

Parish News

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



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March 2023

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.

Copies will be delivered to people who have requested this option and copies will continue to be available for collection from each of our churches.

If you, or someone you know, would a print copy delivered to your home please let Angela Sewell know by phone at 01524 734308 or by email at alsewell@btinternet.com or by post at The Vicarage, 92 Main Street, Warton, Carnforth LA5 9PG.

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Welcome to our March Parish News

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter, my last for the Parish News, on Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the season of the Church year that focuses most starkly, perhaps, on the themes of change and journey. Lent invites us to walk the way of the Cross with Jesus, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Week and thence to Easter Day.

The seasons of the Church year remind us of, and help us to reflect on, the seasons of our own lives and the life of our world. In my letter last month, I said that our lives are journeys of beginnings and endings, of endings and beginnings. There is a saying that to live is to change and to have lived well is to have changed often.

So, after 5½ years as Vicar of the United Benefice it is time for say farewell, as I take early retirement from stipendiary parish ministry in the Church of England and move on to pastures new. I am looking forward to giving more time to my ministries as a counsellor and a spiritual director. I am also looking forward to assisting in parish ministry without the demands and responsibilities that come with being an incumbent.

I will take with me many good memories from my time here; of people and times shared in worship and events across our three churches. I am grateful for the support given by people during some of the more complex and challenging periods.

It is true, of course, that none of us can foresee what we may have to deal with in life. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was significant on all of us; to find our lives so restricted for two years was really hard. The war in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis continue to affect us in real ways.

As Vicar here, I had not expected to

become so knowledgeable of charity law in my work as a charity trustee and need to give so much time to this work. Understanding the intricacies of leading one United Benefice made up of two parishes, with one parish including a district church, has not always been easy.

There is a prayer used in some places when someone is leaving. So, I offer these words as I come to end of my tenure as your Vicar: As I leave, I ask forgiveness where I have failed you. I give thanks for all you have given to me. I assure you of my love and prayers.

Given that life is about change, this must include our understanding of God as well as ourselves. So, as we each journey on I encourage you to always be open to change and welcome the new opportunities and experiences that come your way.

A community or organisation is not about any particular person, of course; Vicars come and go. The life of the United Benefice continues during the vacancy under the care and oversight of the licensed lay minister and the churchwardens, supported by a number of retired clergy and the Archdeacon and the Area Dean. In due time a new Vicar will be appointed and you will enjoy the ministry of a new incumbent, who will come with their insights and wisdom to share with you.

Now, please pray for Elizabeth and me as we journey on. Be assured of my prayers for you. May we each travel on with God, knowing God's Love and Light enfolding us and guiding us along the way.

Robin Figg,



Services during March

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

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
Fridays Coffee @ St John's from 10.30am until 12 noon, with lunch on the 2nd Friday of the month.

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

Thinking about our journey of faith

As we journey through life our understand of God and Jesus should also change. The following thought by theologian Michael Hardin is worth reflecting on.

“When people first come to know Jesus, their theology ends with an exclamation point! After a while they settle into their belief system and their theology ends with a full stop. If they are blessed, they will discover that their theology will change and end with a question mark?

As they journey they realize that life, ideas, and thoughts change, and are free to change before the Living God, and so theology ends with a comma or ellipses,...

In that new found freedom with Jesus, on the journey of discovery, they will find their first love renewed and so their theology will once again end with an exclamation point!”

From our churches

Looking ahead — Services for Holy Week and Easter

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton
9.15am Blessings of Palms and Eucharist at St John's, Yealand
9.15am Blessings of Palms and Eucharist at St Mary's, Borwick
11.00am Blessing of Palms and Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton



Thursday 6th April – Maundy Thursday

- 11.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton
7.30pm Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by Vigil of Prayer at St Oswald's, Warton



Friday 7th April – Good Friday

- 10.00-10.15.am Gather at St Oswald's, Warton for Walk of Witness up Warton Crag
10.30am Service at t.b.c. for those not walking
2.00pm Hour at the Cross at St Mary's, Borwick
6.30pm The Liturgy of the Cross at St Oswald's, Warton

Saturday 8th April – EASTER EVE

- 8.30pm The Easter Vigil, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Eucharist at St John's, Yealand



Sunday 9th April – EASTER DAY

- 8.00am Eucharist at St Oswald's, Warton
9.15am Parish Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows at St John's, Yealand
9.15am Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows at St Mary's, Borwick
11.00am Parish Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows at St Oswald's, Warton

Oversight of the United Benefice during the vacancy (time when no Vicar is in post)

As from 13th March the first point of contact with the churches in the Benefice can be via Annette MacKenzie, the Licensed Lay Minister. Enquiries can also be directed to one of the churchwardens for the appropriate church. For contact details please see the back page of the magazine.

Annette and the churchwardens will respond if possible or they will pass on any enquiry to the appropriate person in the Benefice or contact the Area Dean or Archdeacon for assistance if necessary.

As from 13th March emails can be sent to vicar.ubwby@gmail.com and these will be received by Annette MacKenzie. Please note that the email address vicarwby@outlook.com should not be used after this date.

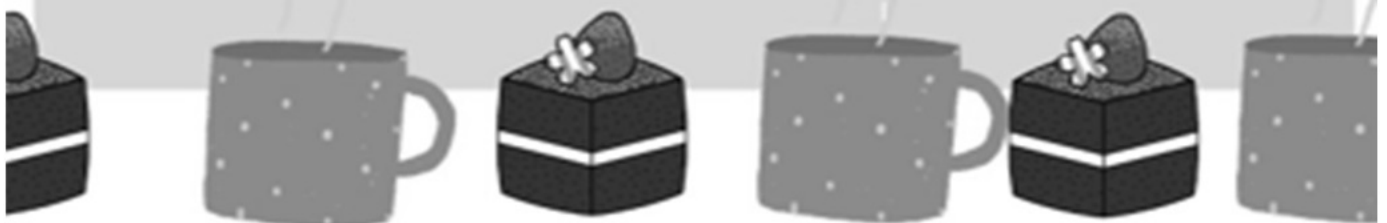
St Oswald's Charity Coffee Mornings

First Saturday of every month 10am-12pm

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

March  ADM Nepal	April  CROHN'S & COLITIS UK FUNDRAISING	May  Princes Trust The King's Coronation
June Irvine's Coffee Morning	July	August x
Sept	Oct	Nov St Oswald's Autumn Fair



From our churches

Robin's final service as Vicar

Following his announcement of taking early retirement from parish ministry, Robin's last working day as Vicar here will be Sunday 5th March. On that day there will be one united service for the Benefice at 10.30am at St Oswald's to which all are welcome.



United Benefice dates for your diary: SPRING 2023 so far..

- Sunday 5th March 11am Fr Robin's last service and Young Generations 6-8pm
 - Sunday 12th March Beach comb afternoon tbc
 - **19th March Mothering Sunday**
 - 1st April Crohns Coffee Morning 10am-12pm
 - 2nd April Young Generations 6-8pm
 - **9th April Easter Day and Evening Celebration**
 - 6th May Prince's Trust Coffee Morning 10am-12pm & King Charles' Coronation
 - 7th May Young Generations 6-8pm
 - 8th May Warton Village Coronation Day tbc Borwick & Yealand tbc
 - 3rd June Irvine's Coffee Morning 10am-12pm
 - 4th June Young Generations 6-8pm
 - **18th June Fathers Day**
 - 1st July Fundraising Coffee Morning 10am-12pm
 - 2nd July Young Generations 6-8pm

The Young Generations — For young people aged 9+

This group for young people aged 9+ meets monthly each first Sunday 6pm-8pm at St Oswald's, Warton. We will have food, play some great games together and think of ways we can help our community and the world.

We hope to see you; all are welcome. If you are interested and want to know more please contact Emma, evbrantley@hotmail.com.



From our churches

Coffee Stop at St Oswald's

Tuesdays 9.00am to 11.00am.

A warm place to meet for a drink, cake and a chat! Toys are available for young children.

All are welcome.



Join us for Lunch!

On Thursdays at St Oswald's we offer a lunch, usually soup, sandwiches and cakes. We have a quiet Eucharist in church at 11.00am 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 @ St John's

Fridays 10:30am till 12noon.

Please join us for coffee, tea and cake. Book and jigsaw swap. All welcome. On the 2nd Friday of the month a lunch follows the coffee time.



Bible Study Group – daytime

A monthly bible study group meets on the **2nd Monday of each month from 10am until 12 noon** at Fernlands, Tewitfield.

Contact Noeline Clarke on 01524 732825 for more details.

All are welcome.



Bible Study Group – evening

A monthly bible study group meets on **Wednesday evenings at 7.15am for 7.30pm** in Yealand Conyers. The group is studying the Old Testament book Ruth.

Contact Jodie Kilty at jodiekilty@hotmail.co.uk for more details.

All are welcome.



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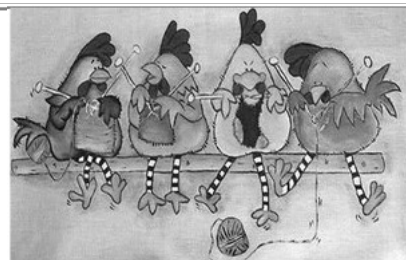


From our churches

Knit and Natter at St John's

Knit and Natter will meet on Wednesday 8th March at 2.00pm in St John's.

The benefice continues to support Knit-A-Square.com, helping orphaned or vulnerable children in South Africa. To date we have sent several thousand 8" knitted or crocheted squares to be made into blankets, along with a number of hats and toys. I have been given a large quantity of wool to be used to make things for the charity. Please let me know if you would like some or if you would like to know more about what is needed.



St Oswald's Tree Festival 2022

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who took part; the charities, the volunteers, the welcomers, the bakers, the donators, everyone who came and especially Dan-the-tree-man from Yealand. A total legend!

The final total raised for the entire event was a fabulous
£1157.75 !

We're already planning for this year's Tree Festival – hope to see you!

From the Parish Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 19th February

Ivy Elizabeth Sackville-Wiggins
(at St Oswald's)

Funerals

Tuesday 28th February

Edward Townley (at St Oswald's)



Junior Church

Charity Coffee Morning in Memory of Dr Monika Placzek

On Saturday 4th March from 10.00 – 12.00 there will be a charity coffee morning in aid of ADM Nepal at St Oswald's Church in Warton. It is being held in memory of Dr Monika Placzek who was one of the founders of the charity.

Monica was a Consultant Paediatrician in Lancaster and well known to many in the area. After she retired, she went to Nepal as a volunteer to work for a short time in a children's home in Kathmandu. Volunteering there at the same time was Anne Allen and together with Dot Coupe who had also volunteered there, they resolved to improve the lives of the young people which led to them setting up the charity ADM Nepal in 2016.

Initially they concentrated on improving the sanitation, living conditions and diet of the children. They raised money to move the children into more suitable accommodation, took them on trips into the countryside and employed someone to help with homework to improve their educational attainment. Now the charity also supports a second children's home and a Thalassaemia Clinic and, as the children become old enough to leave the home, they help with the cost of college courses enabling the young people to follow their dreams.



The Junior Church at St Oswald's Church have had close links with the charity over a number of years, raising money for them, exchanging emails and letters with the children in Nepal and collecting things to be taken out to the children such as toothbrushes and socks. Monica came to tell them about each of her trips to Kathmandu and share photos and her experiences with them.

Monica died last year after a courageous battle with cancer and the most fitting way to pay our respects seemed to be to raise money for the charity and the young people in Nepal who meant so much to her.

You are warmly invited to join us in celebrating this wonderful woman. Donations for the nearly new stall, bottle/tin tombola and raffle can be left in the boxes at the back of St Oswald's Church in Warton and donations of cakes will be gratefully received on the day. If you would like to help, please sign up on the lists at the back of St Oswald's or contact Vanessa Alpin (07746 790979).

ADM Nepal Charitable Trust *A Brighter Future for Children in Need*

<https://www.admnepal.org.uk>

Junior Church Lent Challenge

Many people give things up for Lent, as a form of fasting. We are turning that idea on its head with our Lent Project. Instead of giving something up, we will be giving to those for whom fasting is not a choice but often a reality, the homeless people in this area.

Each Sunday in Lent, we are aiming to give an item per family to be donated to the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service (LDHAS). To ensure that those donations are appropriate we will be contacting the charity each week to ask what they need. These items will be listed in the pew sheet and collected the following Sunday.

Anyone across the Benefice who would like to join us in the project would be very welcome. Please keep an eye open for more information in the pew sheets.

LDHAS was set up in 1987 by a group of local churches. It is a day centre which provides a friendly, warm and safe environment, free of judgment, for vulnerable people and those whose lives are in crisis. The support they offer includes food, shower and laundry facilities, access to phones and computers and help to access support from other agencies.

Their clients are ordinary people whose circumstances have altered their way of life. The issues they face include financial and budgeting difficulties, relationship breakdown, lack of social and family support, leaving care, prison or rehab, mental health issues and substance misuse.

Since the charity started, it has been based in a portacabin in Edward Street in Lancaster. That site is scheduled for redevelopment as part of the Canal Quarter and they plan to move into new premises at 2 Aalborg Place later this year. Builders are currently refurbishing the first two floors to provide facilities to support the homeless and they have launched an appeal to raise money to develop the top floor into office space.

If you wish to support this appeal or the work of the charity in general, you can do so through their website <https://www.ldhas.org.uk>.

Their address is Homeless Action Centre, Edward St, Lancaster, LA1 1QH

For more information about the Lent Project, contact Vanessa Alpin 07746 790979



O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.



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Mar 14th **Exhibition on Screen – Mary Cassatt: Painting the Modern Woman** – 2pm

Mar 24th **A Room of One's Own** – Rebecca Vaughan performs a wry & amusing trip through the history of literature - 7.30pm

Mar 25th **Witty Ditties**– Chris Green & Sophie Matthews are modern day balladeers telling stories through song – 7.30pm

Mar 31st **Film at the Heron – The Quiet Girl** - 7.30pm

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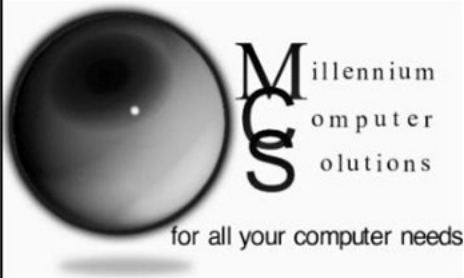
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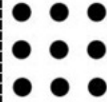
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From our Villages



The month of March has arrived already and with it comes the real promise of Spring. Winter has gone and we have lighter evenings, the clocks will go forward at the end of the month and daylight is

definitely getting longer.

We are moving through Lent which brings our thoughts to a period of reflection on Jesus' temptation in the wilderness prior to His journey to Jerusalem and all of the events which took place there leading up to His crucifixion. How do we see this period in the christian calendar? Do we reflect on our own lives, our own journey with Him, our own relationship with God? Do we give something up for Lent, do we use it as a period of reflection, do we pledge to do a random act of kindness, join a Lent group, pray and read our bible more, attend church more regularly, give more generously of our time and money etc?

Here at Warton Methodist Church, our Little Stars still meet regularly every Thursday morning from 9-11a.m. during term-time.

Our Messy Church meets every other month and our next event will be Messy Easter on 2nd April so more details will follow in April's Parish News, on social media, on posters, in the local school etc.

Our Sunday morning services continue at 10.00a.m. Do come along where a warm welcome awaits you.

We have an active prayer ministry within our fellowship so if there is anyone or anything for which you require prayer or if you require any further information, please contact our minister - Rev Emma Holroyd - on 01524 941266 or by email at emma.holroyd@methodist.org.uk.

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From our villages



What a busy start to 2023 at Archbishop Hutton's Primary!
We have had sporting success, fabulous trips and some
visitors in school.

The Class 3 and 4 team came third in the athletics competition at Lancaster and Morecambe College. Class 1 and 2 have been learning to ride a bike. We had a fantastic time at the Swimming Gala, winning many of the races. Mrs Gavriluk reports that everybody competed at the highest level and showed a great display of their swimming skills. Archbishop Hutton's were placed second overall and the team all received a silver medal. Our school hosted the local school's Cross Country competition. All the children in Years 3 to 6 took part in 6 races. We won 8 medals - 3 golds, 2 silver and 3 bronze. As a result, we were also crowned champions - for the fourth year in a row!

Class 1 and 2 went to Lancaster to visit the Judge's Lodgings. They looked at and learnt about toys from the past. They also took part in a Victorian Classroom lesson, to learn about children's lives in the past. The Class 1 girls thought the Victorian teacher was very strict! Class 4 visited the Maritime Museum in Lancaster to learn about life as a Viking. As well as meeting a Viking who talked about his life, they also explored the museum and learnt all about life in Lancaster's past. Class 4 had an incredible day out at the Manchester AO Arena, as they took part in the Young Voices Concert. Performing alongside 8000 other children, they sang, chanted and boogied their way through a spectacular 90-minute show. It really was a truly unforgettable experience.

Class 3 and 4 were visited by teachers from Brockhole on Windermere to learn all about our use of water. They looked at what we use water for, how much we use, how we can save water and where our water comes from and goes. Andrew from The Dog's Trust visited school to help us understand the importance of being safe around dogs. We learnt what dogs like and don't like, how to look after a dog and how to spot when dogs like to be left alone. Award winning artist, Peter Swidrak spent the day in school on Wednesday. Peter introduced each class to some of the world's most famous artworks and led them through the process of creating their own. It was a really interesting day and a great opportunity to explore the creative process.

Following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria, parents donated warm clothes and sleeping bags which will be taken to the people who need them and we also had a non-uniform day and raised over £200 in cash for the appeal.

From our villages



Saturday 4th March Yealand Village Hall



11-1:30pm



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Meeting weekly on Wednesdays from October 26th until February 15th, 2pm - 3.30pm at CFM Community Centre, 101 Kellet Rd, Carnforth LA9 5LS (next to the High School).

See more details on the GriefShare website: <https://www.griefshare.org>

You can register for the group on the website, type Carnforth in the find a group

Activities for those living with dementia



Dignity in Dementia March Activities

Tuesday Cuppa & Chat sessions at Abbot Hall Social Centre, Dowkers Lane, Kendal – an opportunity for people with dementia and their family carers to get together for a chat and enjoyable activities, including guest speakers covering a range of interesting / entertaining subjects.

Tuesday 14th & 28th March 10.30 am - noon

**Social table tennis – at Arnside Educational Institute,
Church Hill, Arnside, 10.30 am start - Wednesdays 8th & 22nd March**

Silverdale Songsters - Dementia Embracing Community Singing Group

Friday mornings between 10.30 – 11.30 am at St John's Church Hall, St John's Church, Silverdale.

Woodland Wellness – Being outside is good for us all. Come and join us for enjoyable activities connected to nature - in the woods next to Arnside Carpark (LA5 0BP) – Mondays 13th & 27th March 11am – 12 noon

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Music and Memories at Carnforth Free Methodist Church Music to feed the brain

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Sing old familiar songs, learn a few new ones, try singing simple rounds or playing percussion instruments. We also have a hymn and a thought for the day. Most of the time is familiar songs and enjoying chatting and having some refreshments together - including cake!

We ask that each person be accompanied by a carer or family member but it need not be the same person each time and let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

The group is run by volunteers from Carnforth Free Methodist Church who have all attended sessions about safeguarding, basic hand washing and Dementia Friends.

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How to be Greener

For Peat's Sake

Thousands of years ago a mossy landscape lived and died but did not decay. Trapped in ground so wet that it could not decompose, the dead moss instead piled up, each layer pressing those beneath, into a thick, muddy mass called peat. On dry land, dead plants break down and their carbon is released into the air. In a bog, the carbon is trapped for ever, as long as it's not disturbed! Lowland peat bogs at one time ringed Morecambe Bay.

Licence to Exploit

Over generations we have massively underestimated peatlands and saw them only as wastelands. It takes 1,000 years for a meter deep of peat to form. But not very long to destroy it... drained for grazing, burned for grouse shooting, mined for compost and dug for fuel. Here in Warton, on the Mires, we have our very own peat deposits 4 metres deep, so they began to form 4,000 years ago!

As we began to understand the threat of climate change, trees emerged as a natural solution and we concentrated on planting millions of them. But we paid little attention to peatlands, the unsung heroes of carbon capture. Peatlands store twice as much carbon as all the world's forests!

Disturbed peatlands change from being a carbon store to a carbon emitter. Damaged peatlands emit a dizzying two billion tons of accumulated carbon every year, which is the last thing we need when our climate is in crisis! 80% of our UK peatlands are degraded. There's more! They can no longer hold back water, causing much of the flooding we see currently. And sadly, their unique plants and creatures can no longer thrive and add to the massive loss of bio-diversity.



Dragonflies



Sundew



Sphagnum

There's Hope

Peatlands can be healed but it takes a long time and it's not cheap. They need rewetting by blocking any drains and replanting with sphagnum moss to recreate the original, waterlogged conditions. The sogger, the bogger. You don't have to go far to see how well they can be restored, just go along to the Wildlife Trust's Heysham Moss <https://tinyurl.com/yc5v3rjb> and Cumbria's Foulshaw Moss <https://tinyurl.com/2wbxydjd>

There is still time to put peatlands, long manipulated, forever overlooked, on their rightful pedestal as nature's champion against climate change.

How you may ask?:

How to be Greener

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<https://tinyurl.com/4zff5uun>

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Diane Sammons member of 'For Peat Sake' campaigning group

Illustrations by Nicole Schools



Composting Workshop Saturday 22nd April 10am -12.30pm

Warton Village Church

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New to composting? Want to improve your composting? Want to know more about community composting? Then this workshop is for you!

(Fed up of putting veg and fruit peelings in the grey bin? Then turn it into compost to feed soil, plants, improve biodiversity and reduce greenhouse gases.)

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For our younger readers

Lent

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Ash Wednesday

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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.



