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Allhallows, Bassenthwaite, Boltons, Embleton, Ireby, Isel, Plumbland, Setmurthy,
Torpenhow, Uldale and Wythop

December 2024

Christmas Memories

What are your first memories of Christmas and what are your most significant childhood memories of Christmas, I wonder?



A very early memory for me is of the Christmas stocking (always a long grey woollen sock) that would be at the end of my bed as soon as I woke up on Christmas morning. However, one of my most significant memories was opening (with my brothers) the parcel, which my great-uncle Jack sent from Newcastle every year. The parcel would arrive in the post before Christmas and was wrapped in brown parcel paper. After we had got back from church and before Christmas dinner was ready, we were allowed to open one present, and we always chose Uncle Jack's parcel. As we pulled off the brown paper and then opened the box, we had no idea what would be inside, which added to the fun and excitement.

The box contained a complete assortment of toys, games and puzzles, which had been selected with great thought and care, and there was always plenty to keep us occupied and entertained in the wait for Christmas Dinner.

Whilst we may not look forward to Christmas now with the same high level of excitement, especially about the presents we may receive, I hope that there are still some things you are looking forward to as Christmas approaches. I will find it very special sharing this Christmas with the family and especially my grandson for the first time, even though he is too young to fully appreciate it.

Of course, it is the birth of a very special baby, which takes us to the real meaning of all the Christmas presents and decorations, along with the Christmas gatherings and celebrations.

In the birth of Jesus, we are offered the most amazing gift of all, as through him we can know God's love and forgiveness for ourselves.

Jesus came into the world to shine the light of his healing and forgiving love into our darkness, and into the darkness of the world around us.

'The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.'

Here is the true joy and wonder of Christmas, as the gift of God's love in Jesus is freely offered to all who unwrap and receive it.

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. (John 1:12)

I wish you every blessing this Christmas.

Stephen

Revd Stephen Banks



December 2024

Services for December & January

Sunday 1st December – ADVENT Sunday			Sunday 8th December – Advent 2		
Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8am	Holy Communion	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	9.30am	Holy Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Uldale	9.30am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Uldale	10.30am	CAROL Service
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
Wythop	11am	Holy Communion	St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	CAROL Service
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion			
Embleton	3pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
Saturday 14th December			Sunday 15th December – 3rd Sunday of Advent		
Isel	4pm	CAROL Service	<u>Team Service</u> Allhallows	10.30am	Christingle and Carol Service
Sunday 22nd December – 4th Sunday of Advent					
Boltons	9.30am	Holy Communion	Embleton	3pm	CAROL Service
St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	3pm	CAROL Service
Setmurthy	11am	CAROL Service	Allhallows	6.30pm	CAROL Service
Wythop	11am	CAROL Service	Ireby	6.30pm	CAROL Service
CHRISTMAS EVE - Tuesday 24th December					
Plumbland	6pm	CHRISTMAS Communion	Allhallows	9pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
St. John, Bassenthwaite	7pm	CHRISTMAS Communion	Isel	9pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
Embleton	7pm	CHRISTMAS Communion	Ireby	11pm	CHRISTMAS Communion
CHRISTMAS DAY - Wednesday 25th December					
Boltons	8.30am	CHRISTMAS Communion	Torpenhow	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion
Setmurthy	8.30am	CHRISTMAS Communion	Uldale	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion
			Wythop	10am	CHRISTMAS Communion

Services for December & January

Sunday 29th December 2024 – 1st Sunday of CHRISTMAS

<u>Team Service</u>		
Isel Church	10.30am	Holy Communion

Sunday 5th January 2025 – EPIPHANY

Sunday 12th January 2025 – 1st Sunday of Epiphany

Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Boltons	8am	Holy Communion	Embleton	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	9.30am	Morning Worship	Setmurthy	9.30am	Morning Worship
Wythop	9.30am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Holy Communion
Bassenthwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Uldale	10.30am	Morning Worship
Plumbland	11am	Morning Worship	Allhallows	11am	Morning Worship
Uldale	11am	Morning Worship	St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Holy Communion
St. Bega, Bassenthwaite	3pm	Holy Communion			
Embleton	3pm	Evening Prayer	Ireby	6.30pm	Evening Prayer

Sunday 19th January – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 26th January – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Church	Time	Service	Church	Time	Service
Plumbland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Boltons	9.30am	Morning Worship
Bassethwaite Chapel	11am	Morning Worship	Ireby	9.30am	Holy Communion
Isel	11am	Holy Communion	Setmurthy	9.30am	Holy Communion
Uldale	11am	Holy Communion	Torpenhow	9.30am	Morning Worship
Wythop	11am	Morning Worship	Allhallows	11am	Holy Communion
			St. John, Bassenthwaite	11am	Morning Worship
Embleton	3pm	Evening Prayer			

From the Registers

BAPTISMS

Oliver Bowes was baptised at St. Margaret, Wythop on 20th October 2024.

Robert Sherwood was baptised at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 3rd November 2024

WEDDINGS

The wedding of Jake Lawson and Kirsty Graham took place at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 16th November 2024.

FUNERALS

The funeral of Renee Lingard, formerly of Bassenthwaite, took place at St. Bega, Bassenthwaite on 22nd October 2024

The funeral of Mary Fell, from Bassenthwaite took place at St. John, Bassenthwaite on 4th November 2024.

The funeral of Jacqui Spanton, from Uldale, took place at St. James, Uldale on 7th November 2024.

Baptism in the Binsey Team Mission Community

We are really pleased when parents approach us about Baptism (also known as Christening) for their child. It's a very important step, both for parents and the child. Infant Baptism involves parents and godparents making a public commitment about their own Christian faith and the church. They are making a commitment to pray for their child, so that as they grow, with their help, and ours, they may be able to live out in practice the Christian life.



BAPTISM

To enable parents to do this we ask that you come and join us in worship at any of our team churches at some point in the two months BEFORE the date of the baptism, if at all possible. After an enquiry is made, a home visit will be arranged to discuss things informally, to see what level of preparation might be appropriate and answer any questions.

For an informal chat about infant baptism, please contact the Team Rector, Revd. Stephen Banks on 016973 71541



If you would like to enquire about what is currently possible or book a wedding, please contact our Team Rector, Revd. Stephen Banks on 016973 71541 for a friendly chat. He will be able to talk you through what is possible and what are the current differences.

Choose any one of our churches for your special day!

Congratulations if you have just got engaged and are thinking about getting married in one of the Binsey Mission Community churches.

If you currently live anywhere within the Binsey Mission Community area, then you can get married in our churches. If you live elsewhere, but have a family connection to a church, or want to come and worship regularly in our churches, then we'd love to help you.

We would love to welcome you into our church and help you make your life-long commitment to each other before God.

Please note that several of our churches are small, so not able to accommodate more than 50-60 guests.



COME AND BEHOLD

Christmas at St. Aidan's

Come and join us as we celebrate Christmas at St. Aidan's.

Across our three all-age services, we'll be looking again at the Christmas story, and thinking about how men and women, rich and poor, old and young are all invited to seek Jesus and discover the good news of his birth at Christmas.

All of our services are taking place at **St. Bridget's Bridekirk, Cockermouth, CA13 0PE.**
We hope you'll join us as we come and behold Jesus, the light of the world.

Christingle – 8th December, 3pm

Come for a creative celebration of the Christmas story. Through song, craft, and storytelling, we'll look at Jesus, the light of the world.

This service is a wonderful way to start the Christmas season for everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, whether you're new to church or have been coming for years.

Family Carols – 22nd December, 3pm

Gather with us on the last Sunday before Christmas for a joyful, family-friendly carol service. We'll sing Christmas carols together, delve into the story of the Magi, and reflect on the meaning of Christmas. All are welcome as we worship the God who comes to be with us this season.

Crib Service – 24th December, 4pm

On Christmas Eve, we're joining our friends at St. Bridget's Bridekirk for a festive Crib Service full of fun for the whole family. Celebrate with us as we bring the Christmas story to life in a living nativity.

Come dressed as your favourite nativity character—whether you're an angel, shepherd, or wise one, there's a place for you!

If you'd like to find out more or find out how you can come and join us, check out our website at www.staidanscumbria.org.

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Christingle 3pm
*A family favourite to
celebrate Christmas*

22
DEC

Family Carols 3pm
*Carols and the Christmas
story for all ages*

24
DEC

Crib Service 4pm
*Come dressed as your
favourite nativity character*

All Age Christingle!

Sunday 15th December 10:30AM,
Allhallows Church, CA7 1BU



Join us for our All Age Christingle Service!
Christingle is where we look forward to Christmas and
celebrate Jesus being the Light of the World.

This is a service for everyone with activities, songs and lots of fun!

For more info email Charlie: curate@binsey.org.uk or phone: 01697 744589

RABI Cumbria Charity Carol Services

The Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution Carol Services will be held this year as follows :

Wednesday 4 December at Hopes Auction Mart, Syke Road, Wigton starting at 7.00 pm. Admission by ticket only £10 to include supper, call into the Mart Office to purchase them or telephone the office on 016973 42202.

Monday 9 December at Mitchell's Auction, Lakeland Livestock Centre, Cockermouth starting at 7pm. Admission by ticket only £5 to include light refreshments, call into Mart Office to purchase them or telephone the office on 01900 822016.

Cockermouth Harmonic Singers

Stir Up Advent Sunday, 1 December 2024

Christmas will be upon us before we know it and to start your celebrations, Cockermouth Harmonic Singers are inviting you to come to Stir Up Advent. At 3pm on 1 December you can come to United Reformed Church in Cockermouth hear Advent carols and readings, followed by some festive treats. Ian Wright will lead the music, accompanied by well-known local musician, Fiona Weakley.

Suitable for all the family, tickets will cost £10, with accompanied u16s free. Tickets are available from Billy Bowman's music shop in Cockermouth, 01900 826708, or from choir members.

Around The Parishes

Allhallows

From the collections received at the Sunday Harvest and the Remembrance Sunday Services **All Saints Church**, have made donations to The Bishops Appeal for The Hungry and The Earl Haig Poppy Appeal.

Saturday 7th December and Sunday 8th December 10am to 3pm in All Saints Church. The 12 days of Christmas displayed throughout the church. Come and find the Maids a Milking, the Gold Rings and the Turtle Doves..... Refreshments all day. Free admission.

Friday 13th December Allhallows Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch at the Greenhill Hotel 12:30pm. Free Coach available from Ellenvale leaving at 11:45am. Please note change of times. Thank you.

Gillian Marr Tel 016973 71478. Gill Edmondson Mob 07837408690.

Saturday 14th December Christmas Cake decorating workshop in the Community Centre, 10am to 3pm. Bring along your fruit or sponge cake and decorate it into an amazing piece of art. Numerous designs available. Just £15 for the day. All ages are welcome, 8 year+ with an adult are encouraged to join us. For a full list of requirements please contact Gillian on 016973 71478 or email petemarr@aol.com.

Sunday 15th December Afternoon Teas, in the Community Centre, 2pm to 3:30pm. Adults £5:00p Children £2:00p. Tombola, Raffle, Cake stall and Bric-a-Brac stall. Supporting All Saints Church.

Sunday 22nd December the Two- by-Two children's Nativity is in All saints Church at 2pm.

Families are very welcome to join us on this wonderful occasion. We have a very special four legged guest joining us this year.

Sunday 22nd December Allhallows Christmas Carol Service at 6:30pm in the Church

Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown

1st December Christmas Fayre

10am-3pm Free entry (£6 for sellers to book in) Includes African, oriental and ethnic items including rugs, paintings and ceramics. Crafts and Christmas gifting items galore! Mince pies, cake and coffees available in the tea room. Contact Kath to book a table on 07823 332775

4th December Lunch club 12-1.30pm Come along and grab soup and a sandwich from our popular lunch club, cost £5

7th December Christmas Party 2-5pm

Come along and enjoy afternoon tea and listen to our Singer Judith Cook

To book email allhallowscentre@gmail.com

14th December Christmas cake decorating 10-3 Allhallows Church are doing their amazing annual cake decorating, please contact Gillian Marr on 016973 71478 for further details.

24th December Christmas Eve Stories and Hot chocolate 4-6pm Come in your cosy pyjamas and listen to stories while drinking hot chocolate – perfect for the kids!

New Years Flecky Big Party

Karaoke, disco, party games and lots of laughter! Bring your own booze and your favourite buffet food to share. 7pm – 1am

£10 ticket per family or £4 per person. Book by contacting Helen on allhallowscentre@gmail.com

Coming up next year.... Burns Night Party, Quiz night, Family Quiz, Fitness class, summer fete and Produce show, Exhibitions and Pamper Night! Keep your eyes on our facebook page for more details! <https://www.facebook.com/AllhallowsCentre>

Allhallows Management Committee needs more members, to keep the centre open. If you, or anyone you know, would like to join the committee, please contact us via email (allhallowscentre@gmail.com). We are looking for a secretary and a handyman/person as well as anyone wishing to join the committee, in a non-specific role.

REGULAR EVENTS

Bingo: First Friday of every month, Eyes Down at 7:30pm £1.00 Entry fee (including refreshments) 50p per book, 5 games (including 1 snowball game) Adults and children* (8 years+ only)

Adults are welcome to bring their own drinks

*Children must be supervised by an adult at all times

2 by 2 Baby and Toddler Group (0-4 Years): Every Tuesday (Term Time Only), 10am until 11:30am Parents, grandparents, childminders, carers, etc., £2.50 per family

Derwent Patchworkers: Every 2 weeks, on Wednesdays, 10am until 4pm For further details or information, please contact Barbara Strong on 07833 692144

Allhallows Readers (Wordsworth Trust) First Friday of every month, 1:30-3:30pm

Tales in the Tea Room (Wordsworth Trust) First Friday of every month, 7-9pm

Bassenthwaite

St. John's

December Cleaning: J. Stephens & M Green

Flowers: No Flowers in Advent.

Christmas : vacant

January Cleaning : M Brewis & C Thompson

January Flowers: B Jordan and D Mattinson

St. Bega's December Cleaning & Flowers: vacant.

January S Stockdale.

SOUP LUNCH. Tuesday 10th December, 12noon to 1.30pm. £4.50, soup, scone, cheese and biscuits, tea, coffee. All proceeds to Church funds.

A warm welcome for everyone. January 2025 Soup Lunch will be on Tuesday 14th January.

BASSENTHWAITE DROP-IN/POP-IN at Bassenthwaite Parish Room. Call in any time between 10.30 am and 2 pm on the Tuesdays No Pop in December the next will be 7th January 2025, for a chat, coffee and refreshments – £1 per person.

Bassenthwaite Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Will be held on Thursday 5th December 2024 in the Sun Inn Bassenthwaite 1pm for 1.30 pm £7 per person. Enquiries and to Book - phone Sue Mendus 01768776427 **Payment on booking to secure place**



Boltons

BOLTONS PARISH HALL

Weekly events:

Monday: 9.15-10.15. TRIM & TONE PILATES phone Helen 07900410076 This is a new class using balls, bands and weights, all welcome!

Monday: 10.30-11.30 OVER 60's STRENGTH & FITNESS

with Helen. Organised by NFG this class is free til December! No experience needed, a fun friendly class. Sheila 0799923456. Monday: 1.30-3.30 SHORT MAT BOWLS phone 07879613838 Beginners welcome!

Wednesday: 9.30-10.30 PILATES with Helen 07900410076

Thursday: 2-3pm BEGINNERS LINE DANCING phone Ness 07718264700 or just come along and have a go - we're all beginners!!

NFG Christmas Family Event - Saturday 7th December

10am - 12 noon - Bolton Low Houses village hall

More details on our web-

site www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk



POP IN AND MORE 2024

At Bolton Low Houses Parish Hall
at 1.30pm – 3 pm



EVERY SECOND TUESDAY OF THE MONTH 2024

Please drop in and spend time with friends and neighbours.
All welcome.

For further information phone Judy on 07879613838

or Gill Skillicorn 07376 258564

NFG Village Agent for Boltons, Ireby & Uldale

email: gillian.skillicorn@northernfellsgroup.org.uk



Embleton

St Cuthbert's.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, do join us for any of our activities. Our family carol service is always a delight with its simple Christmas message and joyful singing, we would love to welcome you there on December 22nd at 3pm. Also, to our singalong of Christmas carols on Monday 26th at 7pm. As for our fund raising, we plan to have mulled wine available at our **Christmas pop-up stall** on **December 7th and 8th**.

We send seasonal greetings to the staff and patients in Uganda at the Dewode run health centre. Dewode's share of the money raised from our pop-up stalls, goes towards paying staff salaries, maintenance and further development. We have six medical staff and five support staff. Accommodation is provided for the medical staff and their families. This year, with your support and the generous donations of local people, schools and other organisations, we have completed a comprehensive maintenance programme internally and externally. We have built a new staff latrine, re-covered the mattresses in each ward, and purchased several larger pieces of medical equipment, for example, adult weighing scales. Health Centre staff are working with the local school, Katinge, to provide books; books for the joint Health Club and some for our younger patients. Lots of knitted teddies and jumpers have been sent out for these younger children too. They were posted in April and arrived in early November; it took so long; we think they may have been on safari before beginning their working life!

We are so grateful for your support; 'Thank you' to all of you who have contributed in so many different ways. Our continuing message is: **Together We Can Make a Difference.**

The Arts Society Cumbria; Tuesday, 21 January, 2 pm at the Braithwaite Institute. Illustrated lecture "**Babylon: Art and Legend**" a look at the art inspired by this great city and at the real Babylon excavated since the 19th century. Visitors welcome, admission £8.

Dates for your Diary.

Christmas pop-up & raffle; December 7th & 8th. Followed by 'Sales in the Shed' at Scales Farm

Carol Singing with refreshments; December 16th St Cuthbert's Sunday School at 7pm.

Ragbags; Unwanted clothing, linen, shoes, handbags and belts; Items can be left in the porch at St Cuthbert's OR in the collection bin at Ling Crest, Wythop Mill. All money raised goes to Dewode. Any items or comments for the next edition please send to Jean at jeanmaca@aol.com or 017687 76184 by January 7th please.

Embleton Village Hall Notice Board

Hi everyone, please can everyone check with their group leader the dates of your activity over the Christmas period. Please note that the January bookings are only those that have been booked at the time of writing this noticeboard at the start of November.

What is on in December?

Monday: Art Class 10am littlepicturesjohn@gmail.com.

Monday: Mah-jong 2.30 pm Vivian 01900829490.

Monday: Dance class 6.30p.m. Edna 01768776630.

Tuesday: Footy tykes 10.30 -11.30 am.

Tuesday: Yoga 6.15pm Rebecca 07735 439126.

Thursday: Yoga 1pm Rebecca 07735 439126

Thursday: Circle dance 7pm, Kathleen 76532.

Sunday; Dance class 7.00pm, Edna.76630.

More What's On December.

Thursday 5th: U3A Digital Photography Class 9.30am.

Saturday 7th: Private Function 7.30am &11am.

Saturday 7th: Private Function1pm-4pm.

Sunday 8th: Private Function 7.30am &11am.

Tuesday 10th: U3A Folk Dance 2pm.

Wednesday 11th: W.I. 7.30pm.

Friday 13th: CADS Pantomime. Awaiting info.

Saturday 14th: Social Dance, Edna 76630 7.30pm.

Wednesday 25th: Private Function.

Tuesday 31st Private Function.

What's On in January 2025?

Saturday 4th: Private Function 9am.

Wednesday 8th: W.I. 7.30 pm.

Thursday 9th: U3A Digital Photography 9.30am.

Friday 10th: Private Function 12.30pm.

Saturday 11th: Social Dance 7.30pm. Edna 76630

Sunday12th Concert 3pm.

Wednesday 15th: Parish Council 7pm.

Thursday:30th: Private Function 9.30am.

Friday 31st: Seniors Club 11am.

From the Ostle household and the Ducks we wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and new year, Chris.



Ireby

IREBY FILM NIGHT

at the Globe Hall in association with CINE NORTH

Parish Church of St. James, Ireby

Our Christmas services are as follows:

Sunday 22nd December: Carol Service at 6.30 pm, to be followed by mulled wine and refreshments.

Christmas Eve: Holy Communion at 11pm

We will be decorating the Church on Saturday **21st December** at 2 pm. Offers of help will be very much appreciated.

Candleboxes will be available in church during December and January. These are for donations to **The Children's Society** - it's our annual fundraising for the charity.

Coffee and Chat

Thursday 19th December: 10.30 am at Orchard House, Aughtertree

Thursday 16th January: 10.30 am at Hemp Garth, Ireby

Ireby Remembrance Day

A big thank you to Caroline and Rev Charlie for organising and leading the inclusive Act of Remembrance at Ireby War Memorial. Thanks also to all who contributed to the event which followed at the Globe Hall. An impromptu request for donations resulted in £58.80 raised for the Royal British Legion Polly Appeal.



Friday 6 December 2024 6:00pm - Doors open 5:45pm

Tickets £5 (cash on door)

Bookings: 07885802204 or just turn up on the day!



CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING Thursday 19th December

at Orchard House, Aughtertree, Ireby, CA7 1EP 10.30 am – 12.00 noon

Entry £2 / Raffle Tickets £1 each.

In aid of St James's church, Ireby.

Our monthly coffee morning in December will have a Christmas themed raffle, Christmas food fare, and (hopefully!) the Christmas tree in all its splendour!!



ALL ARE WELCOME

Isel

The annual 'Candle Lit' Carol Service at Isel Church will be held on **Saturday 14th December** at 4.00pm.

This will follow the usual pattern and there will be refreshments after the service!

Please note that this is on Saturday not Sunday!

Christmas Eve Holy Communion at Isel Church will be held at 9.00pm

Coffee will be at the Great Escape Café, Moota on Monday 9th December at 10.30 am. and Monday 13th January at 10.30am.

Blindcrake Village Hall

Regular sessions

Wednesdays: 6.30 - 7.30pm Pilates with

Angela mipilates.co.uk

Thursdays 4pm and 5pm Dog handling classes with Nicole, booking essential post@lamplighterdogs.com

Saturdays 10am 30th November; 14th and 28th December

Cumbria Bible Study Group

Events

Sat 23 November 7pm: Bassenthwaite Rotary Club Quiz with pie and peas and bar. Entry £10. Contact

Michele michele.taymount44@gmail.com

Sat 7 December 10am - 3.30pm: Christmas market with Cumbria Overseas Aid Trust - festive stalls and refreshments; free entry

Sat 14 December 8pm: Evening Inn village pub night and quiz

Mon 23 December 6pm: Parish Christmas prize draw with mulled wine and mince pies

Isel and Bridekirk Parishes First Responders 150 Club Draw November 2024

1st Prize A Lester, 2nd Prize N El Far

3rd Prize G Dixon, 4th Prize Y Eden

Drawn 11th November 2024 Coffee Morning at Great Escape Cafe

The First Responders offer an invaluable service to the parishes of Isel, Bridekirk and Setmurthy; they all trained in life support and give their time freely, bringing their skill and equipment to an emergency in those vital first few minutes. The "150 club" is a main source of income to provide these volunteers with training and equipment. .

If you would like to join the "150 club", or know someone who would, contact Moira Purvis on telephone 01697320534 or email moirapurvis@hotmail.com



To hire Blindcrake Village Hall go to our website blindcrakevillagehall.org.uk and use the booking enquiry form; alternatively email Neil Pilling at pilling.neil@yahoo.com

Plumbland

St Cuthberts

Seasons greetings to all of you out there in our Community, hope you are keeping calm On this frenzied period of activity in the preparations for the coming Christmas period. It seems to become busier as each year goes by And the build up is earlier each year, with people being cajoled, encouraged, to start their shopping as early as June. And yet, in the Church's year, we are coming to the start of the season of Advent, when we celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus. The season when we give thanks to God for the gift of his Son to us all to be our Saviour. It is a pity that over the years the pressure has built up to lavish gifts on each other, spending more and more in order to provide each other and our children the best, newest plaything or item, to ensure they do not 'go-without'. There is nothing wrong in hoping the best for our children and each other, but at what cost? God gave his Son freely, just asking that we love him and love each other, apart from that commitment, it is Free!

As we recently 'Remembered' those who volunteered, and did not return, let us also remember God's sacrifice for us. Our village school will be joining us for their Carol Service on Tuesday 17 December at 9.15am, so please come and join us. It is a joyous occasion when all the families and friends join the children to celebrate Christmas.

You are all more than welcome, at any time.

The Churchwardens and Council of Your Church.

Plumbland Village Hall

Plumbland bowls. It's that time of year again, our first bowling meeting started on the 23rd of September running until March. Our meetings are on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon 1-30 until 3-30. Membership £10 then £2-50 per session, tea/coffee and a friendly chat is included . Come and give it a go all you need are flat shoes/slippers. Don't worry if you don't have any bowls there are some spare ones for anyone needing them, hope to see you there

Yoga Mondays 6pm—7.15pm: Fours weeks £28 FOR INFO/FEES CONTACT REBECCA:
Call/Text: 07735 439126 Email: theyincrowd@me.com



Plumbland PreSchool Playgroup

Term time Friday from 9am - 11am Plumbland Village Hall. Restarts Friday 6th September.

Everyone is welcome when accompanied by a child aged birth to four. We operate in term time only from 9am to 11am. Attendees include parents, grandparents, carers, childminders. For any further information please contact

Gillian Winder 07789542736

Setmurthy

St Barnabas Church

Cleaning & Flowers

December Kathleen Greenbank & Elizabeth Marris

January Sarah Baerschmidt & Elizabeth Marris

Services

Please check the Binsey Link ,Church Notice Board or website for details of services

22nd December 11.00am Carol Service followed by refreshments in the Parish hall

25th December 8.30am Christmas Day Communion
The DCC wish all our Parishioners & visitors a Very Happy Christmas & a Peaceful New Year with grateful thanks for all your support in 2024

Wreath Making

Friday 6th December, cost £25

10.00am to 12.30 Morning session followed by soup lunch

Make a Christmas Wreath with everything provided

1.00pm to 3.30pm session followed by afternoon tea.

Book early to avoid disappointment by tel Elizabeth on

01900 823329 All proceeds to Church funds

Parish Hall

Sat 1st Feb Burns Lunch

please contact Mrs Nicola Laws (017687 76483)

for more details & to book a place.

The Parish Hall is available for bookings, please contact Mrs Nicola Laws tel 017687 7648

F.E. classes

Recommence Tuesday 7th January 2025

with a meeting to discuss the History of Setmurthy

weekend planned for Sat 26th April & Sunday 27th

at 1-00pm in Setmurthy Parish Hall

All welcome, there will be a charge of £1.00 per class to cover tea & biscuits

further details from Elizabeth tel 01900 823329

Torpenhow including Bothel & Blennerhasset



TORPENHOW VILLAGE
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER
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SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER WREATH MAKING WITH ZOE
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Weekly Activities

Mondays 7.30pm Indoor bowling

Tuesdays 5.15pm Rainbows

Wednesdays 10am Yoga

" 6pm Pilates

" 7.30pm Fencing

Thursdays 7pm Circuits

Friday 4.15pm Dance

Monthly meetings

Fridays No Bingo in December

Monday No lunch club in December next Lunch Club
27th January 2025

Tuesday 3rd December W I Christmas outing

Wednesday 11th December Craft Group

Tuesday 17th December Gardening Club Christmas
party

January 7th Cheese and wine night

January 21st Gardening Club -Gardening in South
Lakeland

Bingo January 31st 7pm

Tuesdays Wild Life Group Check with group for meeting
dates

100 Club winners 1.E.Mattinson 2. H. Storey 3. P.
Bowker



Bothel Garden Club

The Club meets the third Tuesday monthly, our November meeting was about Bulbs hosted by Binseys own Louise Stoddart who gave a fascinating talk accompanied with a planting demonstration to over 30 members. Many thanks Louise.



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Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall

If you're looking to get fitter, we have 4 classes running each week. A mix of ages, fitness levels and coordination. We have something for everyone.

Weekly Exercise Classes

Wednesday 2.00pm	Chair Yoga	Cherry
Wednesday 6.00pm	Fitness Pilates	Max Filby
Thursday 6pm	Yoga	Shirley
Thursday 7.15pm	Dancefit	Shirley

Shirley - 07775 528786 Cherry - turn up
Max – maxfilbycoaching@gmail.com

Monthly Coffee Mornings

1st Wednesday of every month. We also hold a raffle at our coffee mornings. 10:30 – 12PM

Monthly Bingo Night

Every second Tuesday of the month. Doors open 7pm eyes down 7.30pm.

Full bar and snacks available, over 8s only. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Turn up & bring your dabber.

Christmas Light Switch On

Sunday 1st December 5pm on the Village Green, 6pm Santas Grotto in the Village Hall

We are holding our annual light switch on event, we have a 'Carols on the Green' service at 5pm, then on into the Village Hall at 6pm for Santas Grotto and festive refreshments, full licensed bar and festive baguettes will be available. Tickets for the grotto will need to be booked in advance, please contact Rachael on 07747611185.

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If you would like to hire the village hall for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, indoor sports or all kinds of social events inc birthday parties & christenings please contact us at help@bbvh.uk or call Emma on 07746513793. We have a fully licenced bar available which can be staffed on request.

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Uldale

Uldale St James

Thank you for everyone who has attended services in our lovely, restored church. We initially had problems with our West Door, but we can now confirm that this been repaired and that this door is left unlocked for anyone who would like to visit.

Our Carol Service will be held on Sunday 8th December at 10.30. All are welcome and there will be mince pies and hot drinks after the service.

There will be drop-in craft sessions at Uldale Church on Tuesday 10th December 10.30 to 12.30 Tuesday January 14th 10.30 to 12.30 and Saturday 25th January 10.30 to 12.30. All are welcome, please come and join us!

Thank you for your generous donations of food and money to the Foodbank at our Harvest service. We have received a thank you letter from the Foodbank, and this is on display on the noticeboard inside the church.

Our church is now a Collection Point for Foodbank donations. If you feel able to contribute you will find the box under the table on the left as you enter the church.

Tinned food and long-life milk and fruit juice are welcome for example tinned custard, baked beans and tinned fruit and vegetables.

Uldale's Christmas Lights & Carols 2024: Sunday 15th December

We'll be meeting at the cherry tree at 6pm to switch on the Christmas lights and sing a favourite carol (weather permitting – bring a torch), then gathering at Mae's for: Mulled wine and mince pies (generously donated by Mae's), Christmas raffle

(donations for prizes gratefully accepted on the night)

Carols led by members of Ireby Singers

Don't forget to scan the QR code to find out about our Easy Fundraising Scheme!



Wythop

All of us at St. Margaret's wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year.

We would be grateful if anyone laying a Christmas Wreath would keep an eye on it, please, and remove it when it is past its best, as they make rather a mess if they start blowing about.

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Bassenthwaite WI

At our October meeting we welcomed Jerry Gilham who gave us a most interesting talk about his scientific work for the British Antarctic Survey and the challenges presented by living in such a remote and hostile environment. He told us about life at a small research station on Signy Island where a team of five were based for 3 months in the Antarctic summer.

The base is shut down for the winter and the first task when the advanced party of three arrive is to get everything up and running again. The team of 3, leader, technician and scientific expert, have just 6 hours to achieve this before they have to signal to their transport it can leave them and return to its base. We learned that a key element to achieving this is the ability to think laterally, improvise and quickly solve any potential problems. As soon as possible the scientific expert is out monitoring the penguins! The other 2 members, the field guide and the doctor, can now join them.

It is important with such a small team that everyone gets on well and can be flexible. Practising first aid under the direction of the doctor and how to rescue someone that may have fallen in a crevasse using the skills and guidance of the field guide are essential and help to develop team cooperation. There is no dedicated cook with each member being cook for a day. If someone wants to experience some solitude there is a small hut kitted out with basic equipment similar to that used by the earliest explorers.

Jerry also shared experiences of a much larger station on South Georgia and the monitoring of a very different bird, the albatross. The albatross chick sits on its nest for a year, the adult bird ranging far to bring it food. At this station small specialist cruise ships can visit. It would be the ultimate cruise ship experience and I'm sure at least one WI member is planning their next adventure holiday! The competition for a holiday photo was won by Ros Roberts with a photo of 2 members of her family very nearly being blown away on an exceptionally windy weekend at Saltburn. The entertainment was an appropriately themed challenge to draw a penguin and also make as many words as possible from the letters in the word 'penguin'. Daphne won for her drawing and Gill and Helen won for their word list.

At our December meeting we are looking forward to being entertained by Julie and Jean on Accordions. Isobel Bowe and Mary Brewis are our hostesses for the evening and the competition is a Christmas decoration.

In January we are pleased to have as our speaker our member Ros Downing with her new talk 'The Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood'.

Daphne Barron and Val Ryder are our hostesses and the competition is 'a piece of art or craft made by you'.

Boltons

For Children in Need, the school council suggested for all the children to wear non-uniform and they donated money towards Children in Need for this. The children enjoyed wearing their own, bright clothes for the cause. Our Christian value this half term is generosity and the school council thought it would be a good, thoughtful idea to donate unwanted toys to JIGSAW, so many children brought in toys on Children in Need day to donate to others.

Year Reception recently visited Belle Vue Vets in Wigton and enjoyed finding out how the animals are looked after. They also visited the Twoey Toys factory and learnt about where the toys are made as well as had their names laser cut on badges, which they all took home.

We recently held a book fayre in school and the children enjoyed looking at and buying a wide selection of new books.

For Interfaith Week, all the children took part in activities in our 'Interfaith Day' where they learnt about different festivals and beliefs in Hinduism. They enjoyed producing different pieces of artwork based on their learning.

As usual, December is a very busy month building up to Christmas; Year 1 and Reception had a lovely time visiting Bassenfell Manor to learn about the Christmas Story. We always love the build up to Christmas and have been extremely busy rehearsing for our two performances this year; Key Stage 1 and Reception are performing 'Born in a Barn' and Key Stage 2 are performing 'Humbug'. The whole school are also looking forward to travelling to Lancaster this month to watch The Borrowers.

The children are all looking forward to creating a selection of Christmas crafts on our Christmas craft day, eating Christmas dinner and dancing and playing party games at the Christmas party. They are also busy practising carols for our Christmas Carol performance on the last day of term.

School News

Bothel

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term here at Bothel! We have lots planned as always for the term ahead and lots of fantastic learning is underway! We have started this half term thinking about our school value of Generosity and have thought about the ways in which we can support others. We have raised money for the Royal British Legion whilst learning about Remembrance, organised a whole community collection for the Great North Air Ambulance and our school council and the Friends of St Michael's have helped us organise events and fundraising for Children in Need too. Our School Council have also organised a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale as part of what promises to be a super Christmas Shopping Fair at school on Thursday 28th November at 5:00pm. If you would like to come along and join us for our fair, it is open to the whole community, with lots of local crafts being sold, a tombola, a pizza van, festive drinks and lots more!

Our whole school community also came together to help us have a school grounds tidy up last month, and it was lovely to have so many people come together to help us prepare the pond for winter, cut back hedges, tidy paths and so much more. We really do have a wonderful community here in Bothel! Our school has a beautiful, well-resourced and huge outdoor space and having lots of help to keep it looking amazing is very much appreciated!

As it gets closer to Christmas, we are already practising for our Nativity production and Carol Service, and we have our annual visit planned for our Early Years and KS1 children to go and select our school Christmas tree from Whinlatter Forest. We also have lots of activities planned with other local schools this half term, such as a STEM day here at Bothel in the Village Hall, and numerous sports events for all year groups.

We are already looking ahead to next year and are offering tours of school to anyone interested in a place for their child in next year's Nursery and Reception Class. If you have a child who is due to start Reception in September 2025, or even children in other year groups too, we would love to show you round our lovely, friendly, spacious and well-resourced school. Just get in touch on admin@bothel.cumbria.sch.uk or on 016973 20632 if you are looking for a school place now or in the future. We would love to meet you and everyone is always welcome!

Ireby

The busy term continues... Our Whinlatter class (Nursery, Reception and KS1) had a fantastic experience visiting the Great North Air Ambulance. They saw it land and take off and were able to climb on board and see inside. Many thanks to Lee, Deborah and the team for making this happen. The school held a book fayre and cake sale in school to raise funds for the GNAA to help support the amazing work they do. This class was also visited in school by Nurse Rachel Kegg, to provide them with another learning experience to support this term's topic "People who help us". Rachel explained the importance of the role of a nurse and talked about the work she does. The pupils are also looking forward to visiting Millcroft vets. Meanwhile, in the KS2 class, some different activities have been introduced including learning the Ukulele and gymnastics with Amy Marrs a gymnastics coach. Having the opportunity to learn new skills from experts within our community is really special for the children, and we are very grateful to have these opportunities to enhance and broaden our curriculum. The Year 5 and 6 pupils are also taking part in a netball tournament this month.

At the start of this school year, with the encouragement, enthusiasm and energy from Miss Hartwell – herself an experienced folk singer – some of the pupils across the year groups have formed a school choir. At the Harvest Service last month they performed in church and are now currently looking forward to a variety of Christmas events. Mrs John and Miss Hartwell are hoping our choir will be able to visit residential homes and sing within the community in the run up to Christmas. The whole school are all looking forward to a wonderful trip to the Theatre by the Lake this term to see their Christmas production "The Jungle Book" which will, I'm sure, fill them with inspiration and awe. You will be able to hear our school choir singing in the village for the Ireby Christmas tree light switch on event. Please remember to come and visit the PTA on our stalls at the village Christmas Fair on 30th November first before the light switch on. The Christmas nativity performance this year is "Tinsel and Tea -Towels" which will be on 20th December at 9.30 in St.James' Church. Following this service there will be our traditional Christmas lunch in school and an afternoon disco in the Globe Hall. Everyone at Ireby School wishes you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy 2025!

School Governors vacancies

Two of our schools currently have vacancies for school Governors.

If you would be interested

in serving your local school in this important role, then please get in touch with Revd Stephen Banks. (016973 71541)

Parish Council

Allhallows

The November meeting took place in the Allhallows Centre Fletchertown.

Present were: M Abbott (Chairman) K. Faulder, J. Peeler, J. Mansfield, B. Williamson. Apologies were received from S. Barton, M. Bowness, and K. Thurlow (Cumberland Council).

CO-OPTION of PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was unanimously agreed that Gillian Marr should be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT:

Councillors unanimously agreed that a 20 mph speed limit application should be submitted to Cumberland Council through Mealsgate along the B5299 road in an attempt to curb speeding.

PLAY PARK:

K. Faulder has attended a course on modern play park standards with particular emphasis on safety.

RECYCLING BIN. K Faulder is to investigate whether a recycling bin organised by the Parish Council could be installed as a fund raising project.

POULTRY REGISTRATION : New DEFRA rules require all poultry (unless they are totally enclosed) to be registered. This is because of the increase in cases of avian flu.

CUMBERLAND COUNCILLOR REPORT: Unfortunately no report has been received.

ALLOTMENTS: Are extremely waterlogged.

DEFRIBRILLATOR: This will be moved to the wall of the Community Centre as soon as possible

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:

This will be on MONDAY JANUARY 6th at 7pm. Allhallows Centre, Fletchertown

Contact the Parish Clerk if you are interested in Parish Information

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The traffic calming safety measures across the Village Hall and Lambfoot Junctions (Vehicle Activated Signs) are now installed and ready to be tested and commissioned.

Works took place on the A66 in October to start the installation of the average speed camera scheme with four cameras being installed between Bassenthwaite Station-Oakhurst Roundabout. Concerns were noted about the implications of the short stretch of A66 between the end of the 50mph average on the chicane (old dual carriageway), and the installation of the new 'averaging' speed cameras at Dubwath.

THE HIGHAM WHOLE ESTATE PLAN

Luke Jackson from Crosby Grainger Architects gave Embleton & District Parish Council a background to the Higham Whole Estate Plan.

A Whole Estate Plan has three parts: Financial- Be financially sustainable to own and operate, Community- Having a strategy that is in line with community aspirations and Environment-Generate a positive environment impact (ecosystem services)

Crosby Grainger, the landowner and the LDNPA are working in partnership/collaboration on a whole estate plan, which will essentially form a masterplan for the site. Currently a lot of baseline data is being gathered in particular ecological surveys around vegetation/flora and fauna, and the buildings on the estate (Landscape Character Mapping has also been done looking at the historical features on the estate). They are keen to create wildlife corridors and potentially more footpaths. One of the ecological suggestions is that the boundaries between wood/agriculture are quite stark and would benefit on being 'softened' with more scrub planting etc.

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL COMMUNITY PANEL

Cumberland Cllr J Perry noted that the next Community Panel of Cumberland Council on 17th January is focused on Active Travel in particular footpaths/cycle ways.

MINUTES - Copies of the minutes of the parish council meetings can be found on the council's website

www.embletonwordpress.com

VACANCIES – Be part of the community and help to look after it - There are vacancies on the Parish Council. If you are interested in joining us, contact any Parish Councillor or our clerk, Becx Carter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – No meeting in December - the next meeting of the Parish Council will be WEDNESDAY, 22nd January 2025 at 7pm in Embleton Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

If you have a matter that you would like to raise, please contact our clerk, Becx Carter on 077866 78283 or e-mail her at embletonparishclerk@hotmail.com

General News

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Skiddaw U3A Skiddaw u3a's Monthly Meetings, which always take place on the third Wednesday of each month. The next meeting is on **15th January 2025** 10:00 am Keswick Mining - Mark Hatton: Five years ago, Mark Hatton gave us a fascinating talk about the German miners in Keswick. He is visiting again to tell us about all the research he has done since then. This talk focuses more on the Brigham Smelter (under the A66 bridge) and the breakthroughs in the use of Capitalism, Technology and Legal that happened in Keswick, giving Keswick the claim to be the birthplace of modernity in the British Isles. Mark Hatton is a prolific writer and speaker, specialising in the history of Cumbrian mining and quarrying. Venue: [Crosthwaite Parish Room](#) Cost: £1 for members and £1.50 for visitors

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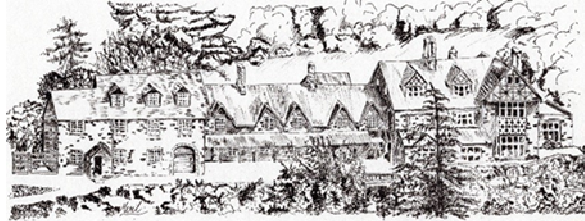
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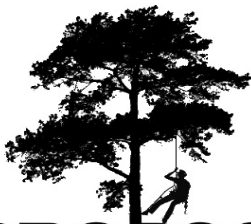


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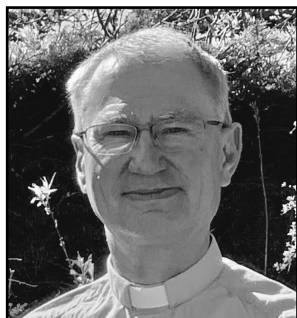
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