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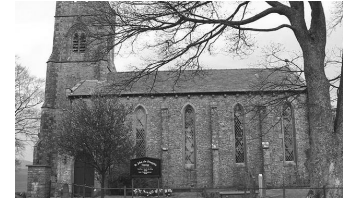
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**JANUARY 2023**



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### MOTHERS UNION REPORT FOR JANUARY CHURCH MAGAZINE

The theme for our November meeting was "Poems and readings for Advent".

There were apologies from Vivienne, Anne (Young) and Georgina.

The aims and purposes were read and then prayers were said.

Members had brought very interesting poems, readings and crafts relating to Advent and Christmas. It was a lovely afternoon very much enjoyed, ending in tea and fellowship.

In December we met at the Crooklands Hotel for our Christmas meal. This was exceptionally good and much enjoyed by us all. Jennie was thanked for organising everything. As it was Jean's (Edmondson) birthday she was given her card and we sang and wished her a very happy birthday. All birthdays are special but two of our members, Vivienne Bateman and Eileen Allen have had "special" ones. Members signed cards and both were given a plant. Vivienne and Eileen thanked everyone.

Our AGM will be on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. We will start with a short service. Also Judith will be collecting the Annual Subscriptions which is £22 at this meeting.

Thank you to all members for the most enjoyable year we have had and we wish everyone a very happy new year.

Love from Mary and Jennie..

## Book Reviews

**Talking to Children about Mental Health – the challenges facing Gen Z and Gen Alpha**  
**By Lily-Jo, SPCK, £10.99**

This practical guide aims to help adults understand the unique mental health challenges facing our children, teenagers and students today.

From the rise of AI personal technology to the ability to connect to your loved ones wherever you are, you'd think that we're advancing as a society. But for our young people's mental health, such progress has come at a cost.

The book examines the key mental health problems impacting young people today (such as depression, loneliness and anxiety) and explains how the life-style, culture and world they are living in has a significant mental health impact.

Suitable for parents, grandparents, teachers, youth workers and anyone in a position of care or interested in the future of mental health, this book offers resources to support the next generation.

**Hope in the Face of Suffering – 20 devotions for Tough Times**  
**By Jeremy Marshall, 10 Publishing, £3.99**

The pandemic has made all of us wake up to the reality of suffering and death. Do we each have a philosophy of life that copes with death?

Thankfully Jeremy Marshall helps us get the roof on before the storm hits. As he has lived with an incurable cancer diagnosis for five years, so he has the credentials to walk us through the Bible's story of hope, which wonderfully assures us that for the believer, death is never the last thing. .

Reviews from Parish Pump

## St. John the Evangelist Grayrigg

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# Letter from Rev. Canon Patricia Rogers

## Beacon Mission Community

Have you always thought of a Church as the old building in your village or town, where people gather every Sunday for worship? We do refer these days to the bricks and mortar as the Church, but actually the Church is the people, and they don't have to be meeting together in a 'Church' building.

As the Beacon Mission Community we need to be thinking of new ways to gather together as Church, in places where people are already coming together to share their other interests. We need to be open to new ways of being God's Church and not be afraid to try things out

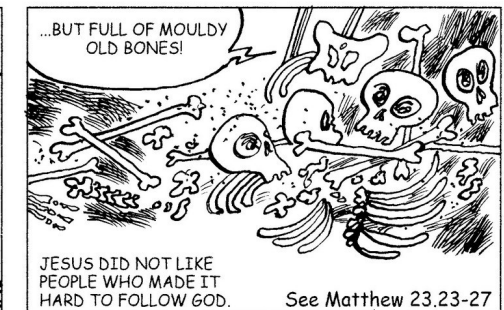
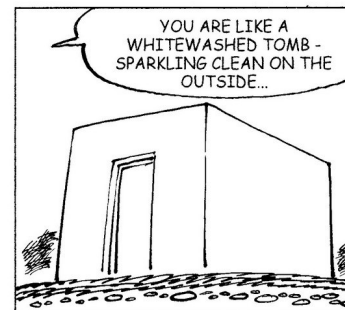
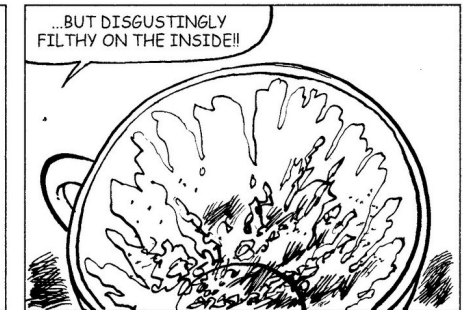
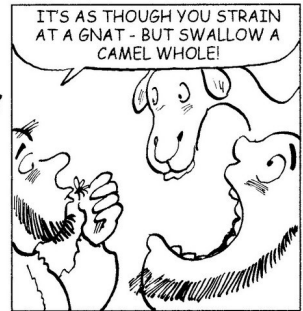
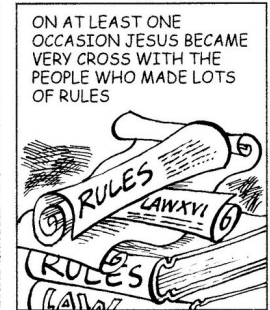
I read an article that pointed out that 'the church, like any other institution, is perennially susceptible to a 'hardening of the arteries.' In other words, we need to be careful of simply saying we have to hold on to the way church has always been done, because we may shrivel up and become sick.

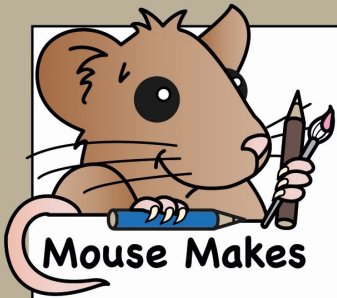
Such a letting go doesn't mean, jettisoning our traditions, liturgies or structures. It means looking for additional ways of making the love of God relevant to the people in our communities.

It might help to remind ourselves that God is not inward looking, and that we need to be practising that principle too. Asking ourselves what is it that our community needs?

In Bristol one parish church Bristol realised that with all the teenage boys that lived there, it could do with a neighbourhood football team. Members of the congregation started it and gave lifts to the lads on a Saturday morning so that they could get to the football pitch.

# "Some tough talking"





### A JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

When the **Magi** (wise men) came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?

The \_\_\_\_\_

Why did they make the journey?

What did they follow to get there?

A \_\_\_\_\_

What did they see?

Read *Matthew 2:1-12*



Why did **Joseph** and **Mary** travel to **Bethlehem**?

Read *Luke 2:1-4*

When **Samuel** came to **Bethlehem** who sent him? Who did he go to see?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and his sons.

Who had he come to anoint as king?

Read *1 Samuel 16:1-13*



**Naomi** and **Ruth** came to **Bethlehem** where had they travelled from?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and why?

When did they arrive?

At the \_\_\_\_\_ harvest.

Read *Ruth 1:22*

E B A O F O O D K J E S S E S  
M O A B A I J E I T J I A M E  
R R M R A N O I N T O D M E A  
U N J E S U S B G N U A U S S  
T P B A R L E Y H A R V E S T  
H G O D O S P F O O N I L I A  
M A R Y B E H N Y M E D I A R  
B E T H L E H E M I Y M A G I

The name **BETHLEHEM** means 'House of Bread'

Look up the Bible references to find the missing words, find them and these words below in the wordsearch

- JOURNEY
- BETHLEHEM • GOD
- JOSEPH • MARY
- JESUS • BORN
- MAGI • MESSIAH
- NAOMI • RUTH
- FOOD • HARVEST
- SAMUEL • ANOINT
- KING • BREAD

They listened to their problems and where appropriate prayed with them. The boys soon became more than a football team. They met together in an evening for pizza and discussion about the Christian faith. They started to learn about God together, to pray together and importantly they continued to play football on a Saturday morning.

They were a new way of being Church, yet they didn't actually go inside the Church building. It didn't make them any less of a Church for that. As a new year dawns, we need to think differently about who we are, how we do things and most importantly to be open to looking at what God wants us to do.

What could the Church look like in your community? Let's have some vision, use our imaginations and try things out. Send me your ideas!

Wishing you all a joyous New Year

Tricia



"That's two t's in Matthew", said Osric

# Worship With Us

January 2023

## St John the Evangelist ,Grayrigg

Sunday 1st 2nd Sunday of Christmas 9.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 8th 1st of Epiphany 9.30am Morning Worship  
Sunday 15th 2nd of Epiphany 9.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 22nd 3rd of Epiphany, 4.30pm Evening Worship  
Sunday 29th 4th of Epiphany 10.30am Team Service

## St George, Kendal

Sunday 1st 2nd of Christmas 9.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 8th 1st of Epiphany 11.00am Morning Worship  
Sunday 15th 2nd of Epiphany 11.00 am Holy Communion  
Sunday 22nd 3rd of Epiphany 11.00am Morning Worship

## St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 1st 2nd Sunday of Christmas 4.30pm Evening Worship  
Sunday 8th 1st of Epiphany 11.00am Morning Worship  
Sunday 22nd 3rd of Epiphany 11.00am Holy Communion

## St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 1st 2nd of Christmas 9.30am Morning Worship  
Sunday 8th 1st of Epiphany with Skelsmergh  
Sunday 15th 2nd of Epiphany 9.30am Holy Communion  
Sunday 22nd 3rd of Epiphany 11.00 am Morning Worship

## St John The Baptist, Skelsmergh

Sunday 1st 2nd of Christmas 11.00 am Morning Worship  
Sunday 8th 1st of Epiphany 9.30am Holy Communion.  
Sunday 15th 2nd of Epiphany 11.00 am Holy Communion  
Sunday 22nd 3rd of Epiphany , 11.00 am with Burneside.

## St Mary, Longsleddale

Sunday 8th 1st of Epiphany 10.30am Abbey Service

**The week of the 22nd is a week of Prayer for Christian Unity**



*...the good news is - I've found a way of heating the church on unwanted chip-fat!...*

## Quote

### With the beginning a New Year in Mind

Sin has turned the world from a paradise into  
A thicket, there is no getting through without being scratched .

T Boston

## Soupa Saturday

There will be another Soupa Saturday in Grayrigg Coronation Hall on

Saturday January 28th 2023

Between 11.30am and 1.00pm

A great way to meet up with people in the local community over a bowl of soup and a

Sandwich.

There is a raffle and all the proceeds raised will be for the benefit of

St John's Church

It is hoped that a good number of people will attend

## Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre held in November was a great success .and thanks are due to all those who have helped in any way.

There are still a number of hampers for sale at the back of church . Please do take a look as there may be one which might be just right for you or for a member family member .

All monies raised will be published in the February magazine.

Kath Dickinson.



**Every TUESDAY** 6.00pm Short Evening Worship St. Oswald Burneside

**Every WEDNESDAY** 9.30am: BCP Holy Communion St. Oswald, Burneside

**First WEDNESDAY** in Month 7.00pm Sacred Space St. George Kendal

**Online: *Worship is available throughout the week via Zoom***

Access: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87329356785>

Meeting ID: 873 2935 6785

Regular weekday Zoom services include :

\* Mondays 8.30pm : Compline

\* Fridays 8.30pm : Celtic Evening Prayer

A weekly email with news and updates on services is available - please contact [jean.radley@outlook.com](mailto:jean.radley@outlook.com) if you would like to be added to the list.

## Monthly Readings – January 2023

**01/01/23**

### **The Second Sunday of Christmas**

First Reading Isaiah 63. 7-9

Psalm 148

Second Reading Hebrews 2. 10-end

Gospel Matthew 2. 13-end

**08/01/23**

### **The First Sunday of Epiphany**

First Reading Isaiah 42. 1-9

Psalm 29

Second Reading Acts 10. 34-43

Gospel Matthew 3. 13-end

**15/01/23**

### **The Second Sunday of Epiphany**

First Reading Isaiah 49. 1-7

Psalm 40. 1-12

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1. 1-9

Gospel John 1. 29-42

**22/01/23**

### **The Third Sunday of Epiphany**

First Reading Isaiah 9. 1-4

Psalm 27. 1, 4-12

Second Reading 1 Cor. 1. 10-18

Gospel Matthew 4. 12-23

**29/01/23**

### **The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

First Reading 1. Kings 17. 8-16

Psalm 36. 5-10

Second Reading 1 Cor. 1. 18-end

Gospel John 2. 1-11



*Howgill and Firbank WI*

Ross Bowyer will give a talk on survival/bushcraft  
At Fairbank Village hall Thursday 5th January 2023 at 7.30pm  
Competition :A luxury item you would take to a dessert island

And explain your choice

February Meeting at Fairbank Village Hall

Playing Boccia with Anne Craddock

Competition A favourite candle

*If you are interested in joining the WI please contact:*

Sarah Syred 01539 620667

or Audrey Hoggarth 01539 824663

### **Rainfall in Grayrigg**

The rainfall in November 2022 was 164.1 mm or  
6.46 inches

The rainfall in November 2021 was 123.3mm or  
4.86 inches.

The average November rainfall over the last 30 years is  
154.5mm or 6.09 inches.





# Grayrigg Church and Community News

## From the registers



### GRAYRIGG CORONATION HALL

#### PUB NIGHT

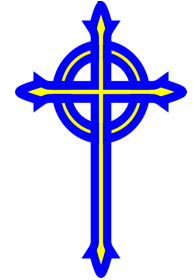
1st Friday in every month Opens 7.30 pm

Friday 7th January at 7.30pm

with Darts and Dominoes

### Funerals:

16th November , St John the Baptist,  
Sklesmergh , John Airey



23rd November St John the Baptist  
Sklesmergh , Jane Richardson

### Advance Notice

#### Italian Themed evening In The Church Hall Fairbank

Lasagne, garlic bread,

And

Dessert

#### Booking Essential

#### Firbank Dominoes

Tuesday

10th January 2023

7.30pm

### St John the Evangelist Grayrigg

#### Cleaning Rota

January 15th 2023  
Sally and Wendy

February 5th 2023  
Mary Kendal

February 19th 2023  
Sally and Wendy

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



The fan-heater under the cassock idea  
proved not to be such a good one



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## **PAID JOB OPPORTUNITY IN THE BEACON TEAM MISSION COMMUNITY**

### **Part time Team Administrator/ Bookkeeper**

We are looking for an energetic, enthusiastic person who has a desire to see the Kingdom of God grow here in the Beacon Team; to join us in a part time post. We need someone who will be able to share with the Priest in Charge and the Ministry team, the responsibilities of administration, and bookkeeping which underwrites the work in our Mission Community. To help support the Priest in Charge and of volunteers in all the Churches, and who will contribute and take an active part in the Ministry Team. The current post holder will give guidance to whoever is appointed. Interview will be held in January and applications need to be received by 13<sup>th</sup> January.

Information Pack and Application Form can be obtained from The Priest in Charge: Rev Tricia Rogers, St Oswald's Vicarage, Burneside, LA9 6QX 1HT via e.mail - [rev.tricia@beaconteam.org.uk](mailto:rev.tricia@beaconteam.org.uk) Tel 01539 722015

## **The New Year Fun Facts**

It is the time when many people traditionally make resolutions to break bad habits or start good ones.

The earliest known New Year celebrations were in Mesopotamia and date back to 2000BC

The early Romans used 1st March as New Years Day

England did not adopt 1st January as New Years Day until 1752 more than 150 years after Scotland. Before the year began on 25th March .the Feast of Annunciation.

Ethiopia wont celebrate New Year until 25th September . The country has stuck to the old Julian Calender, which fails to reflect the true length of the year.

“Auld Lang Syne “ is traditionally sung at midnight on New Years Eve . It was written by Robert Burns .The words Auld Lang Syne means “times gone by”

In Italy people wear red underwear on New Year's Day to bring good Luck all year long.

The island nation Kiribati in the Central Pacific is the first location to ring in the New Year each year .

If you don't want to be bothered starting a new calendar or diary today, you can dig out one for 2007 and re-use it. Days of the week are the same.

Rev. Canon Patricia Rogers