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Pastoral Letter

Dear All,

One 'treat' that was missed last year by all flower lovers was the annual Chelsea Flower Show. This year it will take place in September and presumably will be on our screens as usual. You may be interested to know that one of the gardens being exhibited this year has been designed by a Christian garden designer and is based on the biblical Psalm 23. Often a popular choice at both weddings and funerals, it is probably the best known of the Psalms with its opening line 'The Lord is my shepherd'. Its popularity was further enhanced by being the theme tune of the Vicar of Dibley!

Perhaps the words resonate with us because we are a rural community and see sheep regularly but also because it describes the reality of life with its ups and downs (none more so than in the past year). It captures the peaceful times in our lives 'green pastures and still waters' but also the times of deepest darkness.

What the Psalmist is saying here is that God never leaves us. He is there in our sadness, our disappointments, our anger and with our unanswered questions.

A man called Rob Lacey wrote a book paraphrasing the Bible in modern 'street' language (called *The Street Bible*). His aim was for young people to connect and see the Bible as relevant to their lives. At the time of writing he was suffering from terminal cancer and when he arrived at Psalm 23 and was trying to make sense of 'the valley of the shadow of death', he interpreted it personally

'I crawl through the valley of the shadow of cancer; I know, you know the answer and the battle won't rattle me.

You're around, and I've found there's something about your empathy, your symphony of sympathy, that comforts me'.

It may not be your type of language but the sentiment is heartfelt!

The musician, Stuart Townend, recently wrote a modern version of Psalm 23, as a hymn. For the refrain he chose these words, taken from the closing lines of the Psalm, looking ahead beyond life, to a home with God forever.

'And I will trust in you alone, And I will trust in you alone For your endless mercy follows me. Your goodness will lead me home'.

Remembering Anne with love ... who knew the truth of Psalm 23.

Pam

CORONAVIRUS, COVID-19 UPDATE



The Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt. Revd. James Newcome, has previously written to all clergy to advise that the suspension of public worship has been lifted in the Diocese of Carlisle.

Please refer to the [benefice website](#) for the latest information on the provision of worship and the associated risk assessments, and note that face masks must be worn

Church Services for July 2021

4th	Fifth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers Breakfast	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Holy Communion	Richard Wood
11th	Sixth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	Rev David Bickersteth
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
18th	Seventh Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion by Extension	Vivienne Plummer
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
25th	Eighth Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Rev Sue Nichol
Holy Trinity Colton	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Joanna Henson
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter

Churches in the Coniston and Crake Valley

St Andrew's Church, Coniston LA21 8EN

St Luke's Church, Torver LA21 8AZ

St Luke's Church, Lowick LA12 8EE

Holy Trinity Church, Colton LA12 8HF

Church of St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge LA12 7RQ

Tottlebank Baptist Church, Colton LA12 8HY

Welcomes you to our Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.30am followed by refreshments, and midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Our moderator is Rev. Andrew Dodd. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8HH

The Sunday morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. For further information contact Joyce Holland on 015394 41594.

St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Heart, Coniston LA21 8AW

Mass is held on Thursdays at 10.00am and Saturdays at 6.00pm.

For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on 01229 779673.

Coniston Christian Fellowship LA21 8AL

During the month of July we are meeting on Sunday mornings via Zoom. For more information please contact Alex and Ruth Stewart on 015394 49539. See our website for more details www.conistonchristianfellowship.co.uk

Parish Prayer Diary July 2021

1st: Pray for those recently ordained Deacon or Priest as they begin to serve in their assigned Mission Community across the Diocese.

2nd: Pray for people distressed and frustrated, emotionally or financially, by the extended lockdown restrictions.

3rd: Pray parents and God-parents will take seriously promises they make to nurture the Christian spiritual development of children they bring for baptism.

4th: Sunday, the first day of the week

May our loving God, who is the comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, teach us His ways of gentleness and peace, that through our prayers and witness the world may experience His Kingdom Life.

5th: Pray for the peacemakers in our families, our communities, our nation and those working for peace and stability across the world.

6th: Pray for this evening's meeting of ENMO Parish Council.

7th: At 10am join Christians across the valley for an hour of prayer at home, praying for family, our community, our nation and the needs of the world.

8th: Pray for Archbishop Stephen Cottrell as he reflects on his first year in office and prayerfully fulfils his leadership role within the Anglican Community.

9th: Pray for our local schools and especially Head Teachers as they support their staff and oversee the wellbeing of the children in their care.

10th: Pray for the Government in these days of economic challenge, praying particularly for ministers involved in free trade negotiations.

11th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray our Heavenly Father will send upon his Church the riches of the Spirit that all who profess Jesus as Lord may serve in holiness and truth, to the glory of His name.

12th: Pray for the United Nations agencies responding to famine in Ethiopia (Tigray region); specifically pray aid will reach the people in desperate need.

13th: Pray for all those working to eradicate Bovine TB: dairy farmers, vets, DEFRA, and for adequate funding of the Cumbria Badger Vaccination project.

14th: Pray for converts to Christianity in Somalia who must keep secret their new found faith in Jesus. Pray for the work of Open Doors supporting the isolated believers.

15th: On World Youth Skills Day, pray for our young people, especially for those learning and developing vital skills within our local farming communities.

16th: Pray for children in their final days of primary school as they prepare to begin secondary school in the new academic year.

17th: Pray for the Mothers Union, home and abroad, as it works to maintain a worldwide Christian fellowship, promoting favourable conditions in society for stable family life and helps those families who have met with adversity.

18th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray God may enable us to discern Him in all that we see and that refreshed and sustained by His presence and grace we may serve Him in all that we do.

19th: Pray for Coniston Parish Council meeting this evening.

20th: Pray for Barrow & District Credit Union that it will have sufficient funds to meet the demand for loans and enable households to budget wisely.

21st: Pray for our local Family, Children and Youth workers: Charlie Day, Hannah Fishwick and Ruth Hutchings, as they share the Good News of Jesus.

22nd: Pray for the Lowick Parish Council meeting this evening.

23rd: Pray for Christians working in parliament and local government.

24th: Pray for The Samaritans, for its volunteers and for sufficient funding.

25th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Although our faith is small as mustard seed, pray our gracious God will use it to His glory and the growing of His kingdom, within us and our communities.

26th: Pray for our Diocesan Bishop, James Newcome, and his staff.

27th: Pray for the Church Missionary Society (CMS), equipping Christians to share the love of Jesus in their communities and overseas.

28th: Pray for this beautiful world and our responsibility to care for it, praying especially for people involved in wildlife conservation, home and abroad.

29th: Pray for doctors and nurses working in hospitals, local GP practices, hospices and the community.

30th: On World Day against Trafficking in Persons join with others across the globe praying against this heinous crime and grave violation of human rights.

31st: Pray for charities such as WaterAid working to enable the world's poorest people have access to clean, safe water and sanitation.



Soultime Christian Meditation

Anxiety, Sleep Help & Bible

"Soultime is a beautiful, quiet and accessible way of drawing close to God in Jesus day by day. I warmly recommend it to you." **Archbishop Justin Welby**



Prayer Hour, At Home

7th July, 10am – 11am

Although for the time being we cannot physically meet together in a church building, our prayer fellowship can still pray, each at the same hour, in the safety of our own homes on the first Wednesday of each month. If you can join in at 10am on 7th July please use this format to guide your prayers as we pray together.

Settle into this hour of prayer by reflecting on the opening three verses of Psalm 5

*In the morning, Lord, You hear my voice;
In the morning I lay my requests before You
And wait expectantly*

And as we begin our time together, we say the prayer Jesus taught us:

*Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Give us today day our daily bread
Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever.
Amen.*

During this quiet hour...

hold before the Lord, the matters that weigh heavy on your heart, situations you have seen in the media, items or issues from the prayer diary which especially speak to you;

pray for your family, your neighbours, your community contacts;

the Christian fellowship in the Benefice of Coniston and Crake Valley;

the Church across its national and international denominations;

pray for our Country and the Nations of the world.

Take time also to be still, to listen to the gentle whisper of God.

Finally, we close our prayer hour with the words of The Grace:

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore. Amen.*

AROUND THE PARISHES

Coniston & Torver

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston, May 2021

Wet days - 24
More than 1mm on 16 days
Wettest day - 20th - 60.0mm (2.4ins)
Snow on the tops on the 4th
Frost on the 5th & 6th.
7th wettest May on record.



Coniston CE Primary School

School Summer Fayre

We are super excited to announce that the school summer fayre and duck race will be returning this year! Both events will be held on the 9th of July, (times tbc) with the fayre being held at the Coniston sports and social centre to allow for covid restrictions and social distancing.

As always, we will be relying on the great British weather, but we are sure we will all have fun regardless. If anyone can help on the day with setting up, please get in touch with one of the HSA team or Heather in the office, as we will need lots of helpers. Contact: conistonprimaryhsa@gmail.com

We will be holding a school uniform swap shop at the school fayre for parents to swap and donate uniform they no longer need. If you have anything you would like to donate including pe kits, coats and shoes, we are now collecting!

We are now collecting bottles and bears for both our adult and children's tombolas. For our bottle tombola we are collecting donations of sauces, bubble baths, fizzy pop, alcohol, and teddy bears of all shapes and sizes for our tombolas. Please leave all donations at school and we will collect and sort them ready for our summer fayre!



Coniston Patient Participation Group

In 2013, small rural medical practices were threatened by plans to change the NHS funding formula. A packed meeting at John Ruskin School opted to work to save the Coniston practice and Save our Surgery or Friends of the Coniston Medical Practice was set up in September 2013.

Work was done:

- Parliament was lobbied with the help of our MP, Tim Farron
- 2 ministerial meetings were held in Westminster
- Local surveys compiled
- Presentations made to NHS Consultative Committees and regional leaders
- Letters and more letters were written

Our nuisance tactics worked! Enough funding was secured to ensure the practice survived.

During the pandemic our group has been hibernating but we now learn from Drs Fisher that a new round of NHS reorganisation may again jeopardise small rural

practices, even those like ours, recognised as good and outstanding by the Clinical Care Commission.

We need to revive our group to be ready to represent us, the patients of the NHS; to prevent the loss of our excellent local practice and our patients being parcelled out to neighbouring practices. To help this revival and to conform to NHS policy our new name is Coniston Patient Participation Group

Please, if you are willing to help, contact Rob Gee 015394 41051 or Katherina at the surgery 015394 41205

Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch

Christians Together in Coniston are looking at ways Christians in the village can serve the community after COVID restrictions are lifted. There will be a need for people to have somewhere to go to meet when they can start socialising again.

We would like to continue with the Wednesday Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch. We do not feel that we can continue to hold it at St Andrew's, but would like to move it to the Reading Room at the Institute where there will be more space and facilities. But to be able to do this we need more helpers from village folk.

If you feel you could help in any way, please get in touch with Joyce Holland on 41594 or Ruth Stewart on 49539.

Hopefully we will be able to start this in the autumn.

A Date for your Diary!

After such a long time apart, we're hoping to gather for Harvest Sunday

When? Sunday, 26 September, 11 a.m.

Who? Christians Together in Coniston

Where? St. Andrew's Church

What? Harvest Service, CTC AGM, Bring and Share lunch

Look out for more information in September!

Egton Cum Newland

Greenodd Village Hall

Coffee mornings/evenings, music shows and more

Find out what is going on in Greenodd Village Hall

www.greenoddvillagehall.co.uk

We are on Facebook... search for Greenodd & Penny Bridge Village Hall

Lowick with Blawith

1st Leven Valley (St Anne's) Scout Group

Beaver Scouts Age 6-8

Cub Scouts Age 8 – 10 ½

We need Leaders and Assistant Leaders in both sections. Plus there is not presently a Scout Section (aged 10½ - 14) There are young people who would like one as they are too old for Cubs.

We have a full Cub pack and eight prospective Beaver Scouts hoping to join the existing Beaver Colony of two Beaver Scouts. During lockdown many Beavers have reached age eight and “Moved-On” to Cubs via Zoom!

Scouting contributes to the education of young people and is the world's largest educational youth movement.

Training is mandatory for adult leaders but much can be accomplished on line. Both sections have leaders who would work alongside those during their training. However, if no -one comes forward the Group may close. Beavers will not restart and Cubs will close in a year's time.

More Information? Have a look at **www.scouts.org.uk** and phone **01229 885498** to chat to the Group Scout Leader, Marguerite Calvert.



Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who supported their open garden at Langholme Mill. We raised £734 which is a massive amount for NGS charities.

Graham and Judith Sanderson

B4RN – High speed broadband in Lowick

Lowick Parish and the wider South Lakes region have an opportunity to acquire a new high speed broadband service bringing fibre directly to your home and even in rural isolated locations at a highly affordable cost!

Many of you will already have heard of hugely successful B4RN fibre installations to remote areas nearby in the local press.

The large majority of rural households and businesses in this area find themselves excluded from high speed Broadband and instead have to rely on a much slower and far less reliable service distributed using ancient telegraph poles. Some, living closer to local exchanges, are receiving a modest service (around 30Mb) but anyone who is receiving less than 100mb (we think that's everyone!) should consider an interest here.



Working with B4RN, and being actively promoted by our District and Parish Councillors, all of us now have an opportunity to “register an interest” in a new broadband service that will match or exceed the speeds and capabilities of city centres!

The base speed being offered to us is a phenomenal 1000Mb – 1Gb/s. It's entirely independent of your existing services – you could even have both!

Even if you already have acceptable broadband then we would still ask you to consider obtaining better to support forthcoming online developments and prepare for the emerging digital future and not getting left further behind. Home tuition during lockdown, working from home, streaming services and emerging services will all benefit from higher speed and reduced latency.

Register your interest

At this early project stage the Parish Council asks you to consider registering your interest.

This is in no way any form of a commitment. And if you are a business, and that includes simply working at home, please register as a commercial business where Government support will subsidise this new service with one or both of the broadband voucher schemes that are operating right now.

Who are B4RN?

B4RN have a fantastic track record of delighted customers all over the North West of England and all the information about this well tried and tested solution is here on their website – www.b4rn.org.uk.

For any further information and how this affects this area contact us at lowickpc@outlook.com email subject B4RN Broadband please.



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REPORTS AND NEWS

Young Farmers Club Report

A Year in the Life of Cumbria YFC

What a 12-month roller coaster it has been for our young farmers! Little did we know that as we entered lockdown on the 23rd March 2020 that we would still be living with restrictions over a year later and that words such as lock down, social distancing and pandemic would become part of our everyday vocabulary.

Cumbria YFC came to a halt in mid-March 2020 with the cancellation of competitions, socials and field days. The reality of an empty spring/ summer calendar was surreal and resurrected memories of foot and mouth in 2001, the last time activities were put on hold for almost a year.



Junior Member of the Year

Necessity is the mother of all invention as they say and the pandemic has seen Cumbria YFC embrace a number of “firsts”. Who knew that zoom meetings would become second nature or that it would be possible to hold virtual (and very successful) Stock judging, Field Day and Christmas competitions!

Our clubs have led the way nationally and during the past year Cumbria YFC was one of the first counties to organise and deliver speaking competitions and club officer training both socially distanced and covid-secure in person and virtually via zoom.

Having held 3 AGMs (1 County and 2 District) via zoom, the young farmers are now “old hands” continuing to celebrate their successes, winning countless competitions, raising a staggering £50,300.53 for charity in 2019-2020 and giving inspiring, funny and uplifting speeches. Usually suited and booted at AGMs, smart from the waist up has been the order of the day at these virtual meetings!

The young farmers made full use of this new virtual world with Cumbria YFC also launching the “Loo Role Challenge” Capturing the imaginations of our young farmers as a way of connecting with their fellow club members whilst making people smile, the Pennine YFC video has to date had an incredible 338,000 views on you tube!

Adaptability has been the key word for our young farmers this year and the editors of our Yearbook, Amy Swinbank and Imogen Johnston embraced this new mantra by delivering the Yearbook 2020 in a virtual format as well as a small print run.

Another first has been the club spotlight featured fortnightly on the Helen Millican show on BBC Radio Cumbria. The idea for the spotlight segment was thought up by District Chairs William Longmire and Robbie Tuer in conjunction with Helen and was a great success. It has been wonderful to hear our young farmers talk about their clubs and learn about what being a young farmer means to them.

On the back of this successful segment, it was decided to put together a series of programmes called “Cumbria YFC Through the Decades” which featured interviews from such Cumbria YFC stalwarts as Mrs Olive Clarke (Cumbria YFC Honorary Life



Vice President), Mrs Dorrie Galbraith (Southern District Honorary Life Vice President), Mr Robin Gate and Betty and Michael Graham who talked about their memories and experiences as young farmers from the 1930s onwards.

Not everything has been done virtually and as restrictions lifted in the summer and early autumn, the young farmers were able to hold some socially distanced activities. Northern District Chair, Robbie Tuer organised a district wide sponsored cycle ride raising much needed funds of £10,760 for Carlisle and Eden Mind, West Cumbria Hospice at Home and the Northern District of Cumbria YFC.



Tractor run

County and District officials also lent their backing to the campaign to save Newton Rigg by organising a tractor run with over 80 tractors in attendance travelling from all corners of the county. The show of strength and determination of those taking part ensured that the county was left in no doubt about the strength of feeling towards the closure of Newton Rigg and the potential damage it would cause to the futures of the young people of Cumbria. County Chair Neil Curr also created a video with input from many young farmers talking about their experiences and education at Newton Rigg and what the closure of the college would mean to them. You can watch this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5wWjNH3u550&t=151s>

As we moved into winter, we faced more restrictions, but the young farmers still had much to celebrate with Lucy Dickinson from Cartmel YFC winning the Farmers Apprentice of the Year 2020, and Eden Valley YFC's Amy Swinbank winning the very first NFYFC Committee Member of the Year Award. Jade Haughan of Wigton YFC and Emma, Alice and James Walmsley from Kent Estuary YFC were recognised in the Cumberland Building Society 100 Thankyou awards and Ruth Cooper from Lowick YFC received a High Sheriff's Award. January saw the start-up of the Covid vaccination clinics and the young farmers took this as an opportunity to show support for their local communities with all the ten Southern District clubs helping at Covid clinics, moving furniture directing traffic and over-seeing queues.



Helping at vaccination centres

A full 365 days since the country was faced with the first lock down and the county's young farmers are still going strong with 877 members (64% of our usual membership) across both districts. Our young farmers have risen to the challenge that Covid-19 has brought with their usual inimitable style, continuing with their good works, supporting each other and with a determination not to let the pandemic stop them.

The coming months will see Cumbria YFC starting to re-build both its membership and its activities. A year without any dances or field days means that fundraising will be a big part of our activities in order to safeguard and protect the continuation and future of this outstanding youth organisation. A Just Giving page has been set up <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Cumbria-YFC> where donations can be made

and a sponsored sky dive and walk are on the cards for the coming months.

In my annual Yearbook report for 2019, I spoke of how we sometimes take for granted the great competition results, club and individual achievements, successes and recognition at national level. The past year has brought home to me what being a young farmer and specifically a Cumbria YFC young farmer is all about. It is about the making of life-long friends, the joy of shared fun and experiences, the shared celebration of achievements and the being there for each other when times are tough.

These reasons have never seemed so apt and although we have missed the competition finals and field days, we know that our young farmers have still been there for each other, and that Cumbria YFC will be back, stronger and greater than ever.

Joanne Mills, Chief Officer, Cumbria YFC

Emergency service training evening

Members of Eden Valley YFC assisted the emergency services this week by acting as “live” casualties” for a training evening. Members were rescued from a burning train and 2 members also appeared to be arrested, restrained and put in the back of a police van!

Members that who part really enjoyed the experience and have said they would certainly be willing to assist the emergency services if they require help in the future.



Eden Valley YFC

The Queen’s Green Canopy



Mrs Olive Clarke

The Queen’s Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee.” The Cumbria YFC Honorary Life Vice President, Mrs Olive Clarke OBE, JP, DL, FRAGS was asked by Lord Lieutenant, Mrs Claire Hensman to plant the first tree to mark the initiative in Cumbria.

Find out how you can get involved with the Queen’s Green Canopy at: <https://queensgreencanopy.org/>

South Cumbria Rivers Trust

It’s summer and one of the things we get asked about at this time of year is algae, in particular about blue-green algae and its occurrence on Coniston Water and other lakes.

The summer usually brings warmer, drier weather which can encourage naturally occurring algae to bloom. Whilst most blooms are harmless, blue-green algae (cyanobacteria) brings health risks to people and animals, so you need to be aware if you use the lake regularly or walk your dog along its margins. It is difficult to predict

when and where they may occur, and blooms will move around, so spotting and reporting suspected blooms will help relevant organisations to take action.

The UK's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (UKCEH) has produced an app, Bloomin' Algae, that enables you to take a photo of blooms you may be concerned about and its location. It can then be checked by experts and local agencies notified, as once detected the Environment Agency will test the water regularly and take appropriate action. You will also be informed whether it is cyanobacteria or not. Blue-green algae forms visible clumps in the water and as bright paint-like scum on the surface.

If in doubt about the bloom you've spotted is blue-green algae or not, the best thing to do is stay out of the water, keep your dogs and children out of the water. Rinse skin with non-lake water as contact with blue-green algae can cause skin rashes and ingesting the water can cause sickness and diarrhoea.

Bloomin' Algae is free to download, it will help make lake users aware of harmful blooms much earlier and help scientists in understanding more about the blooms and the affects of climate change on them across the UK.

Kath Smith, Communities & Engagement Officer, South Cumbria Rivers Trust

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Grizedale Arts

Update on The Farmer's Arms

Since the purchase of The Farmer's Arms completed back in April, we've had an amazing response to all our programmed activities. Students participating in our sold out Garden School have begun cultivating a plot of land at Nibthwaite Grange Farm under the tuition of Karen Guthrie which will soon provide produce for the pub's kitchen. Our Pottery School led by Adam Sutherland started in June with students making good use of our new workshop facilities to drop in and practice between classes. We've had over 50 people join our volunteer days who have cleaned, scraped, gardened and painted helping us make great progress on the renovation programme. Despite the rain, we welcomed over 200 people to our Rummage Sale raising £2,253 to support our renovations, while over 500 people joined us at sunny Farmer's Fete raising a further £1,300. To everyone who has joined us to date, thank you!

In other news, we've dedicated Wednesdays to volunteers this summer so if you are interested in supporting our renovation programme or learning more about the project, register to join us and we'll reward you with a hearty homecooked lunch for your hard work. Our Honest Shop is now open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm stocking baked goods, local produce, crafts, vintage and more. On Saturday 3 July, join stallholders from across the UK at The Farmer's Yarns, a new festival of all things woolly - take knitting lesson, browse yarns and knitwear and meet local farmers with native and rare-breed sheep. From the 9 July, why not treat yourself to one of our Friday night, Farmer's At Home Dinner Experiences which bring our kitchen to yours for just £60 delivered (or £50.00 for collection) made with fresh seasonal produce from our neighbours' farms and gardens.

To book or register for any of the above events, head to our website, www.lakedistrictfarmersarms.com, or contact Project Manager Emma Sumner, emma@grizedale.org | 015394 41050.

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The first step is to contact your landlord again, in writing. Include photographs of the problems. Keep a record of all communications and evidence relating to the disrepair.

If that doesn't prompt any action, the housing advisers at Citizens Advice can help with next steps. These could include contacting your local council (who will have dedicated officers for dealing with disrepair in private rented properties) or asking for a visit by the environmental health team.

Tenants can take their landlords to court to force them to carry out repairs. However, it's worth getting some advice and thinking carefully before embarking on this route.

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Warming and Justice, Crisis and Change – what's the Link?

These are all words we hear frequently in a variety of settings but there is one thing which connects them together and that is Climate. The ideas of Global Warming and Climate Change are both familiar and easy to relate to; after all the one subject that everyone in England talks about is the weather! We hear of "the hottest month on record" and "the wettest May for years" and we can relate to that because it has been our experience, right here.

But Crisis and Justice? They are more difficult words to associate with our weather. Here in Cumbria, we are used to rapid changes in the weather and life goes on much the same whether we have a good summer, a hard winter or something in between. But there can be no doubt that the more general weather patterns are changing across the world and here in Britain too. Scientists are pretty well agreed that a large part of this is being caused by the way we live and particularly the effects of greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere as a result; and that this will be hard



to stop and will only get worse unless we do something about it, and something big at that!

The idea of Justice comes into the picture because the vast majority of the world's population has not had that way of living, have not polluted the atmosphere in that way and are not responsible for the changes we see all around the world. Yet they are the ones who are suffering most from those changes. Where is the Justice in that?

And Crisis? What Crisis? Well, for us life does go on as before, but for many people these changes have brought new hazards for each day's existence. It's not just the prospect of homes being submerged by rising sea levels, but also the ability to grow the food they need every day that is being taken away by forces beyond their control. For them, Climate Crisis is a real and everyday, personal experience.

Something needs to be done and we in the affluent part of the world have to be the ones to do it. In June the richest countries of the world (G7) met here in UK. In November the latest round of international talks on these matters will take place in Glasgow (COP26). We are the hosts with responsibility. We are at the centre of things and we can make our voices heard. Christian Aid is already hugely involved and provides us with an easy way into calling for change and making it happen. You can add your voice by signing the Climate Justice Petition to be found at:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/campaigns/climate-justice-2021>

Why delay, do it now!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated in Christian Aid Week to a Coniston total of £1333, another fabulous amount

Dare Holland

A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg

JULY 22ND : FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

Our Philosophy of Religion lecturer at Romsey House, Cambridge, was also a semi-professional footballer. He had the task of introducing the Chaplain of Magdalene College as guest speaker at one of our Advent Presentations. On doing so, he told the tale of his first tour of Cambridge, when he was shown round by a student friend. Crossing the Cam they had come to the college, and Graham had said, "Oh, look – Mag-da-lene College." His friend had said, "Don't show your ignorance. Round here we pronounce it 'Mawdlin' College." Some time later, whilst playing football for Cambridge United, Graham had gone to Long Stanton to collect a fellow player who lived in a Magdalene Close. Remembering his earlier lesson, he asked a local, "Can you tell me where 'Mawdlin' Close is, please?" The man replied, "Oh! You're one of those toffs from the University, are you? Round here we call it *Mag-da-lene* Close!"

In my 'thought' for Easter Saturday last year I mentioned a suggestion I had made about a (modest?) inscription for my tombstone, whilst working for the General Synod – "He did what he could!" There was an amusing sequel. I had attempted a Latin translation, and stuck it on my office noticeboard – QUOD POTUIT FECIT. One day the deaconess responsible for women's ministry spotted it and said, "That's an interesting text. Isn't that what Jesus said about the woman who anointed His feet?" Because it was in Latin, it could equally well be translated "*She* has done what *she* could!" (Mark ch. 14 v 8). "Trust you to notice *that*, Ruth," I thought.

It is widely held in the Church that the woman, of whom Jesus said this, was Mary Magdalene. And nearly all that is recorded of her emphasizes what she DID, rather

than what she SAID, and Jesus said that it is *this* for which she will be remembered. Although proclamation of the Good News is a vital element of our Christian witness, Jesus emphasized repeatedly that it is what we DO that authenticates the *reality* of our faith. The Sermon on the Mount is full of it:

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who *does* the will of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21)

“Your will be *done*, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:10)

“By their *fruits* you will know them.” (Matthew 7:21)

“Do to others as you would have them *do* to you.” (Matthew 7:12)

“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and *acts* on them will be like a wise man who built his house on a rock.” (Matthew 7:24)

The Epistle of James expounds this theme in a major way:

“Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.” (ch. 2 v. 17)

“I, by my works, will show you my faith.” (ch. 2 v. 18)

“For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead.” (ch. 2 v. 26)

There was a lovely charismatic American bishop from the Deep South who was the main speaker at our Oxford Diocesan Clergy Conference. *He* gave us a very direct Bible Study on the subject of Giving, at the end of which he invited questions. One sceptical clergyman said, “Come on, Bishop. Be honest! What do you *really* think about tithing?” The bishop leaned over to him, with a twinkle in his eye, and said simply, “Ah *DO* it!”

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From the Registers



Funerals

3rd July Frederick George Sprules at St. Mary's, Penny Bridge
Interment of Ashes



Baptisms

4th July Samuel Thomas Bird at St. Luke's, Lowick
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Early on Saturday 5th June, my much-loved wife Anne died very suddenly and unexpectedly. Anne had been ill for 18 months but was being treated and her health was stable.

We recently had the joy of a first grandchild, baby Eilidh, and we were looking very much to the future. Therefore, Anne's death has been an enormous shock to myself, her daughter Helen, her son James and the family, as well as the wider Christian community in Coniston and the Crake Valley.

I want to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has sent their condolences to myself and the family, and to the many of you who have offered up prayers and those who continue to do so. I also want to thank those who attended the Service of Thanksgiving for Anne's life on Monday 21st June at Jesus Church, Troutbeck, where Anne and I were married in July 2015.

The thanksgiving was naturally a difficult time to go through but there was much to celebrate about Anne, including her strong Christian faith, her many friendships, her warmth and compassion, and her great capacity to love—even me!

In a last letter to me, Anne set out her wishes and stipulated that the talk should “*urge everyone to stay to close to God and run a good race*”, a reference to 2 Timothy 4.1-8. She also urged me to finish the race that God has set for me—and to say that she would be at the finishing-line cheering me on.

Many thanks again to all, and I leave you with a quote that Anne wanted for her thanksgiving and which I believe encapsulates her faith and joy of life.

Revd. Brian Streeter

*“If you can stay
in the midst of turmoil
unperplexed and calm
because you see Jesus,
then that is
God's plan for your life”*

Oswald Chambers, Meditation on a Storm



August Magazine

Please can all items, news, advertising enquiries and “What's On” events for this Magazine be emailed to the editor at **editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk** by **July 15th**, or phone **07505 048736**, or to Jean Johnson if that's more convenient : **enquiries@conistonholidays.co.uk** or tel. **015394 41319**. If you don't have access to a computer you can leave items at the Vicarage but please give plenty of time to convert them to electronic format.



Calling all photographers!

If you have photos of local interest, perhaps not landscapes, that would be suitable for the cover of a future Magazine please email in as above. This month's cover photo is Playful Lambs by Sally Anne Bracewell. We also have a gallery of contributed seasonal photos of our beautiful area on the website:

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