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Sept - Oct 2026

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Kind regards, Editor



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St Oswald, Warton, St Mary, Borwick & St John, Yealand**

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By the time you read this, the new term at school will probably have started. We will have seen the children in their new uniforms and shiny un-scraped shoes. Young people may have started new colleges or even be preparing to go to university. I went to Lancaster recently and high on the list of many people seemed to be new stationary or items for student flats. Everything seemed to be all about 'new'.

And yet it is the time of year when creation seems to start dying. The leaves on trees change colour and drop. Many flowers and plants wither and die. The sun sinks lower in the sky and the air starts to get chilly. Crops and fruits are harvested and stored, and within our church we celebrate our Harvest Festival.

I enjoy this yearly cycle of life. Unlike many, I have never lost my childhood love of snow, those first snowdrops and celandines, the ducks pairing off on the canal and the little ducklings emerging sometime later from their hidden nests. I love the first signs of warmth in Spring and the sudden spurt of growth in plants that ensues as the days grow longer and eventually hotter again.

It reminds me of The Book of Ecclesiastes that says that 'there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven' (Ecclesiastes 3.1). Certainly God's creation plays a large part in my joy of the 'cycle of life.'

After the unusually hot days this summer and the number that we have had of them, hearing of horrific wildfires around the world being a threat to life, it has certainly made me think of how can we ensure that God's creation is cared for, even down to the tiny insects that are so valuable in our eco system. Perhaps we all need to think afresh on what we do, say or even vote for, in order to make a difference within our natural world. Our steps may seem small, but together we can make a difference that will preserve the beauty and wonder of the world that God has made.

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who live in it ..Psalm 24.1*



Editors' Letter – September/October

As we step into the new school year, there's always a sense of fresh beginnings in the air. Even if we're long past our own days of new uniforms and sharpened pencils, September still carries that unmistakable feeling of possibility. Children return to classrooms, teachers prepare to welcome them, and families adjust to new rhythms. It's a season that reminds us that learning and growing never truly stop.

Across our parish, this time of year often brings exciting new adventures. Some of our young people are starting school for the very first time; others are moving up a year, meeting new friends, or discovering new interests. For adults, too, autumn can be a moment to begin something hopeful — a new project, a renewed commitment, or simply a gentler pace after the busy summer months.

As a community, we have the privilege of cheering one another on. Let's keep in our prayers all pupils, teachers, support staff, and families as they navigate the weeks ahead. May they find joy in learning, courage in challenges, and kindness in every corridor and classroom.

If you have news to share, a story to tell, or an idea for a future issue, we would love to hear from you. Whether it's a parish update, a reflection, or something you're passionate about, your contributions help make this magazine a true reflection of our shared life.

Wishing you a season filled with hope, curiosity, and new beginnings.

Jenny & Alan





At the end of a busy term developing our pollinator patch for the pollinator trail through the village in July and then learning about the things that happened to Joseph after he was given that amazing coat, we had a wonderful session at Hyning Monastery to end the term.

On a lovely sunny day in the beautiful gardens, Sister Mary Helen accompanied us as we explored what we need to take, and some of the difficulties we might face, as we journey in Jesus' footsteps. We thought about how we could deal with those situations and how Jesus is always there to help us.





We attended and contributed to Midday Office in the monastery chapel before our families joined us for a picnic, games and a teddy nun hunt in the gardens.



Junior Church starts again in September. Do get in touch if you would like to know more. 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.

Coffee Morning



at St Oswald's Church, Warton, LA5 9QW.

SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER

10am—12 noon

FREE ENTRY—everyone welcome!
Refreshments available for a donation

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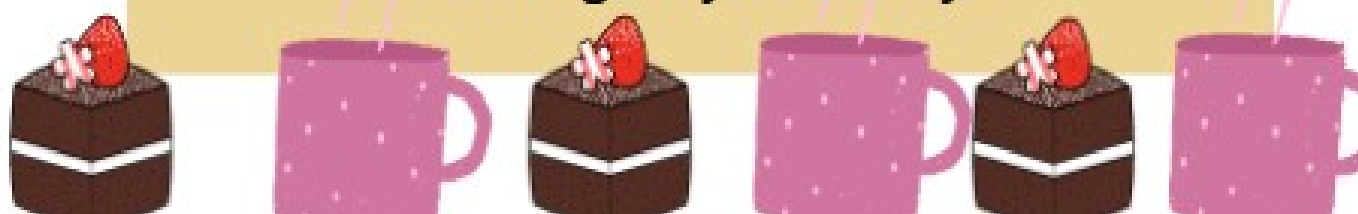
Monthly Charity Coffee Morning

First Saturday of every month 10am-12pm

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

July CancerCare	August Morecambe Bay foodbank	Sept 
Oct 	Nov Autumn Fayre	Dec  Church hall
Jan 	Feb	March

**Contact Vanessa Alpin 07746 790979 to discuss
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Celebrate 100 years of Blackburn Diocese

11th—13th September

St



*Friday 11th 10.30am
Coffee & Cake at
John's Church
Followed by
Summer Lunch*

*Sat 12th 2-4pm
Quiet Reflection at
St John's Church*



**BUBBLE
CHURCH**

*Sun 13th 11.30am
Bubble Church at
St Oswald's Church Hall*

*Sun 13th 4pm
Songs of Praise
At St Mary's*



Quiet Reflection

TIME FOR PEACEFUL CONTEMPLATION

Would you like time and space to...

♥ *Think of someone you miss...
and light a candle if you wish*

♥ *Be Thankful*

🧘 *Sit Quietly and Reflect*

🪨 *Set Down a Heavy Burden*



Join us for a time of stillness and reflection

Saturday 12th September
2–4 pm

St John's Church

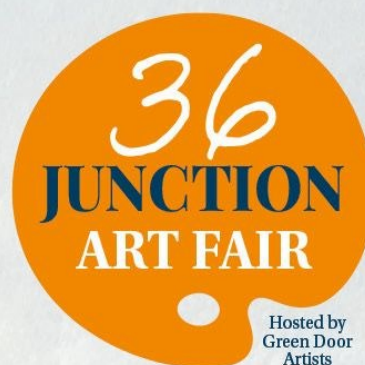
*Stay for a few moments or
as long as you wish.*

All are welcome...



ART FAIR

9 - 11 October 2026

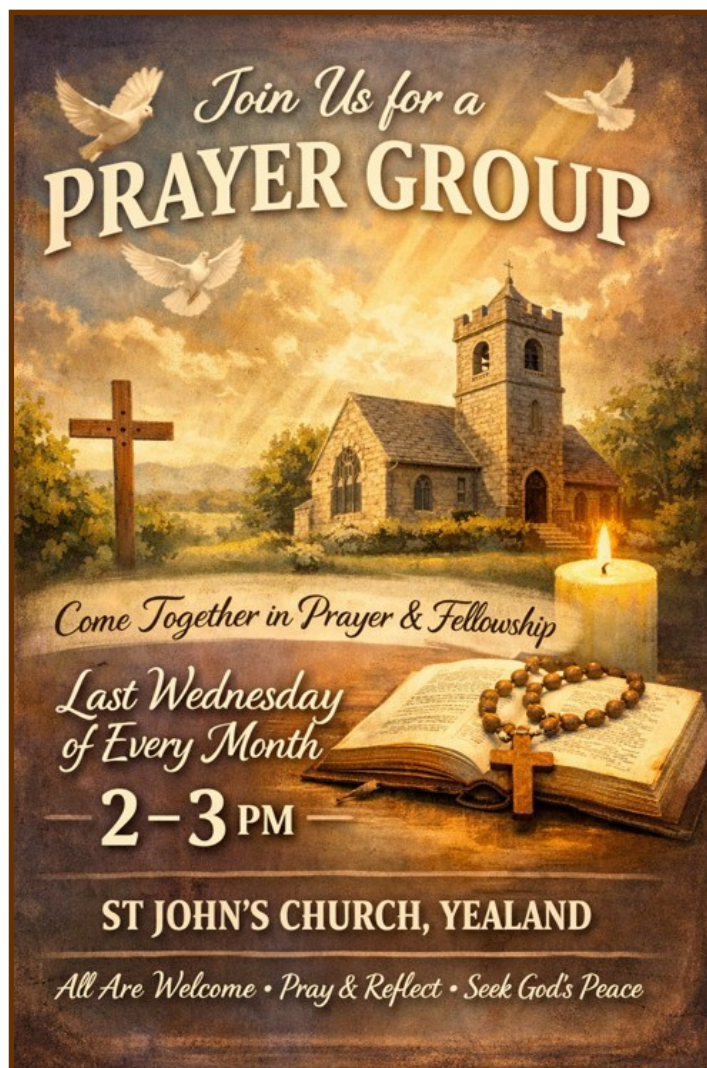


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Saturday 7th November
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St John's Church*

*Tickets:
Adults £5 Children £2.50*

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As Summer slowly draws to a close, September brings with it those familiar signs that another season is beginning. The days gradually become shorter, mornings feel a little cooler, and the first hints of Autumn begin to appear in the changing colours of the leaves. Gardens and hedgerows are still full of life, while the fields around us are busy with the final stages of the harvest.

For all of us, September can be a time to pause, look back on the Summer that has passed, and look ahead with hope and anticipation to all that the coming months may bring.

It is also a month of new beginnings. After the freedom and relaxed pace of the summer holidays, families settle back into their usual routines. Older teenagers may be heading off to college, university or beginning their first job while for some children, it means starting a new school or moving to the next stage of their education, while others may be taking their first steps into nursery or primary school. Babies and Toddler groups, another important part of family life, are also re opening after the holidays. 'Little Stars' which meets weekly in the Methodist Church on a Thursday morning from 9 - 11am for babies and pre school children will again be opening its doors on the 3rd September. This is always a popular event with many young families in the area and a great place for new families in the village to make new friends.

Whatever changes life may bring, it is good to know that we can rest in the comforting assurance that God remains constant. He walks with us through every new chapter, gently guiding us into the unknown, already present in what lies ahead, and always ready to offer His strength, protection, and peace.

Messy Church news

At our last Messy Church we enjoyed another lively and fun -filled afternoon, this time centred on Jesus' parable of the wise man who built his house upon the rock. After sharing our usual finger-food buffet together, children and adults alike threw themselves into a variety of creative and engaging activities. There was plenty of laughter as we baked rock buns, carefully decorated and painted stones, and built miniature houses on both rock and sand. The excitement grew as we created our own 'storms' to test which houses would stand firm and which would fall.

Above all, it left us with a simple but powerful reminder: when we build our lives on a strong foundation of faith, we are able to stand firm through whatever storms may come.

Looking Ahead

We have several upcoming events we'd love you to join us for. We will be at the Big Green Lunch at Archbishop Hutton's School on Saturday 5th September from 12 - 4pm, with the Messy Church team providing games and crafts for children. Then on Sunday 20th September, 4.00–6.00 pm, we will hold our very popular Messy Harvest - a relaxed, family-friendly afternoon with stories and activities for all ages. Lastly on Saturday 31st October we invite everybody to our Halloween Light Party. All are welcome; children should be always be accompanied by a parent or carer. Further details of all these events will be advertised on posters around the village and on social media.

As well as all these events for families we also hold regular prayer meetings and house groups along side our regular weekly Sunday worship at 10.00 am. There will always be a warm welcome for everyone at any of these events.

For more information in please contact our minister, Rev. Linda Catlow, at revlindcat@gmail.com or Rosie Marsh on 07710 916091.



Messy Church **Warton Methodist Church** **HARVEST**

Everyone welcome! All ages!

Let's celebrate God's amazing gifts!

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- Creative Crafts
- Exciting Activities
- Bible Story
- Songs & Fun
- Tasty Food

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4–6pm

Warton Methodist Church
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- A warm welcome awaits!
- Food for everyone to enjoy!

Give thanks to the Lord! Psalm 107:1

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A RESPONSIBLE ADULT

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Join us at
ST JOHN'S CHURCH
SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER at 3pm

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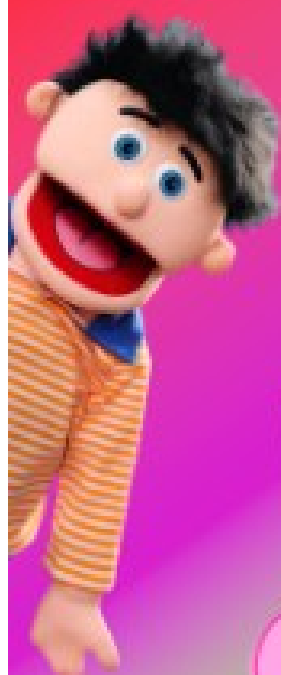


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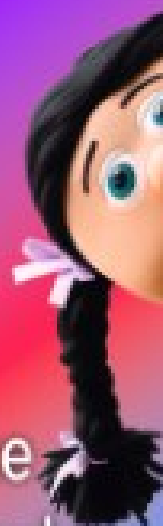
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BUBBLE CHURCH

Second Sunday of each month
11.30 am
St Oswald's Church Hall, Warton

Bubble Church is a fun-filled 30-minute service especially for young children and their families with puppets, story and songs, followed by a free light lunch.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



The Family Cafés

If you have young children or grandchildren and are on the lookout for free holiday activities, why not try coming to one of our holiday family cafés?

There is one every half term and more in the longer holidays. They take place in St Oswald's Church Hall in Warton, last for 2 hours and are free. There is no need to book, you just turn up with an adult. At the moment we offer 3 different types of café.

At the Lego and Duplo Cafés there are trays of Lego on the tables and lots of Duplo and Big Bricks on a carpet on the floor. The families are free to create whatever they want – and they are extremely creative!





At the Family Games Café there are lots of different games to play suitable for all ages, different numbers of people and requiring different skills. As well as sitting down games, there are also more active games and activities suitable for toddlers.



At the Family Craft Cafés tables are set out with the resources to do different types of crafts, there are some ideas and examples of things that you could create with those resources but again the emphasis is on families exploring their creativity together and having fun.



At all the cafés refreshments are provided and there are people available to help out, chat or referee as required!

The dates of the family cafés are advertised on social media and on posters in Warton and Yealand. The next will be a Lego and Duplo café during the October half term – on the 29th October from 2 – 4pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information, contact Vanessa Alpin on 07746 790979.





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

For just £52 a year per entry, you'll have the chance to win monthly cash prizes while supporting St Oswald's and St John's Churches.

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

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St John's Church — contact the Secretary at St John's slg623@icloud.com

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Minimum age: 18.**



Let all that
you do be
done in love

1 Corinthians 16:14

Inspire ★ Believe ★ Achieve

We hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday with lots of times shared with family and friends in the sunshine.

In September, we start the year with a special 'welcome' service at St. John's Church for those families and children new to our school. If you would like to attend this service it is at **9:30am Wednesday 16th September at St. John's Church, Yealand**. We would love to welcome you. During this service, our Year 3 children are presented with their Bibles which will be used during their time within Swallow class. We will also have the opportunity to welcome back Miss Scott, who returns to school following her maternity leave.

This year our school turns 185. We had a wonderful day celebrating at the end of our summer term with live music and fun raising money for Alder Hey hospital, who supported one of our children and their family.

These celebrations are ongoing, with us joining in with the Mourholme Historical weekend at the start of September. We will open our school doors for those interested in looking at the historical artefacts we hold in school from the past 185 years from 10-4:30pm on both days. If you have any tales to tell about life at Yealand School, we would love to hear them.

This time of year, is always filled with excitement as new roles and responsibilities are shared amongst our children. Our children have responsibility for leading worship; supporting recycling, growth and green issues in school and the local community as part of the eco-crew; fundraising for charities and school improvements and sharing issues with staff through our school council; encouraging active play as play leaders and engaging others in a love of reading in our library. Each year their ambitions are bolder and cause a ripple effect for making changes beyond our school gates. I look forward to reporting on their achievements in the summer term.

We have a current vacancy for a Local Authority Governor, if you would like to know more about this role or would like to come and visit us.

Please just call 01524 781360.

Warmest wishes
Kathryn Brown



Archbishop Hutton's V.C Primary School

We Have School Places Available

Is your child ready to start school in September 2027 or 2028?

We have 5 dates for you to visit our incredible school



Thursday 24 September @ 1:30pm

Tuesday 6 October @ 9:30am

Monday 19 October @ 1:30am

Thursday 5 November @ 9:30am

Monday 9 November @ 1:30pm



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Reflections.....

50 years ago, I was ordained priest in Carlisle Cathedral. This is a glimpse of five tumultuous decades. After university at Durham and training in Cambridge I ended up in a tiny flat in the most dramatic area of Barrow and what fun we had. My training vicar (Eric) was a genius. He was also an accomplished magician. Life was a roller-coaster with him and I learned a lot about being connected with people. I also had time with another Eric who introduced me to parish admin – two main themes of my ministry.

My journey had begun and would take in West Cumbria, Carlisle, Barrow and then, to everyone's surprise, Essex. It has really been about being constantly surprised by God. Perhaps a few headings would help.

Let's drive to Taize in France.

Foolhardily, I drove my clapped out Simca 1000 to central France but I and the young people from Barrow with me had such a spirit-filled, life-changing time that we went again the next year. Oh, and I met my future wife Jan along the way.

Tell me a story

From sheep farming to what really happened on the London docks, I have enjoyed the stories people have told me. I have been privileged to hear sad and happy personal histories. It is a priest's honour to listen.

Why don't we?

I have enjoyed leading 3 team ministries. That means I had both clergy and lay colleagues. I enjoyed their expertise and courage as well as their support, realism and the imagination to try things – like a townwide passion play; having St Nicholas arrive in a lifeboat ending up with a procession of 300 children; standing on the beach waiting for the sun to pop up at 5am on Easter Day.

Boats and ships ahoy!

I am not a sailor, but boats have featured large in my ministry from submarines to cruise liners. Most memorable was dedicating a former diving tender that a Christian charity persuaded BAE systems to convert into a medical and dental surgery now sailing along the remote stretches of the Amazon; holding on tight to the rail on a lifeboat in a gale while baptising a baby in the ship's bell; surprising disembarking passengers by arriving with the Bishop to dedicate the massive MV Stena Britannica; taking the annual service for Trinity House - the lighthouse authority. There is no limit to the times you can use "guiding light" in a sermon! All a bit unusual, but it seems people like the church involved in milestone moments.

We are all in this together.

In Barrow, my remit was to be involved in the community, so I found myself at meetings with the finance and voluntary sectors, education and regeneration and many politicians. Church does not stop at the door on Sundays, but we have a message of justice and well-being for our communities.

Bureaucracy lives.

Strangely, I like committees because structures do matter. We should use them to better the world. I never found church synods even General Synod boring. Mind you, I sometime struggled on school governing bodies.

The global village.

I have been fortunate to visit churches in Ghana and Brazil and have seen what real poverty looks like but also amazing generosity. Contrastingly, I have also been to USA and Germany. Everywhere I felt part of the same Christian family. Funnily I went to a parish tea in the gaucho area of Brazil. It could have been a “parish do” in N. Lancs except that the main food was a massive pan of black beans.

The Fundamentals

The best part has been the regular routine of worship and celebrating the Eucharist – our heartbeat.

How would I sum it up?

I remember standing with a Rabbi in our church in front of some elderly people who had come through Harwich with Kindertransport having been rescued from Nazi Germany in 1938/39, probably never to see their parents again. We sang, very slowly, *When I needed a neighbour were you there? And the creed and the colour and the name won't matter, I'll be there.* It was heartbreaking and joyful at the same time. That sums up ministry.

I have been on a great journey along with my wife, Jan, and our two sons. God has been good. God is good.

Peter Mann

Congratulations



Congratulations
Peter & Arthur
as you celebrate
50 years
of priesthood





THE HISTORY SOCIETY FOR THE OLD PARISH OF WARTON

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

Wednesday 30th September 2026 at 7-30pm

A Virtual Tour of Medieval Lancaster

A talk by Dr Chris Tinmouth

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Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 7-30pm

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Sat 5th & Sun 6th Sept
Yealand History Weekend

Exhibits - Note opening times

Saturday 5th September and Sunday 6th September 10am-4pm

Leighton Hall - Exhibits and exhibitors showing the history of the Yealands (ample parking)

Saturday 5th September and Sunday 6th September 10am-4pm

Yealand School - Exhibit about the history of the school including the logs books from the early 1900s. (parking)

Saturday 5th September 10.30am-4pm

Quaker Meeting House - Exhibits about the history of Quakerism in Yealand - Refreshments available (except while talk is on between 12pm and 12.45pm) (limited parking)

St John's Church of England Church - Exhibits about the history of the Church and Blackburn Diocese- Refreshments available (limited parking)

Sunday 6th September- Open only 12.pm-4pm

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Warton and Yealand

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2026

**September 19th, 11:00 – 13:30
Warton Methodist Church**

**October 17th, 10:00 – 13:00
Yealand Village Hall**

**November 21st, 11:00 – 13:30
Warton Methodist Church**

2027

**January 16th, 10:00 – 13:00
Yealand Village Hall**

**February 20th, 11:00 – 13:30
Warton Methodist Church**

**March 20th, 10:00 – 13:00
Yealand Village Hall**

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The **4th Repair Café** will be on September 19th at Warton Methodist Church 11:00 to 13:30. The first 3 have been very successful, by making repairs we have saved 24 items from landfill. This includes a whole range of things from garden shears to lamps and clocks, a Cricket bowling machine, coffee machines, sewing machines and a music box to give you an idea of what we can do. We have put 4 bikes back on the road and mended 15 items of clothing.



All our volunteers make the best effort to repair your items, but when this is not possible, they will offer advice or signpost to a local more specialist service.

We are very much a community project, bringing people together over tea and cake with the positive advantage of saving you money and preventing you from buying new items that are not needed. If you have anything that needs fixing, come along to the café in September.

New volunteer repairers are always welcome, if you have a talent for sewing or are handy with a screwdriver, enjoy problem solving and are willing to give things a go please consider joining us. The repair cafes run on the third Saturday of every month, you do not need to commit to attending each one, we would be grateful of any help you can offer.

If interested you could come along to the next one to see what it is all about or you drop us a line by email on : repaircafewartonyealand@gmail.com



Since 2023, we've distributed more than £250,000 of **Pots of Possibility** grant funding to over 50 organisations across Lancaster District. The final round of funding launches on 1st September. If you have an idea for a project that could regenerate the environment and support your community, then don't miss out - Your Pots 2026 is your last chance to apply.

We're offering up to £10,000 to social enterprises, charities and other not-for-profit organisations to deliver projects that fit into any of the following themes:

Repair & reuse: Reusing, repurposing and repairing materials currently going to waste (textiles, electronics, packaging, surplus food, etc)

Shared resources and community space: Sharing resources (tools, materials, skills, etc) or repurposing unused space for community benefit

Communication, arts and festivals: Inspiring people to use and buy things more sustainably and to produce less waste

Food-related projects: Growing, cooking and eating food that's local, seasonal and sustainably produced

We want this funding to make a difference across the whole of the Lancaster City Council district. We welcome all applications but we particularly welcome applications from areas such as **Carnforth, Heysham, Silverdale and rural communities** that haven't yet received funding.

We're also keen to see ideas relating to themes that haven't yet been funded, including **renewable community energy projects, sustainable community transport and community-led housing initiatives.**

[Find out how to apply here](#) or come along to one of our drop-in sessions:

Monday 7 Sept 10:00–12:00: Room 4, The Cornerstone, Sulyard St, Lancaster LA1 1PX

Monday 14 Sept 13:00–15:00: The Link, 11-13 West Street, Morecambe LA3 1RB

Tuesday 15 Sept: Carnforth venue & time tbc

To see all the projects we've funded since 2023, have a look at our webpage <https://foodfutures.org.uk/pop-funded-projects/>

If you're thinking about applying and would like some 1:1 feedback on your project ideas, we're offering a limited number of 20-minute online mentoring slots.

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4th Sept – Film at The Heron – H is for Hawk – Based on naturalist Helen Macdonald's memoir, Helen loses herself in memories of birding & exploring the natural world, before training a wild goshawk 7.30pm

6th Sept - Classical Guitar – Sam Rodwell – Award-winning international classical guitarist. A must-see performer. 2.30pm

11th Sept - On Our Way To Lisbon – Isocles theatre – Two fans fondly recreate how the mighty Glasgow Celtic won the European Cup in 1967 this 7.30pm.

15th Sept – Exhibition on Screen – David Hockney at the Royal Academy, Britain's greatest artist's exhibitions in London, of 2012 and 2016 2pm

25th Sept – Emmeline Pankhurst: Angel or Anarchist – On a Role – Liz Grand stars as Emmeline, exploring her life as one of the most influential & well-known British women, in her tireless campaign for votes for women 7.30pm.

26th Sept – Blues/Soul – Jon Kenzie – Jon showcases blues, folk and soul. His latest album 'Silent Applause' is a fusion of all genres he plays so well. 7.30pm.

2nd Oct - Film at the Heron – Sentimental Value – Sisters Nora & Agnes reunite with their estranged father, a once renowned director. A sharp satire. 7.30pm.

4th Oct - Flanders & Swan – John Lofthouse – Join John and Jon Rees for an afternoon of laughter, nostalgia and musicality 2.30pm.

9th Oct - That Knave, Raleigh – Dyad Productions – Sir Walter Raleigh was Elizabeth 1's favourite knave. A journey through 65 years of his life. 7.30pm

13th Oct - Exhibition on Screen – James McNeill Whistler – One of the great innovators of the contemporary impressionists. 2pm.

17th Oct – Sugarfoot – Country music – A rich blend of Country and Americana, the band have been bringing Nashville to the area for over 20 years. 7.30pm.

24th Oct – Animal Farm – Sam Blythe performs in Guy Masterson's acclaimed Adaptation, bringing all the characters to life in a mesmerising performance 7.30pm



A Prayer for the New School Year

Holy God, As a new school year begins, we place into your hands all who will learn, teach, support, and grow in the months ahead. Bless our children with curiosity, courage, and joy as they step into new classrooms and new routines. Steady the hearts of those who feel anxious or unsure; surround them with kindness that helps them feel safe and seen.

Strengthen teachers, staff, and volunteers with patience, creativity, and compassion. May every corridor and classroom become a place where all are welcomed, respected, and encouraged to flourish.

For families juggling busy days, grant peace in the rushing and gentleness in the challenges. For those carrying grief, worry, or heavy burdens, let your comfort be close and your light steady.

Guide us as a community to nurture one another, celebrate each small victory, and face each difficulty with hope.

May this year be filled with learning, laughter, and the quiet assurance that you walk with us always.

Amen.





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