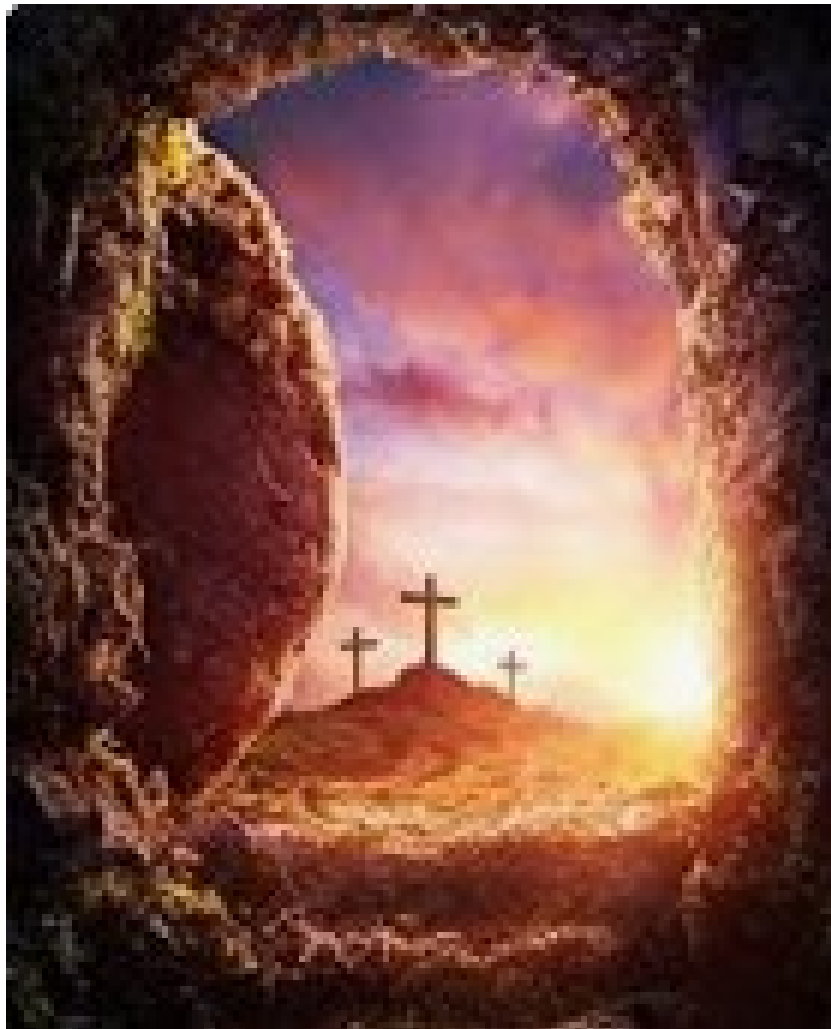


Parish News

**The Benefice Magazine for
St Oswald's, Warton
and St Mary's, Borwick
with St John's, Yealand**



March & April 2025

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Hello everyone

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If you need any help, please do not hesitate to ask - I am always happy to help

Kind regards, Editor

The Parish News Team

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by 10th of the previous month.

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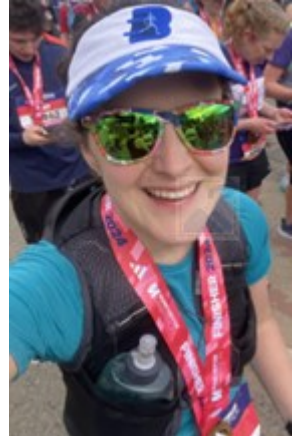
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Welcome

“She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day” Luke 2:37

This is part of the description of the prophet Anna, as we read at the Feast of Candlemas the story of how Jesus was presented in the Temple, and Anna and Simeon greet him with great rejoicing, offering thanksgiving, and powerful prophetic insights.



Wisdom is gift bestowed on those who are faithful. Being faithful is not an accident, it is a daily choice to follow Jesus, to nourish our souls in prayer, in the reading of Scripture, in worship, in fasting, and in other spiritual disciplines. There are no short cuts to creating healthy souls, just as there are no short cuts to creating healthy bodies and minds. Every day time must be set aside to dwell in the presence of God and in this way we find ourselves nourished, healed and transformed. As St Paul says, we should not give up on gathering together to worship, but there are so many ways in which we can attend to our souls in private individual prayer also in the meantime. How do you pray and read the Scriptures? Are you open to encouraging others, or to explore new ways of being nourished spiritually?

This Lent I feel we are being challenged to examine our souls and to ask God to refresh them with a new hope and confidence in the Gospel. Just as each day we set aside time to work, to eat, to rest, can we also increase the time we set aside to pray, to be disciplined and devoted in our desire to connect with God? We often read of stories of health or physical transformation, where attention to diet and exercise have brought healing and new energy and my prayer is that as we journey through Lent, our individual attention to prayer will generate similar stories of spiritual hope and transformation in our lives, which will be of great blessing and encouragement to our Church communities.

I would love to hear what God is doing in your life, what wisdom is growing, what prayers are being answered in wonderful ways. Do always feel free to share with me on my new parish number: 07469739995

Blessings

Mother Alice

Services

The regular pattern of services on Sundays is:

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's
(according to the Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30am Parish Eucharist at St Oswald's
- 9.30am Eucharist at St Mary's
(on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month).
- 11.00am Parish Eucharist at St John's.
This service will be livestreamed on the Benefice
YouTube channel.

The regular pattern of midweek services is:

- Wednesdays Eucharist at St John's at 9.30am
- Thursdays Eucharist at St Oswald's at 11.00am

Night Prayer

A recording of Night Prayer (Compline) is available via the link on the home page of our website; the form of service is also available to download.

The pattern of midweek activities in our churches includes:

- Tuesdays Coffee Stop at St Oswald's from 9.00am until 11.00am
- Wednesdays Knit & Natter at St John's at 2.00pm on the 2nd
Wednesday of the month
- Thursdays Breaking Bread Lunch at St Oswald's at 11.45am
- Fridays Coffee @ St John's from 10.30am until 12 noon,
with lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month.

**Please check the Weekly Sheet, Benefice website or Facebook page
for any changes to the above information.**

Good Friday



10am Meet at St Oswald's for the
Walk of Witness up Warton Crag

10.30am Service for non walkers

10.30am Coffee and cakes at St John's

2pm Hour at the Cross, St Mary's

6.30pm Sung Liturgy of the
Cross, St Oswald's



HAPPY Easter Day

8am Eucharist, St Oswald's

9.30am Parish Eucharist and Renewal of
Baptismal Vows, St Oswald's.

9.30am Parish Eucharist and Renewal of
Baptismal Vows, St Mary's.

11am Eucharist with Renewal of
Baptismal
Vows, St John's.



Palm Sunday

8am Eucharist-St Oswald's

9.30 Blessings of Palms &
Eucharist-St Oswald's (9.15
The Rectory start)

11am Blessings & Palms
Eucharist-St John's



St John's, Yealand

Easter Vigil



Easter Eve
8.30pm

From our churches

Advance notice

Wednesday 16 April, 7.30pm, St John's Yealand
Pergolesi Stabat Mater

A Holy Week performance of this beautiful and moving composition by the Tra La Trio

Children's Society Boxes

Many thanks for all the pennies to pounds collected over the past year in your boxes. I have been able to send £428.46 to the Children's Society, which is wonderful. Thank you all so much.

If there is anyone who has not got a box who would like to support the Society in this way, please let me know (01524 419252) and I will give you a box. I collect and count them annually in February. Janet Mann

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Help preserve our beautiful village church and its mission by joining the St Oswald's 50/50 Club. For just £52 a year per entry, you'll have the chance to win monthly cash prizes while supporting St Oswald's Church and its community efforts.

- Winners Announced: Last Sunday of every month
- Monthly Prizes: £50, £25, and £10

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Return your form with payment to the box at the back of the church. Let's work together to keep St Oswald's thriving! Minimum age: 18.


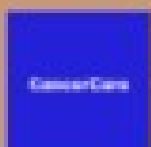





Monthly Charity Coffee Morning

First Saturday of every month 10am-12pm

A chance for the community to come together and raise money for good causes.

March theWI INSPIRING WOMEN	April 	May CHERISH the churchyard
June 	July Irvine's Memorial Coffee Morning	August
Sept	Oct 	Nov Autumn fayre

Contact Vanessa Alpin 07746 790979 to discuss hosting for your charity.



Dear Readers,

As I am sure you already know, putting the Parish News Magazine can take many hours. I find myself struggling My workload has increased (I am a self-employed carer) as has my role as a primary carer within my own family. I would be very grateful if someone could step forward to help me with this task.

FROM
THE
EDITOR

Sadly, no-one has come forward to help me with producing the magazine and I have had to step down as Editor.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my work on the Parish News and thank you all for the copy and kind wishes that you have sent in over the last 10 years.

Kind regards, Kate

From our churches

Bible Study Group – daytime

A monthly bible study group meets on the **2nd Monday of each month from 10am until 12 noon** at Bank Close, Priest Hutton . Contact Noeline Clarke on 01524 231182 for more details. All are welcome.



Prayer Meeting at St. John's.

Fourth Wednesday of each month, 2pm at St. John's.

Coffee Stop at St Oswald's

Tuesdays 9.00am to 11.00am.

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Join us for Lunch!

On Thursdays at St Oswald's we offer a lunch, usually soup, sandwiches and cakes. We have a quiet Eucharist in church at 11.00am followed by lunch at about 11.45am.

Join us for either or both! Carers are welcome too.

If you need transport we will try to help.

A donation of around £5 is invited.



From our churches

Knit and Natter at St John's

If you like to knit, crochet, sew or any other "crafty" sort of work, why not come to Knit and Natter. Everyone is welcome —just bring something to work on while you sit, chat and have a cup of tea. The group meets in the upper room at St John's, 2—4.PM on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.
Sally-Ann Rothwell 07941 076927 sally-ann@thebower.co.uk



Lunch @ St John's

Join us for a delicious homemade lunch on the second Friday of the month.
All welcome



Coffee @ St John's

Fridays 10:30am till 12noon.

Please join us for coffee, tea and cake. Book and jigsaw swap.
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Remembering St. John's Fifty Years Ago

- † St Oswald's, St Mary's and St John's were beginning life as a United Benefice.
- † St John's vicarage was for sale.
- † St John's annual events included a spring bulb show with up to 18 entry classes, a summer fete, held in a different village garden each year, a pie and peas harvest supper for about 100 people and a Christmas Fair, held in the old village hall on the first Saturday in December.
- † Yealand Sunday school was ecumenical, in The Old School next to the Meeting House, with three classes and a rota of twelve teachers.
- † On occasions the St John's Sunday service was a family service, often involving Yealand school, with no communion but with hymns, prayers and a talk.
- † Meeting parish share was a challenge, even though it was only £166 for St John's.



BUBBLE CHURCH

Bubble Church, a monthly service specifically for families with young children, continues to flourish at St Oswald's! In January we celebrated our first year with cake and asked for feedback about how we are getting on and what we could do better.

The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The families love how warm, welcoming and friendly it is.

They love how interactive it is and how the children are engaged through the use of many different media – puppets, video, songs, actions and activities.

They also really appreciate the meal that is provided free of charge afterwards.

They would like more people to know how fantastic it is!

Everyone is welcome to services. You can sign up in advance through the Bubble Church website www.bubblechurch.org or just turn up on the day.

Please do encourage friends and neighbours with young families to come and give it a try. It is a joy!

The Bubble Church dates for the next few months are **Sunday 9th March, Sunday 13th April and Sunday 11th May**. The services start at 11.30 am and are followed by a light lunch.

If you would like more information about Bubble Church or would like to be involved, do get in touch with Vanessa Alpin on 07746 790979

With thanks to Ginny Koppenhol for the photographs

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Junior Church Lent Challenge



Many people choose to give something up during Lent but there are many others for whom going without is not a choice but a reality. This Lent, Junior Church are challenging every household in the benefice to join them by rather than giving something up, giving something each week to those experiencing food poverty.

This year the charity we will be supporting is Eggcup. This is a local charity based in Lancaster, Morecambe and Carnforth that stops surplus food from going to waste and gets it to people who need it at a price they can afford.

It works like this – Eggcup intercepts food that would otherwise go to waste from farms, factories, distribution centres, shops and other food businesses. The food is safely stored at their Community Food Hub and sorted by a team of volunteers. The food is then taken to three Community Food Outlets – one in Lancaster, one in the West End of Morecambe and one in Carnforth. There, Egg Cup members come and pay £5 for a carrier bag of mixed fruit and vegetables, some store cupboard items like pasta sauces, biscuits and beans and fresh items such as meat, cheese or ready meals.

This scheme helps those with limited finances to be able to buy good quality food while also helping the planet by cutting down on food waste.

The items required by Eggcup will be listed each week on the weekly sheet and on social media and there will be boxes at the back of each of the churches. Each household is invited to donate at least one item a week throughout Lent. The donations will be delivered to the Community Food Hub so that they can be distributed straight away.

As well as collecting donations, the children in Junior Church will be learning about the charity, food poverty and food waste. They will also visit the charity so that they can see how it works and give a helping hand.

**If you would like to know more about Eggcup, you can visit their website at
<https://www.eggcup.org/>**

Please do join in this challenge – by pooling our donations we will be able to help some of the many people who are struggling to make ends meet and be supporting a charity that is preventing food waste.

For more information about Junior Church contact Vanessa Alpin on 07746790979.



CHILDREN'S EASTER WORKSHOP



St Oswald's Church Hall

Friday 18th April

2-4pm

All are welcome to join us as we explore the Easter story through a variety of activities and crafts, free of charge.

To book a place, contact Vanessa on 07746 790979.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

11am Eucharist

11.45am Breaking Bread

7.30pm Eucharist of the Lord's Supper and Vigil of Prayer



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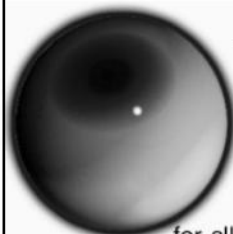
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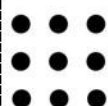
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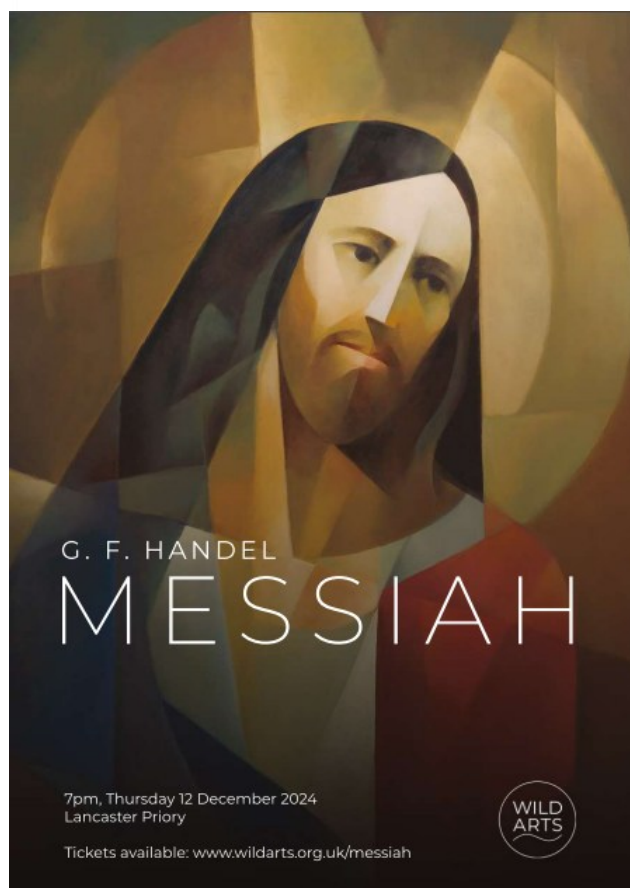
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Gardening



Spring by Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

"Frost-locked all the winter, seeds, and roots, and stones of fruits, what shall make their sap ascend that they may put forth shoots? "

Rossetti, famous for the beautiful carol "In the bleak mid-Winter" seems to have been influenced by the seasons. One wonders whether Winters in Victorian Bloomsbury were colder than those of today? The Autumn & Winter of 2024 were relentlessly dull, wet, windy and occasionally frosty; we are ready to embrace Spring. As the days lengthen and the clocks move forward on 30th March, we breathe a huge sigh of relief. With renewed vitality, we are keen to keep on top of the garden, before it gets on top of us!

This year, prompted by a special Christmas gift, we are going to follow "Gardening by the Moon". For moon gardening cynics, it also works as a guide to the month's gardening! We might challenge the theory ourselves and succession sow a seed packet over 4 weeks; we will report back! The waxing of the moon is associated with rising vitality and upward growth. Towards the end of the moon's first quarter is a suitable time to sow anything which develops crops above ground. Make a note on your calendar for the period 7th to 13th March to sow tomatoes, chillis, peppers and aubergine indoors with some bottom heat. The following 7 days, 14th to 22nd March brings a "drawing down" energy which is a the time to plant root crops, bulbs and perennials. We wonder if slugs munch by the moon....?

Good Friday falls on 18th April this year and is traditionally the best time to plant your chitted potatoes. Coincidentally this falls within a "drawing down" period; so maybe those "Old Wives Tales" are beginning to make sense? What else should we be doing in the months of March & April; we hear you ask? Perennials will be starting to shoot and may need to be divided to replant or potted up to give to a friend. Summer annuals can be sown in small seed trays; my absolute favourites are Ammi Visnaga, Nicotiana, Cosmos and Daucus Carota, all of which give frothy pleasure to the tiniest of plots. Plant in a sunny well-drained spot adding Verbena Bonariensis, for season long gorgeousness and a perfect larder for Butterflies and Bees. Somehow, nature always knows best, especially with "self-seeders" in paths and edges of flower beds. Our favourite, Erigeron Karvinskianus (Fleabane or Mexican daisy), dances its way into path crevices, clings to dry stone walls and delights with its tiny perfect daisy blooms; month upon glorious month.

As advocates of no mow May, we hope that we have converted more of you to leave areas longer and mow "rides" through the lawn. Early April is a perfect time to plan the journey your paths will take. Since the 1930's we have lost a staggering 97% of flower rich meadows. Studies show that they provide a feast for pollinators, tackle pollution, reduce urban heat extremes and lock away atmospheric carbon below ground. Every garden, no matter how small, has its part to play.

As always, don't be caught out by Jack Frost; have fleece ready to protect your tender plants until late May. Our water catchers are full; have you invested in some water butts yet? Investigate offers for basic water butts with your provider.

The NGS Yellow Booklets are out and about in the village and at local garden centres; start planning a summer of visits to our beautiful gardens, where inspiration, flowers and cakes abound! Thank you to those who supported the NGS Charity Coffee Morning helping us raise £450.

SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Music & Memories at Carnforth Free Methodist Community Centre

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GriefShare Support Group



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Meeting weekly on Wednesdays from October 25th until February 7th, 2pm - 3.30pm at CF Community Centre, LA5 9LR (next to the High School).

See more details on the GriefShare website: <https://www.griefshare.org>

You can register for the group on the website, type Carnforth in the find a group search box, or contact carnforthgriefshare@gmail.com or ring Elspeth: 01524 702966

Carers Support Group

Third Sat monthly (except Aug & Dec) 10:30am to 12:00pm

The number of unpaid carers across the UK was recently estimated at 5.7 million. Certainly, it is our experience that many of us have been caring for a family member either at home or by going to their home regularly. By meeting together there's support when issues seem relentless and sharing the 'nuggets' of what helps gained through experience or from other organisations who support carers. It's also time out to relax, find company and laugh together.

All welcome and some lovely free refreshments at both meetings.

CFM Community Centre, Kellet Road, Carnforth LA5 9LR

Level parking at the back of the Centre.

For more info or any questions please contact 01524 736141 or connect@cfmc.org.uk



Lord, For those who are caregivers to friends and family, may they feel your love and your sustaining power. May they feel less frustrated and experience less guilt for very human feelings they may have about wanting to escape their tasks. May they find us eager to support them during their difficult tasks. Help us to be conscious of their feelings of pain and isolation so that we may not ignore our friends. Amen

SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES



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Easter Bible Trivia Quiz

1. What was the name of the prisoner the people wanted released instead of Jesus?
a. Barnabas b. Haman c. Barabbas
2. What kind of crown was placed on the head of Jesus?
a. Crown of jewels b. Crown of nails c. Crown of Thorns
3. What did Jesus say would cry out as He rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?
a. the stones b. the angels c. the earth
4. How many pieces of silver did Judas trade the life of Jesus for?
a. 25 b. 30 c. 35
5. Who was the first person to see the risen Christ?
a. Mary Magdalene b. Mary mother of John Mark c. Mary of Rome
6. How many times did Peter deny Christ after he abandoned the Lord?
a. two times b. three times c. four times
7. When Jesus died there was darkness in the land. How long did it last?
a. three hours b. three days c. three weeks
8. Where did the angel tell the women to go and see the risen Savior?
a. Mount of Olives b. Galilee c. Mount Carmel
9. When Jesus saw the disciples after His resurrection, what did He ask them to bring at the Sea of Tiberias?
a. Sheep b. Fish c. Leaven Bread
10. What is the name of the prayer which Jesus taught his disciples?
a. A Prayer of Supplication b. Intercessory Prayer c. The Lord's Prayer
11. While in the wilderness, Jesus was tempted to turn what into loaves of bread?
a. Stone b. Wood c. Sand
12. Which disciple cut off the ear of the high priest's servant in an attempt to protect Jesus from being taken as a prisoner?
a. Andrew b. Philip c. Peter
13. In repentance Judas returned the money to the priests that he was given as the price of betrayal of the Lord and then did what?
a. hanged himself b. jumped in the river c. stabbed himself
14. When Jesus entered Jerusalem during what is known as His Triumphal Entry, what animal was He riding on?
a. A camel b. A horse c. A donkey
15. What moved the object in front of the tomb door?
a. the object moved itself b. the earthquake c. an angel
16. Which of the Twelve Apostles did not believe that Jesus was risen?
a. Andrew b. John the Beloved c. Thomas



Events



Warton Crag Women's Institute meet in Warton Village Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.30pm. Light supper provided.

New members welcome. Visitors £3 per meeting - with a maximum of three meetings before joining. Membership details from the President, Lesley Simon - lesleysimonedit@hotmail.com Web site: <http://wartoncragwi.com>



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How lovely to have lighter mornings and evenings for our return to school after the half term break. Spring Term is always a busy one with trips and preparations for Easter.

Before half term, Class 1 and 2 had a great day out at Judges' Lodgings in Lancaster as part of their History learning. This term, they have been looking at childhood in the past and toys that children used to play with. At the museum, they spent time looking at lots of toys from the past. They had a lesson in the Victorian classroom, writing on slates, learning numbers and flags. In the afternoon, they went to the kitchen to learn how child servants polished the silver and brass. Add on two trips on the train and a fantastic time was had by all.

It was Cross Country time again at the end of January. Not only did we host, but we also won for the 4th Year in a row. Everyone tried their hardest and Jake, Madeleine, Mia, Edie, Jorgie, Amelie, Scarlet and Livy all won medals. It was great to welcome all the other local schools to Archbishop Hutton's.

Earlier last half term, Class 4 were visited by Rachel and Mhairi from the Cyber Crime Prevention Team, to take part in an escape room style activity. Working together in teams, they had to solve challenges, puzzles and interrogate evidence. This taught them about Safety On-line, Passwords, Spam/Hacking and Computer Science careers. Everyone worked brilliantly, using team work, collaboration, listening and logic skills.

Very impressive.

This half term kicked off with Class 4 participating in the Young Voices Concert at the Co-Op Arena in Manchester. It was a long day and a late night but an amazing experience that the children will remember forever, and a fantastic memory for our Year 6s to take away with them.

Class 3 have been to the Liverpool World Museum to conclude their history work on the Egyptians. They had a great day out and really enjoyed seeing all the things they have been learning about brought to life.

We have some events coming up before the Easter holidays which we always look forward to in school – World Book Day on 6th March so look out for some weird and wonderful characters on the way to and from school that day! Science Week is always exciting and full of experiments. Then we finish the Spring Term with the PTA Easter Bingo evening. This is a great fund raiser and lots of fun, plus everyone goes home with an Easter Egg – And we all know that a balanced Easter diet is a chocolate egg in each hand!

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1 Timothy 4:12



School is full of busyness as we approach March and April. Children are preparing for their Storytelling competition as well as the Lancaster and Morecambe Singing Festival. This year we are trialling an early Year 5 and 6 residential and are going on an adventure break in the Lake District. We are hoping to take part in canoeing, abseiling, ghyll scrambling, archery and so much more. It is such an amazing opportunity to spend a few nights away together. The children gain so much confidence as well as independence skills and make memories that last a lifetime.

As part of our development plan for this year, we have been working with our children, families, staff and Governors to map out a vision for our future at Yealand. It has been a lovely process where everyone has been able to have their input and some amazing ideas have been shared. This term, we are hoping to all decide on a new Bible quote which will underpin our mission and aims at Yealand. We can't wait to share this with our community and market and present our wonderful school to you all.

To celebrate Easter this year, we will be holding our own service in church and also hoping to have our own music festival. Check out our Facebook page for more details closer to the time.

Warmest Wishes to you all

Kathryn Brown



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As we move into March, we see signs of new life all around us. Winter has finally gone, and Spring is in the air! Snowdrops are everywhere and other Spring flowers are starting to emerge.

In our gardens and woods birds are building their nests. Soon the clocks will be going forward and daylight will be getting longer. The lengthening days bring a renewed energy to both wildlife and walkers alike, offering a chance to witness nature's grand reawakening.

In March too Christians everywhere will be beginning their journey into Lent. This is a time for us to reflect on our own lives, and our own spiritual journey before entering into Holy week when we follow the footsteps of Jesus to the cross and then celebrate His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Here at Warton Methodist Church, our Little Stars still meets regularly every Thursday morning from 9- 11a.m. during term-time. A warm welcome will be given to any new families in the village who have any young children up to the age of 5yrs.

Messy Church continues to flourish. Last month we had 'Messy Valentine' which was a very popular event. Many young families had a wonderful afternoon participating in fun crafts and activities on the theme of "loving God and loving others". We ended the session with a love feast where everybody shared in cake and love heart sweets together. We look forward to welcoming everyone to our next event "Messy Easter" which will be held on Palm Sunday 13th April from 4 - 6pm.

All our Sunday morning services continue at 10.00 am every week. Do come along any Sunday – a warm welcome awaits you.

We also have an active prayer ministry within our fellowship so if there is anyone or anything for which you require prayer or if you need any further information, please contact our minister - Rev Emma Holroyd - on 01524 941266
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Amen

A prayer for those who mourn

May you be held by the God of compassion as you remember your loved ones today.
May God be with you in your sorrow, and comfort you in your loss.
May your God, your family and your friends, give you strength and confidence.
May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be filled with peace, and may the light of God's promise fill you with joy and hope.
Amen.



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