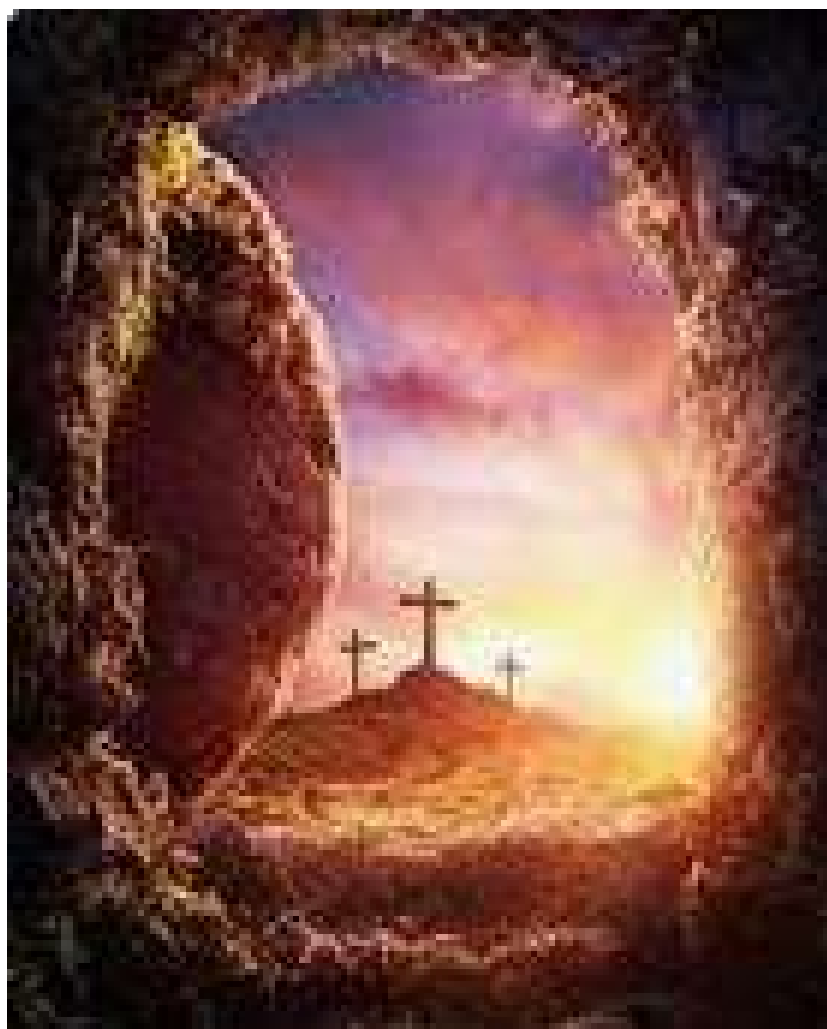
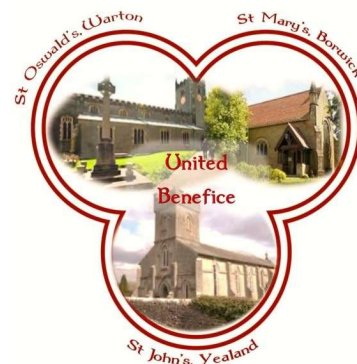


Parish News

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



May & June 2025

DEAR READER

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6. Please avoid the use of styles.
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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

Articles for submission, send to **ParishNews@outlook.com**

by 10th of the previous month.

Advertising enquiries: send to Diane Mead at **diane_mead@yahoo.co.uk**

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WELCOME

Happy Easter to you all!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Kate Waddington who has been the Editor of Parish News for the last 8 years, and also to thank Alan and Jenny Chapman who have taken over as Editors. Across the Benefice we continue to reflect on how best to communicate with people, but feedback indicates that Parish News is still keenly received, especially the news of local groups as well as our churches. If you are wishing to worship at our Churches please be aware that sometimes there need to be changes to things after Parish News has gone to press. It is always good to double check via the current weekly sheet in Church or on the Website, or if in doubt do feel free to call me to check: 07469739995.



I am excited to let you know that the United Benefice has been invited to join the first rural cohort of the Diocesan Renewal Programme. A core team has formed to attend a series of training events, including the incredibly successful 'Leading your Church into Growth Programme' across the next year. It is our hope and prayer that God will lead us into a season of renewal, of growth in numbers and depth of commitment, of seeing financial giving match the required level to sustain priestly ministry, and of the continued development of our Church buildings to be accessible and inclusive spaces for Worship and meeting together.

We invite all readers of Parish News to join in the prayer for Renewal throughout 2026:

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church.

Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our planning,

Wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

With my love and prayers

FROM THE EDITORS

Dear Readers,

I am thrilled to introduce my husband Alan and myself as the new Editors of the Parish news. It's an incredible honour to step into this role and continue publishing the Parish News for the Benefice.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the previous editor, Kate, for her dedication and hard work in previous years and hope we can follow in her footsteps and continue serving the community in publishing the Parish News.

Regards

Jenny & Alan

Services in the Benefice

The regular pattern of services at:

Services at St John's Yealand :

Sundays 11 am—Parish Eucharist, 1st, 2nd and 4th of the Month.
 11 am—Service of the word, 3rd of the month.

Wednesdays 9.30 am Eucharist.

Services at St Oswald's Warton :

Sundays BCP Holy Eucharist 8 am—1st and 3rd of the month.
 BCP Holy Matins 8 am — 2nd and 4th of the month.
 Family Eucharist 9.30 am
 Service of the word—3rd of the month 11.00 am

Thursday Eucharist 11 am

Services at St Mary's Church :

Sundays - Parish Eucharist 9.30 am— 1st and 3rd of the month.
 - The Lighthouse Service 5 pm— 4th of the month.

The pattern of midweek activities in our churches includes:

Tuesdays Coffee Stop at St Oswald's from 9.00 am until 11.00 am—supporting different charities.

Wednesdays Knit & Natter at St John's at 2.00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday the month ,if you don't knit just bring a craft long.

sally-Ann Rothwell 07941 076927 sally-ann@thebower.co.uk

Prayer Meeting at St John's at 2.00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month. An uplifting hour of prayers.

Thursdays **Following on from the Eucharist —**

Breaking Bread Lunch at St Oswald's at 11.45 am, carers welcome, contact us if you need transport. A donation of £5.00 *is welcome*.

Fridays Coffee @ St John's from 10.30 am until 12 noon with lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month— come and meet people in the village, supports numerous local charities. Book swap and jigsaws.

**ALL WELCOME!
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50/50 Club

Help preserve our beautiful village churches and their mission by joining the 50/50 Clubs.

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St Oswald's Monthly Prizes: £50, £25, and £10 .

St John's Monthly Prizes: £60, £40 and £20.

Don't miss this opportunity to make a difference and possibly win big!

To enter:

St Oswald's Church—fill form in at church or visit

www.ubwby.org/warton.

Return your form with payment to the box at the back of the church.

St John's Church— contact Secretary at St John's Ig623@icloud.com

Let's work together to keep St Oswald's thriving! Minimum age: 18.

St John's Church, Yealand

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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 date **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



SUPPORTING CHURCHES IN THE AREA



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Sunday 6th July	4 - 6pm
Sunday 21st September	4 - 6pm
Thursday 31st October	4 - 6pm
Sunday 7th December	4 - 6pm



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Dignity in Dementia May Activities

For more information, please contact Diane Smillie on 07771 682378
or Lesley Gill on 07816 895021

Social table tennis – 10:30am – 12 noon

Alternate Wednesday's at Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill,
Arnside

Wednesday 14th May

Wednesday 28th May

Woodland Fun – 11am – 12 noon

Come and join us for engaging activities connected to nature.

Monday 19th May

Dementia Embracing Community Singing Group 'Silverdale Songsters' – 10:30-11:30

Every Friday at St John's Church Hall, Emesgate Lane,
Silverdale, LA5 0RF

Zoom Poetry Group – 1:30-2:30pm

The group choose the theme and Dignity in Dementia search out
poems which are emailed to group members.

We then read them together.

Thursday 1st May, Thursday 15th May, Thursday 29th May

God's Green Earth

Swarm Collecting

I am talking about swarms of honey bees! About this time of year, May to June, though sometimes earlier or later, a healthy strong hive of honey bees will have a natural inclination, nay urge, to swarm. This is the way honey bee colonies perpetuate themselves and increase their number. Beekeepers have various ingenious schemes to manage this increase which avoid swarms, but many swarms still emerge from hives despite their efforts.

Most readers will have seen pictures of swarms, even if they have not encountered one themselves. These are usually settled swarms, often hanging from the branch of a tree, and containing possibly tens of thousands of bees, mostly worker bees, but with some drones besides their solitary queen bee. But sometimes you may see the swarm on the move; quite a sight if they are close by, though you may see them flying in a cloud way overhead on the path to a possible new home.

There are a good number of beekeepers with hives in our area, so you may well come across a settled swarm. There is normally little danger from them if you keep your distance – there will always be some of them flying to and from the swarm as they look for a new home. Before they fly off there, beekeepers like to collect the swarm. Otherwise they may find a home somewhere they are NOT wanted, such as an unused chimney. Those capped with mushroom cowls are very attractive to them!

Your best action then is to search online for 'swarm collector'. Close to the top should come the British Beekeepers Association link to a map for finding your closest registered swarm collector – just put in your postcode. They are not on standby all the time, so you may have to try one or two. Around here you may find it helpful to extend the map to the Kendal area. It can be entertaining to watch a swarm collector at work, but as a former swarm collector I know that it can be demanding.

A swarm in the front wheel arch of a car was very challenging! It was more fun to go up to a chimney in a cherry picker, but that was to remove an established colony. We smoked out the bees and filled a large basket, including some delicious new honeycomb.

Written by Granville Tunnicliffe-Wilson



SUPPORT IN DIFFICULT TIMES

Music & Memories at Carnforth Free Methodist Community Centre

Kellet Road Carnforth (just past the High School)

Thursdays fortnightly January 9th & 23rd, February 6th & 20th.

For those with memory loss and their carers.

Singing, music, fun and laughter and refreshments! Free of charge.

Grief Share Support Group



Have you been bereaved? Grief is often a painful and emotional journey with many challenges. GriefShare is a support group offering ongoing help, comfort and encouragement through videos, discussion and workbook. You will find practical help in the videos for the way ahead, reassurance from others in the group who are feeling the same way and further help in the workbook.

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



Lancaster District Directory

The Directory helps you to get in touch with services that provide support, no matter what your stage in life or needs might be.

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<https://directory.lancastercvs.org.uk/>

QUIZ TIME

A portrait is a picture of what?

Where is the Eiffel Tower?

How many colors are there in a rainbow?

What is the largest planet in the Solar System?

What do caterpillars turn into?

How many sides does a hexagon have?

What is a baby horse called?

What is the capital of England?

Which Disney movie does “A Spoonful of Sugar” come from?

What colour is the gemstone emerald?

Mixing red and yellow makes which colour?

What is the longest river in the world?

Answers on pg. 15

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>

Monastery of our lady of Hying Sunday 1st June 3.30pm

There will be a music concert given by 'A Clerical Error' a talented group of Christian ministers from different churches.

The theme of the concert is **SUMMER**—Possibility of a cream tea afterwards.

Tickets £7.00 + £5.00 for cream tea,

Tickets can be booked in advance from Sister Mary Bernard 01524 732684, via email to hyingbookings@yahoo.co.uk or you can pop in to the monastery.

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| 1. | A person |
| 2. | Paris, France |
| 3. | Seven |
| 4. | Jupiter |
| 5. | Butterflies |
| 6. | Six |
| 7. | A foal |
| 8. | London |
| 9. | Mary Poppins |
| 10. | Green |
| 11. | Orange |
| 12. | The Nile |



Junior Church Lent Challenge

Junior Church would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our Lent Challenge this year. We were collecting donations for Eggcup, a local charity based in Lancaster that stops surplus food from going to waste and gets it to people who need it at a price they can afford.

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. The 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.

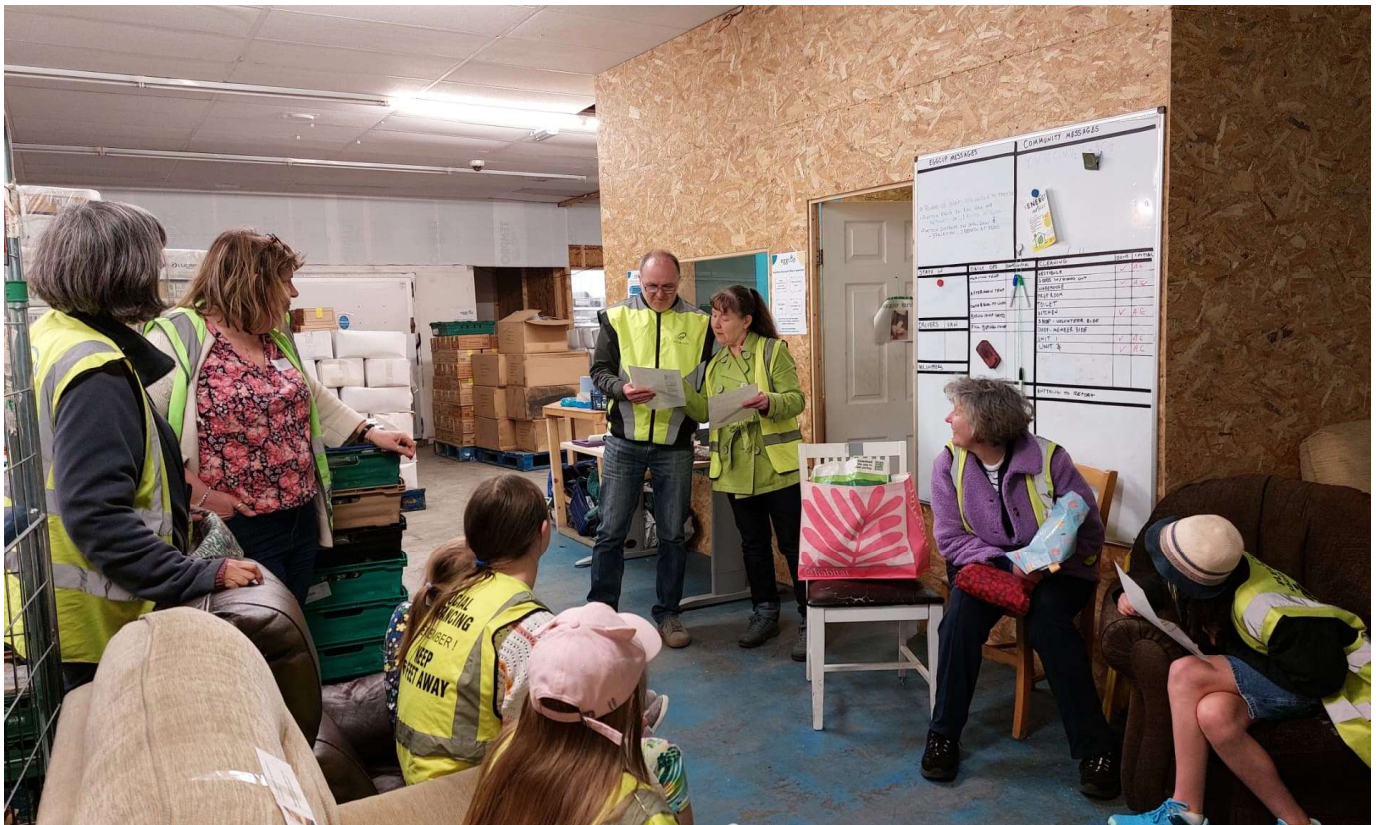
The charity does not normally allow visits, but they very kindly let us come and look around and told us more about their work. We saw the warehouse with its big freezers where the food is sorted and stored and the area where the members come to buy the food. We learned about all the different jobs the 100 volunteers carry out. We discussed the difference between use by dates and best before dates and found out that, at the moment, they are supporting 450 families each week across their three food outlets.

It was a fascinating visit and they made us feel very welcome, preparing a treasure hunt for us to do as we learnt more about their work.

With ever increasing demand and a reduction in the amount of available surplus food, the charity is very stretched and were extremely grateful for our donations.

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

For more information about Junior Church contact Vanessa Alpin on 07746790979



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The Giving page on our website also give details of how to set up a standing order, which is one of the principal ways of supporting the Church financially and it is the most effective way to give to the Church.

The Giving page also has other information about giving to Church.



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These donations really mount up and make a big difference, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment.

Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for "St Oswald's Church-Warton-Carnforth" or "St John's Church, Yealand Conyers" or "St Mary's Church - Borwick"



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.

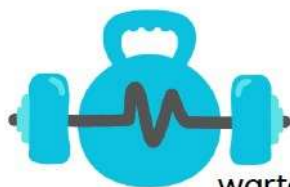
In March too Christians everywhere will be beginning their journey into Lent. This is a time for us to reflect on our own lives, and our own spiritual journey before entering into Holy week when we follow the footsteps of Jesus to the cross and then celebrate His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday.

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 emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk or Rosemary Marsh on 07710916091.



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Heavenly Father,
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remind us that You walk beside us,
even when we cannot see the way.
Calm our fears, still our anxious hearts,
and lead us gently back to hope.
Surround us with Your love,
and help us to know that we are never truly alone.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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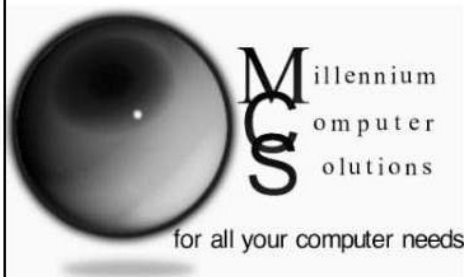
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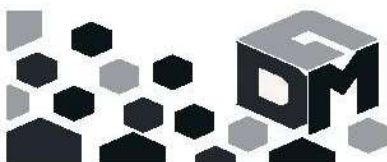
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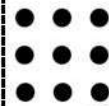
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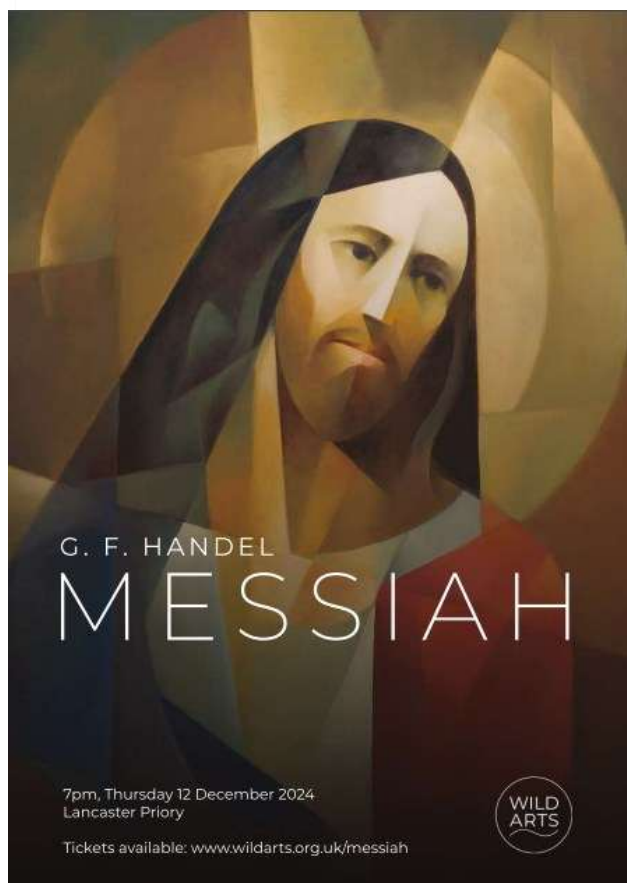


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