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FROM THE SEATALLAN PARISH REGISTERS

Occasional Offices conducted between the 9th September to the 11th October 2026

BECKERMET
- No Occasional Offices known

CALDER BRIDGE, PONSONBY and OLD CHURCH
- No Occasional Offices known

SEASCALE
- 10th September Sandra Tompkinson Cremation
- 18th September Alan Whittaker Cremation

GOSFORTH, NETHER WASDALE and WASDALE HEAD
- 11th September Sandra Tomkinson Burial of Ashes
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The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior

…with thanks to Joyce Hill

This year, Remembrance Sunday falls on the 8th November. Once again, we will remember the day on which the guns fell silent at the end of World War I.

Both the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey and the stone Cenotaph in Whitehall were inaugurated with a great national ceremony in 1920. The idea for the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior dates back to 1916, when David Railton, an army chaplain serving on the Western Front, saw a rough cross raised above a hasty burial, with the words, 'An Unknown British Soldier' written on it in pencil. Railton wrote to the Dean of Westminster Abbey, proposing that the body of an unknown soldier might be buried with State ceremony in Westminster Abbey, to lie 'amongst the kings' and represent the fallen of the Empire. The proposed tomb would also serve as a focus of personal mourning and commemoration for those many thousands whose dead brothers, sons and fathers could not be recovered and identified for individual burial. The body in the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior would represent all the branches of the armed forces. The Dean of Westminster agreed to the proposal. The body buried in Westminster Abbey would be that of a soldier recovered from the battle fields of the Western Front.

In 1920, suitable remains were exhumed from the various World War I battlefields and were taken to a chapel near Arras. In the chapel, each body was placed in an identical coffin and draped with a Union Flag. Brigadier Wyatt, with his eyes closed, placed his hand on one of them. The other bodies were taken away for solemn reburial, while the chosen coffin remained in the chapel overnight. The next day the coffin was placed in a casket of oak timbers cut from trees at Hampton Court. It was then banded with iron. A sixteenth century sword, personally chosen by King George V from the royal collection, was attached to the top, with a shield bearing the words, 'A British Warrior who fell in the Great War 1914-1918 for King and Country'. At this point, a military mourning procession then conveyed the coffin, with full military honours, to the Destroyer HMS Verdun, which was then escorted by six other Destroyers to Dover. The coffin then went by special train to Victoria Station, where it remained overnight. On the next day, the 11th November 1920, the unknown warrior was given a full state funeral, including a procession through London. A Field Marshall's salute was fired in Hyde Park. Amongst the guests of honour in Westminster Abbey were 100 women

who had lost both their husbands and all their sons in the war. The coffin of the Unknown Warrior was then lowered into a grave in the Abbey containing soil from the battlefields of Aisne, the Somme, Arras and Ypres. The tomb was then covered with a black marble slab from Belgium, engraved and inset with letters formed from the brass of melted down war time ammunition.

The unique inspiration for the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior was adopted by the French government, and so it came to pass that Britain and France coordinated their efforts to honour the fallen together. Simultaneous ceremonies were held on the 11th November 1920, with the anonymous French Warrior, also from the Western Front, being interred at the Arc de Triomphe, just as King George V unveiled the stone Cenotaph in Whitehall.

The Tomb of the Unknown Warrior is a place of profound stillness in the midst of the madness of modern life; people who call this island home should make a point of going there at least once. Stop and think. Love and sacrifice are at the heart of our humanity. We have been given so much.

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 month we meet in St Mary's Room, Gosforth, on **Thursday 5th November** for a chat and a catch up with friends, and the usual home baked treats – but no fireworks! Do come and join us if you can, especially if you are new to the village, or come from another village nearby, as it's a good chance to meet people.

There is no charge but donations can be made to our chosen charity, which this month is the West Cumbria Baby Bank, at the Howgill Family Centre in Whitehaven.

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GOSFORTH PARISH CHURCH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT – November 2026

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held on Tuesday, November 10th in St Mary's Room at 4pm.

As in previous years, in order to keep the winter fuel bills down, winter services will move into St Mary's Room as from Sunday, 15th November.

Susan Round (Clerk to Committee)



'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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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SEASCALE & DISTRICT

During the weekend of Disability Awareness Sunday 2026, we held a successful fund raising coffee morning in Drigg to allow us to buy and freely distribute Dyslexia Friendly Bibles to our local schools, care homes, hospitals and Haverigg prison.

These bibles come with a combination of 19 different colour overlays which help not only with Dyslexia but also with ADHD and some eye sight conditions.

A diagnosis of Dyslexia accounts for around 17% of the worldwide population; that is close to 20% of people who are missing out on reading bibles! It really makes you stop and think - how inclusive are our churches?

We were delighted to raise £384 at the event with subsequent donations and sponsorship by local groups to buy Dyslexia Bibles, we are in the position to be able to place at least 20 Dyslexia Friendly Bibles in our local area.



We produced labels for inside the Bibles to show they were presented by our local Churches Together group or from individual sponsors.

The attached photo shows: Dyslexia Bible Information on the table at our coffee morning with Wendy Bracegirdle along with her daughter.

Allison Hanshaw

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.

BECKERMET COMMUNITY NEWS

The nights are starting to draw in as we enter into last few months of 2026. I don't know about you but this year seems to have flown by and it won't be that long before we will be thinking about Christmas and 2027. When I was young time seemed to go much slower. Obviously, time moves at the same rate throughout our lives but having spoken to many around my age they all say the same that time seems to move faster in their later years. Whatever our age it is important that we make the most of the time we have, especially with family and friends. With less daylight available we need to be more prudent with the use of this time to get jobs done especially in our gardens tidying everything up before the real bad weather comes. The leaves are already beginning to fall making extra work but the arrival of the autumn tints is always something special to look forward too. Nature has developed strategies to combat the weather by shedding leaves and shutting down for winter. Certain animals will be stocking up their food stores ready for hibernation in the months ahead. Unfortunately, we can do neither and our lives go on as normal adjusting to these changes and ever colder weather. These changes will bring with it challenges of trying to balance household budgets with the extra costs of heating our homes and eating good healthy food putting a strain on finances. If you are able, 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 we can all 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 Beckermet.

Cumbria & Britain in Bloom (Congratulations are in order)



The wait for the outcome of Cumbria-in-Bloom was certainly worth waiting for. Claire and some volunteers attended the award ceremony in Kendal where they were not only presented with the gold award for the second year running but were delighted to discover that Beckermet was awarded the trophy for best kept village. A wonderful achievement in their third year of entry having gained Silver in 2024, Gold in 2025 and again gold plus, **Best Kept Village in Cumbria for 2026**. Full credit to Claire and her team who have spent hundreds of hours between them in getting our village looking so wonderful with all

the floral displays around our village. A magnificent achievement locally and we now await the outcome of the judge's verdict of our entry in Britain-in Bloom due on the 20th October. Fingers crossed that they will gain the recognition they deserve for all the hard work put in over those hundreds of hours.

Beckermet Village Lottery (draw on 1st Tuesday of each month)
Our own village lottery entered its fourth year with the first draw on **Tuesday 6th October** with over 170 entries. Each month prizes of **£50, £30, £20, £10, £10 & £10** are to be won with four months of the year having two lots of each of the above prizes. Over the year **£2,080** will be paid out in prize money and the same amount awarded to individuals and village groups to assist them achieve their goals. The next draw will take place on **Tuesday3rd November** at around 10am in the Reading Rooms. Anyone is able to join in at any time of the year at a pro-rata rate of the annual subscription of £25 for the year. If, you are interested in joining this local fundraising activity then please contact me using the details at the end of this article. All winners are notified after each draw and a list of monthly winners are posted on Facebook & noticeboards.

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. On Tuesday 6th October twenty-one year 5&6 pupils visited our session and read to our members as part of their community involvement. They brought an invitation for all our members to join them in school on Wednesday afternoon of the 14th October. On that afternoon a number of our group went along and joined in with their WW11 songs and activities with tea & cakes. Two lovely sessions enjoyed by all. In the spring term a similar arrangement will take place this time with year 3&4 pupils from Beckermet School.

St John's Services. (25th Oct, 13th & 27th 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. It has been a pleasure to attend recently as the new under pew heating system works a treat keeping you warm throughout the service. Our Harvest Festival Service took place on Sunday 11th October where numerous food items were donated plus the collection of **£93** for the food bank. On

Fri 27th Nov the annual switch-on of the village lights will take place following the service in church accompanied by Egremont Town Band. At the end of the service we will all move down to the village park for the switch on of the Christmas tree lights with carols sung by our own village choir, Two Rivers Rock. On **Wed 16th Dec** Two Rivers Rock will be performing carols in the church for all to attend. Please come along to these excellent village events.

St John's Soup Lunches
Soup Lunches are back again with the next beingon **Wed 18th 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. If you have not had the opportunity to come to one of these then why not add this date to your diary. A great way to meet up with friends & even make new ones so why not come along and see for yourself. Remember there will be no soup lunches in December & January.

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, parties especially for children saving cakes and drinks being spilled on carpets at home. The rooms can be hired out for regular activities or for one-off event. This is a great facility for the village run by a small group of directors who are all volunteers who in turn are supported by other volunteers helping in numerous ways to keep these activities on for the rest of the village. If you feel that you could help in any way then contact me and I will pass on your details. If you haven't attended anything yet then why not come along and see for yourself the lovely facility on offer.

Little Mesopotamia Walks (£5 fee)
Guided walks around this experimental arboretum are being organised on the following dates starting from the village car park at **2.30pm on**: **Wed 28th & Thurs 29th Oct** and again **on Mon 9th & Tues 10th Nov**
Booking is essential via: **www.littlemesopotamia.co.uk** which provides much more information

Quiz Nights: - (6th Nov & 4th Dec**) Bingo Nights: - (**30th Oct, 20th Nov & 11th Dec**) (**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 2nd Wed each month 7-10pm. Free entry. Bar available for refreshments)
The monthly Open Mic Nights organised by Justin continue to be very popular and well attended. The next two evenings are on the **11th Nov & 9th Dec**. Please keep an eye out on the Facebook pages for these events.

Upcoming Village Events in the Reading Rooms
Youth Club: Monday & Thursday evenings 6-8pm
Yoga: Sunday mornings from **10-11.30**
Two Rivers Rock: - Wednesday Evenings in the Reading Rooms.
Christmas Fayre Café & Stalls: Saturday **Nov 28th** 10am-4.30pm
Entertainment Nights: Saturdays: **Nov 14th** Kickstarts, **Dec 19th** Christmas with Cath & Emma

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

John Mackay
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STOP PRESS!

Although Beckermet didn't manage to win Britain-in-Bloom, they were awarded a Silver Gilt Certificate!

A great achievement for their first ever entry into Britain-in-Bloom, having been chosen by the Cumbria-in-Bloom committee to represent our county.

Well Done to all concerned for their great achievements in both competitions!

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 was well attended and there was a lot of interest in Louise's plants.

Please note: In November we change to our winter meeting times of a 2pm start. Tea and Chat will be on Wednesday 4th November when we will be having a Puddings afternoon.

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 November Tea Service will be on Wednesday 18th November at 2pm when we look forward to a service led by Viv Kendall.

A cuppa for care

Seascale WI would like to thank everyone who came along on Monday 21st September to support the event, it was lovely to have so many people join us for the afternoon. We were delighted to be able to forward the sum of £263 to Hospice at Home West Cumbria.

Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November - 10am to 12 noon.



This year we will be supporting Wasdale Mountain Rescue team, some stall holders will be supporting other charities. We will have our usual Christmas raffle and tombola. These are some of the stalls we already have booked - Mags Handicrafts, Louise's plants, Heather's Cross stitch creations and Brenda's Christmas cards.

We have a couple of stalls still available, if anyone would like to book one, please contact Allison Hanshaw, Glenda Davies or Jackie Folkes.

Jackie Folkes

Memory Walk 2026

It's wonderful the way in which this walk brings the community together to help raise awareness of Alzheimers. Seascale Gym are very supportive of the walk and making sure those who attend the Gym are in the best shape to take part which we appreciate.

Individual sponsorship is not necessary as we walk and are sponsored as a group, we do not have our final sponsorship total for 2026 as money is still being collected but we expect it to be over £300.

This is very much part of our ongoing commitment to community outreach. We have been doing these walks for the past 8 years and often have new people joining us for a chat as we walk along the Viking Way. The turnout this year was a total of 21 walkers who set off from Seascale, with some walking all the way to Gosforth and back to Seascale again.

Enid's kind open house hospitality is a lovely way for non walkers to still be part of the event, and the real bonus is we get lovely tea and cakes when we finish.



NEWS FROM NETHER WASDALE

On **Tuesday 3rd November** there will be a **Soup Lunch** in the Old School at Nether Wasdale beginning at **12 noon**. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us for this.

Christine McKinley

NEWS FROM CALDERBRIDGE AND PONSONBY

Benefice Harvest Supper
We would like to thank everyone who came along to the Bring and Share supper on 10th October. There was an abundance of very tasty dishes brought along, which were enjoyed by all. Afterwards we had a quiz, guess the weight of the onion, and a raffle. £110 was raised and will be shared between the Bishops Harvest Appeal and the local Food bank.
All in all, a lovely, joyous evening!

Christmas Fair
This will be held in the Village Hall on 21st November at 2pm
Teas will be £10 per adult and £5 for children
There will be our usual stalls including cake stall, craft stall, books, raffle and tombola. Please come along and support us.

Carol Service
Will be held at Ponsonby Church on 5th December at 5pm followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

Church Services
During the winter months the services will be held in the Village Hall.

1st Nov	9.30am	Morning Prayer
15th Nov	9.30am	Holy Communion

Eleanore Glaister

SEASCALE NEWS FROM ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

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

Everyone Dance 17th Nov in -
Beckermet Reading Rooms 11am - 1pm
St Cuthbert's Seascale 3.30- 5.30pm
Everyone Orchestra - 10th Nov times and venues as above
Light Art - 4th Nov times and venues as above
Light Lanterns - 24th Nov times and venues as above
Christmas Tree Festival is also 5th and 6th 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.

Mary Waterhouse
Waterhousemc6@gmail.com

LEAF-FALL by Martyn Halsall

You can sit inside, and watch the sycamore
outside the cottage threshed to winter form
by a gale importing Antlantic, or reach for a coat,
changing the colour like a distinguishing leaf,
and go to join the wind, and become leaf-fall.

There you feel chill as the season turns
North towards winter, see sky open to blue
that changes the colour of ocean to sea-green;
and go as far as the last swallow you saw,
and wait for the first return of the barnacle geese.

NB: Martyn was Poet in Residence at Carlisle Cathedral for some years. He and his wife Isabel (who was a retired vicar) lived in Santon Bridge and worshipped at Nether Wasdale until they moved to Hexham to be nearer their daughter. This poem was taken from his book 'Borrowed Ground'.



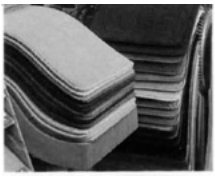


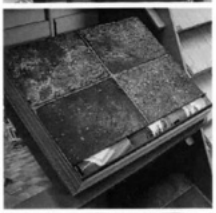
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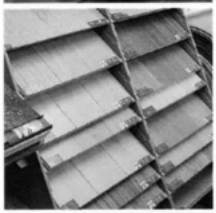
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10th November
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NEWS FROM GADS – GOSFORTH AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our programme of workshops and play readings continues to keep members engaged while the refurbishment work at the Hall continues. During the next month or so, we have:

On Tuesday 17 November from 7:30pm in the Kellbank Function Room we will be reading a very special play about Gosforth written by Seb Gardiner. “The Viking Play” may well be performed in Gosforth next year with support from GADS. After that, our next “Plays for Pleasure” reading will be on Tuesday 15 December – script to be determined. These are free to attend and all are welcome.

On Tuesday 1 December from 7pm in St Mary’s Room we will hold our next workshop. “Diction and Projection” will be run by Alison Fligg and is open to those aged 8 and over. This one is for you if you want to be heard and understood when on stage - and what’s the point otherwise? Your first workshop is also free to attend, but after that we simply ask that you join us as a member or patron for insurance purposes.

Sadly, there will be no pantomime again in January 2027, but in the December / January issue we hope to bring you news of our proposed programme for when the Hall re-opens next year.

To find out more, follow us on Facebook (gads1948), Instagram (gads-gosforth), the Website (gads.org.uk) or by emailing gads_gosforth@gmail.com. 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.

SAINT FOR NOVEMBER - ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY



Elizabeth of Hungary is remembered by the Church of England on the 18th of November as a Princes of Thuringia, and as a Philanthropist, who died in 1231. She had a short and difficult life, being married at 14, widowed at 20 and dying at 24. Even so, she built a hospital where she served the sick and she also carried out works of charity. She was associated with the work of the Franciscans, who regard her as a patroness. Elizabeth today is thought of as a symbol of Christian charity.

GOSFORTH SCHOOL NEWS

New School Crew appointments have been made for the year ahead. Interested pupils put their name down and present a speech to their classmates explaining why they should be voted for - then the vote takes place. School Crew is made up of two pupils from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and their role is to represent their classmates, share opinions with teachers and the headteacher, and help improve school life. This year we also have a team of Food Ambassadors who are working alongside Maddie from the Nourish project. Their first task is to lead a collective worship on sugar and healthy packed lunches.

Forest School sessions are well underway with our new starters enjoying their first lesson outdoors. Earlier in the year a range of vegetables were planted in the raised beds on the field. They are now ready to be harvested and there have been some pretty impressive vegetables produced!



Our sporting calendar is in full swing starting with a visit from Nat from NP Inclusive Sport. Nat is a world-class wheelchair basketball star who represented Great Britain. Each class has a session in the hall playing wheelchair basketball. A team of Year 3 children attended a football event at Whitehaven Academy against local schools. A team of Year 5 children attended a rugby festival in Egremont. The team spent the morning developing skills and the afternoon playing games against other schools.

Year 6 travelled to Lakes College for the annual REACT Science Show. The theme this year was Fuel the Future. The show featured several small and large scale demonstrations which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

We all gathered in the church for the Harvest Festival recently. Before the service, children were asked to bring in dry food and tinned donations for the local Foodbank. They had a visit from Stuart and Timmy Tuna who talked about the Foodbank and how it works. During

the church service each class performed a song, and we reflected on the theme of kindness. We explored how a tiny seed can grow into something much bigger, and how small acts of kindness, generosity and care can grow and make a difference.

FOGS held their AGM and first meeting of the academic year. They are currently working on grant applications and looking for sponsors to purchase a new stage for school. Before the Harvest Festival they served refreshments in the church and they arranged an Autumn Tidy Up of the school and nursery grounds. Their next event will be the Clothes Swap closely followed by the Autumn Disco.

Mrs S Layzell Assistant Headteacher

BECKERMET SCHOOL NEWS

School life continues to be busy for everyone at Beckermet CE School. The children enjoyed welcoming parents and grandparents to our MacMillan Coffee afternoon.

They took part in a range of art activities including creating models of Anderson Shelters in Year 5 and 6. (See photo)



As a school we celebrated Mental Health Day. The children brightened the day by wearing anything yellow! During the day, the Year 1 and 2 children went on a very exciting nature treasure hunt and made their own bird feeders from windfall apples and sunflower seeds.
Our Year 3 and 4 class made kindness promises and added them to a banner for their classroom.

Our school was full of fun and laughter on Wednesday 14th October when GB Extreme spent the day with us! The children participated in workshops learning how to beat-box and breakdance! They had an amazing time and the day really highlighted how well our children and staff work together and support each other!

Now we're starting to get ready for Christmas!!

Susan Alderson – Senior Teacher

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West Lakes U3A - November 2026

https://west-lakes.u3asite.uk/events/

Date	Group	Contact
Monday 2nd Nov	**Cycling:** Gosforth Public Hall at 10 am	John ☎ 019467 25831
Mon 2nd / 9th / 16th / 23rd / 30th Nov	**Tai Chi** Calderbridge Village Hall; 11.30 am	Michael westlakesU3A@gmail.com
Wednesday 4th November	**History:** Bromleys by Mark Hatton Drigg Village Hall; cost £2; 10.30 am	Vera ☎ 019467 25213
Weds 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th Nov	**French Conversation** Kellbank, Gosforth; cost £4; 10.15 am	James ☎ 07931 996742 **This group is currently full**
Weds 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th Nov	**Chair Based Exercises** Calderbridge Village Hall; 11.30 am	John ☎ 019467 25831
Weds 4th / 11th / 18th / 25th Nov	**Indoor Bowls** St Mary St Michael's Church Hall; £4; 2pm	John ☎ 019467 25831
Tuesday 3rd November	**Discussion of Current Affairs** Kellbank; coffee £4 (optional); 10.45 am	Bridget ☎ 07594 167575
Thurs 5th / 12th / 19th / 26th Nov	**Eskdale Exercise Class** Eskdale Village Hall; 10.30 am – 11.30 am	Sherill ☎ 07484 384640
Fri 6th / 13th / 20th / 27th November	**Folk Dancing** Calderbridge Village Hall ; 2 pm – 4 pm	Vera ☎ 019467 25213
Tuesday 10th November	**Photography:** St Mary's Room; 2 pm – 4 pm	Nigel ☎ 07774 673461 Send photos by Fri 6th Nov
Monday 9th November	**Walking for strollers** 2 mile stroll from 2 pm; **No dogs**	Valerie ☎ 07796 527876
Thursday 12th November	**Art Appreciation:** DVD on Turner, cont. St. Joseph's Hall, Seascale; £2; 10.30 am	Margaret Mbakerphoto999@gmail.com
Friday 13th & 27th Nov	**Intermediate Recorders** Santon Village Hall; 10 am – 12 noon	Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849 smithybrow@icloud.com
Tuesday 17th November	**Family History Group** Santon Village Hall; cost £2; 10 am	Hilary **Bring laptop / device** westlakesu3afhg@gmail.com
Thurs 5th – 10 am Weds 18th – 2 pm	**Treble recorders** Santon Village Hall Supper Room	Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849 smithybrow@icloud.com
Thursday 12th & 26th Nov	**Advanced Recorders** Santon Village Hall Supper Room; 2 pm	Marilyn ☎ 07817 499849 smithybrow@icloud.com
Thursday 19th November	**Open Mind**: Airborne Troops C'bridge Village Hall; cost **£4**; 10.30 am **Chatty Lunch:** to follow Open Mind	Alan **Pre-booking essential** Vera ☎ 019467 25213
Thursday 26th November	**Reading** St Mary's Room; cost £2; 10.30 am	Norma ☎ 019467 25366
Tuesday 24th November	**Discovery:** NWS talk by Kelly Anderson St Mary's Room, cost £2; 2 pm	Ben ☎ 019467 24791
Thurs 26th Nov Seascale 9.15 am Gosforth 9.30 am	**Out and About** Guided Tour of Bootle / Stephen Leece Lunch (venue tbc); cost £tbc	Vera ☎ 019467 25213 **Pre-booking essential**

Queries regarding **Events** should be sent to: westlakesu3a@gmail.com or see the website

Open Mind / Chatty Lunch will be £4 from October 2026

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GOSFORTH PUBLIC HALL REFERBISHMENT UPDATE

You may have noticed that the fencing has now been removed from the 1628 historic part of the building (see photo on the front cover). The Library volunteers are working hard to get everything ready inside the Library.

There will be an Opening Celebration on Wednesday November 4th between 3pm and 6pm. Please come and look at the results of the refurbishment, funded by Historic England and Copeland Community Fund. Light refreshments (tea, coffee and cakes) will be available and you can wander through the refurbished Library, new Meeting Room and Supper Room.

The Supper Room and new Meeting Room are ready for use and can be booked via GPHbooking@gmail.com. Work is progressing well on Phase 2 of the refurbishment focused on a new rear extension, the Main Hall and boiler room (underneath the Hall). This work should complete Summer 2027.

Karen Russ
Chair, Gosforth Public Hall Management Committee

GOSFORTH LIBRARY

Lots of progress has been made in the last 4 weeks, shelving and books have been transferred from the pop-up library into the refurbished 1628 library building, which had its first unofficial library open session on Saturday 10th November.

We will continue to open on Saturday's 10-12am
during the rest of October, preparing for an official opening on Wednesday 4th November when the library will be open from 3-6pm for viewing and light refreshments. Please come along and have a look at the results of all the hard work during the past months, made possible by funding from Historic England and the Copland Community Fund.

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- Friday 18hDecember – Egremont Farmers Market £3 donation to the market
- Saturday 12h December – Workington, including Derwent Howe shops £9
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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 or 07931-393954.

GOSFORTH WI

The next meeting of the Gosforth WI will take place in St Mary's Room from 7:15pm on Tuesday, 3rd of November, where our activity will be creating Christmas Crafts. All materials will be provided.

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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.

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

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

SUNDAY EVENINGS

1st and 3rd Sunday of Month: St Mary's Room, Gosforth

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

3rd 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.*

2nd 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 *This group has no formal or legal connection with the Church of England or the Methodist Church in England.*

4th 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 and for a Zoom invitation email khudson@freenetname.co.uk or ring 01946 721592 or visit 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 - Novermber 2026

	Church	Service	Time
1st Sunday			
1st November	Nether Wasdale	Holy Communion	9.30
All Saints	Calder Bridge	Morning Prayer	9.30
White	Seascale St Cuthbert's	Holy Communion	11.00
Proper	Gosforth	Morning Praise	11.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist Evening Worship	6.30
2nd Sunday			
8th November	Beckermet	MP - REM	9.15
3rd Before Advent	Seascale Methodist Church	Methodist Morning Worship	10.30
Red	Seascale St Cuthbert's	Remembrance service	10.50
Remembrance	Gosforth	Holy Communion with Remembrance	10.50
	Wasdale Head	Morning Prayer with Remembrance	10.50
	Seascale	Faith and Fellowship	6.45 for 7
3rd Sunday			
15th November	Calder Bridge	Holy Communion	9.30
2nd before Advent	Seascale St Cuthbert's	Holy Communion	11.00
Red	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Morning Worship	11.00
Proper	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Methodist All-age Worship	6.30
4th Sunday			
22nd November	Beckermet	Holy Communion	9.15
Nxt before Advent	Seascale Methodist Church	Methodist Morning Worship	10.30
Red	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Holy Communion	11.00
Christ the King	Wasdale Head	Holy Communion	2.00
	Gosforth St Mary's Room	Phoenix Praise Evening Worship	7.00
5th Sunday			
29th November	Beckermet	Benefice Holy Communion	10.30
First of Advent			
Purple			
Proper			
Every Sunday	Seascale St Joseph's RC Church	Mass	9.00

Cover Picture: The refurbished Gosforth Library (Karen Russ)