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2026**

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PARISH NEWS

**The Benefice Magazine
St Oswald's Warton
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St John's, Yealand**



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Look to the east, O Jerusalem, and see the glory that is coming from God.
Baruch 4:36

Across Morecambe Bay, even in winter, we are treated to some stunning sunrises. As we look east, we sense hope on the horizon. Hope for all that lies ahead in the day, hope for our lives, for the Church, for the World. We face east, towards the holy city, each time we gather to worship in our churches, and our invitation at the Eucharist is to lift our hearts, as well as our eyes, our minds, and our voices. It is our duty and our joy to gather in this way, in these places, to respond to God's invitation to make this memorial of our redemption until Jesus comes again.

There are a great many things that would lead us to do quite the opposite. To be those who are downcast, weary, mournful and full of despair. To be those who give up on meeting together for times of fellowship. To be those who, like the Psalmist, admit 'Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so disquieted within me?' (Psalm 42:6). It is a radically countercultural thing to maintain hope in the midst of difficulty, to see the light in the darkness. And yet, from the day before Jesus died until the day He comes again in glory, we are commanded to gather, to retell our narrative of salvation, and to eat and drink in His holy presence, fed and blessed to go and be lights for Christ in the world.

As I step down as Vicar of the Benefice I feel a profound sense of Hope for the Church. God has called some remarkable people to this place at this time, and the knitting together of relationships has been a joy to behold. We have seen, by the grace of God, new members of our congregations, new leaders and ministers of the Gospel, the strengthening of ecumenical partnerships and the healing of broken and damaged relationships, both between the churches and in the wider community. The Benefice is ready for something new and the Lord has promised that you will be 'shocked and amazed' (Isaiah 29.9) by what He is going to do in this place in you and through you, to His praise and Glory.

Thank you for praying for me, for encouraging me, for feeding me, and for offering me your blessing as I continue to serve God as a teacher, a mother and as a priest in this place. As the Psalmist continues:

'O put your trust in God, for I will yet give him thanks, who is the help of my countenance, and my God'. (Psalm 42:7)

With my love and gratitude

Mother Alice
December 2025



United Benefice
St Oswald, Warton, St Mary, Borwick,
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<p>St Oswald's, Warton</p> <p>BCP Holy Eucharist 8am 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month</p> <p>BCP Holy Matins 8am 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month</p> <p>Parish Eucharist 9:30am 1st and 4th Sunday of the month</p> <p>All Together Eucharist 9:30am 2nd Sunday of the month</p> <p>Service of the Word 9:30am 3rd Sunday of the month</p> <p>Thursday 11am Eucharist</p>	<p>St Mary's, Borwick</p> <p>Parish Eucharist 9:30am 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month</p> <p>The Lighthouse Service 4th Sunday of the month</p>
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A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

As we turn the page into a new year, we pause with gratitude for the blessings of the past months and look forward with hope to what lies ahead.

Our prayer is that this year will be one of love shared generously, peace nurtured faithfully, and joy discovered in both the ordinary and extraordinary moments of parish life. May our homes be places of welcome, our church a beacon of light, and our community a source of strength and compassion.

We know that challenges will come, but we trust that together — with faith guiding us and friendship sustaining us — we can meet them with courage and kindness. Let us continue to celebrate the traditions that root us, while embracing new opportunities to grow and serve.

As editors, we are humbled to share the stories, reflections, and news that knit us closer together.

May this magazine be not only a record of events but also a reminder of the love that binds us as one parish family.

With every blessing for the year ahead.

JENNY & ALAN

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**St Oswalds Church in Warton are looking for
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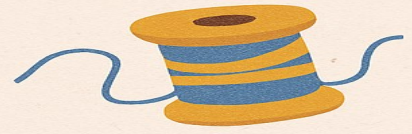
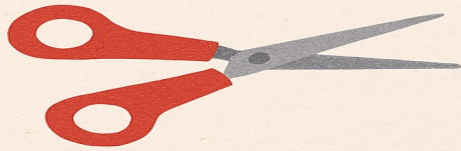
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May		June IRVINE'S Memorial Coffee	✦	July CancerCare

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





THE HISTORY SOCIETY FOR THE OLD PARISH OF WARTON

Carnforth, Silverdale, Warton, the Yealands,
Borwick, Priest Hutton

Wednesday 28th January 2026 at 7-30pm

Please Note a change to the Speaker

The World of John Coakley Lettsom

A talk by John Whitehead

Born in the British Virgin Islands in 1744 JCL was sent to Lancaster to be educated at age 6. Returning to the BVI on the death of his father, he freed all the slaves on his plantation, making himself penniless. John trained as a doctor and became active in the movement to abolish the slave trade. Interestingly, he purchased Teresa, a young black girl whose beauty he was extolling years later.

Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7-30pm

Carnforth Haematite Iron Works

A study by Phil Baggley of iron and steel making in Carnforth between 1866 and 1930.

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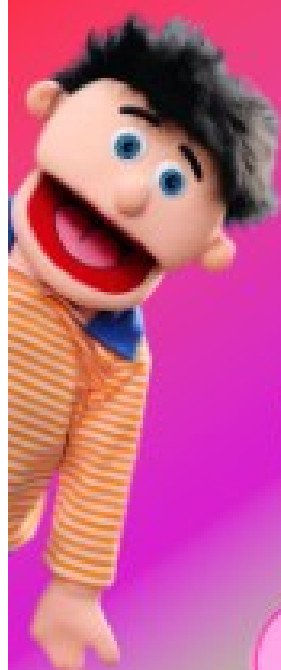
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CHILDREN SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES

We will be emptying & counting Children Society boxes at the beginning of February, so please could anyone with a box return it to St Oswald's by the end of January. (Please give it to me or a church warden etc. so it can be put in the safe.) If you have a problem, please ring me on 01524 419252 and I will arrange to pick it up.

Thank you,

Janet Mann



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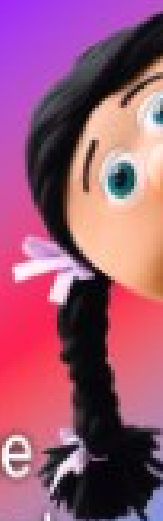
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Thank you Emma for your unwavering enthusiasm and dedication to the young generation group over the years.

Your energy, creativity, and care have shaped so many lives and created a space where young hearts could grow in faith, friendship, and confidence.

You've planted seeds of joy and belonging that will continue to flourish. As we move forward, we carry your ideas and energy with pride—honouring the spirit you brought to every gathering, every idea, and every moment of encouragement.



Coffee Morning



in aid of

British-Ukrainian Aid

Saturday, 3rd January

10.00 —12.00

St Oswald's Church, Warton

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- 6th Feb – Becoming Mrs Danvers– Heather Alexander brings a drama drawn from the famous De Maurier book and Hitchcock film: Rebecca 7.30pm
- 8th Feb – Take Wing! Songs about birds. Nick Hurndall Smith & Jen Hartley present an exciting new recital programme featuring a cast of many birds 2.30pm
- 13th Feb – Film at The Heron – The Roses A remake of the 1989 classic The War of the Roses – starring Olivia Coleman and Benedict Cumberbatch 7.30pm
- 14th Feb – Paul Simon and Me – An evening with acclaimed singer/songwriter Ben P Williams – expect a mix of covers and original works 7.30pm
- 20th Feb – Pottinger & Purshouse on the Road – Two storytellers and poets share their shows: Sweat & Mugs & Rock & Roll/Poet Laureate in a Pandemic 7.30pm

Coffee Morning

raising money to support a variety of

children's activities

Saturday, 7th February

10.00 – 12.00

St Oswald's Church, Warton

All welcome—there will be lots for children to do!



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As I write this in mid-December; it is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of another year. What will the New Year bring for us as a village, as a church, as individuals, and as a community.

By the time you read this article, Winter will be well on its way, yet all around us there are signs of spring. Snowdrops and crocuses are beginning to emerge, mornings are gradually becoming lighter, and we can hear birds singing in the trees. The earth is quietly preparing for renewal, reminding us that even in times of waiting, God is already at work.

With the New Year come new challenges, as people return to work and school after spending time with family and friends celebrating Christmas. The turning of the year also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the blessings and challenges of the past, while placing our hope in God for what lies ahead. As we step into 2026, we are reminded of the gift of new beginnings. The words of Isaiah 43:19 encourage us:

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

Here at Warton Methodist Church, following our annual re-dedication service—where we renew our commitment to serve God more closely and re-dedicate our lives to Jesus—we look forward to the year ahead with excitement and anticipation for all that God will do in our church.

Looking back at 2025, our Little Star’s babies’ and toddlers’ group, which meets every Thursday from 9.00–11.00 a.m. during term time, enjoyed a highly successful year ending it with a joyful Christmas party and a visit from Father Christmas.

Another much-loved family event was our Christmas Messy Church. We had great fun taking part in a wide range of Christmas crafts, including decorating angel cakes, making woolly sheep, and creating paper plate angels. Everyone also made a Christingle. At the end of the session, our new minister, Rev Linda, shared part of the story of the first Christmas—Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus, the Son of God, in a stable. We ended by lighting our Christingles while singing *Away in a Manger*, followed by holding them aloft as we sang ‘Shine, Jesus, Shine’. This was a reminder that we are called to shine our light for Jesus and share His love with everyone we meet.

Our next Messy Church event, Messy Pancakes, will take place on Sunday 15th February 2026 from 4.00–6.00 p.m. Families are warmly invited to come along with their children for fun activities centred around Lent. Please look out for posters in schools and around the village.

Our Sunday morning services continue to be held at 10.00 a.m., and everyone is very welcome to attend. We also hold regular prayer meetings and monthly prayer breakfasts. For further information about any of these events, please contact Rosie Marsh on 07710 916091.



WARTON METHODIST CHURCH



SUNDAY 15th February 4 - 6pm

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lots of fun
for all ages



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BABIES AND TODDLERS

WARTON METHODIST CHURCH

EVERY THURSDAY

9 - 11am

Term time only

For further details please contact

Rosie Marsh 07710916091

Archbishop Hutton Charity (Almshouses)

Warton Almshouses: subsidised housing for people in need of support

Hundreds of years ago, a Charity was set up by Archbishop Hutton, who came from the Ancient Parish of Warton. The Charity provides subsidised housing for those in need of support and who at the time of applying, live in the parishes of **Warton or the surrounding area**.

At present, there is a vacancy. The property is undergoing some re-furnishment and is likely to be available in March. The expected monthly payment is significantly lower cost than would be usual, for an applicant who can demonstrate a need for such support.

The vacant Almshouse is one of a pair of semi-detached bungalows. It has a living room, single bedroom, kitchen, shower-room and access to an outdoor area. Viewing can be arranged prior to making an application.

Application forms, and some further details (including costs), are available from the Secretary (address below) and must be returned to the Secretary by **4.00pm on Monday 16 February 2026**. Viewing of the property can be arranged with the Treasurer (phone number below) Applications will be considered by the Trustees and short-listed applicants will be called for interview, probably in mid-March.

Treasurer: Mr Keith Gaydon, phone 07780725038

Secretary: Mr Jim Bennetts, 35 Stankelt Road, Silverdale, Carnforth LA5 0TF

Archbishop Hutton's Charity, Registration number (R237215)



Helping Homeless People

Do you feel uncomfortable walking past people who are homeless? Maybe you feel you should do your bit to help them, but you are not sure how to do it?

One very practical way you could help them would be to donate to Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS). This is a charity that offers services to local homeless people and those in housing poverty. These include practical help such as breakfast and lunch, showers and laundry facilities, clothing, medical support, access to phones and assistance with form filling. They also offer advice and information about claiming benefits, accessing housing, drug and alcohol treatment services and employment.

It costs the charity a lot to provide these services so they are always grateful for financial contributions. If you wish to make a donation you can do so through their just giving site

<https://www.justgiving.com/charity/ldhas>

You can also leave donations of food and clothing in the boxes at the back of St Oswald's and St John's Churches.

They would be very grateful for donations of clothing suitable for 30 – 40-year-old men particularly jeans sizes 32 – 34", boxers, t-shirts, trainers and socks.

They would also be grateful for donations of food to help them provide breakfasts and lunch, particularly long life semi skimmed milk, tinned vegetables, cereals, coffee and sugar.





A Prayer for the New Year


Heavenly Father,
As we step into this new year, we pause to thank You for the
 grace that carried us through the last.
We bring before You our hopes and our fears, our plans and our
uncertainties, trusting that You Walk beside us in every season.
 Bless our days with wisdom and wonder.
 Teach us to seek peace, to speak kindness,
 and to serve with joy.
May our homes be places of welcome, our hearts be open to
Your leading, and our hands ready to do Your work.
 Renew our spirits, Lord.
 Where there is weariness, bring rest.
 Where there is sorrow, bring comfort.
 Where there is division, bring unity.
Let this year be a time of growth, of healing, and of deeper faith.
May we celebrate Your goodness in every sunrise
and find Your presence in every challenge.
 In Jesus' name we pray

Amen.



Eco Church Gardening in January: Welcoming Creation in Winter

January may seem quiet in the garden, but it's a month full of potential for Eco Churches committed to caring for creation. While the soil rests and many plants sleep, this is a time to observe, plan, and prepare—and even spot some early signs of life.

 **Flowers to Watch** For even in January, some plants brave the cold and offer vital nectar to early pollinators:

- **Snowdrops:** These delicate white blooms often appear in churchyards and signal hope and renewal.
- **Mahonia:** With bright yellow flowers, it's a winter lifeline for bumblebees on sunny days.
- **Daphne and Japanese quince:** Fragrant and colourful, they attract bees and lift spirits.
- **Hellebores:** Also known as Christmas roses, they bloom in winter and can be planted now to establish new colonies.



 **Wildlife to Welcome**

January wildlife may be subtle, but it's there:

- **Bumblebees:** On warmer days, they emerge and need quick access to nectar-rich flowers
- **Birds:** Robins, blackbirds, and finches forage for berries and seeds. Consider adding feeders or planting native shrubs.
- **Lichens and mosses:** Gravestones and shaded walls can host diverse species—mini ecosystems worth celebrating.
- **Hedgehogs and bats:** Though mostly dormant, they benefit from undisturbed leaf piles and quiet corners.

 **Gentle Gardening Tasks**

- **Plant bare-root trees and shrubs:** Ideal for hedging and habitat creation.
- **Take cuttings:** From forsythia, willow, or viburnum to propagate for spring.
- **Leave leaf litter and seed heads:** These provide shelter and food for insects and birds.

 **A Sacred Invitation**

Gardening in January is more than maintenance—it's a spiritual act.

By preparing our church grounds with intention, we create a space where faith meets ecology, and where winter's stillness becomes a canvas for renewal.

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

Last year, 2025, I learnt a new word, AGENTIC, a word which will have influence on our lives in 2026. The word is derived from AGENCY, meaning the power to take action.

AGENTIC AI is designed to execute complex tasks independently, make decisions and influence outcomes with little or no human involvement. In former years this would have been the work of a personal assistant i.e. a PA.

For the Gen Z generation i.e. born between 1997-2012, as the first generation to grow up with the internet and smart phones, Agentic AI will seem to be a normal development.

Much of the narrative during 2025 was how artificial intelligence would affect our daily lives. In this New Year, 2026, we are about to find out. Having listened, in particular, to how AI will improve health services, I am not convinced. Human contact is fundamental to our earthy existence. The talk of robotics in medicine makes me shudder.

God created a perfect world for us to live in harmony with each other and with nature. We are dependent upon the natural resources given by the earth for our existence and wellbeing. To create artificial intelligence, the earth has to be plundered for rare minerals to produce acres of Terminals with semi-conductors, supporting the AI plant. These installations become very hot and require gallons of water for cooling. I think during 2026, we will hear global warming is no longer an existential threat as solar panels will never produce the amount of energy to support AI plants.

To start 2026 let us give thanks for the love of God in whom we trust. Our faith may well be threatened by AI, but robots can never emulate human love, sympathy and gratitude.

Living within this benefice, we walk daily in nature, for which we are truly blessed. Observing the bounty of life, a constant joy.

Think of the miraculous birth of a baby, an explosion of God's love, bringing a new life and spirit into the world. As spring approaches, we can observe the same outside. Walking one can almost feel the ground coming back to life.

The hard frosts have disappeared, and the earth is full of life with worms, beetles, rabbits restless in their need for sunlight, simultaneously moles are forming relationships to prepare for breeding. We celebrate the sight of a first snowdrop followed by wood sorrel and wild primroses.

We can never divorce birth from death, nor should we seek to do so. Our Christian faith knows death is not the end, but the start of a new beginning as the spirit ascends to everlasting life. This is our belief and our comfort, as 'God so died for us, whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

I fully understand when we question God's love having witnessed both traumatic births and traumatic deaths. Life was forever thus. However heartbreaking these situations may be, the Lord our God never leaves us. We must learn not to fear life events as love is forever omnipresent.

I am reminded of the words of an Elton John song taken from The Lion King, 'The Circle of Life'

'A Baby is born, starting a new life of growing and learning, wonderment and joy. Yesterday an old lady died, she was a mother, a grandmother, a sister, a great grandmother.

For weeks they shared the same world
When one life begins another must end
Live your life
Enjoy your moment, it will end of that we know
Give out love, love your life and those around you.
Make the most of the days you have'

This is a lovely testament at the start of a New Year, 'make the most of the days you have'.

From experience, each day can offer new opportunities to grow and learn whatever your age. All that is required is for your heart to remain open to the love of God.

Our Christian faith which encompasses compassion, humility, integrity and justice is the bedrock of our future Emotions that can never be emulated by Agentic AI. Men have fought for our freedom, and we must in turn protect those freedoms. Individual autonomy as important as the collective. We can learn to listen more and speak more freely as God ordained.

Let us give thanks for God's love and guidance at the start of 2026.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE.

Jane Dean. Yealand Conyers



Here we are in 2026 and as always, last year went by in a flash!

We have a lot planned this term. The Life Education Bus will be visiting us, Class 1 will be learning to ride their bikes and Class 4 will be taking part in the Young Voices concert in Manchester as they have done for the past few years.

Looking back at last term, Class 3 did a grand job of tidying up the raised beds and the pond assisted by Mrs Taylor and lots of volunteers. They planted bulbs, ready for the spring and prepared the raised beds for planting.

Class 1 were visited by the Fire Service as part of their People Who Help Us theme. They brought their Fire and Rescue vehicle to the school car park and everyone got a turn at trying on the helmet, wearing the uniform and sitting in the cab. The children learnt about what the Fire service do and how they help in the community.

Class 3 had an informative day out in Morecambe to complete their Geography theme. They visited the RNLI, looked at various buildings and enjoyed a gelato. It's a shame the sun didn't come out, but it didn't spoil their fun (or hard work!).

Class 2 had an interesting morning at Carnforth Library. They listened to stories, read books and learnt about the STEM club run by the library. They then took part in a Geography Walk back to school, looking at all the street furniture in town.

Unfortunately, Class 4's trip to Staveley was rained off twice which was disappointing but they have been busy attending lots of sporting events and representing the school brilliantly as usual.

There was a lot of fundraising events in school last term. We held a MacMillan Coffee Morning, dressed in pyjamas for Children in Need and did the Elf Run for St John's Hospice. Thank you to everyone who donated to these worthy charities.

We ended 2025 with our Christmas celebrations. The nativity was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Christmas dinner was delicious as always – compliments to the kitchen staff. Our annual trip to The Dukes Theatre to see The Snow Queen was fantastic and a real treat for children and staff.

Happy New Year and best wishes from all of us here at Archbishop Hutton's VC primary.

'May your resolutions be strong and your achievements be grand'



**Let all that
you do be
done in love**

1 Corinthians 16:14

[This time of year, is beautiful around school. We love frosty mornings when the low winter sun rises over St John's Church across the field. It makes each day start so wonderfully.

Also, the new year brings new learning and excitement to school with the hope of wintery snow days to play in.

This half term, Little Owl's and Robins will be gaining their sea-legs with a swashbuckling theme on Pirates. The older children in class will also be learning about the Titanic and why it was such a historic event.

Swallow class will be exploring the Lake District through their Majestic Mountains theme. They will be learning about the mountains in our region as well as those around the world and considering the effects of tourism to the local environment.

In worship this half term, we will be thinking about Moses and how he championed justice.

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, and we look forward to an exciting 2026 of making memories.

Warmest Wishes

Kathryn Brown

'Let all that you do be done in love,' 1 Corinthians 16:14

Kathryn Brown

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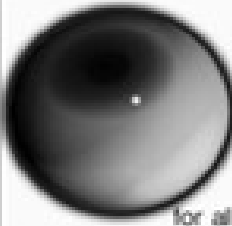
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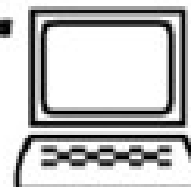
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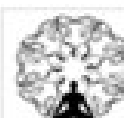
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