

Coniston and Crake Valley News



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Cumbrians honoured with Maundy money

Six people from Cumbria have been awarded Maundy money in recognition of their Christian service to church and community.

The group were among 76 men and 76 women - equal to the age of His Majesty King Charles III – to be presented with the money by the monarch at Durham Cathedral on Maundy Thursday.

The Diocese of Carlisle recipients included Sandra Edwards from Egremont, Rosalie McAndrew from St Bees, Doug McDevitte from Beckermest, Nicholas Monk from Coniston, Barbara Pilon from Barrow-in-Furness, and Alan Webb from Whitehaven.

Nicholas Monk has been involved with his local churches – St Andrew's Coniston and St Luke's Torver – since 1991 and is churchwarden for both. He moved to Coniston in the late 1980s having worked in shipping and oil in the Middle East for nearly 30 years. Nicholas has also acted as treasurer for the joint PCC as well as being a sidesperson and is a church representative on the village hall committee.

He said: "Everything went extremely well on the day; the service and Cathedral were excellent. When we arrived at our hotel the day before we were helped with our cases by a man who it turned out was Graham Usher, the Bishop responsible for the Maundy service. We chatted with him and explained where we were from, so when the King handed me the Maundy money the bishop explained that I was from Coniston and he said he knew it well."

The tradition of the sovereign giving money dates from the thirteenth century. Each recipient is given two leather purses – one containing coinage worth £5.50 in lieu of food and clothing and the second contains silver Maundy coins, the same number of pence as the sovereign's age.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the day of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles, with the word 'Maundy' coming from Christ's command or 'mandatum' to love one another.



from the left: Doug McDevitte, Sandra Edwards, Nicholas Monk and Alan Webb.

The Coniston and Crake Valley Benefice

“To Grow, Witness and Love Like Jesus”

Serving the parishes of Colton, Coniston and Torver, Egton cum Newland and Lowick with Blawith

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Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley

To contact any of the Churchwardens, pastoral team, retired clergy or lay ministers please call or email the Administrators.

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. The church building is usually open daily 10am – 4pm for visitors and for private prayer. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8ER

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 10.30am and Saturdays at 5.00pm.

For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.

Cover photo: Coniston Methodist Chapel - see page 8

Church Services for June 2025

1st	Seventh Sunday of Easter		
St. Luke Torver	9.00am	Bikers' Breakfast	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Jo Rand
		Chapel Anniversary	
8th	Pentecost		
Lowick Community Hall	10.00am	All Age Service	Pam Priestley
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Harry Welch
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Grace Cauldwell
		Chapel Anniversary	
15th	Trinity		
St Luke Torver	9.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Mary Penny Bridge	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Brian Streeter
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Rev Grace Cauldwell
22nd	First Sunday after Trinity		
St. Luke Lowick	9.30am	Methodist Service	Paul Rand
Holy Trinity Colton	10.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev David Bickersteth
Coniston Methodist	11.00am	Morning Worship	Paul Rand
St. Luke Torver	7.00pm	Torver Junction	Rev Brian Streeter
29th	Second Sunday after Trinity		
Greenodd Village Hall	11.00am	Holy Communion	Rev Brian Streeter
St. Andrew Coniston	11.00am	CTC united service	Pamela Hull

Tottlebank Baptist Church - Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came along to our coffee morning on Saturday 10th May. Thanks also to Bakehouse Born and Bread and Ellie's Garden Centre for providing prizes for the Quiz. In total £547.31 was raised for St Mary's Hospice.

Tottlebank Baptist Church - warmly invites you to our Saturday Special

The next one is on Saturday 28th June, 10.15 am - 12.30 pm - Chris Hamps will be leading and the topic "Abraham and Isaac"

Pastoral Letter from Revd Harry Welch

Dear friends,

At an induction service I was welcomed by a local councillor. As I held out my hand she greeted me with a kiss on the cheek. After the service a clergy friend asked, "Do you kiss all the councillors?" to which I replied, "Only the women"!

I often wonder, when did we British become a 'kissy, huggy' nation? I recall meeting Barbara's family for the first time. The tension of the moment was added to by suddenly being smothered in hugs and kisses from all and sundry. I realise now it was part of their family tradition of my being accepted into their family as 'our Harry' and I have remained 'our Harry' ever since. For many today such greetings are becoming the norm, even from strangers. For men, the handshake is replaced by a hand clasp and a shoulder bump. For women it's a kiss on the cheek or a hug, with some hugs almost morphing the couple into one entity!

For most, these are signs of familiarity and affection. However, such attempts at closeness can also hide the true nature of relationships and draw the couple physically closer, not as an expression of affection, but merely to avoid prolonged eye contact. These encounters reveal much about us and our relationships. Judas betrayed Jesus with a kiss. St. Paul encourages Christians to greet one another with a kiss, one of love and fellowship in the faith.

Christian love cannot be forced. It flows from one Christian to another as fruit of their unity in Christ. In a world where so many of our 'huggy, kissy' expressions are hollow cultural habits without any real meaning, Christian love transforms such into expressions of fellowship and partnership in the gospel. Christian love moves a congregation from religious formality, through friendship into true Christian fellowship which is also evangelistic. Christian love prefers words of encouragement to those of criticism; Christian love builds up and heals rather than tears down and injure.

Following Peter's denial of Jesus, after the Resurrection, Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?", not once, but three times, and each time Peter replied, "Yes, I love you". If the Lord were to ask you now if you love Him, not once but three times, how deep would be your response? Any true response cannot be an empty gesture but rather a deep expression of love from the heart; no false hugs or kisses, no avoiding eye contact. I wonder how many of our kisses, hugs and hand clasps, yes even handshakes during the peace, would become more meaningful, or perhaps never come to pass, if we were to first ask each other, "Do you love me"?

In Him, *Harry*.

Around the Parishes : Colton

Save the date

Colton Church coffee morning

Saturday July 19th, 10am -12noon

Bouth Village Hall

Annual Raffle, Cake Stall

£1 entry includes coffee and biscuits.



Colton Parish Council News

We were delighted to welcome Gavin Capstick, Chief Executive of the Lake District National Park Authority, to the Annual Parish Meeting at Finsthwaite & Lakeside Village Hall on Saturday 17th May. Thank you to everyone who submitted a question, came along on the day and supported us. A full report will be available on our website soon.

We've also published our Annual Chair's Report; it's been a busy year but there's still a lot to do.

We'd really like to encourage you to come to one of our meetings, whether it's to raise an issue, just find out more, or to meet the team. We are always delighted to hear from people who might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and we're very happy to answer any questions about what's involved.

Our next meetings are:-

7pm Monday 23rd June 2025 at Colton Parish Rooms

7pm Monday 21st June 2025 at Rusland Reading Room

We haven't had a meeting since the last magazine, but we have been working hard behind the scenes. For example, alongside other local Parishes in the Coniston & Hawkshead ward, we are working with Councillor Suzanne Pender and Westmorland & Furness Council to raise local people's concerns about the impact on residents and businesses of the number and frequency of road closures around the patch. We know that infrastructure improvements will benefit us all, but we would like to see better communication and co-ordination of these closures to help ease the difficulties they continue to cause.

To find out more about the work of the Parish Council see <https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/> or email clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk

Lowick

Lowick Parish Council

Our next meeting will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 17th July at The Lowick Community Hall.

Egton cum Newland

Greenodd Village Hall - upcoming events for your diary:

Two fantastic tribute acts coming in June and July



Alecia Karr, Pink Tribute: Saturday 19th July, Disco & Live Performance 8-11pm.

Tickets £12, call 07949 587710

The next Parish Council meeting for Egton with Newland, Mansriggs & Osmotherley Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 1st July 7pm Greenodd Village Hall

Coniston & Torver

Happy 150th Birthday

Coniston Methodist Church celebrates the 150th anniversary of its chapel building on 1st June 2025. Just eight people formed the society at that time but what faith and energy they displayed in creating a building so much in use so many years later! As we celebrate their achievements and all that has gone on since then, we remember words from the Bible, in the Letter to the Hebrews, **“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever.”**

Many, many people have kept that flame of faith burning bright here and our mission remains the same, to share the love of God with the people of our resident community and those who visit.

During week 23rd - 30th May we shall be hosting a beautiful set of **Tapestries from the Weardale Museum**, itself set in a former Methodist Chapel. This wonderful artwork will highlight some of the origins and impact of a movement that has always seen the place of faith as being in everyday life and social justice, as well as the craftwork of those who made them. The Chapel will be open daily 10am-4pm, other than on Sunday 1st June when we shall hold a special service at 11am, to which all are more than welcome; that service will be led by Rev. Jo Rand from Grange and will include sharing in Holy Communion. On 8th June we shall have a second anniversary service led by our minister, Rev. Grace Cauldwell to which we again extend a warm invitation to all, to gain a flavour of what has inspired villagers through the years and how we want to continue that involvement in the coming years. Our celebrations will then continue in a variety of forms over the following weeks and months.

On **Thursday 5th June Barrow Male Voice Choir** will put on a special Celebration Concert, starting at 7.30pm, admission free but donations welcome.

We will be involving **our schools** and sharing our joy with them, with special assemblies and a piece of artwork that we hope will be well visible to the whole village at the time!

Do take the time to visit the Chapel while the Tapestry Exhibition is there, both to see that work and to share in our celebrations, and make a diary note of the other events; we look forward to seeing you.

Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - April 2025

Total - 45.1mm (1.8")

Wet days - 9

More than 1mm on 5 days

Wettest day - 16th - 15.4mm (0.6")

Frost from the 4th to the 9th

John Ruskin School leavers of 1975, 50 year reunion

19th July 2025

Dear Class Mates,

We are really looking forward to seeing you all again. Just a reminder our celebrations will be taking place at Coniston Sports and Social Club from 6pm, with food served at 7pm. Please bring a +one if you wish, cost per person £15.

If we haven't already managed to contact you directly please get in touch, we'd love to see you.

70s Night The 1970s themed evening continues from 9pm, with live music from popular band 'Route 66' playing classics from the decade. Anyone who has ever attended, worked, or been involved with the school is invited to join us. Donations on the door. All profits going to John Ruskin School HSA

Also we are gathering together photos and memorabilia of people and life at JRS in the early 70s. Please get in touch if you have any. Thank you.

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John Ruskin School Celebrates Success in Ofsted Inspection and League Tables

John Ruskin School in Coniston has much to celebrate this year, following a highly positive Ofsted inspection and outstanding performance in the school league tables.

The recent Ofsted inspection praised the school for its nurturing environment, where students are described as "courteous and kind-hearted" and serve as "first rate ambassadors for their school." Inspectors highlighted the strong appetite for learning among pupils and their positive attitudes in lessons, reflecting the school's commitment to developing well-rounded, resilient young people.

Headteacher Mr. Blackburn expressed his delight, stating, "I am delighted that the inspection team were not only able to recognise the excellent attitudes from our students but also the sustained performance of our excellent results, which they described as a 'high performance environment' for our young people."

In addition to the glowing Ofsted report, John Ruskin School has also achieved top rankings in the school league tables this year. This impressive accomplishment underscores the school's dedication to academic excellence and its ability to provide a high-quality education for its students.

As the school community celebrates these achievements, John Ruskin School remains committed to maintaining its high standards at the centre of the community, continuing to provide the very best education for students aged 11 to 16 in the heart of Coniston.

Coniston Cooperative Society

The Committee thanks members for the patience they showed during the disruption caused by hackers. While not directly attacked, there was a delay in some of the deliveries from the Co-op Group. Staff worked hard to compensate and were grateful for the support given by Anne Butterfield (Coniston and Torver Dairy) and John Watson (Yew Tree Farm).



Coniston Cricket Club June fixtures

Home games

Date	Game	Match Sponsor
Sunday 1 st June 1pm	Coniston 2 nd v Kirkby Lonsdale	Lowick Bridge Campsite
Sunday 8 th June 1pm	Coniston 2 nd v Burneside 3 rd	Nigel Dixon
Saturday 14 th June 1pm	Coniston 1 st v Sedgwick	PS Electrical
Sunday 22 nd June 1pm	Coniston 2 nd v Appleby 3 rd	J E Atkinson
Friday 27 th June 6:30pm	Coniston 1 st v Settle 2 nd (20/20 Match)	Mark Fryer - Painting & Decorating
Saturday 28 th June 1pm	Coniston 1 st v Settle 2 nd	Coniston Sports & Social Centre

Away Games

Date	Game
Saturday 7 th June 1pm	Shireshead v Coniston 1 st
Sunday 15 th June 1pm	Ulverston 3 rd v Coniston 2 nd
Saturday 21 st June 1pm	Carnforth 2 nd v Coniston 1 st
Sunday 29 th June 1pm	Burneside 3 rd v Coniston 2 nd



Get making those buggies for our -

Annual Celebration Day

Saturday 28th June from 12pm

Activities for All Ages

Including Buggy Race – Down Guards Hill

Live Music throughout afternoon

Tug O' War, Races, Dog Show, BBQ, Ice Cream, Bouncy Castle

You can follow our Facebook page or look out for posters around Coniston Village for further information



We will be holding our AGM soon, if anyone would like to attend or join the committee please get in touch. Further details will be on our Facebook page & in our notice board near the garage.

Coniston Parent and Toddler Group is changing to a Friday (term time only) from first week of June – 1-3pm. All Welcome (incl Grandparents / Carers) £1.50

We are always on the look out for anyone wishing to volunteer at our Youth Club, held on a Tuesday night 7-9pm, we currently have 32 young people from the village and surrounding area who attend, please get in touch for more info, even if its just once a month you can help.

Torver Parish Council

At its Annual Parish Meeting on 1st May, the Chair in his report announced that Val Kay was standing down. He thanked her for her contributions over the years, particularly in dealing with the Highways Department at Westmorland and Furness Council. On behalf of the parish council, Peter Worth presented Ms Kay with a bouquet of flowers. Should anyone wish to fill the vacancy, please contact any of the councillors. The council meets six times a year. The meetings tend to last no longer than 90 minutes. The next meeting of TPC will be held on Thursday 3rd July at 7.30pm in the Schoolroom.

Reports

Councillor Suzanne Pender's community surgeries continue to be held on the **last Friday of the month, 10-10.45am at Herdwicks Café, Coniston.**

Thank
you!

The Revd. Joanna Henson – Thank You

The churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley will be having a celebratory lunch to say thank you to the Revd. Joanna Henson on Sunday 29th June at Greenodd Village Hall.

The lunch will take place after the 11.00am morning service in the hall, and all are welcome to attend the service and/or lunch to come say thank you to Joanna for her many years of love and service to the people of the Crake Valley.

Revd. Brian Streeter



April Mothers' Union Report

Members of Coniston Mother's Union April meeting joined in worship remembering Pope Francis and all who had recently died and are ill. With all the troubles in the world at the moment, prayers were said for peace between and in all nations.

Following the reading of the 'Parable of the Sower, Nina read an article about different angles of it, relating to the heart and how we all see and interpret things differently. A lively discussion on our different thoughts followed.

Reports from council and deanery meetings were given with future dates for outings, meetings and an invite to another branch celebrating their 110th birthday. The new World Wide President, Kathleen Snow from Canada is coming to Carlisle Diocese on July 6th where a service will be held at Greystoke .

The next meeting is on 29th May with the theme 'A Person who has Influenced us'. All are welcome, contact **Kay 015394 41559**.

Egton WI

Egton ladies continue to keep busy. Ten of us joined in the litter pick last month and collected a good number of filled bags. Let's hope that all the motorists who saw us took note!

Sarah Stephens is coming to talk to us about the "Shared Lives Initiative" in May and for our June meeting we have a welcome return from Norma Halpin who will no doubt impress us with her "Summer Arrangements".

We are looking forward to our visits away this month. On 5th Rusland & Bouth WI have invited us to "An Afternoon of Delights", and on the 26th of this month we visit David Ryland. We also have some county organised events too.

Above all we are hoping to see many of you at our tea party on 14th. Ticket sales are going well and we will do our best to please your taste buds! (for info call 07519 144799)

Remember ladies, you are always welcome to come along and see what our WI is all about - the second Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in Greenodd Village Hall.

Enjoy the lovely weather whilst it lasts.



Green Sparks News

Westmorland & Furness Council is seeking views from local people about its **Cumbria Local Nature Recovery Strategy**. You have until 22nd June to have your say; see <https://consult.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/westmorland-and-furness-council/cumbrialnrs/>

Big Green Week runs from 8th to 16th June. This year's theme is *Let's Swap Together for Good* and we are all encouraged to swap ideas, know-how, and resources to help us reduce waste and build sustainability. From seeds to books, recipes to unwanted clothes, ideas to practical help, there are ways for everyone to get involved. To find out more see <https://zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/action/gbgw/>

7th June The Cumbria Sustainability Network is hosting a free event in Windermere celebrating nature, community climate action and community growing projects. To find out more about this and other events see <https://cafs.org.uk/events/>

Futureproof Cumbria (previously known as CAfS) is running pop up home energy advice sessions around Cumbria. See <https://zerocarboncumbria.co.uk/events/> for details.

If you are looking for inspiration, local climate change expert **Mike Bernes-Lee** has published a new book ***A Climate of Truth***. He calls for honesty and action, and argues that we are facing multiple interacting crises, that mean it is ever more essential that we all - individuals, communities, organisations and Governments - step up to the challenge. See <https://climateoftruth.co.uk/>

Thanks again to the Green Sparks network for sharing your news and ideas. Please keep in touch greensparks.sparkbridge@gmail.com

Rookhow

Rookhow will be celebrating its 300th anniversary on Saturday 7th June. We would especially like to involve local people and community organisations who have stayed at Rookhow. If you would like to pop in for any part of the day, you would be welcome:

12noon Quaker Meeting for Worship in the 300 year old Meeting House

1pm Bring and shared lunch

2pm Speakers on Rookhow's history and Rookhow's future/ young people's activities in the woods

3pm Tea and cake

3.20pm Group activity with Wise Up Workshops

4pm onwards- socialising, evening meal, campfire, music

We're encouraging people to arrive at Rookhow on foot or by bike - there's an organised bike ride from Cartmel and a walk from Newby Bridge over High Dam. There will be car parking at Rookhow and Rusland Readings Rooms for those who are not able to walk so far. Space for people to stay over too (Friday and/or Saturday nights). <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/74130?> Book online or



email contactrookhow@gmail.com saying which part of the day you want to join. We're really grateful to Wise Up Workshops for their creative support in helping to organise this event.

MORE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Rookhow has just awarded £11,500 to 18 community groups for a subsidised stay at Rookhow. The groups include support for women dealing with domestic abuse, drug and alcohol recovery, anti racism work, activities for young people with complex needs and families on low incomes. We are immensely grateful for the individuals and Quaker Meetings who have donated to this fund. Rookhow also contributes at least 5% of its bookings income.

'Summer Notes' at Rookhow - Tuesday 1st July 7.30pm (refreshments) for 8pm (music)

This performance sees some of Cumbria's finest chamber musicians come together to start a new tradition - a musical almanac. You can expect to hear beautiful miniatures, specially commissioned works from leading composers, reworkings by the ensemble of traditional folk music and familiar classics - all with a particular focus on the time of year.

Expect to hear a new arrangement of Vaughan Williams' Silent Noon alongside music by Ella Jarman-Pinto, Kerry Andrew, Liz Johnson, Kirsty Devaney, Sadie Harrison, Benjamin Britten's folk songs and a world premiere from David Matthews among others...

Conjuring a musical picture of the celestial and earthly connections to the seasons and to place, music of the tides, stars and human connection.

Reserve a seat by emailing contactrookhow@gmail.com £18 adults. Pay on the door (cash/card). Under 18s free

The Farmers Arms/Grizedale Arts

NEW RESOURCES FOR LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS

We're thrilled to offer a spacious [all electric van for hire](#) at a subsidised rate to our community. It's even got a refrigeration option, making it extra useful for anyone moving fresh produce around - farmers, cooks, bakers...

The cost is £30 per half day to cover insurance, pick up and drop off location is The Farmer's Arms (LA12 8DT) and to find out how to rent the van please email Ali Hooper on ali@grizedale.org

Big thanks to the Royal Countryside Fund for supporting this initiative. They're also supporting us to install a [refrigerated vending machine](#), a kind of 24/7 farmers' market - there are a few milk ones in Cumbria already. We will be selling Crake Valley Apple juice and invite enquiries from farmers, bakers and growers who'd like to sell via the machine - we estimate it going live this August.

DIANA'S ORCHARD

Thanks to the King's Coronation Community Orchard Fund we have been able to

plant a new orchard on the pub land. The work of planting 16 new trees, hedgerows and making hand crafted tree guards has been ably handled by Grizedale Arts' Head gardener Karen Guthrie and members of The Farmer's Arms Gardening School. We're calling it Diana's Orchard to remember our beloved volunteer Diana Rutherford (also an enthusiastic member of the School). We're also working on a new permissive path through the orchard to offer the public a safe pedestrian route to it up from Spark Bridge.

NOW WE ARE 4!

Happy Birthday to us! Can it really be four years since we opened The Farmer's Arms, hot on the heels of the pandemic?

The Farmer's Arms had been shut for nearly 3 years before the community asked Grizedale Arts to step in. The brewery owning the pub had been looking for new tenants unsuccessfully for that whole time and had moved to sell the site. Together with 28 loanstock investors and 6 donors we bought it and within just 4 months we had it open again, thanks to an enormous push by our staff and many volunteers.

Four years on and we are STILL open, and we are very proud of that. 6 pubs per week - nearly one a day - are closing in the UK, with an estimated 80% of them unprofitable due to rising employment costs. We have weathered many storms familiar to any pub: staffing comings and goings, debtors we've had to give up on and the ongoing trials of a 16th century heating 'system'.

We run a tighter ship than ever, without compromising on the things that matter: paying our staff fairly, minimizing waste and sourcing everything we use ethically and with a focus on a local, circular economy. Regulars and one off visitors love what we do. Our Saturday Cafe Teen celebrates our youngest staff by empowering them to make all their own business decisions, and our pottery, crafts and gardening classes thrive.

We will shortly be closing on a Wednesday evening in favour of opening Thursday (5 -10), based on the feedback of customers, alongside continuing Friday, Saturday and Sunday opening. This new pattern starts on June 1st, so check the website and socials to discover what's upcoming - and enjoy the remainder of May with us, when the gardens are glorious and our kitchens are in full swing.

WHAT'S ON?

COMMUNITY LUNCH MOVES TO A THURSDAY!

Rosemary and Brian continue to cook our weekly community lunch- always a varied and delicious two course meal with tea and coffee for only £7 with great company. We love to welcome new faces as well as our lovely regulars. Now Thursdays 1-2pm

JUNE 6TH: REUBEN TIGHE LIVE IN THE STABLE BAR

Performing a mix of blues, foot stomping folk, and original music from 7pm

JUNE 21/22 OPEN DAYS AT LAWSON PARK

If meadows are your thing (and why wouldn't they be?) we have a magnificent ancient upland meadow at our artists residency Lawson Park, open twice this summer on June 21/22 and Aug 30/31. More details and booking on the Grizedale Arts Website

LEARN TO SCYTHE WITH STEVE TOMLIN:

On Friday 4th July we are thrilled to welcome rock star of the scythe Steve Tomlin to teach a one-day class that will cover all you need to know about the way of the scythe, including maintenance and - of course - hands-on tuition on our beautiful meadows. We guarantee you will be hooked, and that strimmer and mower will stay in the shed a whole lot more. There are just 8 places so book your ticket now via our website.

NATIONAL MEADOWS DAY:

July 5th is National Meadows Day and we are well underway transforming the former sheep grazed fields around The Farmer's Arms into a species rich biodiverse meadow. In 2024 DEFRA named us as a Bee's Needs Champion.

Karen Guthrie will lead a workshop in the meadows at The Farmer's Arms (10am - 12.30), covering the key objectives of a biodiverse meadow and how to achieve these in a beautiful and wildlife-friendly yet still manageable way. And you needn't have acres to work with - a mini meadow in a garden can be just as rewarding.

BRANTWOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

June sees two new fabulous exhibitions in the Blue Gallery and Severn Studio



THE GREAT TREES OF CUMBRIA - Exhibition of Drawings by Tony Galuidi in the Blue Gallery

7th June – 10th August

Artist and Cumbriaphile, Tony Galuidi, has spent years seeking out these fabulous trees and has created an exhibition of exquisite pencil drawings. Each tree has its own unique story including Coniston's Courageous Tree which was once voted the best tree in Cumbria. All proceeds from sales will be donated to Knoxwood Wildlife Rescue, near Carlisle.

WILD OF WING by Rachel Singleton in the Severn Studio

7th June – 28th September

This collection of watercolour paintings focuses on the birds that call Brantwood home – the familiar robins that greet café visitors, the watchful sparrowhawk and tawny owl lingering in the shadows, the mallards drifting along the shoreline, and songbirds weaving their melodies. A percentage of proceeds will be donated to various Cumbrian wildlife charities.

There will be an opportunity to 'Meet the Artist' with Rachel on Saturday 7th June 11.30am-3.30pm.

Wednesday 25th June: **Annual Scything Day** in our beautiful unique wildflower meadow. 6.30am - 9.30am. Take part as a volunteer - breakfast in the cafe. All skill levels welcome. Or just come as a spectator and watch a tradition unfold that has been taking place here at Brantwood for decades.

For full details of all our exhibitions, events and bookings, please visit our website www.brantwood.org.uk. Contact enquiries@brantwood.org.uk or call 015394 41396.

WEDNESDAY evening YOGA for all @ Coniston Sports & Social Centre

19.00 – 20.00 - starting first Wednesday in JUNE

Your first class is **FREE** – if you haven't been to one of my classes, your first class is **free** – contact me to let me know you are coming

07471 421 153 alternatively email me: hollybean_100@hotmail.com

The Great Cumbrian Chefs Dinner

Saturday 20th September at Lowick Hall

**A prestigious NSPCC fundraising event in aid of Childline,
celebrating the best in fine dining in Cumbria**

Exclusive Auction

Fine Wines and hospitality

Headline chefs:

Ollie Bridgewater of Source at Gilpin Hotel

Paul Heathcote MBE of Heathcote & Co

Ryan Blackburn of the Old Stamp House & The Schelly

Paul Leonard of Forestside

Tickets from £250. Please contact

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Lambing Service

On Sunday 11th May, the Anglican churches at the bottom of the Crake Valley gathered at Great Knott Farm in Blawith village for a Lambing Service.

The weather, as it has been in May, was wonderfully sunny and almost too hot! And the viewpoint from the farm field up the Crake Valley and looking towards the majestic Old Man of Coniston was breathtaking.

So, all were in good heart to give thanks for the hard work of the farmers and the safe delivery of the lambs in 2025

Revd. Brian Streeter

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road.

The sheep with their little lambs
Passed me by on the road;
All in the April evening
I thought on the Lamb of God.

The lambs were weary and crying
With a weak, human cry.
I thought on the Lamb of God
Going meekly to die.

Up in the blue, blue mountains
Dewy pastures are sweet;
Rest for the little bodies,
Rest for the little feet.

But for the Lamb of God,
Up on the hill-top green,
Only a Cross of shame
Two stark crosses between.

All in the April evening,
April airs were abroad;
I saw the sheep with their lambs,
And thought on the Lamb of God.

Katharine Tynan Hinkson (1859 – 1931)



Lambing Service at Great Knott Far, Blawith

Parish Prayer Diary June 2025

1st: Sunday, the first day of the week

Risen, ascended Lord, as we rejoice at Your triumph, fill Your Church with power and compassion, that all who are estranged by sin may find forgiveness and know the peace of Jesus, who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

2nd: Pray for the Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh as he takes up his new role of Bishop of Carlisle.

3rd: Pray for areas of on-going armed conflict: for the peace negotiators striving to bring resolution and for the ICRC (RedCross/Crescent) bringing humanitarian aid and support.

4th: Pray for the Benefice Staff team meeting this afternoon.

5th: On World Environment Day, pray for inspired international cooperation to reduce the annual production of short-lived plastic products that soon become waste, filling the ocean and filtering into the human food chain.

6th: Pray for journalists in war zones relaying eyewitness accounts to the world, often at great risk to themselves.

7th: Pray for teenagers sitting exams whilst caring for a dependent parent.

8th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Holy Spirit, sent by the Father, ignite in us Your holy fire; strengthen Your children with the gift of faith, revive Your Church with the breath of love bringing new life to us, our community, our Nation.

9th: Pray for the members of the Youth Advisory Council working for meaningful action to stop and reverse the effects on ocean ecosystems of overfishing, chemical pollution and deep-sea mining.

10th: Pray for Food Banks and Pantries: the organisers and volunteers.

11th: Pray for the millions of unpaid carers giving vital support to loved ones living with an illness, disability or mental health condition.

12th: Pray for Victim Support charity providing specialist support to individuals of all ages affected by crime and traumatic events.

13th: Pray for Tearfund charity, partnering with local Christian churches abroad tackling poverty, responding to disasters and challenging injustice.

14th: Pray for fathers everywhere as they strive to provide for their families and be good role models to their children.

15th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray our unchanging Lord will help us grow in knowledge of His truth and draw us deeper into His love that we may truly know and worship our Holy God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

16th: Pray for the G7 Summit taking place in Alberta, Canada; for meaningful dialogue, collective actions and innovation solutions for the benefit of all peoples.

17th: Pray for work of The Gideons International, that many people will come to know the Lord Jesus through reading Gideon-placed Bibles and New Testaments.

18th: Pray for Midwives working in hospital and community settings.

19th: Pray for the increasing numbers of men suffering poor mental health; many feeling they have no sense of purpose, some facing unemployment, family

breakdown, debt, homelessness and addictions.

20th: Pray for all displaced people escaping injustice, war and suffering; pray also for refugees settling into new communities.

21st: Pray for all who work within the Youth Justice Service, preventing children and young people entering the youth justice system for the first time, and supporting them to move away from offending.

22nd: Sunday, the first day of the week

May our God of truth help us to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may know the fullness of Life that is found in Jesus alone.

23rd: Pray for Christians in Libya following Jesus at great risk to their lives and livelihood. Pray for peace in Libya, specifically that tensions between factions will not escalate into war and further endanger believers.

24th: Pray for those who live and work in the communities of Coniston and Torver.

25th: Pray for those working in maritime professions, including Merchant and Royal Navies, fishing fleets, workboats, commercial shipping and ferries.

26th: Pray for ordinands on their pre-ordination retreat at Rydall Hall.

27th: Pray for UN Peacekeepers in areas of fragile peace: protecting civilians, preventing conflict outbreaks and promoting Human Rights.

28th: Pray for the Petertide Ordinations of Deacons and Priests at Carlisle Cathedral today.

29th: Sunday, the first day of the week

Pray our faithful creator God, whose mercy never fails, may deepen our faithfulness to Him and to His living Word, Christ Jesus our Lord.

30th: Pray the Lord will guard and strengthen servant-hearted Christian men and women who serve the Lord in positions of influence.

Please send all articles and events for the July Magazine by Sunday June 15th to editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk or call Juliet on 07884 232281.

From the Registers

Holy Trinity, Colton, 24th April: Funeral for John Richard Park

Holy Trinity, Colton, 8th May: Funeral for Peter Gordon Bell

Thornccliffe Crematorium, 16th May: Funeral for Pauline Parkin

St Mary, Penny Bridge, 31st May: Interment of Ashes for Eric Richard Schofield

Readings for June 2025

1 st	Acts 16.16-34	John 17.20-26
8 th	Acts 2.1-21	John 14.8-17, 25-27
15 th	Romans 5.1-5	John 16.12-15
22 nd	1 Kings 19.1-15a	Luke 8.26-39
29 th	1 Kings 19.15-16, 19-21	Luke 9.51-62

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1 st Wednesday	Prayer Hour - 10 - 11am	St Mary's, Penny Bridge
3 rd Wednesday	Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.30pm	Bouth Village Hall

What's On Guide - June

5 th	Barrow Male Voice Choir, 7.30pm	Coniston Methodist Church
6 th	Dolly Parton Tribute, 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
7 th	Rookhow 300th Anniversary day - see p 13-14	Rookhow
14 th	Egton WI Tea Party see p 12	Greenodd Village Hall
21 st 22 nd	Open Days, Grizedale Arts	Lawson Park
22 nd	Praise on the Lake - see opposite	
25 th	Annual Scything Day, see page 16	Brantwood
28 th	Annual Celebration Day see page 11	Coniston S&S Centre
29 th	Celebration for Rev Joanna Henson, after 11am see page 12	Greenodd Village Hall

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