

The Parish Magazine

What's On Guide

to Community Events, Church Services and Activities in YOUR



April and May 2026

Delivered free to homes within the Benefice of the Barony of Burgh, The Parishes of Kirkandrews On Eden with Beaumont and Grinsdale, Great Orton, Aikton, Burgh by Sands and Kirkbampton

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NOT LATER THAN 10th May 2026

www.achurchnearyou.com

PLEASE NOTE the new website address www.achurchnearyou.com which should be used from now on for all our parishes.

Helping everyone enjoy life in all its fullness through being disciples of Jesus

Your Churchwardens

Aikton:

Mrs Eleanor Graham 016973 42581
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Mrs Linda Beattie (01228 576518)

Kirkbampton

Mrs Elizabeth McCall (01228 576042)

Great Orton:

Mrs Elizabeth Reed (01228 642906)

Burgh by Sands:

Mrs Carolyne Baines (01228 576301)



Email - info@eastsolwaychurches.org.uk or minister@eastsolwaychurches.org

Carlisle Food Bank



Foodbank

Please note that in order to continue your support of the local Foodbank, the easiest way to make donations is, when you are supermarket shopping, to buy some extras and place in the bins provided past the tills.

Collection points locally are at St Michael's Burgh, St Mary's Beaumont, and Monkhill Chapel.

Donations are needed now, more than ever.

A list of suitable items can be found on www.carlislefoodbank.org.uk

How to support your local Anglican churches

St Giles Church, Great Orton

One off giving link; <https://bit.ly/GreatOrtonStGiles>
Regular giving link; <https://bit.ly/GreatOrtonStGiles2>

St Peter's Kirkbampton

Please scan the QR code on the right with your smart phone and it will take you to our Give a Little online page - thank you



St Mary's Church, Beaumont

One off giving link; <https://bit.ly/BeaumontStMary>
Regular giving link; <https://bit.ly/BeaumontStMary2>

St Andrew's Aikton

One off giving link;
<https://bit.ly/AiktonStAndrew>
Regular giving link; ;
<https://bit.ly/AiktonStAndrew2>
This is another way you can contribute to the work at St Andrews, Aikton. If you have a smart phone, scan the QR code and it will take you to a link to do it. Thank you



AROUND THE REGION



**Solway Gardening Society invites you to
our next meetings...**

**Best in Show at Port Carlisle Bowling Club
Thursday 16th April, 19.30**

All you ever needed to know about Dahlias from seeds to showing.
Experienced breeder and medal winner Andrew Robinson shares his
enthusiasm for these wonderful colourful must-haves.

Got questions? Find the answers here.

Demonstration with plants for sale

*Admission £5, Solway Gardening Society Members are FREE, membership only £15
for a full year. Raffle £1, tea / coffee and home made cakes £2, cash only please.*

**The BIG Plant Sale at the new Beaumont Parish Hall
Thursday 21st May 17.00 - 19.00**

This is the major fund raising event for the Garden Society
Plants are locally grown with often uncommon varieties from members and their friends
Refreshments available throughout the sale.
Please support your Society by splitting and donating plants from your garden and
coming and sharing in a really sociable event.

**Donations of plants can be left with committee members before the event or at the
Hall from 12.00 to allow for arranging and pricing before we open at 17.00**

Easy parking at this venue

FREE entry

solwaygardeningociety@gmail.com

fiona-19@hotmail.co.uk

07896018568



SOLWAY FLOWER CLUB

The Merry Month of May - John Dalton

**Wednesday 13th May
7.30pm Beaumont Parish Hall**

**Entry £3
All welcome**

Further details from Margaret McKenna (01228 529538) or Margaret
Hodgson (01228 576218)

NEW WEBSITE FOR OUR PARISHES

You will probably have noticed a new website address has appeared on the front cover of the Parish Magazine since February, namely:

www.achurchnearyou.com

This website, which all our parishes have now moved to using, is one provided by the national Church of England for parishes to use. You will find it is a really good resource, with all sorts of information covering services, special events, contact information and much more. You are warmly encouraged to take a look at it and see all that is there for you.



Port Carlisle Bowling Club

Port Carlisle Bowling Club Summer Season

Outdoor Lawn Bowls is opening on Saturday 11th May and will run until September

We play every Wednesday morning from 11am and Saturday afternoons from 1.30pm

Friendly's, club comps and roll ups and league games

Please come along and enjoy the friendly games
If you have played before or have never played at all, we will show you what to do and have spare bowls to have a go with

For further enquiries see Facebook, call in, or contact Sandra on 07498 921 746, Jeff on 07429 976 635, or Sheila on 07821 574 583.



Christian Aid Week runs from 10th - 16 May 2026

7 Days to make a difference - Christian Aid exists to create a world where everyone can live a full life free from poverty

For further information or to make a donation go to
[Christian Aid - UK charity fighting global poverty - Christian Aid](#)

Ukulele Group

We meet every other Thursday in Burgh-by-Sands Parish Hall from 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

Please see the Hall Diary on our website for meeting dates. All abilities are welcome. Just £3.00 per session.

Snacks and drinks available. We accept cash, card and contactless payments.

www.burghbysandsparishhall.co.uk
@burghbysandsvillagehall



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EVERY WEDNESDAY 6-7 AT
BURGH VILLAGE HALL PLEASE
CONTACT SAMMY FOR MORE
DETAILS ON 07854575077

£35 FOR 5 SESSIONS
£8 PAY AS YOU GO

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BURGH-by-SANDS NEWS

BURGH BY SANDS TODDLER GROUP

Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30 am
Burgh Village Hall

Children's snacks
Coffee and Cake for Adults

Open to parents and carers,

£3 for children 2 and over

£2 for children under 2



The Nue Tuesday Club (formally Burgh WI) Meetings

Tuesday 14th April
2pm Burgh Village Hall
Needle Felting

Tuesday 12th May
2pm Burgh Village Hall
Speaker tbc

Get Together Club

Thursday April 9th

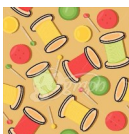
Thursday 14th May

1.30pm at Romanway, Burgh
by Sands

For our usual game of cards or
dominos, nice cup of tea and a
chat

If lifts required, please contact
Margaret on 576218

Crafty Ladies



If you enjoy doing any type
of handicraft, why not
come along to one of our
twice monthly meetings
held in Burgh Village Hall

Meetings in April will be on Thursday 9th
(refreshments Isobel and Eileen) and
Thursday 23rd (refreshments Robin and
Margaret H)

Meetings in May will be on Thursday
14th (refreshments Lesley and Val) and
Thursday 28th (refreshments Kay and
Jennifer)

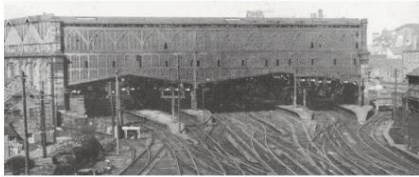
Just bring along your current project
and enjoy an afternoon of craft and chat

All welcome!

For further details,
contact Margaret on 01228 575348 or
07775692547

Carlisle Canal and Local Railway talk

A talk by Geoff Swift on the history of the Carlisle Navigation Canal and North Cumberland Railways



Burgh by Sands Parish Hall, CA5 6AL

Friday 17th April

Doors Open at 7.00 pm – talk starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets £5 – on the door

Refreshments available

www.burghbysandsparishhall.co.uk



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Music and Quiz Night

An evening of music, with a music quiz



Giocoso Community Choir (headline Act)

Burgh Ukulele Group

Music Quiz (teams of 4)

Saturday 9th May

Burgh by Sands Parish Hall, CA5 6AL

Doors Open at 7.00 pm – music starts at 7.30 pm

Tickets: £6 adults & £3 under 18s – on the door

Drinks and snacks available from our licenced bar

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CYCLING AROUND THE WORLD

First Stop...

CHINA

An illustrated talk by Diane and Richard Peart



Burgh by Sands Parish Hall, CA5 6AL

Saturday 16th May

Doors Open at 6.30 pm – talk starts at 7.00 pm

Tickets £5 – on the door

Refreshments available

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Burgh-by-Sands
Parish Hall

Village Cafe every Saturday
from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm



Cyclists, walkers and dogs
all very welcome

Donations accepted to
help support the Hall

www.burghbysandsparishhall.co.uk



@burghbysandsvillagehall

FILM NIGHT



Thursday
23rd April



Adults: £2 | 16 yrs: £1 | Family: £2

Pay @ door. Bar & snacks available. Cash, card & contactless payments accepted.

e-mail burghbysands.filmnights@gmail.com for more info & to join the group.

Sound Bath Experience

Bathing yourself in sound can have a very beneficial healing effect.

A mix of singing bowls, gong, tongue drum, low whistle and other peaceful and mysterious sounds will envelope you as you lie, comfortable and relaxed.

Immerse yourself in this wonderful mix of sounds - you may well reach a state of deep relaxation.

You don't need a swimsuit for this bath!

Please bring with you a Yoga mat (or similar) to lie on with a warm blanket and pillow so you can be really comfortable.

You can sit in a chair if you prefer.

This experience lasts about an hour and all you need to do is relax!

Workshop Info

Sunday
17th May 2026
at 3.00pm

£10 per person

This ever popular event is strictly limited to just 22 people so to book your place please e-mail burghbysands.events@gmail.com

Advance payment preferred to guarantee your place, or pay on the day.

Sound Bath Experience

Experience

Discover the healing and relaxing benefits of sound baths to release tension and be present in the moment.



www.burghbysandsparishhall.co.uk

[@burghbysandsvillagehall](https://www.facebook.com/burghbysandsvillagehall)

BEAUMONT, KIRKANDREWS & GRINSDALE NEWS



BEAUMONT PARISH WEBSITE



- Who – Available for all.
- What – The new Parish Website.
- Where – via your computer, tablet or smartphone.
- When – ‘Go Live Date’ – Friday 06 March 2026.
- Why – To improve communications throughout the Parish.



- Website – www.beaumontparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Clerk – clerk@beaumontparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Webmaster – website@beaumontparishcouncil.gov.uk

Stay connected – stay informed – stay in touch!

Newly Refurbished Parish Hall at Kirkandrews on Eden



Yoga

CA5 6DX



Tai Chi



Arts

**Seeks new Classes & Events
Opening May 2026**

Parking, Large Hall, Meeting Room, Kitchen, Wi-Fi, Outside Play Area



Crafters

Parties

**If you are interested in hosting or
participating in a new class please
contact:**

Sports



**Booking Secretary:
Abbie Lewis - 07341 448287
Email: Beaumontparishhall@gmail.com**



Hall Charity Number 11711188

St Mary's 100 Club February 2026 Draw

1st - No 14 - Jeremy and Jean Frost
2nd - No 18 - Anne Hoole
3rd - No 20 - Alice Graham

As always many thanks to everyone whom has supported the success of St.
Mary's 100 Club.
Wendy on behalf of Beaumont Parish PCC

**Beaumont Parish Hall Committee invite you to
Family Bingo Night**



**Eyes down at 6.30pm on
Saturday 18th April at Burgh Village Hall
and Saturday 16th May at Beaumont Village Hall**

A game that the whole family can enjoy.
Beginners welcome! Come along for some fun.

Free admission

£1 per bingo book
Bar and Bar snacks



Refreshments available Raffle
We look forward to seeing you all for a fun family evening.

All proceeds go towards the Parish Hall rebuilding fund.

Beaumont Parish Hall CIO Charity number 1171188

Next Bingo after the Summer will be Saturday 19th September



Kirkandrews on Eden WI

For further details contact Glynis Milburn
(01228 522696)



Friday 10th April
Eden Vally Hospice
Vicki Leslie

Monkhill Chapel School Room, 7.30pm
Drawing - Lesley
Hostesses - Rosalind and Carol
Refreshments - A Team
Competition - Any item beginning with
the letter E

Friday 8th May

Outing to Torpenhow Cheese
Farm
followed by Afternoon Tea
(tbc)

Beaumont Parish Hall Committee invite you to

Monthly Friday Coffee Mornings
Friday 3rd April at Monkhill Chapel
Friday 1st May at Beaumont Parish Hall

10am—12pm

Come along to the monthly coffee
morning, make some new friends and
enjoy coffee, teas and a variety of scones

Everyone is very welcome

Beaumont Parish Hall CIO Charity Number 1171188



Beaumont Parish Hall Committee AGM

The AGM of Beaumont Parish Hall Committee will be held on **Wednesday 20th May 2026** starting at 7.30 pm in the newly refurbished Parish Hall. Come along and join the team of volunteers who run the hall and organise the events.

All are welcome to attend.

Beaumont Parish Hall CIO Charity number 1171188

St Mary's Church Beaumont APCM

This will be held on Thursday 9th April, 7.30pm
St Mary's Church

AFTERNOON TEA

In aid of St Mary's Church, Beaumont
and St Kentigern's Graveyard, Grinsdale

Date to be confirmed for the month of June at Beaumont Parish Hall
Tickets will be sold in advance

Please come and join us for a delicious tea and a relaxing afternoon
Contact Wendy - 07767 238 758 or Linda - 07850 425 770

The new **Crowdfunding Page for Beaumont Parish Hall** is now live

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/beaumont-parish-hall-rebuild

Please help the hall trustees to complete their amazing new building which will provide a central community space for parish residents and visitors to the area for many years to come.

AIKTON NEWS

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH – 300 CLUB RESULTS March Results

1st No 243 Linda Warwick (£50)
2nd No 62 N Graham (£20)
3rd No 66 Malcolm Graham (£10)



CHURCH SERVICES CHANGES FOR APRIL

PLEASE NOTE: Our Easter Sunday Service time has now been moved from 9.30am to 8.30am

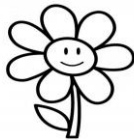


On Sunday 26th April we are happy to be holding an extra Sunday Service at 11.00p.m. This will not be a Communion Service. During the Sunday Worship (led by Revd. Chris Casey) a Baptism will take place. We look forward to seeing you.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, AIKTON



PLANT SALE



**THURSDAY
21ST MAY, 2026**

**AIKTON PARISH ROOMS
7.30p.m.**

ALL VERY WELCOME

Please bring any plants/shrubs etc. for sale on the evening

GREAT ORTON NEWS

Great Orton Village Hall 50/50 2025 draw

January 2026

1st - No 162 - Matt Howes
2nd - No 35 - Andy Frost
3rd - No 8 - Helen Bell
4th - No 134 - Elliot Johnston
5th - No 100 - Simon Little

February 2026

1st - No 15 - Albert Wallace
2nd - No 145 - Susan Wills
3rd - No 115 - Scott Mulholland
4th - No 49 - Stuart Rae
5th - No 149 - David Laval

March 2026

1st - No 64 - Emma James
2nd - No 158 Kathleen Knox
3rd - No 24 - Mrs P MacDonald
4th - No 2 - Duncan Tilby
5th - No 167 - Ian Grace

Thank you very much for everyone who has entered the 2026 draw, or who has made donations to assist the cost of maintenance
Village Hall Committee



GREAT ORTON SPRING FAYRE

SUNDAY 19TH APRIL
GREAT ORTON VILLAGE HALL
10.30AM-2.30PM



FREE ENTRY

- LOTS OF CRAFT AND GIFT STALLS
- OUR VERY POPULAR 50p BOOK STALL
- TRADITIONAL TOMBOLA WITH LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON
- COMPETITIONS WITH PRIZES
- FREE KIDS CRAFT TABLE
- TEA/COFFEE/CAKES/REFRESHMENTS

St Giles' Church Great Orton

Easter Day

Holy Communion

at 10am

led by

Rev Caroline Kennedy

Refreshments afterwards.

Please join us

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please also join us when we will be decorating the church on Saturday 4th April. Donations of flowers will be gratefully accepted. If you are unable to help with decorating, flowers may be left in the church or porch beforehand.
Many thanks.

St Giles' Church, Great Orton
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING
will be held in St Giles' Church
on
Wednesday 29th April
at 7.30p.m.



The World Community for Christian Meditation

www.wccm.org/meditate/how-to-meditate

Meditation goes beyond words, images, thoughts and feelings. It leads us into stillness, silence and simplicity, allowing us to be in the present moment. Today, people from all walks of life and all ages meet together regularly in schools, churches, homes, offices and prisons throughout the world.

The UK Community has a network of meditation groups, a rich programme of events and retreats and a range of publications to support the journey of meditation.

MEDITATE WITH US

We welcome people of all faiths and none. Groups meet online and in person across the UK. It's free to learn. Part of a global contemplative community in over 100 countries.

www.wccm.org/meditate/how-to-meditate

A small group meets weekly in Dalston. For more information contact Revd. Kathleen Reale on 711749, or Cheryl Orme - (01228) 576967 - cmorme@btinternet.com

Church matters

Update on the appointing of our next Priest-in-Charge

Since the last update there have been significant developments to report to you. Until now when our vacancy has been advertised it has been for an “interim” post, which was time limited. Two rounds of advertising had produced no applicants, which unfortunately is common now in all parts of the country, owing to a national shortage of clergy to fill vacant parishes. The Diocese has now offered, and all our parishes have accepted, to advertise for a Priest-in-Charge on the basis of a 3.5 days a week appointment. Given that even all six parishes together are nowhere near able to afford a full-time Priest-in-Charge this is something which we welcome. Part time posts are increasingly being advertised now for reasons of parishes’ inability to afford a full time priest. However, the post will not be an interim one, and so is not time-limited, which is a wholly good development. It is, though, extremely important that everyone is realistic about the fact that the post is half-time, not full-time and expectations of what can be achieved will inevitably be very different from a full-time appointment. We pray now that the right person will feel called to come and minister in our parishes.

Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals while we have no Priest-in-Charge of our Parishes

Anyone wishing to arrange a Baptism, Marriage or Funeral while we have no Priest-in-Charge is warmly encouraged to contact their local Churchwarden (please see list below).

We have a friendly retired Vicar with whom we can put you in touch and he will be very happy to be of assistance.

Churchwardens:

Aikton – Mrs. Eleanor Graham 016973 42581 or Mrs Gillian Housby 07762 729 481

Bowness-on-Solway – Mrs Pauline Hinks 01228 576157 or Mr James Graham
Burgh-by-Sands – Mrs. Carolynne Baines 01228 576301

Great Orton – Mrs. Elizabeth Reed 01228 642906

Kirkandrews-on-Eden with Beaumont & Grinsdale – Mrs. Linda Beattie 01228 576518

Kirkbampton – Mrs. Elizabeth McCall 01228 576042E

Email - info@eastsolwaychurches.org.uk or
minister@eastsolwaychurches.org.uk

For the parishes within the Benefice of the Barony of Burgh: Aikton, Burgh-by-Sands, Great Orton, Kirkandrews on Eden with Beaumont & Grinsdale, and Kirkbampton.

Church of England Services – April 2026

April 2nd	Maundy Thursday	Readings
BOWNESS	7.30pm Holy Communion with stripping of the Altar	1 Corinthians 11; 23 - 26 and John 13; 1 - 17, 31b - 35
April 3rd	Good Friday	
BURGH	2pm Hour at the Cross	
April 5th	Easter Day	
AIKTON	8.30am Easter Holy Communion	Acts 10; 34 -
BEAUMONT	9.30am Easter Holy Communion with Egg Rolling	43 and
KIRKBAMPTON	9.30am Easter Holy Communion	John 20; 1- 18
GREAT ORTON	10 am Easter Holy Communion	
BOWNESS	11am Easter Holy Communion	
BURGH	11am Easter Holy Communion	
April 12th	Easter 2	Acts 2; 14a - 22 - 32 and
KIRKBAMPTON	9.30am Sunday Worship	John 20; 19 -
GREAT ORTON	9.30am Holy Communion	31
BURGH	11 am 'Follow' - Informal Worship	
April 19th	Easter 3	Acts 2; 14a, 36 - 41 and
KIRKBAMPTON	9.30am Holy Communion	Luke 24; 13 -
BOWNESS	11am Holy Communion	35
BURGH	11am 'Follow' - Informal Worship	
April 26th	Easter 4	Acts 2; 42 - 47 and
BEAUMONT	9.30 am Holy Communion	John 10; 1 - 10
GREAT ORTON	10.30 am Ecumenical Worship	
BURGH	11 am Holy Communion	
AIKTON	11 am Sunday Worship with Baptism	Mark 1: 1 - 11

*There will also be a Traditional (Book of Common Prayer)
Said Communion Service at St Michael's Church, Burgh at 10am
each Wednesday in April*

Church of England Services – May 2026

May 3rd	Easter 5	Readings
AIKTON	9.30 am - Holy Communion	Acts 7; 55 - 60 and John 14; 1 - 14
BOWNESS	11am - Sunday Worship	
BURGH	11am - 'Follow' - informal worship	
May 10th	Easter 6	
KIRKBAMPTON	9.30 am - Sunday Worship	Acts 17; 22 - 31 and John 14; 15 - 21
GREAT ORTON	9.30 am - Holy Communion with baptism	
BURGH	11 am - 'Follow' - Informal Worship	
May 14th	Ascension Day	Acts 1; 1 - 11 and
BURGH	11 am - Holy Communion	Luke 24; 44 - 53
May 17th	Easter 7	Acts 1; 6 - 14 and
KIRKBAMPTON	9.30am - Holy Communion	John 17; 1 - 11
BOWNESS	11am - Sunday Worship with baptism	
BURGH	11am - 'Follow' - informal worship	
May 24th	Pentecost	Acts 2; 1 - 21 and
BEAUMONT	9.30am - Holy Communion	John 20; 19 - 23
GREAT ORTON	10.30am - Ecumenical Worship	
BURGH	11am - Holy Communion	
May 31st	Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13; 11 - 13 and Matthew 28; 16 - 20
KIRKBAMPTON	tbc - Holy Communion - United Benefice Service	

There will also be a Traditional (Book of Common Prayer) Said Communion Service at St Michael's Church, Burgh at 10am each Wednesday in May (apart from Ascension Day when the service will be on Thursday 14th May

Benefice Church Rotas - April and May 2026

St Michaels Burgh

	Flowers	Cleaning	Coffee
April 5th Easter Day		Pauline Cooke	Emma Barrie and Sheena Douglas
April 12th		Cheryl Orme	Michele Evans and Cat Servante
April 19th		Pauline Cooke	Cheryl Orme and Sandra Wilson
April 26th		Cheryl Orme	Emily Roelich and Sylvia Edgar
Monthly Cleaning		Annual Spring Clean	
May 3rd		Cheryl Orme	Emma Barrie and Sheena Douglas
May 10th		Pauline Cooke	Michele Evans and Cat Servante
May 17th		Cheryl Orme	Cheryl Orme and Sandra Wilson
May 24th		Pauline Cooke	Emily Roelich and Sylvia Edgar
May 31st		Cheryl Orme	United Benefice Service - Kirkbampton
Monthly Cleaning		Pauline and Terry Cooke	

St Peter's Kirkbampton

St Andrew's Aikton

Flower Rota

Sunday 5th April	Easter - Mrs S Collins
Sunday 12th April	Flower Fund
Sunday 19th April	Flower Fund
Sunday 26th April	Flower Fund
Sunday 3rd May	No Service
Sunday 10th May	Mrs J Senior
Sunday 17th May	Mrs J Senior
Sunday 24th May	No Service
Sunday 31st May	UB Service

Month	Cleaning at St Andrews
April	Mrs V Gillespie and Mrs S Paisley
May	Mrs E Graham and Mrs G Housby

Lunch with Us

Hot 2-course Lunch in the school-room adjoining Monkhill Methodist Church on

Thursday 30th April and Thursday 28th May

Doors open 12 noon for Lunch 12.30pm prompt

No set charge - donations for Church Funds

All welcome; parishioners & friends

No booking required

Transport can be provided

Home delivery service available for elderly or infirm residents within

Beaumont Parish

Enquiries tel. 576585 or 575010

METHODIST SERVICES

Thurstonfield Methodist Chapel
Chapelfield Lane, CA5 6HJ

We have an Evening Service of hymns, prayers
and a variety of speakers each Sunday at 6.30.

5th April (Easter Sunday) Rev Nigel Rodgers
12th April Rev Nigel Rodgers
19th April Rev Paul Beard
26th April Rev Phil Jackson

3rd May Rev Nigel Rodgers
10th May Mr Robert Pattinson
17th May Rev Tokumbo Asogbon
24th May To be arranged
31st May Rev Nigel Rodgers

Oasis

Monday 6th April (Easter Monday) at 2.15 pm
All welcome. Come & enjoy.

No Oasis on 4th May Bank Holiday

Parent & Toddler Group

Every Tuesday at 10 -11.30am.

All free of charge.

Come & meet other young families.

**Any queries Ring Mary. Tel 01228 576027
or email thurstonfieldchapel@gmail.com**

TOY FARM WANTED

Has anyone a robust toy farm/building for the
Parent & Toddler group at Thurstonfield
Methodist Chapel?

Please contact Mary on 01228 576027

Services at Monkhill Chapel

Apr	5	9.30am	United Easter Sunday Service	St Mary's Beaumont
	12	10.30am	Brunch with Us Informal Service	Mr Ian Stewart
	19	10.30am	Morning Worship	Mrs Dilys Tomkins
	26	10.30am	Morning Service	Mrs Pat Staley
May	3	10.30am	Own Arrangement	(OA)
	10	10.30am	Brunch with Us/Sacrament	Revd Nigel Rodgers
	17	10.30am	Morning Worship	Mr Alan Fearon
	24	10.30am	United Chapel Anniversary	(OA) Joined by Dalston MC
	31	10.30am	No Service	
		2.30pm	5 th Sunday Service Port Carlisle Chapel	(Revd David Newlove)

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes update

Operation Christmas Child have confirmed that the 257 shoeboxes collected from Monkhill in November made their way to **Maldova**; a land-locked country in Eastern Europe situated between Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east and south. We have been thanked by email letter from Tracey Berry, North West England Regional Manager who informed us that the UK sent an incredible 232,844 shoeboxes in 2025 and the global total was 12,205,900. How special that the shoeboxes that left from Monkhill are part of this and are not only practical gifts but also a powerful demonstration of God's love reaching children, families and entire communities.

Thank you for your time, prayers and shoebox gifts last year and may we invite others to participate next November when Shoebox time comes around again – it is a very enjoyable and rewarding experience to be a part of it.

Annual Pancake Lunch

We are pleased to report that our Annual Pancake Lunch in February raised £320 for the Circuit Project 25/26 "The Farming Community Network". FCN is a voluntary organisation and charity that supports farmers and families within the farming community, dealing with personal and business issues and running a daily confidential national helpline and e-helpline providing free support to anyone who seeks help. For further information visit <https://fcn.org.uk/about-fcn/>

Many thanks to all involved for helping to support this worthwhile cause.

Church Activities

Lunch with Us Community Lunch continues on the last Thursday of the month (see separate advert) and Brunch with Us Informal Services on each 2nd Sunday (as listed above).

United Easter Day Service

The Service will be held at St Mary's Beaumont on Easter Sunday 5 April at 9.30am led by Revd Ian Johnstone. Followed by traditional Egg Rolling down the bank behind church to be enjoyed by children and adults alike!

Chapel Anniversary

Our Chapel Anniversary service is on Sunday 24 May at 10.30am. The service is an Own Arrangement and we are pleased to be joined by members of Dalston Methodist Church. Refreshments will follow.

5th Sunday Service at Port Carlisle

The last Sunday in May on the 31st, we join together at Port Carlisle Community Chapel for an afternoon service to be led by our previous minister Revd David Newlove. Light refreshments served afterwards. All welcome.

Chapel Open Daily

The Chapel continues to be open daily via an automatic door lock in operation on the front porch door, unlocking at 8am and locking at 7pm. We have a Visitors Book in the porch, a Prayer Box in the Chapel and a Food Bank box in the schoolroom for donations to the Carlisle Food Bank.

You are very welcome to use the Chapel for private prayer and quiet contemplation.

Please ensure the porch door is closed behind you on leaving.

All enquiries to Church Stewards: Lynne Graham tel.01228 576585 or Kathleen Bowron tel.01228 575010.

KIRKBAMPTON AND THURSTONFIELD NEWS



Previously we have had a stay and play session on Friday mornings in the hall primarily for preschool aged children. We would like to invigorate this group.

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Saturday 18 April 2026

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April 2026

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May 2026

1. Peter Heggie
2. Kathleen Stoddart
3. Mr & Mrs Usher

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List of Claiming Dates from April 2026 onwards

Wed 1st Apr - Poetry Group, Burgh Church 11am

Fri 3rd Apr - Beaumont Monthly Coffee Mornings - Monkhill Chapel, 10am to 12pm

Thurs 9th Apr - St Mary's Church Beaumont APCM, 7.30pm in the church

Fri 10th Apr - Kirkandrews WI - Eden Vally Hospice - Vicki Leslie, Monkhill Chapel 7.30pm

Wed 15th Apr - Beaumont Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Monkhill Chapel

Thurs 16th Apr - Solway Gardening Society - 'Best in Show' - Andrew Robinson Port Carlisle Bowling Club 7.30pm

Fri 17th Apr - 'Carlisle Canal and Local Railway' Geoff Swift, Burgh Village Hall, 7pm

Sat 18th Apr - Spring into Health Event, Kirkbampton Village Hall, 10am - 3pm

Sat 18th Apr - Bingo Evening at Burgh Village Hall, 6.30pm

Sun 19th Apr - Spring Fair, 10.30 - 2.30pm Great Orton Village Hall

Tues 21st Apr - Kirkbampton School Council Community Café, 10am to 11.30am

Thurs 23rd Apr - Burgh Film Night, Burgh Village Hall, 7pm

Wed 29th Apr - St Giles' Great Orton APCM, 7.30pm St Giles Church

Thurs 30th Apr - Lunch with Us Monkhill Chapel 12 noon for 12.30pm

Fri 1st May - Beaumont Monthly Coffee Morning - **Beaumont Village Hall**, 10am to 12pm

Wed 6th May - Poetry Group, Burgh Church 11am

Fri 8th May - Kirkandrews WI Outing to Torpenhow Cheese Farm

Sat 9th May - Music and Quiz Night, Burgh Village Hall 7pm

Sat 10th and Sun 11th May - Scarecrow Trail - Kirkbampton and Thurstonfield

Wed 13th May - Solway Flower Club - 'The Merry Month of May' demonstration by John Dalton, Beaumont Village Hall, 7.30pm

Sat 16th May - Fish and Chip Take Away Fundraiser, Kirkbampton School, 5pm - 7pm

Sat 16th May - Bingo Evening at **Beaumont Village Hall**, 6.30pm

Sat 16th May - 'Cycling Round the World - China' - talk by Diane and Richard Peart, Burgh Village Hall, 6.30pm

Sun 17th May - Sound Bath Experience, Burgh Village Hall 3pm

Wed 20th May - Beaumont Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm, **Beaumont Village Hall**

Thurs 21st May - Solway Gardening Society - The BIG Plant Sale - Beaumont Village Hall 17.00 - 19.00

Thurs 21st May - Aikton Plant Sale, Aikton Parish Rooms, 7.30pm

Wed 27th May - St Michael's Burgh APCM, Burgh Village Hall, 7.30pm and via Zoom

Thurs 28th May - Lunch with Us Monkhill Chapel 12 noon for 12.30pm

Tues 16th June - Kirkbampton School Council Community Café, 10am to 11.30am

Thurs 25th June - Lunch with Us Monkhill Chapel 12 noon for 12.30pm

Thurs 25th June - Concert - Harp and a Monkey perform 'Tall Tales and Truths' Burgh Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wed July 8th - Beaumont Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Beaumont Village Hall

Thurs 30th July - Lunch with Us Monkhill Chapel 12 noon for 12.30pm

Wed Sept 2nd - Beaumont Parish Council Meeting, 7pm, Beaumont Village Hall

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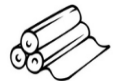
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