done... and to move on.

Third, (J.John writes) I find that it is **revealing**. It is an intriguing fact, that the symbol of the cross continues to arouse so much antagonism. Given the New Testament view, that the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is the very heart of God's programme of reconciliation for humanity and the world, it is perhaps not surprising that attacks on the faith fall here most fiercely. A Christian faith without the cross is stripped of its power. Want to understand Christianity? Understand the cross.

Ultimately, though, we Christians need to keep something like this in proportion! It's a worrying and silly trend, but the church has seen worse and outlived it. From the first Good Friday onwards, there have been repeated efforts to bury the truth of the cross, and the One who died on it. Yet the name of the church in the image is the 'Anastasis' – the Greek word for the resurrection. It's a reminder that no one can keep the truth hidden. The Roman Empire couldn't, and I don't think Lidl will either.

Personally.... I think J.John makes a point... and, as usual, he makes it well. You can find more like this at [info@philotrust.com](mailto:info@philotrust.com), and on Youtube under 'Facing the Canon'.

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.



# **GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Management Committee wish to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the many volunteers who helped in any way at our latest Boon Day held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Much was achieved both inside church and St Mary's Room as well as outside in the Churchyard. We were all blown away by what was undertaken, despite the early heavy rain! Thank you all.

Unfortunately, the roof over the North aisle is still causing us a few problems with rain seeping into church. Luckily, John Miller will be inspecting this and hopefully will have it sorted before the bad weather hits us.

We are grateful for the donations that have been received towards the cost of grass cutting following our recent plea for help. Please talk to one of our Church Wardens if you feel you would like to help towards these costs.

*Susan Round (Clerk to Committee)*

## **HARVEST FESTIVALS IN THE BENEFICE**

4<sup>th</sup> October - Nether Wasdale – Holy Communion at 9.30 am  
Ponsonby - Morning Prayer at 9.30 am  
Seascale – Holy Communion at 11.00 am

11<sup>th</sup> October – Beckermest – Holy Communion at 9.15 am  
Gosforth – Holy Communion at 11.00 am  
Wasdale Head – Morning Worship at 11.00 am

Gosforth Church will be decorated on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 10 am ready for the school harvest service on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Benefice Harvest Supper -**

**This will take place in Calderbridge Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 pm.**

It will be a Bring and Share supper so do bring along either something savoury or sweet (or both!) to share with everyone else.

Coffee and Tea will be provided but if you would like something stronger, please bring your own along with suitable glasses.

**Please do come along if you can as we don't have many opportunities to socialise together as a Benefice.**

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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.**

**For more information please ring the Revd Philip Dorling on**

**07500 239684**

**or email him on**

**[philipdorling123@btinternet.com](mailto:philipdorling123@btinternet.com)**

## **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.



## **NEWS FROM NETHER WASDALE**

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October there will be a Coffee Morning in the Old School in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support, commencing at 11am. Do come and join us.

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## **SEASCALE METHODIST NEWS**

Please note all the activities in these notices take place in Seascale Methodist Church Hall

### **Wednesday Outreach**

The October Tea and Chat will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm. Louise will be bringing her plants along to the meeting.

We think of our members who are not able to join us at meetings at present.

All are welcome to join us at our meetings.

### **Tea Service**

The October Tea Service will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 2.30pm when we look forward to a visit from members of NISCU (Northern Inter Schools Christian Union) to lead our worship that day.

### **Table Top Sale in September**

We would like to thank everyone who came along on a wet morning to support the event and those who kindly gave donations for the Great North Air Ambulance Service. The amount of £470 which included the offering from the August Tea Service has been forwarded to the charity.

### **Harvest Songs of Praise and Harvest Lunch**

We extend our thanks to Sheila and Jonathan Falkner who led our Harvest Songs of Praise. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated treats for our Harvest Table - what a wonderful response, they will be given to Calderwood House at Egremont.

We would like to thank Truly Scrumptious of Whitehaven who supplied the food for the lunch which was much enjoyed by everyone.



*Jackie Folkes*

## NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY

**Benefice Harvest Supper** 10<sup>th</sup> October 7pm Calderbridge Village Hall.  
This will be a Bring and Share event. Please come and join in, everyone will be most welcome.

### Church Services

|                           |                                      |        |                 |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|-----------------|
| 4 <sup>th</sup> October   | Harvest Festival with Morning Prayer |        |                 |
|                           |                                      | 9.30pm | Ponsonby Church |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> October  | Morning Prayer                       | 9.30pm | Village Hall    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> November  | Morning Prayer                       | 9.30pm | Village Hall    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> November | Holy Communion                       | 9.30pm | Village Hall    |

### Dates for your Diary

|                           |     |                |                 |
|---------------------------|-----|----------------|-----------------|
| 21 <sup>st</sup> November | 2pm | Christmas Fair | Village Hall    |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> December  | 5pm | Carol Service  | Ponsonby Church |

*Eleanore Glaister*

## SEASCALE NEWS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Everyone is welcome at workshops preparing for **Light Works in Seascale on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Everyone Dance** 7<sup>th</sup> Oct and 17<sup>th</sup> Nov in -

Beckermets Reading Rooms 11am - 1pm

St Cuthbert's Seascale 3.30- 5.30pm

**Everyone Orchestra** - 13<sup>th</sup> Oct and 10<sup>th</sup> Nov times and venues as above

**Light Art** - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct and 4<sup>th</sup> Nov times and venues as above

**Light Lanterns** - 24<sup>th</sup> Nov times and venues as above

**Christmas Tree Festival** is also 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December running alongside the Light Works event.

If you or a group you belong to would like to decorate a tree and have not done so before please contact Mary Waterhouse for information. Groups which have taken part in recent years will be invited again when more details are available.

[Waterhousemc6@gmail.com](mailto:Waterhousemc6@gmail.com)

*Mary Waterhouse*

## **BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS**

The summer holiday season has been and gone and our younger generation will have hopefully settled in well to their new class or school, whichever the case may be. For some the change will be much greater as they either embark on life at college, work or further afield away from home at university embarking on training for their careers in life. Such changes can be smooth or can be stressful especially for those living away from home and learning to be independent. All will/may need a little extra care and support which I'm sure they will receive from all family members.,

For the rest of us life goes on as normal looking forward to the wonderful autumn tints that will soon be for all to see. As the days go by, we will find ourselves with less daylight and therefore longer nights which we will need to fill with indoor activities. For some these changes will bring with it challenges of trying to balance budgets that will be stretched with extra costs of heating our homes, putting a strain on family budgets. Please think about helping others who are less fortunate than ourselves. A few donated items to the local foodbank may not seem a lot but if those who can contribute a little, then together it can make a massive difference to those in greatest need. Food bank boxes for donations can be found in the entrance of both the Reading Rooms and St John's Church Beckermat.

### **Cumbria & Britain in Bloom**

Although all the hard work by the volunteers in preparation for the judges maybe over, the volunteers have endeavoured to maintain the village looking good, keeping the various areas clean and tidy. In addition to this they also have had to ensure that the various baskets and floral displays have been kept well-watered. Hopefully by the time you read this edition the results of both the Cumbria & Britain-in-Bloom will be known. All being well, all the hard work of those involved will achieve the awards so richly deserved. Whatever the outcome, the community has certainly benefitted from all their endeavours with beautiful floral displays.

### **Reading Rooms**

The Reading Rooms continue to be at the heart of our community where a wide range of activities take place on a regular basis. The venue is a great place to hire for your own private function such as, family

gatherings and parties, especially for children, saving cakes and drinks being spilled on carpets at home. The rooms can be hired out for regular events or for a one-off event. Recently the venue was used by a local family as part of their wedding celebrations, a first for the venue. It is proving popular with people from other neighbouring communities joining in with the variety of activities on offer. If you haven't attended anything yet, then why not come along and see for yourself the lovely facility on offer.

### **Coffee Cake & Chat (supported by the GDF)**

Our sessions continue throughout the year on **Tuesdays** from **9.30-11.30** and on **Thursday** from **1.30-3.30**. Refreshments are free of charge but if you would like to leave a donation that would be gratefully received. If you haven't attended before then why not come along and enjoy a cuppa, biscuits & cakes and meet up with others to have a good old blether, natter or catch up with others in our community.

### **St John's Services (11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Oct 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> Nov)**

Our regular church services take place on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at St Johns Church in the village, starting at **9.15am**, followed usually by refreshments in the church after the service. As stated previously, all services this winter, which has not been the case for the past two winters, will be held in the church following the installation of our new under pew heating system.

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

Soup Lunches started back again in September with the next two being on **Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Oct & Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** at the usual time of **12-1.30pm**. They are 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 entry. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not add these dates to your diary. A great way to meet up with friends and make new ones, so why not come along and see for yourself.

### **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 at **2.30pm on: - Wed 28<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Oct** and again **on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> & Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Nov**

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

**Quiz Nights:** - (9<sup>th</sup> Oct; 6<sup>th</sup> Nov) **Bingo Nights:** - (30<sup>th</sup> Oct; 20<sup>th</sup> Nov) (All on Fridays 6.30-8.30pm)

Everyone, no matter where you live, are most welcome to come along and join us on these evenings. We have regulars who join us from Braystones, Egremont, Seascale, Gosforth, Thornhill & Haile but it would be lovely to see new people joining in. If you haven't been before then why not come along and sample one of these sessions which are often full of fun and laughter, Hope to see you at one of these events as we always like to meet new members joining in and hopefully you will enjoy it enough to want to come back again.

**Open Mic Nights** (usually 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed each month 7-10pm)

The Open Mic Nights organised by Justin continue to be very popular each month and well attended. The next night is on **14<sup>th</sup> Oct**, with further nights on **11<sup>th</sup> Nov & 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**. Please keep an eye out on the Facebook pages for these events. All of these sessions are free to enjoy with the bar open to purchase refreshments.

**TED FEST Music Festival** (Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept)

Ted Fest took place in a large marquee at Swallow Top Campsite in the village. This was well attended by over 400 individuals over the day. A wide variety of bands and individuals, together with the Beckermets Village Two Rivers Rock choir, entertained those who attended from 1pm until 11pm. A bar was available as well as food provided by Herdie Hut, and the local scout group raising funds for two members who will be attending the scout jamboree in Gdansk, Poland next year. The profit from the festival will be split between three charities, the British Heart Foundation, Hospice at Home & the Great North Air Ambulance. Three excellent charities to support that help save lives locally. Hopefully the day will have raised a great deal for each of them. A massive thank you to all who organised and worked on the day to make it such a success.

## **Beckermets Village Lottery**

The next village lottery draw will take place on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October** at around 10am. This will be the first draw of the fourth year of this village activity. Membership subscription of **£25** for the next twelve-monthly draws is due prior to that date to renew your participation for another year. Payment can be made in cash, cheque or bank transfer. If using bank transfer please use the same details as last year using your own reference details with payment. Forgotten or mislaid them? Then please contact me using options at the end of this article. If you would like to join or would like further details before deciding, then again contact me and I will answer any queries that you may have. Looking forward to another successful year giving out lots of prizes but more importantly helping individuals or local community groups with some financial support.

## **Upcoming Village Events in the Reading Rooms**

**Youth Club:** - Monday & Thursday evenings 6-8pm

**Yoga:** - Sunday mornings from **10-1.30**

**Two Rivers Rock:** - Wednesday Evenings in the Reading Rooms.

**Christmas Fayre Café & Stalls:** - Saturday **Nov 28<sup>th</sup>** 10am-4.30pm

**Entertainment Nights:** -Saturdays

**Oct 24<sup>th</sup>** Midnight Social with Erin

**Nov 14<sup>th</sup>** Kickstarts

**Dec 19<sup>th</sup>**Christmas with Cath & Emma

For further Information about these events and others in Beckermets please check either the **Beckermets Reading Room** or **Beckermets Village Facebookpages** for details.

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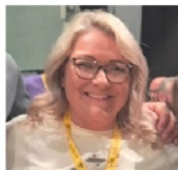
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| Date                                                                                                 | Group                                                                                                                                | Contact                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct                                                                           | <b>Cycling:</b> Gosforth Public Hall at 10 am                                                                                        | John ☎ 019467 25831                                                                                             |
| Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> / 12 <sup>th</sup> / 19 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct                     | <b>Tai Chi</b><br>Calderbridge Village Hall; 11.30 am                                                                                | Michael<br><a href="mailto:westlakesU3A@gmail.com">westlakesU3A@gmail.com</a>                                   |
| Wednesday<br>7 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                 | <b>History:</b> Opening of Calder Hall: memoire<br>Drigg Village Hall; cost £2; 10.30 am                                             | Vera<br>☎ 019467 25213                                                                                          |
| Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct                    | <b>French Conversation</b><br>Kellbank, Gosforth; cost £4; 10.15 am                                                                  | James ☎ 07931 996742<br><b>This group is currently full</b>                                                     |
| Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct                    | <b>Chair Based Exercises</b><br>Calderbridge Village Hall; 11.30 am                                                                  | John<br>☎ 019467 25831                                                                                          |
| Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> / 14 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct                    | <b>Indoor Bowls</b><br>St Mary St Michael's Church Hall; £4; 2pm                                                                     | John<br>☎ 019467 25831                                                                                          |
| Tuesday<br>6 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                   | <b>Discussion of Current Affairs</b><br>Kellbank; coffee £4 (optional); 10.45 am                                                     | Bridget<br>☎ 07594 167575                                                                                       |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> / 22 <sup>nd</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct | <b>Eskdale Exercise Class</b><br>Eskdale Village Hall; 10.30 am                                                                      | Sherill<br>☎ 07484 384640                                                                                       |
| Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> / 23 <sup>rd</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct   | <b>Folk Dancing</b><br>Calderbridge Village Hall ; 2 pm                                                                              | Vera<br>☎ 019467 25213                                                                                          |
| Tue 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct (week later than usual)                                                     | <b>Photography:</b> send photos by Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Oct<br>St Mary's Room; 2 pm                                                  | Nigel ☎ 07774 673461<br><b>Theme: Local Shows</b>                                                               |
| Monday<br>12 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                   | <b>Walking for strollers</b><br>2 mile stroll from 2 pm; <b>No dogs</b>                                                              | Valerie<br>☎ 07796 527876                                                                                       |
| Thursday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                  | <b>Art Appreciation:</b> DVD on Turner<br>St. Joseph's Hall, Seascale; £2; 10.30 am                                                  | Margaret<br><a href="mailto:Mbakerphoto999@gmail.com">Mbakerphoto999@gmail.com</a>                              |
| Friday<br>9 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                                 | <b>Intermediate Recorders</b><br>Santon Village Hall; 10 am                                                                          | Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849<br><a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>                      |
| Tuesday<br>20 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                  | <b>Family History Group</b><br>Santon Village Hall; cost £2; 10 am                                                                   | Hilary <b>Bring laptop / device</b><br><a href="mailto:westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com">westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com</a> |
| Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> – 10 am<br>Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> – 2 pm                                        | <b>Treble recorders</b><br>Santon Village Hall Supper Room                                                                           | Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849<br><a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>                      |
| Thursday<br>8 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                               | <b>Advanced Recorders</b><br>Santon Village Hall Supper Room; 2 pm                                                                   | Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849<br><a href="mailto:smithybrow@icloud.com">smithybrow@icloud.com</a>                      |
| Thursday<br>15 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                 | <b>Open Mind:</b> Polonium Poisoning<br>C'bridge Village Hall; cost <b>£4</b> ; 10.30 am<br><b>Chatty Lunch:</b> to follow Open Mind | Alan<br><b>Pre-booking essential</b><br>Vera ☎ 019467 25213                                                     |
| Thursday<br>22 <sup>nd</sup> October                                                                 | <b>Reading</b><br>St Mary's Room; cost £2; 10.30 am                                                                                  | Norma<br>☎ 019467 25366                                                                                         |
| Tuesday<br>27 <sup>th</sup> October                                                                  | <b>Discovery:</b> Speed of Light by Kevin Payne<br>St Mary's Room, cost £2; 2 pm                                                     | Ben<br>☎ 019467 24791                                                                                           |
| Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> October<br>Seascale 9.15 am<br>Gosforth 9.30 am                                | <b>Out and About</b><br><i>The Opening of Calder Hall: exhibition and talk / The Beacon Portal Lunch (venue tbc); cost £tbc</i>      | Vera<br>☎ 019467 25213<br><b>Pre-booking essential</b>                                                          |

Queries regarding **Events** should be sent to: [westlakesu3a@gmail.com](mailto:westlakesu3a@gmail.com) or see the website

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## BECKERMET SCHOOL NEWS

We can't believe it's nearly the end of September already! Where did the summer holidays go?!

Our new Reception children are settling into school really well and are enjoying learning lots of new things! Their Year 6 buddies have been looking after them too and showing them what to do...we're very proud of them all!

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September we are celebrating International Day of Peace. The theme this year is Invest in Peace...for Everyone, Everywhere, Everyday. We are being joined by some of the older residents from the village who will take part in some lovely art and craft activities with the children. Local artist Natalie Burns is also joining us to work with our KS2 children creating Escher peace doves.

We are also busy planning the Welcome Service for our Reception children and our Harvest Festival Service in church, later this half term.

We look forward to updating everyone next month!

*Susan Alderson – Senior Teacher*

# GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS



Our new starters have settled in really well and are enjoying their learning in Reception. We have also welcomed three pupils from another school and lots of new starters down at nursery. We have a new set of School Crew representatives - two pupils from each KS2 year group. We look forward to working with them and the ideas they come up with.

We have had exciting baby news - Mrs Hilton gave birth to William Arthur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Huge congratulations to the Hiltons and we look forward to a visit to school for baby cuddles!

The FOGS Fun Run and Colour Run was another successful event - helped by the weather being kind. Their AGM is coming up and they are hoping to welcome some new members.



After school clubs have started again offering a range of activities including Judo, Construction Club, Quiz Club and Sports Club. A team of ten Year 5/6 pupils has also been formed to enter First Lego League. FIRST LEGO League is an international STEM competition where teams of children work together to design, build and program a LEGO robot to complete a series of challenges. Teams also develop and present a real-world innovation project, while demonstrating teamwork, creativity, problem-solving and the programme's core values

*Mrs S Layzell Assistant Headteacher*



## GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL REFERBISHMENT UPDATE

Phase 1, the refurbishment of the 1628 part of the building, is near completion with hand over expected at the end of September. The new Meeting Room and upstairs Supper Room will be available for use and can be booked via [GPHbooking@gmail.com](mailto:GPHbooking@gmail.com). We need to reinstall shelving, books and furniture in the Library which will take us to the early part of October. We will open the Library as soon as possible.

Phase 2, refurbishment of the main hall and a new rear extension for a kitchen and store, has commenced with drainage work at the rear of the building. Foundations will follow, then the main build. Once the external structure is in place work will start inside the Main Hall. Completion is expected Summer 2027.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact me via [GPHbooking@gmail.com](mailto:GPHbooking@gmail.com).

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

## GOSFORTH LIBRARY

The pace of work at the library has increased and many more contractors are there all week. Internal and external painting is 80% complete, electrical work is almost complete, carpets have been fitted and work on the lino is beginning. Kitchen cupboards have been fitted in the new meeting room to provide refreshments (old kitchen), storage cupboards have been fitted on the ground floor area around the new stairs and shelves in the GAD's costume store.

A deep clean of the inside areas will start in the later part of next week and the refurbished part of the building should be handed back for our use by the end of the month.

*John Reed*





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### **Other Trips:**

- Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Kendal £10.50
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – Egremont Farmers Market  
£3 donation to the market
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October – Barton Grange Garden Centre £12.50
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Workington £8.50
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Windermere and Ambleside £10.50
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Carlisle and Gretna Outlet shops  
£12.50
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Egremont Farmers Market  
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- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Ulverston – Dickensian Festival  
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**All welcome - Ring 07931-393954 to book**

### FUTURE DATES:

- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov – Garden Day 10 to 12
- Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Mince Pie and Wine 6:30pm

**Table Tennis Club:** Meets on a Wednesday - 6:00pm to 7:30pm. All welcome, young or old. Contact David on 07931-393954. Other times can be arranged.

**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 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.

## GOSFORTH WI

The next meeting of the Gosforth WI is to be held on Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15 pm in St Mary's Room, Gosforth.



**Theme:** Ice-cream - Lizzie Mawson is coming to tell us about her story of ice-cream making.

**Competition:** Something you can put ice-cream in.



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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 – [jillfhudson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillfhudson@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 [jillfhudson@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:jillfhudson@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 2026

|                                      | Church                         | Service                          | Time       |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>         |                                |                                  |            |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> October</b>        | Nether Wasdale                 | Harvest Holy Communion           | 9.30       |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> of Trinity</b>    | Ponsonby                       | Harvest Morning Prayer           | 9.30       |
| <b>Green</b>                         | Seascale St Cuthbert's         | Harvest Holy Communion           | 11.00      |
| <b>Proper 22</b>                     | Gosforth                       | Morning Praise                   | 11.00      |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room        | Methodist Evening Worship        | 6.30       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>         |                                |                                  |            |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b>       | Beckermet                      | Harvest Holy Communion with Band | 9.15       |
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Seascale Methodist Church      | Methodist Morning Worship        | 10.30      |
| <b>Green</b>                         | Gosforth                       | Harvest Holy Communion           | 11.00      |
| <b>Proper 23</b>                     | Wasdale Head                   | Harvest Morning Worship          | 11.00      |
|                                      | Seascale                       | Faith and Fellowship             | 6.45 for 7 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>         |                                |                                  |            |
| <b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>       | Nether Wasdale                 | MP – Iona Worship                | 9.30       |
| <b>20<sup>th</sup> after Trinity</b> | Calder Bridge Village Hall     | Morning Prayer                   | 9.30       |
| <b>Green</b>                         | Seascale St Cuthbert's         | Morning Prayer                   | 11.00      |
| <b>Proper 24</b>                     | Gosforth                       | Morning Worship                  | 11.00      |
|                                      | Gosforth St Mary's Room        | Methodist All-age Worship        | 6.30       |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>         |                                |                                  |            |
| <b>25<sup>th</sup> October</b>       | Beckermet                      | Holy Communion                   | 9.15       |
| <b>Last after Trinity</b>            | Seascale Methodist Church      | Methodist Morning Worship        | 10.30      |
| <b>Green</b>                         | Gosforth                       | Holy Communion                   | 11.00      |
| <b>Proper 25</b>                     | Wasdale Head                   | Holy Communion                   | 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       |

## SAINT FOR OCTOBER - ST IGNATIUS



Ignatius is remembered as a Saint and Martyr on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October by the Church of England and other Christian denominations. Some churches, however, remember him on other dates. He was Bishop of Antioch (in Turkey) and he died in or about 107, which means he is a very early Saint. Nothing much is known about him except that some important letters are attributed to him.

These include letters to Corinth and Ephesus. He was also mentioned in early Eucharistic prayers, which means that he is important, although perhaps unfamiliar to us.