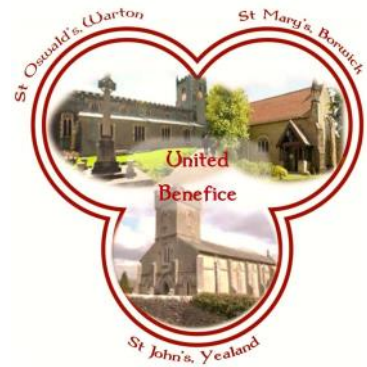


Parish News

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



May 2022

DEAR READER

Hello everyone

Re-formatting all the entries for your Parish Magazine can take up to **10 hours per edition**, so to help **reduce the volunteer time** involved in producing and editing your magazine, please try to send your copy in as follows:

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If you need any help with the above, please do not hesitate to ask Robin or myself for advice, we are always happy to help 😊

Kind regards, Kate

Accessing the Parish News magazine

As we have explained in recent editions of the magazine we have decided that we need to reduce the overall cost of printing the magazine.

Like many other publications, we are aware that an increasing number of people are able to access and read newspapers and magazines online on their computer/tablets/phone or by downloading a copy and printing if they need to.

As from the March 2022 edition of the Parish News, copies will be delivered to people who have requested this option; other people can pick up a print copy from one of our churches or from Warton Post Office.

If you, or someone you know, would a print copy delivered to your home please let the Vicar know by phone at 01524 732946 or by email at vicarwby@outlook.com or by post at The Vicarage, 92 Main Street, Warton, Carnforth LA5 9PG.

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Welcome to our May Parish News

Dear friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Christians around the world, from north and south, from east and west, have recently celebrated Easter Day and the good news of the resurrection. For fifty days between Easter Day and the Day of Pentecost the Church now celebrates the Season of Easter that reminds us that “we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song”.

In the story of Holy Week and Easter Jesus reveals the truth about God. In Jesus we discover that “God is Light and in God there is no darkness at all” (1 John 1.5).

The Easter Liturgy, which takes place in the darkness of Easter Eve, begins with the lighting of the new Easter Candle. As the candle is lit the following words are said: “May the light of Christ, rising in glory, banish all darkness from our hearts and minds”. It is the light of the risen Jesus present with us that can transform the darkness of our human world.

There is darkness in our human world; far too much darkness. Not just in Ukraine, but in Afghanistan, Syria, Yemen, South Sudan; the list could go on. We now have an increasing cost of living crisis to add to the climate crisis and the continuing consequences of the Covid pandemic.

The past couple of years have been tough for so many; the Covid-19 pandemic and other crises have thrown many of us off balance. The impact – physical, emotional, spiritual, economic – will be felt for a long time to come.

But, says God at Easter, darkness does not have the last word. The light of the Easter candle penetrates the darkness of our

world and cannot be extinguished. It is the risen, crucified Jesus that we meet in the garden by the empty tomb. The Jesus who greets us with the words ‘Peace be with you’ is the risen Jesus who still bears the wounds of the worst that we humans can do to him, the scars of torture and violation.



Easter whispers to a world that isn't expecting or waiting for God that violence, death and destruction do not have the final word in this world – or in our broken and seemingly fragile lives. God acts, and the word is ‘resurrection’. Bishop Nick Baines, condensed the mystery of Easter as follows, “Easter means ... being drawn by hope, not driven by fear.”

During the Season of Easter hold on to the hope that is symbolised by the flame that burns on our new Easter candles each time we gather to offer our worship to God. Remember that, as Pope Francis said, “God loves us. God loves us madly. As one saint used to say, God’s love seems like madness.”

God’s Love may seem like madness, but it is this Love that has the power to transform our world, our society and ourselves.

As Bishop Michael Curry, says, “Go forth into this world. Don’t be afraid. And don’t be ashamed to be people of love. And go forth into this world and help us to change it from the nightmare it often is into the dream that God intends”.

This Easter may the risen, crucified Jesus encourage you and challenge you and lead you to new depths of love for all people.

May the risen Lord bless you.

Robin Figg, Vicar

Services during May

The regular pattern of services on Sundays is:

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's (according to the Book of Common Prayer)
9.15am Parish Eucharist at St John's. This service will be livestreamed on the Benefice [YouTube channel](#).
9.15am Eucharist at St Mary's (on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month).
11.00am Parish Eucharist at St Oswald's

The regular pattern of midweek services is:

- Tuesdays Eucharist at St Mary's at 11.00am on the 2nd Tuesday of the month
Wednesdays Eucharist at St John's at 9.15am
Thursdays Eucharist at St Oswald's at 11.00am

Daily Monday, Tuesday, Thursday to Saturday at 9.15am

The Vicar will say Morning Prayer on behalf of all the people of the benefice. People are invited to join Robin by saying Morning Prayer at home. A simple form of Morning Prayer is available to download from the benefice website at www.ubwby.org.

Night Prayer

A recording of Night Prayer (Compline) is available via the link on the home page of our website; the form of service is also available to download.

The pattern of midweek activities in our churches includes:

- Tuesdays Coffee Stop at St Oswald's from 9.00am until 11.00am
Tuesdays *Faith Matters* group at St Mary's at 12 noon until 1.00pm on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Bring your own lunch; drinks provided.
Wednesdays Knit & Natter at St John's at 2.00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month
Thursdays Breaking Bread Lunch at St Oswald's at 11.45am
'Open Door Cafe' social at St Mary's from 2.00pm until 4.00pm on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Ascension Day — Thursday 26th May

Eucharist at St John's at 7.30pm.



Please check the Weekly Sheet, Benefice website or Facebook page for any changes to the above information.

Services during May

The Season of Easter

The fifty days between Easter Day and the Day of Pentecost are a time of unparalleled joy and celebration in the Christian year. These days of Eastertide form a single festival period, in which this tone of joy is sustained. Tertullian calls “this most joyful period”.

On the fortieth day, there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ’s Ascension. The risen Jesus commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The days between Ascension Day and the Day of Pentecost are days of prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

The Paschal candle is lit for all services during this season.



Ascension Day, Thursday 26th May

“The Ascension is not about the absence of Christ, but about the ascendancy of Christ. The ascension of Christ to the right hand of God is the ascendancy, the rise, the elevation, the promotion of Christ to the position of all authority in heaven and on earth. The right hand of God is not a cosmological location, but a poetic way of saying that God has now given all authority to Christ. The ascension of Christ does not lead to the absence of Christ, but to his cosmic presence everywhere. This is why the risen Christ says, “Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” In the Ascension Christ now “fills all things everywhere with himself.” There is now no place where Christ is not, and there is no domain over which Jesus is not Lord.” *Brian Zahnd*



The Day of Pentecost, Sunday 5th June

“At the core of Jesus’ life and message was this good news: the Spirit of God, the Spirit of aliveness, the Wind-breath-fire-cloud-water-wine-dove Spirit who filled Jesus is on the move in our world. And that gives us a choir: do we dig in our heels, clench our fists and live for our own agenda, or do we let go, let be and let come...and so be taken up in to the Spirit’s movement?”

That was what the disciples experienced on the day of Pentecost, according to Luke, when the Spirit manifested as wind and fire...The Spirit isn’t restricted to one elite language or one superior culture. Instead, the Spirit speaks to everyone everywhere in his or her native tongue.” *Brian McLaren*



From our churches

Join us for Lunch!

Every Thursday at St Oswald's we offer a lunch, usually soup, sandwiches and cakes. We have a quiet Eucharist in church at 11am followed by lunch at about 11.45am.

Join us for either, or both! Carers are welcome too.

If you need transport we will try to help.

A donation of around £3 is invited.



Coffee Stop at St Oswald's

Is somewhere to meet for a drink, cake and a chat!

Every Tuesday 9am to 11am at St Oswald's Church, Warton (toys are available for young children).

All are welcome.



Irvine's Coffee Evening

7.00pm Thursday 19th May at the Church Hall, Warton

Cake Stall - Tombola - Bric a Brac - Coffee, Tea & Biscuits

In aid of St Oswald's Restoration Fund

All Welcome

St Oswald's Ukraine Fundraising Coffee Morning

A HUGE thank you to everyone for all your support. It was great to see so many people in the church enjoying the surroundings and for such a wonderful cause. In total you raised £1109.20 which has now been sent to the DEC for the people of Ukraine.

Watch this space for our next event.



Junior Church

This half of term we have had lots going on. We took part in the Mothering Sunday All Together service, thinking about all the people who have mothered us and how we can mother not only those we know and love, but also people who we do not know. We enjoyed leading the intercessions using British Sign Language and distributing bunches of flowers to everyone.



We joined in the fundraising coffee morning for Ukraine by running the lucky dip and were enthusiastic supporters of the cake stall and tombola!

We have also continued our Lent Challenge inviting every household in the benefice to donate at least one item a week throughout Lent to the Olive Branch in Lancaster, a charity who support people who find themselves in distress due to things such as job loss, family break down, homelessness, seeking asylum or substance or alcohol misuse.

We have had a fabulous response to this challenge and have been able to take many bags down to the Olive Branch each week. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported us. Thank you so much.

On the 6th of April we were lucky to be able to visit the Olive Branch. We took in the week's donations, helped sort them into the right boxes and then made up bags of food for two families. We were told about some of their food preferences and what toiletries they needed. In addition to tinned food, we selected fresh vegetables, eggs, milk, butter and bread and put in an Easter Egg for each of them before loading the bags into the volunteer's car ready for delivery that afternoon.

It was really good to see how the foodbank worked, to find out more about where the donations come from and how the food parcels are made up to meet the needs of those receiving them. It was also lovely to meet some of the staff and volunteers at the Olive Branch who made us very welcome.

Junior Church meets every Sunday during term time in St Oswald's Church Hall from 11 - 12am. It is open to children aged 3 to 10 and under 3's accompanied by an adult. We explore our faith together through activities, games, songs, drama and fun! If you would like more information, please contact Vanessa Alpin on 07746 790979.



From our churches

Annual Church Meetings

In the Church of England each parish or district holds annual meetings. This year our annual meetings take place in late April and late May.

On Thursday 28th April at 7.30pm the Annual District Church Meeting for St Mary's will take place in the church. All those who live in Borwick and Priest Hutton and others who worship at St Mary's are entitled to attend.

On Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of St John, Yealand will take place at St John's. All those who live in the Yealands and others who worship at St John's are entitled to attend.

On Sunday 22nd May at 12.15pm the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting for the Parish of St Oswald, Warton and St Mary, Borwick will take place at St Oswald's. All those who live in Warton, Millhead, Borwick and Priest Hutton and others who worship at St Oswald's or St Mary's are entitled to attend.

Each of these meetings are important occasions in the life of the church communities in each parish. At the meetings we elect those who will share in the leadership of the parish for the coming year and we have the opportunity to reflect together on the past year and to help think about the future life of God's church in this parish.

The Annual Meetings of Parishioners (open to everyone resident in the parish and those on the church electoral roll) will elect two churchwardens for the coming year for the respective parish. The Annual Parochial Church Meetings (open to those on the church electoral roll) will elect people to serve on the respective Parochial Church Council.

To share in the leadership of God's Church is an important function and everyone is encouraged to consider prayerfully if they are being called by God to serve in this way. We hope as many members of our communities as possible will come to these meetings.

A copy of the legal Notices for the different meetings and the nomination forms can be found on the *Annual Meetings* section of our website [here](#). You will also be able to download the Annual Report & Financial Statements for each parish.



Tweens and Teens



Our May event!

SATURDAY 21ST MAY 2022 AT 4PM Lancaster Treasure Hunt

Meet outside Barclays bank 4pm

RSVP to Emma 07968672001 or Linda 07795018319 to reserve places

Daisy and Poppy's African Bingo Fundraiser

Thank you so much to everyone who supported Daisy and Poppy at their Bingo Night in the Village Hall. Together we raised over £700 which is a great help towards their fundraising for building supplies for when they go on their trip to Malawi in July to build a school for a small village. Thank you.

Here is a list of the village events coming up — Please have a look at our events in **BOLD**. We can't wait to see you all again - please let us know if you can come?

- 19th May – Irvine's Coffee Evening 7pm Church Hall
- **21st May – Tweens and Teens Family Treasure Hunt 4pm meet at Barclays, Lancaster (Yr8 s and under need an adult pls)**
 - 3rd June – Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration
 - **18th June – Kids Games Event and Coffee 2pm St Oswald's ***
 - **2nd July – Tweens and Teens Family BBQ Yealand House 4pm**
 - 9th July – 12 hr Musicathon 8am-8pm.

* Please let us know which games you could bring and share with us all.
Enjoy the sunshine! Emma and Linda



From the Diocese of Blackburn

Retirement of the Bishop of Blackburn

In March Bishop Julian wrote to the Diocese to announce his impending retirement at the end of August. In his letter Bishop Julian said:



After nearly nine years I have decided to retire at the end of August this year after the Lambeth Conference of Bishops from around the Anglican Communion. The Queen has been informed and my deed of resignation has been countersigned by the Archbishop of York.

God willing, my plan is to hand over my Diocesan Pastoral Staff to the Dean in the Cathedral for safe keeping on July 16th after a short Diocesan Synod earlier that morning. I can't quite express how I feel about this, as I would love to stay, do more, be around for the Diocesan conference in October and remain part of the extraordinary story of what God is doing in the Church of England in Lancashire in the ongoing implementation of Vision 2026. However, my plan all along has been to ensure the Vision is not tied too tightly to me as a person and is owned by the diocese. I don't need to be present to see it continue. We have an amazing team who are more than able to carry on the next phase of the work.

In fact about 18 months ago I read those solemn words of Jesus to Peter in Matthew 16.23, 'You are a stumbling block to Me' and I resolved then that I would try to make sure that I would not get in the way of Jesus and His work, be a stumbling block, not overstay, nor understay my time here. The last thing I want is to slow down or obstruct what He wants to do here in Lancashire. In one sense there is never a good time to leave, but I shall be 68 this summer and after 43 years of ministry in the Church of England it is right to step aside, allow someone else to take on this exciting and significant role in Lancashire and for Heather and I to be able to spend more time with our family in Sussex and friends around the country.

I plan to finish as I started in 2013, with a short prayer visit to each Deanery in early July. This will be to give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed in the last nine years and to look to Him afresh for what lies ahead.

You will see this news conveyed to the Diocese and beyond in a number of ways over the coming days and weeks and no doubt I will have opportunities to share the reasons behind my decision with others as I have with you all today. Blackburn Diocese in its recently elected Vacancy in See Committee will begin the process of working out a profile of the sort of Bishop the Diocese seeks for the next part of its pilgrimage, the kind of person they believe God wants to call and send here. Bishop Jill has been elected by the Bishop's Council to Chair that committee. Please pray for her and the Committee as they begin their work on behalf of the diocese.

In the mean time I have asked Bishop Philip to step up once more and the diocesan

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From the wider Church



Christian Aid Week 15-21 May 2022

Christian Aid Week 2022

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Drought starves. It robs women of the power to farm and grow food for their families. Now, for the first time in a generation, global poverty is rising. Covid-19, conflict and the climate crisis are pushing more of our global neighbours into a struggle for survival.

Women and men in Zimbabwe are hungry to provide a more hopeful future. Mums often skip meals to share with their children what little food they have.

One of these mums is Jessica Mwedzi. Drought makes every day a struggle for survival. Jessica is hungry. Hungry for a good meal. Hungry to earn a decent living. Hungry to provide a more hopeful future for her family.

'My children crave a good meal, but I can't provide.' Jessica says. **'It pains me to send them to bed hungry.'**

Your gift could help Jessica grow drought-resistant crops. You could help her set up a water tap on her farm and learn how to grow food in the harsh climate. She'll turn her dry, dusty land into a garden of hope.



Jessica Mwedzi carries maize grain to make porridge to feed her family.

This Christian Aid Week, you can be one of the hundreds of thousands of our supporters who give, act and pray – stepping out in love for our global neighbours. With you by our side, we won't stop until everyone can live a full life, free from poverty and hunger.

From envelope collections to walking 300,000 steps in May, Christian Aid Week brings people together as one community helping those living in poverty to transform their own lives.

This Christian Aid Week (15-21 May), please:

- **Give** generously to help women grow crops that survive in the drought.
- **Act** and raise your voice for justice. Join our Loss and Damage campaign.
- **Pray** that families will stay strong during tough times of drought.

Together, we can turn hunger into hope.

Join us at [caweek.org](https://www.caweek.org)

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From our churches

Easter celebrations

St Oswald's



St John's



St Mary's

From the Parish Registers

Service of Thanksgiving

Thursday 7th April

Freda Adamson (at St Oswald's)



From the Diocese of Blackburn

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bishop's powers will be delegated to him during the vacancy. He will be supported by an excellent and willing wider team and, I am sure, by you all. It has been agreed that Stephen Whittaker will also continue to work as Interim Diocesan Secretary for a further period of 2 years. This will bring stability in the short term over the vacancy and then allow the next Diocesan Bishop once in place to make an appointment according to their plans. I am very grateful for Stephen's willingness, with the Board of Education's support, to serve the diocese in this way and extend what has been an excellent beginning in this interim role.

Finally, as I thank you all for your love and prayer over the last nine years (and I will have much more to say about that in due course) be assured of Heather and my prayers for this very special diocese. May the churches of Blackburn Diocese be increasingly healthy, transforming their local communities and bringing to Jesus the glory



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From the wider Church

HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

On 6th February 2022, the 70th anniversary of her accession, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

The celebration of the Jubilee will culminate in a special weekend of events (Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June) including church services, the Trooping of the Colour, concerts, the lighting of beacons, and other events.

All the services in the Benefice on Sunday 5th June, which is also the celebration of the Day of Pentecost, will include some of the following special prayers provided by the Church of England.



Prayer for the Jubilee Year

Gracious God, we give you thanks
for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen,
and for the example of loving and faithful service
which she has shown among us.
Help us to follow her example of dedication
and to commit our lives to you and to one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Coronation Prayer of Thanksgiving (adapted)

Lord of our lives and Father of all,
let our thanksgiving prove itself in service
to you and to our Queen, our country and one another,
for your Name's sake.

Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness,
bless our Sovereign Lady, Queen Elizabeth,
and all who are in authority under her;
that they may order all things
in wisdom and equity, righteousness and peace,
to the honour and glory of your name
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through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

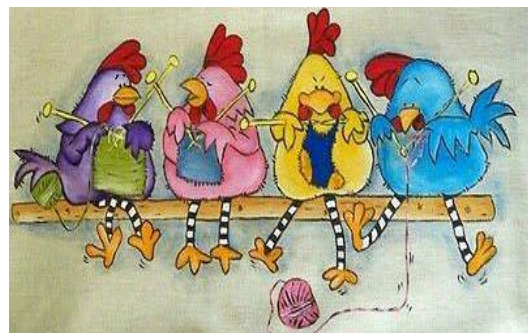
From our Churches

Knit and Natter at St John's

Knit and Natter will meet on Wednesday 11th May at 2.00pm in the upper room at St John's. You are invited to bring along whatever you like to work on - knitting, crocheting, sewing or any other craft - while you sit and chat.

Refreshments will be provided. All welcome!

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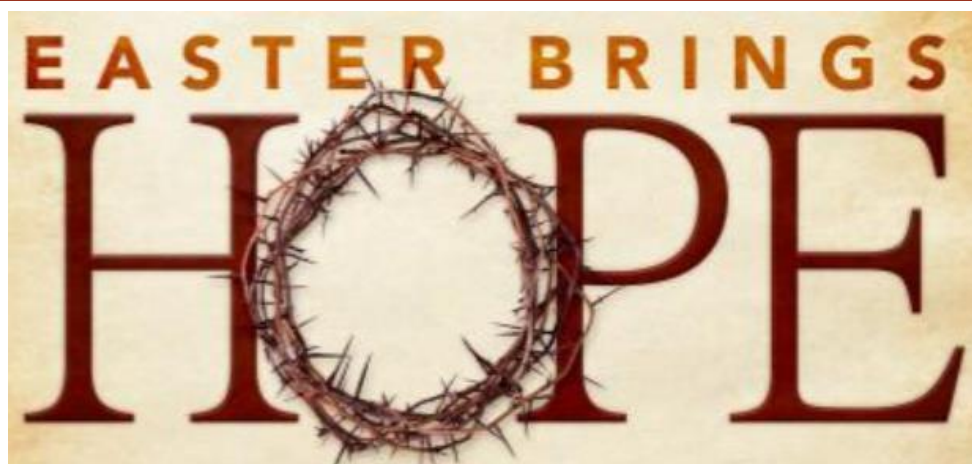
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From our Churches

On behalf of the Chairman, Prof Christo Heunis, and all our Board members, all our staff members and the beneficiaries of our services, I should like to thank you all very much for this magnificent sum of money. We have received the first tranche of R200,000 via the Blackburn Mosamaria Trust, as it was too difficult to transfer the whole R400,000 with the foreign exchange rules in the UK.

Mosamaria has closed its TB project, the Youth Testing Project, the chronic medication delivery project, and the community mobilisation for COVID vaccination project, because these projects all came to the end of their contracted funding period. This meant that over 100 staff members lost their jobs and at least 30,000 beneficiaries who had relied on us, were left without services. We were told to refer them all to the public health clinics, but marginalised people simply

do not go because the service is so poor at these health centres, and people lose a day's wages as the queues are so long, and there are medicine stockouts and a visit costs the public transport fare. It would seem irresponsible for people who need chronic medication to have this attitude, but the poverty is so bad in our communities that this is the reality. This results in many people who have been healthy for up to 18 years, taking Anti Retro Viral Therapy, defaulting from their treatment, and becoming very ill. Those who have been on TB medication and are really poverty stricken, often die.

By the Grace of God and the generosity of the people of Blackburn, we have been able to continue supporting our orphan and vulnerable children project. Especially during the two years of COVID and lockdowns, when the children could not attend school, they relied on the meal that they collected once a day to keep alive, and often this meal had to be shared with other family members.

We still provide a meal a day to about 100 children who come to our Centre every afternoon after school. They are also supported with their homework, where learning problems can be identified, and they read books from our box libraries. They get coaching in football and netball so that they can be fit and healthy. They participate in a number of different courses we offer in life skills development including the prevention of pregnancy and HIV infection, how to build resilience and discussions in groups on challenges like relationships.

We appreciate immensely your Harvest Appeal as we will be able to continue providing these services to the children. I truly do not know how we could close our doors and send the children away, when we know that they are so needy.

Thank you all once again for your love, concern, generosity, and care. May God bless you all abundantly, and make His face to shine upon you all the days of your lives.

With warm regards



Trudie Harrison
Mosamaria Coordinator



From our villages



As we watch the May blossom appearing in our gardens and in the beautiful countryside surrounding where we live, I can't help but wonder at God's wonderful Creation and feel so thankful for the ultimate sacrifice He made for us on the cross which we celebrated last month during Eastertide. Hallelujah, what a Saviour!!

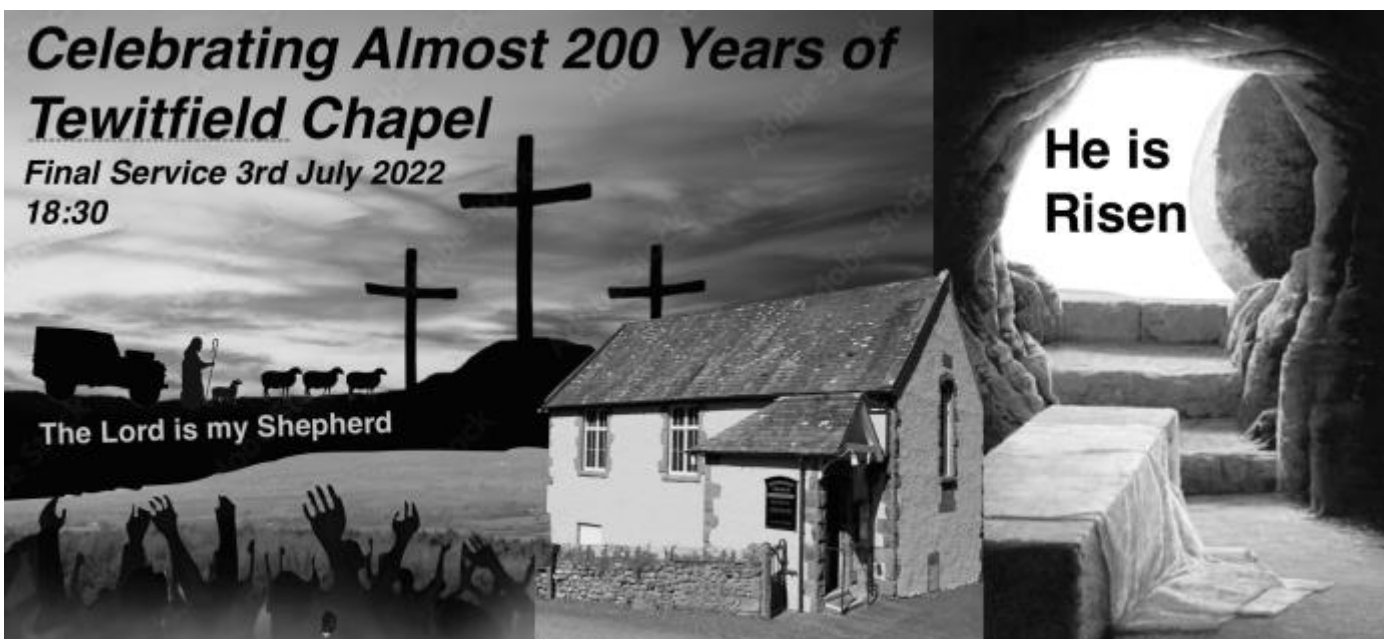
At Warton Methodist Church during the month of April we held our Messy Easter with the children on Palm Sunday where we had fun making Easter crafts, taking part in activities and learning about the special events which took place during the last week of Jesus' life. Our next Messy Church event will be in early June when we will join with the Village to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

We also joined with St Oswald's for the Walk of Witness up Warton Crag on Good Friday and for the service in St Oswald's church followed by refreshments and hot cross buns. It was great to be able to do that again after a 2 year absence due to the restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our normal activities continue with our weekly 10.00am Sunday morning service to which everyone is welcome and that is followed by refreshments.

Little Stars meets every Thursday at Warton Methodist Church from 9 - 11am during term time. Each session there are a wide range of toys to engage the children including role play, books, jigsaws and construction toys. At the end of each morning we share in a simple story and enjoy singing songs together. As well as providing children a chance to play and socialise the meetings offer opportunity for parents/carers to get to know others with children of a similar age. Come and enjoy a play a chat and a cuppa.

If you require any further information, please contact our minister - Rev Emma Holroyd on 01524 941266 or email at emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk.



From our villages



In our monthly contribution to the Parish Newsletter we usually talk about what our Beaver Cubs, Scouts, and associated Explorer Scouts have been up to over the previous month, but this month we're going to do a shout out for additional adults to help us.

Our "Purpose": Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society. We try to do this by offering "Skills for Life" and "Everyday Adventure." You'll have seen what we get up to in our previous contributions.

Our Group has over 60 young people from 6-18 associated with it; we're about average size for a Scout Group but given the relatively low number of children in our "catchment area" we have a higher proportion of young people from our area in our Group than do many Groups... and to maintain that we need adults.

Adults can join us as Leaders, Assistant Leaders, Section Assistants and as Occasional Helpers. The differences between these roles are associated with responsibilities for organising and running a Section (and wearing the stylish uniform) (Leaders and Assistant Leaders), helping regularly (Section Assistants) and being on a parent rota once or twice a term or helping with specific events (Occasional Helpers).

We already have a fantastic and very experienced Leadership team at 1st Warton, with 11 adults working regularly with the various Sections as Leaders, Assistant Leaders or Section Assistants supported by additional volunteers acting as Group Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, with others helping on our management committee.

That said, we are always on the lookout for additional adults to join us so we can improve further on what we do; being an adult involved with Scouting can be incredibly rewarding, and you can make an amazing difference to the life skills and confidence of young people... and it's great fun too. Volunteering within Scouting is very flexible, and we can generally work around your circumstances!

For more information about joining 1st Warton, contact: Howard, Group Scout Leader, on 01524-734144 or email howard.greenwood@lonsdalescouts.org.uk

From our villages

Music and Memories at Carnforth Free Methodist Church

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Marilyn Thomson, Group Co-ordinator.

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A prayer for those in need

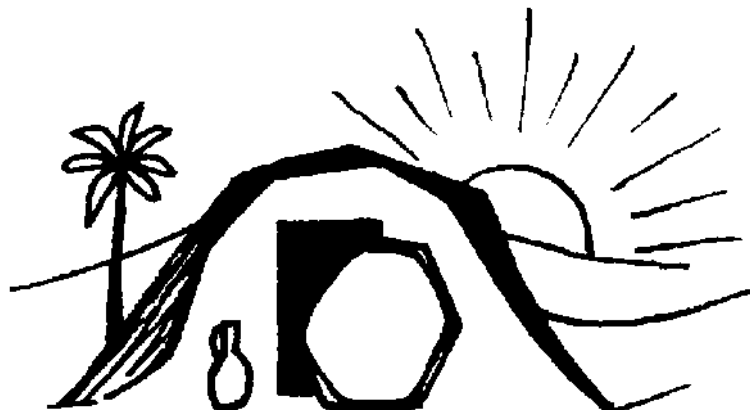
Merciful God, be near to those who are troubled with sickness or other need; in the power of your love, bring relief from present suffering and the return of health, that being made whole in body mind and spirit, they may give thanks again for the gift of life.

Be with all who work for healing, especially those who care for the sick and those in need with professional skill and loving care. Bless them with patience and compassion in their work and grant that in due time they will share in thanks for health and life restored.



A prayer for those who mourn

May you be held by the God of compassion as you remember your loved ones today. May God be with you in your sorrow, and comfort you in your loss. May your God, your family and your friends, give you strength and confidence. May your spirit be lifted, may your heart be filled with peace, and may the light of God's promise fill you with joy and hope. Amen.



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