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SANDYLANDS CORNERSTONE CHURCH
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**You abundantly water the ploughed fields,
You settle
its furrows and soften the earth
with showers. You bless its growth. Ps 65:10**

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Letter from Rev Melanie Greenall,
Minister at Sandylands and Stricklandgate Methodist Churches

Dear Friends,

‘Tell me the stories of Jesus, I love to hear’ is the opening line of a hymn from my Sunday School days which is rarely sung now. Yet it contains a truth: for most of us love a good story don’t we – witness the continued popularity of novels, while movie-going still figures highly on people’s list of things to do.

The New Testament is full of some wonderful stories, especially at this time of year.

Stories of women coming by night ‘while it was still dark’ to find an empty tomb. Stories of Mary hearing her name whispered by her Lord, dead no longer. Stories of doubts swept away as Jesus says, “Peace be with you.” Stories of a proud man who had badly let down Jesus given another chance and a task to fulfil - ‘feed my sheep.’ Stories of Jesus drawing alongside 2 weary travellers on the road to Emmaus, opening their eyes and filling them with such joy they ran 7 miles back to Jerusalem. What wonderful stories!

But they’re much more than that, for they contain the truth that God who made heaven and earth draws alongside us in our weariness, in the dark, in our grief and struggle and says, ‘peace be with you’: ‘my peace I give to you.’

The stories continue as a man called Saul found years later when he became aware of God’s amazing grace that loved him - someone who murdered Christians for fun. It’s a love that turned his life completely around so that Paul (as he became) spent the rest of it telling others how they too might know that peace Jesus promised.

‘Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?’ as Charles Wesley would later describe his experience.

The story still goes on for there are countless folk today who speak of and know a God ‘who walks with me and talks with me along life’s narrow way,’ wherever it may lead through joy or storm.

Why not find out more about this wonderful story and make it your own.

Easter Blessings to one and all

Melanie

Readings for April 2024



The Second Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 4:32-35

2nd Reading 1 John 1:1- 2:2

April 7th, 2024

Psalm 133

Gospel John 20:19 to end

The Third Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 3:12-19

2nd Reading 1 John 3:1-7

April 14th, 2024

Psalm 4

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 4:5-12

2nd Reading 1 John 3:16 to end

April 21st, 2024

Psalm 23

Gospel John 10:11-18

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

1st Reading Acts 8:26 to end

2nd Reading 1 John 4:7 to end

April 28th, 2024

Psalm 22:25 to end

Gospel John 15:1-8

Worship With Us

St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:

Sunday 7th April - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 14th April - *joint service at Selside*
Sunday 21st April - Holy Communion 11.00 am
Sunday 28th April - *joint service at Burneside*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

Sunday 7th April - Morning Worship 11am
Sunday 14th April - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 21st April - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 28th April - Evening Worship 6.30pm

St George, Kendal

Sunday 7th April - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 14th April - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 21st April - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 28th April - Morning Worship 11.00am

St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 7th April - Evening Worship 6.00pm
Sunday 14th April - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 21st April - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 28th April - Holy Communion 11.00am

St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 7th April - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 14th April - Holy Communion 9.30am



Sunday 21st April - Evening Worship 6.00pm

Sunday 28th April - Morning Worship 11am

St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 7th April Abbey Service 10.30am

Sandylands Cornerstone Methodist Church

Sunday 7th April: Morning Worship 10.30am Causeway 3pm

Sunday 14th April: Holy Communion 10.30am

Sunday 21st April: All age Worship 10.30am

Sunday 28th April: Joint service with Stricklandgate at Sandylands 10.30am

Every Tuesday 6.00pm Short Evening Prayer
at St. Oswald's Church, Burneside

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

Online Worship is available throughout the week via Zoom

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Regular weekday Zoom services include :

* **Mondays** 8.30pm : Compline

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

We had overlooked communicating the latest news from our mission partner, Ruth Radley, so here it is.

Hi everyone,

I really hope that you are all well and are managing to survive the craziness of the run up to Christmas, which I am sure starts earlier and earlier each year. The Christmas market in Birmingham started on 2 November this year!

I have news to share: I left my role at Birmingham Children's hospital a few months ago, which of course means that more changes are afoot. CMS no longer take on new mission partners in the UK, so there are no new placements available. You may also be aware that what often happens when a mission partner comes back from overseas is that the funding slowly drops, and my funding was down to just two days a week. So, it feels like the right time to be leaving CMS as well and take on a whole new fresh challenge.

As you know, I was originally in South Sudan, where I lived and worked for nearly eight years and still have good links with friends there. I am so happy to share that Sam Malish has finished his degree in social work. He did his dissertation looking at child protection issues in the refugee camps – he sent it to me to read and I was so impressed with his knowledge and how he had been able to complete this work. I am so glad I was able to support him to complete this, and he graduated just a couple of weeks ago. I am so proud of him and all he has achieved, often in very difficult circumstances, and I am grateful that we are able to stay so well in touch with each other and support each other even from afar. Thank you for all your continued support for him as well.


I thank you all SO VERY VERY MUCH for all your support, care and encouragement over the last 15–16 years, while I have lived and worked in Yei, and also as I came back and found my feet in a different role. I know I have said it before, but your support and encouragement have been such a blessing to me, and something I have not taken lightly. I especially thank you for continuing to support me in the changes I faced when I came back from South Sudan.

I am happy to report that in the New Year I will be taking up a new role as the Spiritual Care Lead in the local hospice to where I live. It appears to be a place which really lives up to its values of care, compassion and kindness and I have appreciated already meeting some of the team. I look forward to getting my teeth into another new place to work and seeing how the work develops over the next few years. Who knows, maybe we can hatch chicks there!

In whatever is in store for you all over the coming weeks, months and years I trust that you will have good support around you as you have given me to face it all: challenges, joys, struggles and happiness. Please look after yourselves and remember you have been such an important part of my journey and work.

*Take care,
Ruth*

We will bring an update on Ruth's new posting in a future magazine.



As already announced, the Acting Bishop of Carlisle has appointed the Revd Michelle Woodcock as Priest in Charge of the Benefice of The Beacon Team Ministry.

The Licensing Service will take place on

Monday 15th April 2024 at 7.00pm at

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg.

Bishop Rob will be officiating. All are welcome.

Please note that parking is limited.

St George's Day Wordsearch

St George is Patron Saint of England, but he never actually came here. He was a Christian officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror. George was therefore martyred in Palestine about 300 AD. His courage became legendary, and St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. In the 13th century, the Golden Legend appeared telling the story of how St George helped rescue the people of Sylene in Libya from a dragon, especially the princess, who had been offered to the dragon as a sacrifice. With the dragon dead, and the princess returned to her father the King, the people of Sylene converted to Christianity.

George Patron Saint England Officer Roman Army converted
Diocletian Terror Martyred Palestine Courage Example
Helper Evil Soldier Hero Golden Legend Dragon Princess



At our February meeting, Mr Joe Murray, spoke about the work of Cumbria Neighbourhood Watch, of which he is the chairperson, and which partners with other agencies to prevent crime throughout the county.

He showed a Video Doorbell (which anyone can buy), explaining how the images are sent to a mobile phone anywhere. He has worked with Cumbria police and Victim Support to fit up to 200 around the county for individuals at risk; information gathered has been used as evidence in legal cases. Joe spoke of the work of CrimeStoppers (phone number 0800 555 111), explaining that when anyone gave information, their anonymity was 100% guaranteed. He talked about crime prevention, especially working with young farmers clubs.

Regarding scams, we were advised not to engage in phone calls with anyone unknown to us, and not to open emails that we did not recognise; banks do not ring and ask for personal information. Share this with others. We were told about Digital Voice - the new BT home phone service, powered by a broadband connection. Leaflets are available or visit www.bt.com/broadband/digital-voice.

Joe finished his interesting and most informative talk by recalling how the late Queen, when presenting him with an award, said how he reminded him of her sons because of his balding head!

Best wishes

Mary Atkinson (Branch Leader)

Dates for the Diary

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 24th April at 2pm in the Radley Room, St George's Church, when Howard Smith's talk is entitled 'Folksongs of the North'. Visitors are welcome to join us.

Monday 8th April: 2pm Service at St James Church, Arnside

Monday 15th April: Deanery Lunch at Crooklands Hotel (12 for 12.30pm)

Monday 24th June: Summer Outing to St Luke's Orrell.

Sandylands Cornerstone Church and Community News

Totters and Bumps and Babies

Totters

A very lively popular and friendly group which attracts between 40-50 toddlers plus adults every Monday 9 - 11am. It runs in term time only. The group is run primarily by a team of 5 volunteers. We provide support for the adults as well as activities for the children. Drinks for adults included in the fee. There are plenty of toys (large and small), sit and ride toys, art and crafts, tuff tray messy activities, play dough, sand and sometimes a bouncy castle etc. We also have a quieter room for adults and children who find the other rooms too noisy and busy. The session ends with a healthy snack and a singing time.



Cornerstone Bumps and Babies (CBBs)

This small and friendly group runs in term time only on a Monday afternoon from 1.30 - 3pm. It is run by 2 volunteers. We have between 6 - 14 babies from birth to 1 year old plus adults attend on a regular basis. We offer friendship, advice and support to the adults. This is a safe place to come and experience the highs and lows of being a new parent. We attract mums, couples, dads and grandparents (particularly when mum returns to work). We have play mats, rugs etc for the tiny babies and good quality, safe and stimulating toys and a ball pool for the babies to play with as they begin to sit up, move and eventually walk. There is opportunity to weigh the babies as well. Included in the low price is a choice of hot and cold drinks and a selection of lovely homemade cakes or biscuits.

Some of our Groups

Causeway

First Sunday of Every Month

3.15pm for Chat and Coffee, Service begins at 4pm

Friendship and praise with our friends in the community with supporting needs, to come together for chat and worship.

Sandylands Friendship Group

Only one meeting which is April 11th at 2pm

Speaker : Rev Melanie Greenall
£2 per session to include tea/coffee and biscuits

Sandylands Seniors

Come and join us for board games from 10am to 12 noon, on April 18th - followed by a cooked lunch, which must be pre-booked (please email mellor.family@tiscali.co.uk).
Donations towards costs accepted .

Sandylands Drop In

Every Wednesday from 10.00 till noon.
Why not join us for coffee cake and chat.
Everybody is made welcome.



GIRLS BRIGADE



1st Kendal Girls Brigade is suitable for all girls and young women, from age 4+ (girls must be at school).

We meet at Sandylands Methodist Church on Mondays from 6pm to 7-30pm (term time only).

Sometimes our very youngest members leave after a drink and biscuit at 7.15pm

Our n'vestigate group is 4-7years olds, n'gauge for 8-10's, n'counta for 11-13yrs old and the 14 plus organise themselves as an n'spire group.

We play games, listen to stories, get creative, and discuss life issues, all with a Christian ethos underpinning it.

Our motto is "Seek, Serve, and Follow Christ" but fun and friendship is important.

We look forward to meeting you. For more information contact Karen at 1stkendalgb@gmail.com or just pop down on a Monday night.



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Saturday 13th April

3.30-5.30pm

Sandylands Methodist Church

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to book**

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Dear Friends

This month we welcome - at last - our new Priest in Charge. I do hope you'll be able to be with us at Grayrigg on Monday, 15th April to support Revd Michelle at her licensing. It would be helpful if we could share transport as the only parking is on the side of the road.

My favourite Church season is Eastertide (and that's not just because on Easter Day I'll be able to eat chocolate again!) The resurrection is so amazing - so awe-inspiring that it takes my breath away. After the solemnity of Lent and the recollection of the Crucifixion on Good Friday, Easter shines like a beacon in the darkness of the world.

St Peter reminds us in his first letter that God *'has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.'* (1 Peter 1: 3-4). What does he say about this treasure?

On the one hand, it is the *reason for hope*. Peter was writing to Christians in Asia Minor (modern day Turkey) who faced persecution under the Emperor Nero. In an uncertain world we know that Jesus suffered, but by His resurrection has secured eternal life for us. This inheritance not only guarantees life now, but also for eternity, as it *'is kept in heaven for you'* (verse 4). Do we share this confidence? D.L. Moody, the 19th Century American evangelist, spoke of the time when people would read his obituary: *'Don't believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now'*.

On the other hand, this treasure is a *source of joy*. This unburied treasure fills us *'with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.'* (verses 8-9). We face all kinds of trials in our lives, but God uses them to refine our faith and character, *'These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith - of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire - may result in praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.'* (verse 7).

We reflect this treasure by developing the Jesus' character and becoming more holy, obedient and loving.

'Christmas is the promise, and Easter is the proof'

May God bless you all.

With love and prayers

Jean



Kendal
Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria

Everyone is welcome to the

KENDAL TEA SERVICE

BRINGING PEOPLE

TOGETHER

A short service with a Bible reading,
3 **traditional** hymns and prayers
Followed by Tea and Cake

Thursday 18th April, 2.30 pm at Kendal Parish Church

For more information about the Tea Service or Anna Chaplaincy
in Kendal please contact Beverley Moore 07507 749238 or
bevmoore.annachaplaincy@gmail.com

From The Registers

Baptisms:

3rd March – St John's Skelsmergh -
Emilia Margaret Rose McIvor

Funerals:

6th March – St George's Kendal – Margaret Elizabeth Gould
11th March – St George's Kendal – Heather Amanda Park
12th March – St George's Kendal – Eileen Graham
12th March – St Oswald's Burneside – Marie Boyd



Grayrigg Church and Community News

St John The Evangelist , Grayrigg

Church Cleaning Rota

April 14th Sally and Wendy

May 5th Joy Knowles

19th Sally and Wendy

The rota will be published in the magazine each month. If you wish to join the team contact Ann Kendal on 01539 824276

Howgill and Firbank WI

will be holding their April meeting
at 7.30 pm. on Thursday **4th April** at Firbank village hall.

There will be a flower arranging demonstration by Joan Bentley
entitled 'Spring is in the air'

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Email: cward.almshouses@gmail.com

Firbank Dominoes

Tuesday 9th April

Firbank Church Hall at 7.30pm



Upcoming Events

April 27th - Soupa Saturday starting at 11.30 am

There will be a choice of a bowl of soup with a roll, or soup and sandwiches. It is an ideal time to chat with your friends and neighbours and catch up with local news. There will also be a raffle and proceeds will go to St John's Church.

May 25th 2024 – Plant Sale



This will be in the Coronation Hall between 10.0am and 1pm. All types of flowers and plants are available. Coffee, tea, and cakes will also be on sale .

Orders please no later than April 10th to Ann – 01539824276 or Kath on 07736125236 or kath.dickinson@btinternet.com.

All proceeds for St John's Church

David Last

The Variety Concert on March 9th was well attended and was enjoyed by those who were there. The final sum that will be given to this year's charity, Hospice at Home, will be notified in a later edition.

Grayrigg Rainfall

The rainfall in February 2024 was 155.9mm or 6.14 inches.

The rainfall in February 2023 was 55.1mm or 2.17 inches.

The average February rainfall over the last 32 years is 144.7mm or 5.70 inches.



St George's Church Chatter and Natter

Come and Join us on the last Friday
of every month in the Radley Room

April 26th 2024 from 10am to 11.30am

For Tea/coffee, cake and meet up with
friends.

All are welcome For further information ring

Sue Whittaker 07866341554
Look forward to seeing you all!



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please contact jean.radley@outlook.com if you would like to be
added to the list.

Services and news from the Beacon Team, as well as an online copy
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Have you visited the Church of England website [https://
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Each of the churches in the Beacon Team have their own entry and
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the church or churches there will be listed. Please contact
admin@beaconteam.org.uk if you want more information.



St George's Community Hub

**Soup, sandwiches, 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.**

***DO COME AND JOIN US –
ALL ARE WELCOME***

St George's Day: Organ Music Concert **Experience the Power of the Wilkinson Pipe Organ**

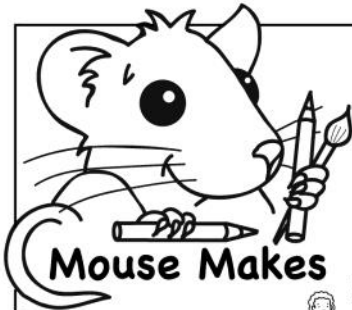
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**Tuesday 23rd April
12 noon to 1pm
St George's Church Castle St. Kendal**



Some time after Jesus had risen a few of His disciples met together to go fishing. They fished all night but caught nothing. As the sun rose a man on the shore asked; "Have you caught anything?" "Not a thing" they answered. He said to them "Throw your net out onto the right side of the boat and you will catch some."



So they did and they and they caught so many fish they could not pull in the net. Then John recognised the man, "It is the Lord!"



How many times had the risen Jesus revealed himself to the disciples before this?



Read John 21:14

How many disciples were there? Who were they?

Read John 21: 11

How many fish did they catch? Read John 21: 11



READ the story in John 21



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