

The Benefice Magazine

**St Oswald's Warton
St Mary's Borwick
St John's Yealand**



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Kind regards, Editor



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Service times

<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>St John's, Yealand</p> <p>Parish Eucharist 11 am 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month</p> <p>Service of the Word 3rd Sunday of the month</p> <p>Wednesday 9:30am Eucharist</p>	<p>For further details, including enquiries about baptism or marriage, please contact Mother Alice: 07469739995</p>

Please check ACNY for any change to regular services

Out of time....

It seems a long time ago, but soon after Christmas we were surprised to find a daffodil in flower in what we, laughingly, call our garden. It should not have been there. It was untimely. We like things to happen at the right time. How many times have we heard folk complaining about Easter eggs in shops in January? We like the seasons – Christmas is for celebrating light at the darkest time of the year, November is for remembering and Easter – what is that for?

I was touched by words on a 200-year-old gravestone “erected in hopeful grief.” It is a great phrase. It is my motto for Easter.

So much at present in our world seems simply baffling. There is a lot of suffering but above all, there is a frightening uncertainty. Does it help to say the world was always like this? Towards the end of March, we will be sombrely remembering an innocent man, 2000 years’ ago, being convicted on trumped up charges. We see the Romans ruling with a “might is right” philosophy, we will see confused human beings not knowing what they should do. There will be plenty of grief but those frightened people also left us the wonderful letters and gospels, and their message is that, above all, there is hope. Was this just wishful thinking? They would say look what it enabled us to do. We were transformed from a frightened group to spreaders of the message that somehow Jesus is alive and inspires us. Love, justice and peace have not been destroyed. They live on in and through us.

Do you have a favourite season of the year? I don’t, but I do enjoy the changing of the seasons, particularly spring. There is so much to look forward to. In fact, the season of Lent in church means “Springtime” - very suitable given that the expectation in the natural world is so powerful. What is going to happen this year?

What is going to happen in our parish now Alice has stood back? Will we face the future with “hopeful grief” – seeing the problems but also knowing the undefeated and inspiring love of God within us? Whatever our faith journey, perhaps we could all reflect on what drives us – hope or despair. That is what we will be doing in church. You will be very welcome to join our journey leading up to April 5th – Easter Day.

It must seem strange to people outside, but many churches avoid saying “Alleluia” in Lent - going through the grief. That all changes at Easter. Come and help us sing “Alleluia – Jesus is Lord”. I wonder if there will be any daffs around. They are the quintessentially Easter flower given their uncompromisingly strong colour.

Of course, our Christmas daffodil was not completely out of time because it is always there – just as the message of the Christian seasons is always there.

The future’s bright, the future is daffodil coloured.

Happy Easter

Peter Mann



A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Keeping Our Church Family Strong During the Vacancy

As we enter this period of vacancy, it's natural to feel a mixture of emotions. Change always brings a little uncertainty, but it also offers us a chance to rediscover who we are as a church Family. And if there's one thing our parish has always shown, it's that we are at our strongest when we come together.

Over the coming weeks and months, our worship, our welcome, and our witness will continue—because the church is not just a building or a rota, but a community shaped by faith, kindness, and shared purpose.

Each of us has a part to play, whether that's offering a lift to someone who needs it, helping prepare the church for services, checking in on a neighbour, or simply holding one another in prayer.

We will keep going, not out of duty alone, but out of love. Love for God, love for our parish, and love for one another.

Let's use this time to strengthen the bonds that already hold us together. Let's look out for those who may feel a little lost, encourage those who are stepping into new roles, and celebrate the gifts that each person brings. Together, we will continue to be a place of welcome, warmth, and hope.

Thank you for all you do—seen and unseen—to keep our church alive with faith and community spirit. With God's help, and with one another, we will walk this season with confidence and grace.

Love and Prayers

Jenny & Alan





Services in March and April

Lent lunches

St John's Friday 13th March
St Mary's Wednesday 18th March
St Oswald's Thursday 26th March
Donations in support of Mosamaria

Mothering Sunday, Sunday 15th March

St Mary's 9:30am
St Oswald's 9:30am
St John's 11am

Palm Sunday, Sunday 29th March

St Oswald's 9:30am
St John's 11am

Maundy Thursday, Thursday 2nd April

Eucharist of the Last Supper 7:30pm
Service St Oswald's

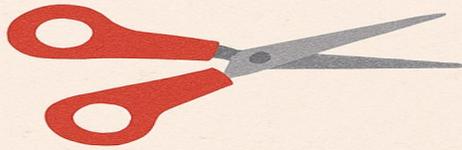
Good Friday, Friday 3rd April

Walk up the Crag, Warton
Service for non-walkers, St Oswald's 10:30am
Hot cross buns, Friday Coffee at St John's 10:30am
Stations of the Cross, St Mary's 2pm
Service at St Oswald's 6:30pm

Easter Vigil, Saturday 4th April

8pm at St John's





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AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

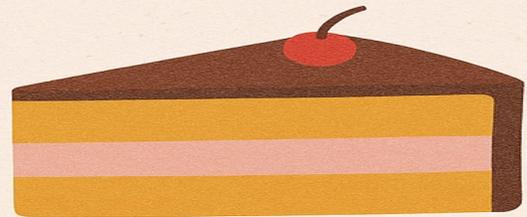
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Junior Church Lent Challenge

Miran was about 3 when he, his two older brothers and his parents had to flee Iraq because government forces had found out where they lived and wanted to kill his father.

What was his father's crime? To do charitable work to support women who had fled abusive marriages.

After a long and very difficult journey, including having to walk through Macedonia in continuous rain, they got to France where they applied for asylum. This was refused. They could not risk returning home, so their only hope was to get a boat to Britain and apply for asylum here.

Miran and his family are among many refugees and asylum seekers being supported by Global Link, a charity in Lancaster.

Global Link offer support and advice, a welcoming social space, education courses, help accessing lawyers, health care, schools, food and clothing. They offer volunteering opportunities as well as cultural and physical activities for those waiting for their cases to be heard and help in finding housing and getting work for those who are granted asylum.



Miran and his brothers are now settled in school and are starting to make friends. Their parents are both volunteering, his mother as a translator and his father with activities run by the charity.

In Junior Church, we learnt about Miran and his family when someone from Global Link came to talk to us. By the time you read this, we will also have been to visit the charity and will have met some of the refugees that they are helping.



We want to support families like Miran's. So, our Lent Challenge this year will be for Global Link and we hope that you will all join in!

The challenge is for every household in the Benefice to donate at least one item per week to Global Link throughout Lent. The items they require will be listed on the weekly sheet and there will be collecting boxes at the back of each church.

The items requested will include toiletries to go in the welcome boxes given to newly arrived refugees and food for the meals they cook and share together. Donations will be taken to the charity weekly.

In addition, the charity would be grateful for good quality clothing for young men, including shoes and particularly warm coats and also used bicycles which City of Sanctuary volunteers will refurbish and give to asylum seekers.

If you are unable to bring weekly donations to one of the churches, but would still like to support our Lent Challenge then you could support Global Link financially. They are raising money to pay off their mortgage so their future will be secure, and would welcome donations. These can be made via <https://globalink.org.uk/support-us/> or sent direct to Global Link, 29 Queen St, Lancaster LA1 1RX.

We, in Junior Church, want to do what we can to help Miran, and families like his, to feel welcome and cared for. We want them to have the same opportunities we have to live safely, be happy and to thrive.

Please help us by joining us in our Lent Challenge!

Do get in touch if you would like to know more about Junior Church. We meet on Sundays during term time from 9.30 – 10.30am usually in St Oswald's Church Hall. Children of all ages up to early teens are welcome, with under 3's accompanied by an adult. We explore our faith together through activities, games, crafts, songs, drama and fun and think about how we can live out our faith in the way we lead our lives. Visiting children are always welcome.

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- 1st March – Encore Opera – A gathering of Opera enthusiasts, delivering a special and unforgettable sound with passion and precision. 2.30pm**
- 6th March – Film at The Heron – Dead of Winter – A widow gets lost in a blizzard, finds a remote cabin where a young woman is being held hostage. 7.30pm**
- 10th March– Exhibition on Screen – Turner & Constable – Two of Britains greatest painters, contemporaries and rivals, with insights from experts. 2pm**
- 13th March – Second Best Bed – Drama – Ann Hathaway is left one item in Shakespeare's' will. She reflects on life with the great playwright, or was he? 7.30pm**
- 21st March – Jazz – Jack Pearce Quintet - original compositions from Leeds Conservato Alumni with melodic and technical excellence underpinned by strong rhythm 7.30pm**
- 27th March – Shorelines – storytelling from the Border Readers, covering readings from the books of Ann Cleeves, Linda Cracknell, Tony Glover and Jo Scott. 7.30pm**
- 3rd April – Film at The Heron – Blue Moon – Legendary lyricist, Lorenzo Hart focusses on his partner's hit show Oklahoma as his professional and private life unravel. 7.30pm**
- 10th April – Mad Hatter's Tea Party – Brother Wolf production. A trip down the rabbit hole with James Hyland. Fantastical & utterly bonkers take on Wonderland. 7.30pm**
- 12th April – Classical – Chameleon Wind Quartet – a versatile and award-winning woodwind ensemble showcasing the versatility of the woodwind family. 2.30pm**
- 14th April – National Theatre Live – Hamlet – Olivier Award winner Hiran Abeysekera is Harriet in this fearless & contemporary take on Shakespeare's famous tragedy. 7.30pm**
- 18th April – Folk – Hebble – A trio with a mix of Greek bouzouki, cello and bodhran, playing rare and beautiful folk songs arranged with craft and care. 7.30pm**
- 22nd, 23rd, 24th & 25th April – Warton Drama Group bring Hay Fever to life in the form of ; interactive BBC Radio production where the original cast are reincarnated. 7.30pm**



As we move into March, winter finally begins to fade, and the first signs of Spring appear. Snowdrops and crocuses brighten our gardens and green spaces, with daffodils soon to follow. The days are gradually lengthening, the clocks will soon go forward, and there is a renewed sense of life all around us. Birds are busy building their nests, fresh growth is appearing and nature is slowly awakening after the Winter. This season of renewal is *mirrored in the Church as Christians begin their journey into Lent* — a time for reflection, prayer, and preparation.

As we walk towards Holy Week and Easter, Spring reminds us of God's promise of new life, hope, and resurrection. Here at Warton Church our popular Mum's and Toddler's group, Little Stars continues to meet every Thursday morning from 9 -11am during term time. Coming to this group is a wonderful way for new families to meet and make new friends.

Messy Church continues to meet in Church every 6 to 8 weeks on a Sunday afternoon from 4 -6 pm. This is always a popular event. At our last session we were delighted to have Bubble Church puppets who told us the bible story of Zacchaeus the taxman whose life was changed when he met Jesus.

Our next event will be Messy Easter which is on Palm Sunday (29th March) when we will be looking at the last week of Jesus's life including his death and resurrection. All families will be made very welcome.

Our Sunday morning services continue at 10am each week please feel free to join us on any Sunday when you will receive a very warm welcome.

If you require any further information, please contact

Rosie Marsh on 07710916091.

SUNDAY March 29th

MESSY EASTER

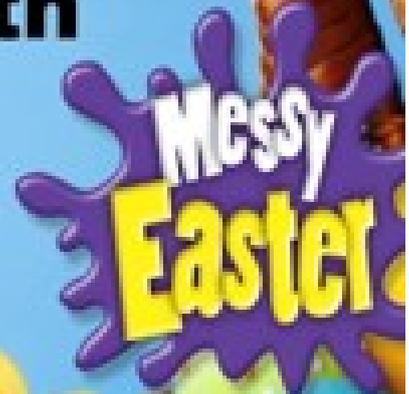
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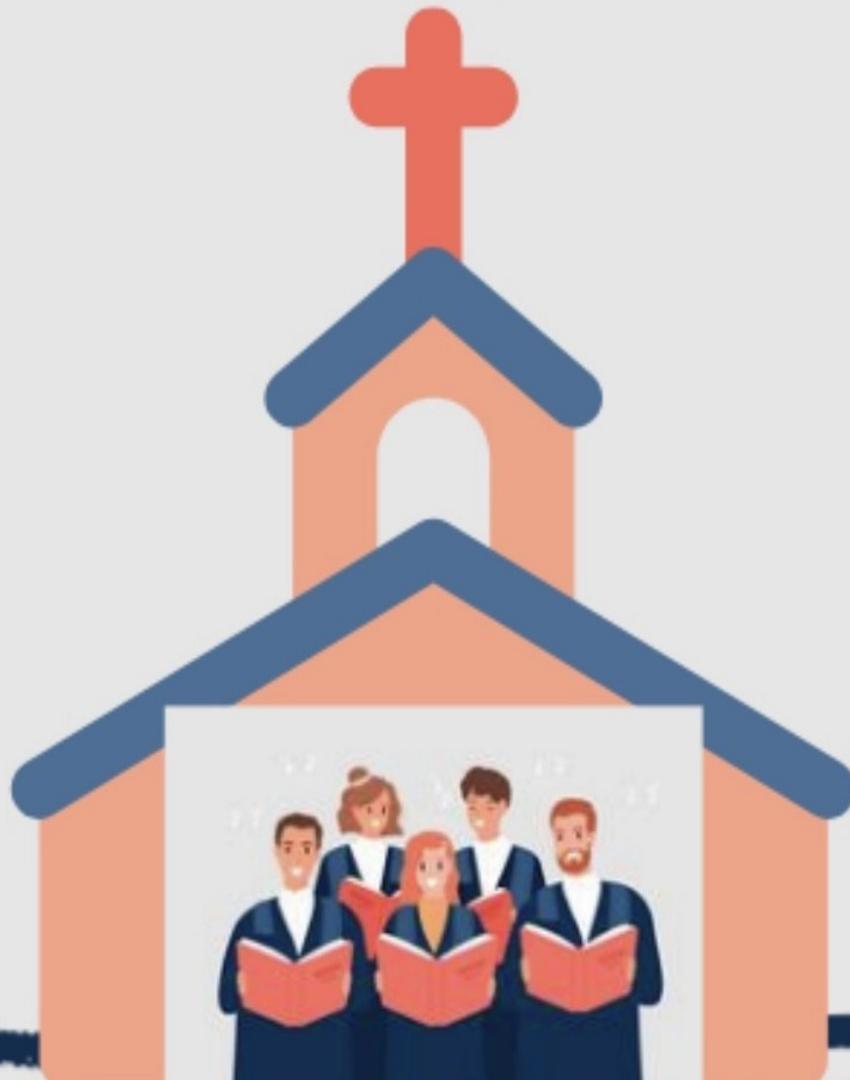
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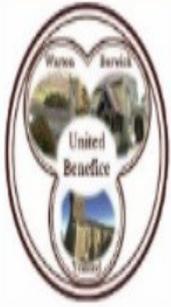
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LENT LUNCHES



13th March - St John's coffee from 1030am, lunch 12pm

18th March - St Mary's coffee from 11am, lunch from 12pm

26th March - St Oswald's 11.45am

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Beloved God

You have welcomed each one of us in Jesus and called us to be his body in this place.

We give you thanks for all that has been and all that will be.

We ask for your guidance as we work together in this time of Vacancy.

Guidance to be a light in our community.
guidance to love and encourage one another and guidance to draw to us the person that is right for us and our community.

In Jesus' name we pray

Amen



Caring for Creation: Eco Church and Our Parish Garden

As a parish, we're rediscovering how caring for the environment is part of our Christian calling. Eco Church helps us look at our worship, buildings, land, and daily choices through the lens of creation care—encouraging small, practical steps that make a real difference.

Our church grounds are a wonderful place to begin. By planting for pollinators, creating small wildlife habitats, reducing mowing in selected areas, and growing herbs or vegetables, we can turn our outdoor space into a haven for both people and nature. These changes support birds, bees, and butterflies, while offering peaceful spots for prayer and reflection.

Gardening itself can be a spiritual practice. It slows us down, teaches patience, and reminds us of God's rhythms of growth and renewal. Even small actions—recycling more, reducing waste, sharing tools, or choosing eco-friendly products—help us live more gently on the earth.

Caring for creation is something we do together. As we continue our Eco Church journey, may our parish grounds become a place where nature thrives and where the beauty of God's world is honoured in every season.





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In the half term before Easter, the children will be working on the theme of 'Rule Britannia' and learning about the United Kingdom, The Commonwealth and the history of Britain's Kings and Queens. The Key Stage 1 children will have an opportunity to visit London for the day and walk around all the different landmarks, while Key Stage 2 children will listen to the King's Commonwealth declaration in Carnforth and watch the Commonwealth flag being raised.

We are also all taking part in British Science, which excitingly is all about asking questions and celebrating World Book Day too.

We have lots of sporting activities this half term too. Our Year 5 and 6 children will have the opportunity to practice their skiing skills at Kendal Dry Slope, as well as compete in a Tag Rugby competition. We also have lots of children attending a dance workshop led by the Royal Ballet School at Lancaster University.

We are holding an Easter reflection service at St. John's Church from 2:30pm on Tuesday 24th March, it would be lovely to see you there. If we don't see you before Easter, we send to you and yours our best wishes.

Happy
Easter



Kathryn Brown

Kathryn Brown

Headteacher at Yealand Church of England Primary School

01524 781360



Hopefully the colder weather is now behind us and we can look forward to warmer, longer days ahead. We have had a good start to 2026 and have many things coming up to enjoy.

We have been busy taking part in lots of different sporting activities and competitions.

Class 4 took part in a very cold morning of Archery. They spent a morning honing their skills and collecting points. Once the archery coaches have visited all the local schools, the points will be added up and a winner declared. We'll let you know if we are successful!

We hosted our annual Cross Country competition and were very pleased to welcome lots of children from other local schools. We were really pleased to come second in the competition.

We have been to Carnforth High to compete in a Dodgeball competition. Our Class 4 team won and received gold medals. The Class 3 team came second and were proud to show off their silver medals. Our KS2 athletics team took part in a qualifier for the county competition. They gave it their all and came second. While this meant they did not go through to the finals, they did incredibly well and acted like true professionals.

Class 1 have learnt how to ride their bikes this term and are looking forward to their trip to Blackpool Zoo to learn all about the natural world and life cycles.

Class 2 have been learning about aviation and Class 3 have been to Lancaster Museum to meet a Roman soldier as part of their topic on the Romans.

Class 4 enjoyed a great morning of learning about the Stone Age. They examined artefacts, dug for historical finds and created cave art. They also learnt to plait flax and make Stone Age cord and ropes. Great learning to bring the past to life.

All the children took part in our first 'What Do You Love? Hobby Week'. They were asked to prepare a short presentation on something they love. They spoke really clearly about their passions and we all learnt something new. It was a very successful event, celebrating oracy, resilience and confidence.

As Easter approaches, we have some annual events to look forward to; World Book Day, Red Nose Day, Science Week and Easter Bingo being some of our favourites.

**We would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter
from all the children and staff at Archbishop Hutton's Primary.**

"March brings breezes loud and shrill, To stir the dancing daffodil." —

Sara Coleridge

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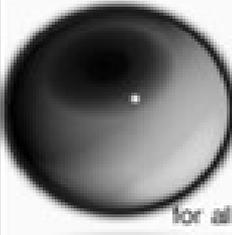
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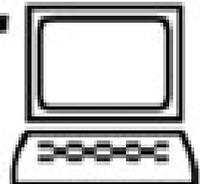
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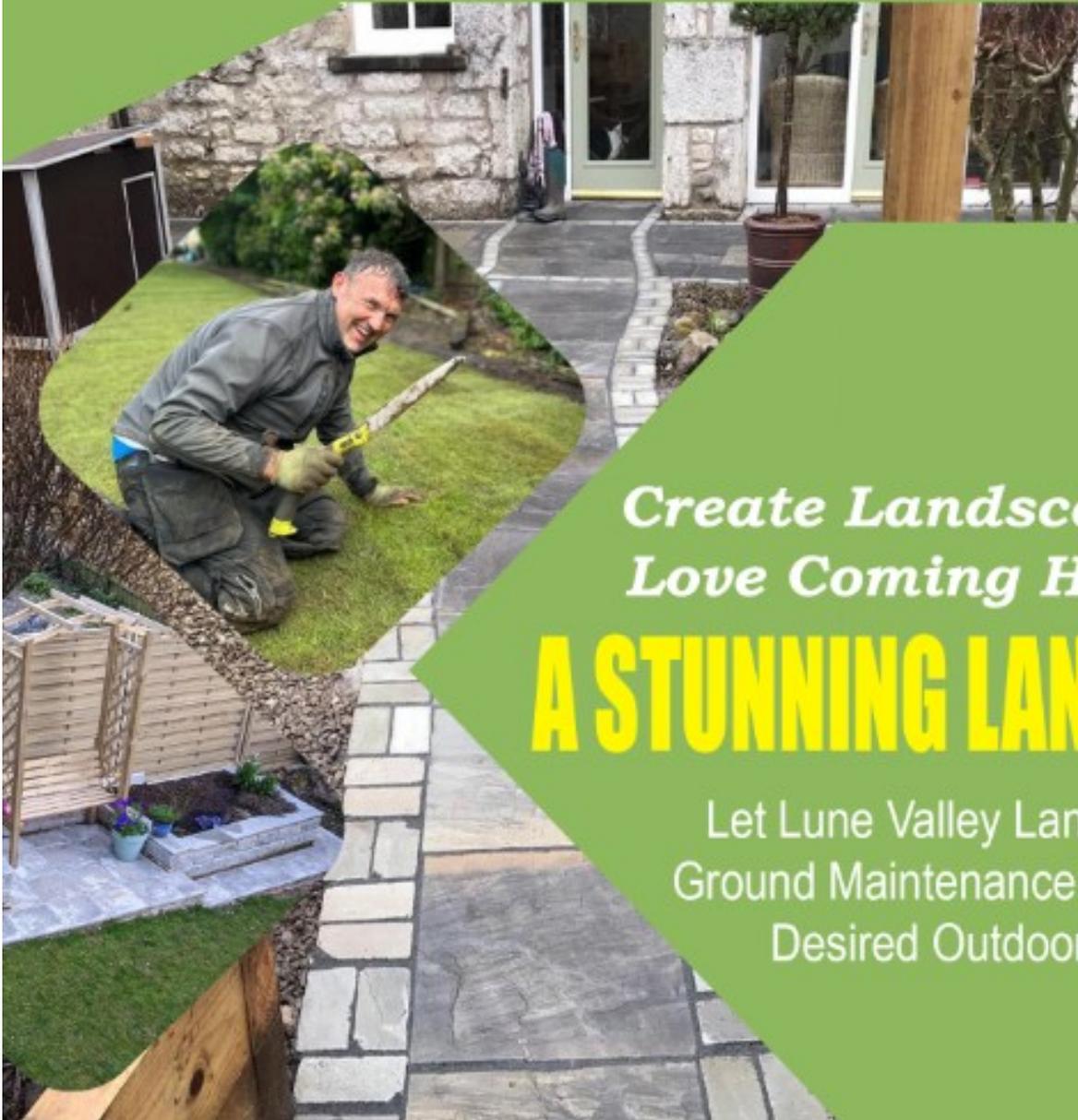
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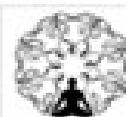
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