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Readings for September 2025

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Deuteronomy 30:15-20 2nd Reading Philemon 1:1-21

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Exodus 32:7-14 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Amos 8:4-7 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

1st Reading Amos 6:1a, 4-7 2nd Reading 1 Timothy 6:6-19 September 7, 2025

Psalm 1 Gospel Luke 14:25-33

September 14, 2025

Psalm 51:1-10 Gospel Luke 15:1-10

September 21, 2025

Psalm 113 Gospel Luke 16:1-13

September 28, 2025

Psalm 146 Gospel Luke 16:19-31

We Believe is a new, full-colour booklet containing 24 short reflections which explore each line of the Creed in turn, drawing us deeper into its meaning and significance for everyday life.

This is available from Lynne Magee in the Office £3.99



Farewell letter from Rev Melanie Greenall

Methodist Minister

Dear Friends,

Just before I moved from Kendal, I decided to have a day out to Muncaster Castle as I hadn't been for over 20 years so I set off, duly following my satnav as it guided me through beautiful Ambleside. Lovely day. All was well until the sign said steep roads, narrow bends....proceed with caution. Naively I continued.....there was the sign again — Wrynose and Hardknott passes ahead! Nowhere to do a U-turn...how bad can it be? Wrynose conquered with a sense of elation, I carried on to Hardknott....up a hillwhere did the road go as I appeared to be heading into thin air!!! "Dad what have I done?" I said. Then the road re-appeared somewhere below my left shoulder! By the time I got to Dalegarth station I was much in need of cake, coffee and a sit down.

As I slowly recovered my nerve, I reflected on how life and faith feels like that at times – all is well, a few concerns maybe, then God seems to disappear as suddenly as the road did. 'Where did he go?' 'What now?' 'Where next?'

Being involved in the Methodist Stationing process can sometimes seem like that as you step out in faith, not quite into thin air, but hoping the Divine One will re-appear and make the way ahead clear, even if its rather nerveracking. You don't get a certificate saying I survived (such as could be bought at Dalegarth!) But in both cases, the truth remains – pause, take stock, take a breath and you will make it through to the other side, hopefully not to be dive-bombed by vultures, as I was, as part of the flying display at Muncaster. What a day!

Arriving in Morecambe I was told to navigate via the Shrimp roundabout, so complex that locals learning to drive have a whole lesson in how to navigate it!

I wonder what God is teaching me about patience, about trust, about spending time with his word, among his people, that I may better be able to find the path which leads home to the Divine love that speaks my name, calls me to be his disciple, his conduit, guiding others too.

As we must necessarily navigate our own faith journeys, I pray that we, you and I, may learn the ways of God, put our trust in him, that though he seems absent, he is still close at hand.

May God bless you richly on your travels (and keep you away from Hard-knott!).

Melaníe

From the Acting Editor

You will have noticed that Sandylands Methodist Church are no longer on the front cover of this magazine.

Revd. Melanie Greenall, who has been part of the Kendal Methodist Circuit for 5 years, left at the end of July to take up a new position in the North Lancashire Circuit. There will be a Welcome Service on Tuesday 2nd September at 7pm at Torrisholme Methodist Church for Melanie as she begins her ministry there.

The Rev Marie-Anne Kent is moving from Southport to the Kendal Circuit and on Sunday 7th September there will be a local welcome service for her at 10:30am, at Stricklandgate Methodist Church.

Due to these moves and other reasons, Sandylands have decided to no longer be part of this magazine. We have appreciated their input and Rev Mealnie's occasional monthly thoughts; she kindly agreed, in her busy schedule, to send us this farewell message.

We still need people to help with the magazine. Could you become part of a team putting together this monthly publication?
Access to a computer is required, but the work is not too tasking and training will be given.

Please speak with Revd Michelle or Lynne in the Beacon Team Office for more details.

From The Registers

<u>Funerals:</u>

23rd July: St John's Grayrigg - (William Edward) Colin Chamley

28th Aug: St Oswald's Burneside - Geoffrey Moore

Baptisms

20th July: St Oswald's Burneside – Hattie Rose Leacock

Weddings

26th July: St Oswald's Burneside – Eric Clegg & Tracey Kennedy

9th August: St Thomas' Selside - Simon J. Harrison & Samantha J. Dixon

16th Aug: St John's Skelsmergh - Quita Davies & Daniel Croskell

30th Aug: St Mary's, Longsleddale Katie Waine & Bradley Thompson



St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:.

Sunday 7th Sept.- Morning Worship 11.00am Sunday 14th Sept.- *joint service at Selside* Sunday 21st Sept.- Holy Communion 11.00am Sunday 28th Sept.- *Please join worship at another church*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

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St George, Kendal

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Sunday 7th Sept.- Morning Worship 9.30am Sunday 14th Sept. - Holy Communion 9.30am Sunday 21st Sept.- Evening Worship Celtic 6pm Sunday 28th Sept.- Morning Worship 11.00am



St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 7th Sept. - Abbey Service 10.30am Sunday 28th Sept. - Harvest Festival 6.30pm

Every Tuesday 5.30-6pm Evening Prayer at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside

Every Wednesday 9.30am: BCP Holy Communion at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside

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* Mondays 8.30pm : Compline

* **Fridays** 8.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

"Now that I live next door to St John's Church, Skelsmergh, I have decided to say my daily office in the church itself on **Tuesday** and **Thursday mornings**. I'll be there at **9 am** for around 15-20 minutes. It would be really lovely if you felt able to join me there.

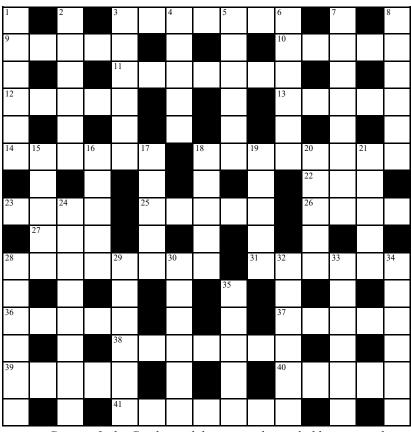
Perhaps you might pop in once in a while, or maybe it's something you would appreciate being part of more regularly. There will be no expectation for you to do anything other than just come and enjoy a quiet 20 minutes at the start of a busy day " Revd Michelle

Faith on the Frontline - Faith in the Church

Come along to Costa Coffee, Elephant Yard, Kendal, for a series of informal events on Sunday evenings - the next one is on Sunday 21st September 5.00-6.45pm when the panellists who work in a church will answer questions on how their faith is applied in their everyday lives.

Once again many thanks to Andrew Stewart, who attends St George's Church, for compiling the crossword. Answers on page 17.

We would love to have your contributions and stories in future editions of the magazine. Please send them to admin@beaconteam.org.uk.



Bonus question: Can you find a Cumbrian dale, pass and mere hidden among the answers?

Down Across 3. Town centre depends on occasional rain 1. Stop argument in the docks (6) at start of harvest (7) 2. Anger about theologian's puzzle (6) 9. Most of audience about to say goodbye 3. Local licence starts to give access for all (6)10. At around five past queen has to turn 4. Bridge for a novice? (5) away (5) 5. Peninsula hit by earwig sometimes be-Resort where the boss gets three points 11. fore first of April (6) Hush as sleep overwhelms trouble (6) 6. 12. Lady starts reversing badly into village (5)7. View coastal village with parking for a learner (8) Foreign food partly gives us hiccups! 13. (5)Star is in peril after losing two points 8. (2,4)14. Soldiers replace article in sailor's shift for this poor soul (6) 15. One whom Jesus healed returns to drive away (5) 18. Safety measure when sport organiser puts me upside down in a barrel (8) 16. Add what rams are for? (3,2)22. In the shop there's a choice (3) 17. Storyteller nearly gets a lift to hotel for book (5) 23. Perhaps waste lands turn into prominent beach (4) 18. Push shelf into soft part of body (5) 25. Pals switch source of power (5) 19. Funny business with Mike in charge (5) 26. Coastal town – could be a big one (4) 20. Perfect example of respectable domesticity, in hindsight (5) 27. European finance doesn't take off in Australia (3) 21. Minced meat, I bet! (5) 28. Careless makeup has run (8) 24. Thinks enigma is in need of resolution (8) 31. Rang second person on the phone to get northern flower (6) 28. Village, beck, tarn – but only one with force (6) Articles about girl concerned with birds 36. (5)29. European judo grade is hard to get at first (6) 37. Water carrier for most of the team (5) 30. Rock king Elvis gets second prize (6) 38. The opposite of how Wordsworth wrote (7) 32. Like shelter, quietly nodding (6) Herdwicks perhaps get right in the jugs 39. 33. Consume regularly doses even of cura-(5) re! (6) 40. The Spanish turn before heartless de-34. Turner drew in confusion (6) fence and escape (5) 35. Thanks to the Navy, son, there's water 41. Dance round drunk star in Patterdale (7) here (5)

Be wary of Phone Call Fraudsters

Cumbria Police want our communities to be aware of phone calls from fraudsters – to know about the risks and to stay vigilant to the threat.

One scam is known as *courier fraud* and it is particularly worrying as it sometimes involves older people being targeted. Fraudsters sometimes pretend to be officials, such as bank fraud teams, police officers or HMRC officials. However, the scams can differ slightly from call to call. The fraudsters often request bank details, money to be sent electronically, cash to be withdrawn at the bank for collection or expensive items to be bought for collection at a later time.

If you receive a call you're not expecting, you should be suspicious. The vital things to remember are that your bank, other agencies and the police would:

- Never ask you for your bank account details or PIN number over the phone.
- Never ask you to withdraw money and send it to them via a courier, taxi, bank transfer or by any other means.
- Never ask you to send your bank cards or any other personal property to them via courier, taxi or by any other means.
- If you have any doubts about the identity of the person that you are speaking with, put the phone down and attend the bank or police station in person, wherever possible, to discuss the call you have received, or call a trusted number for the bank or police using a different telephone than the one that you have been contacted on.

It's recommended you wait at least five minutes and make sure you can hear a dialling tone before you call, as there have been cases of fraudsters keeping the line open after a victim has hung up.

If you think you have been the victim of a fraud you can report this to police on 101 and to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 – or by visiting their website at www.actionfraud.police.uk

Beacon Team Mission Community Mothers' Union



Name change: Because we have members from most of our churches, we want everyone feel included. Following members' agreement, a new name was chosen by Rev Michelle, supported by Ann Wodeman and myself. From September our Branch will be known as Beacon Team Mission Community Mothers Union.

Summer visit to the Kadampa Temple for World Peace, Conishead Priory at Ulverston. Our guide was a member of the Community at the Centre; he worked part time in the garden, and two days as a carer. He explained that over the years, the main building had been a private house, a nursing home and various other things; it is set in 70 acres of wooded grounds on the shores of Morecambe Bay with views to the Lake District mountains. Many people stay and volunteer. He took us to the Kadampa Temple for World Peace for a 15 minute guided meditation led by a Spanish lady. Our guide then explained what the symbols represented and answered questions. After that we enjoyed refreshments. Thank you to Judith for arranging the visit.

2nd July: Three members joined with Milnthorpe and Heversham to celebrate their 130th Anniversary. This was a very enjoyable afternoon - the service and address by Rev Angela Whittaker, the MU Choir, the afternoon tea and fellowship were perfect. 6th July: Nine members attended an afternoon service at Greystoke church, attended by the Worldwide President, Kathleen Snow, a lovely friendly lady from Canada, whom we chatted to not knowing who she was prior to the service. What a surprise when Anne Wodeman introduced her! How welcoming and friendly members from many churches across Cumbria are – we all enjoyed this afternoon. 9th July: Three members enjoyed friendship and tea at Staveley MU.

Rise up against violence campaign: I hope to have shoes and quotes in all our churches soon.

Please remember Georgina in your prayers as she continues her treatment. On a sad note, Anne Young, one of our members, has died. Please remember her family in your prayers. We will miss Anne.

We meet again on 24th September, 2pm in the Radley Room. Our speaker will be Rev Michelle. If you would like to join us, please come along, everyone is welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAYRIGG

5th September Houghton Weavers in Coronation Hall 7.30pm For Church Funds. Tickets available from Kath 07736 125236 / email: kath.dickinson@btinternet.com)

27th September Afternoon Tea in the Coronation Hall 3pm For the Over 60s Funds. Admission by ticket only -see poster

3rd Oct. Pub night + food in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

25th October Soupa Saturday in the Coronation Hall - 11.30 am to 2.00 pm - for church funds.

7th Nov. Pub night in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

29th November Christmas Fayre in the Coronation Hall - 10.00 am to 2.00 pm - for church funds.

5th Dec. Pub night + food in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

15th December Carol Singing in the Church - for over 60s fund.

Grayrigg Table Tennis Club - holds matches in the Coronation Hall from September to May. Anyone who would like to play in a

The Grayrigg Good Neighbours

Join us every second Tuesday of the month in the Coronation Hall at 7.30pm for a get-together and talks or craft activities. All welcome.

The meetings will start again on **September 9th**There will be 9 monthly meetings: Annual Membership £12 £3 per visit for non-members.



AFTERNOON TEA



Saturday 27th September Coronation Hall at 3pm

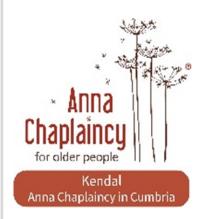
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Tickets £15.00 or £18.00 to include a glass of Prosecco

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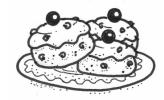
St George's Church

Chatter and Natter

Come and join us on the last Friday of every month in the Radley Room for Tea/coffee, cake and meet -up with friends.

September 26th 2025 from 10am to 11.30am

For further information ring Sue Whittaker 07866341554



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- Discern how God is calling us in this particular season:

and rooting everything we do in the reality of our contexts.

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Saturday 20th September 2025

St Mary's Church, Ambleside Rd, Windermere, LA23 1BA

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Painting And Christian Testimony

What: Live painting, testimony and exhibition Where: St Mary's Church, Allithwaite, LA11 7QR

When: Saturday 6 September, 5.30pm

This free event is an unmissable opportunity to experience renowned professional artist Julie Ann Scott paint live and give her Christian testimony. Plus view her nationally touring exhibition 'STAND'- a collection of nine stunning paintings of significant moments from World War II with a vital and timely message for this moment in our history. 'STAND' has toured to Windsor Castle, Westminster, SKY TV HQ and Jordan Peterson's ARC Conference.

Donations will be gratefully received on the night to cover costs.

Email contact@allithwaitechurch.org.uk to reserve your place.

St George's Community Hub

Soup and a roll, cake and fruit, tea, coffee and squash are available between 11.45am and 1pm on Thursdays.

There is a listening ear available for anyone who would find that helpful.

We are reopening after the summer break on 4th September



Answers

Across

- 3. Penrith; 9. Adieu; 10. Avert;
- 11. Bowness; 12. Rydal; 13. Sushi;
- 14. Wretch: 18. Facemask: 22. Opt:
- 23. Spit; 25. Stern; 26. Deal; 27. Emu;
- 28. Slapdash; 31. Caldew; 36. Avian;
- 37. Leven; 38. Inverse; 39. Ewers;
- 40. Elude; 41. Hartsop.

Down

- 1. Barrow; 2. Riddle; 3. Public;
- 4. Newby; 5. Iberia; 6. Hassle; 7. Seascape; 8. At risk; 15. Repel; 16. Tot up; 17. Hosea; 18. Fresh; 19. Comic;
- 20. Model; 21. Stake; 24. Imagines;
- 28. Scales; 29. Danish; 30. Silver;
- 32. Asleep; 33. Devour; 34. Winder;
- 35. Tarns.

Bonus question

Silverdale, Stake Pass & Windermere.

Beacon Team Safeguarding Training

Tuesday 7th October at St George's 10am - 12ish

For ALL Churchwardens, PCC Members and anyone running a church activity.

For more details, please speak with Heather Wilson.

- The Big Thank You -Ben and his special friend

'The Big Thank You' is an illustrated children's story about Ben and his part in a special church service to say 'thank you' to God for all the pets and animals we love.

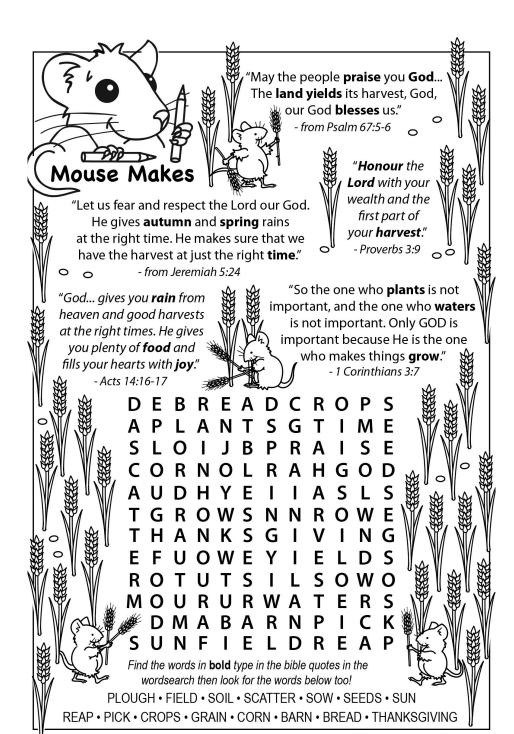
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