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Letter from Rev Michelle Woodcock
Priest-in-Charge of the Beacon Team Churches

Dear Friends,

It always feels like something of a triumph to me to finally arrive in May. We've survived the cold and dark hours of the winter, trudged through the gloom and deprivation of Lent and are finally facing some days that promise lighter evenings and possibilities of sunshine and time to relax and play with family and friends.

For me, I guess that feeling is heightened by the sheer joy of getting up before the crack of dawn on May 1st and meeting a group of equally crazy friends on a local hill or mountain top and singing and Morris dancing as the sun rises. This moment is often full of pure joy. A simple celebration of being alive and appreciating the many gifts we have been given and the earth we share.

For me, it's a time when I thank God for friendship, for the gifts of music and dancing and for his wonderful creation. The others who share that special moment with me all have their own reasons for being there and together we are a very thankful and excited bunch despite the 4am wakeup call! This year we do this for the first time without one of our number who died last November. That moment will be tinged with sadness and grief as we remember our loss, but we will dance and sing harder to honour her memory.

I've been conscious a lot lately that '*in the midst of life we are in death*' (Book of Common Prayer, funeral service) a phrase that acknowledges the inherent connection between life and death, reminding us that death is always a presence, even while we are living. It's been my privilege lately to conduct quite a few funerals and to walk with families as they grieve the loss of their loved ones. We've said goodbye to some huge characters around the Beacon Team in the last few months.

In this Easter season we can hold onto the hope that Jesus conquered even that ultimate finality of death by rising to new life and going ahead of us to prepare a place for us in heaven. The promise of the Christian faith is that through faith in Christ we will have the hope of heaven and a life beyond death.

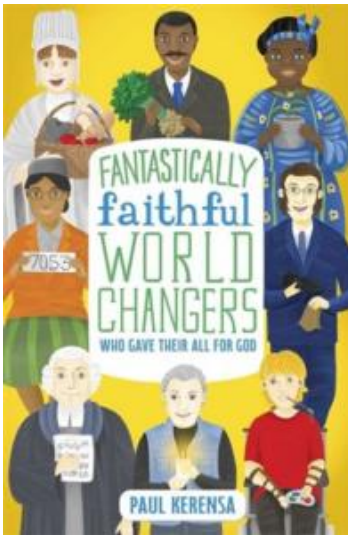
So, on May 1st I will be up at 4am and dancing on a hill somewhere in the Kendal area as the sun peeps out over the horizon. We will be celebrating life in all its fulness and I will be giving thanks to God for the many blessings he has given me. Apologies if you awake to the sound of distant, jingling bells and a joyful song on the breeze...

Happy May!
Michelle

Book Review

Fantastically Faithful World Changers Who Gave Their All For God

By Paul Kerensa, SPCK, £7.99



The Fantastically Faithful People series brings children aged 7plus real-life stories that reveal what ordinary people can achieve when they put their faith in God. This book brings you:

John Newton : who went from slave ship captain to a leading light in the fight against slavery;

Elizabeth Fry: who improved conditions for countless people in prison;

Thomas Barnardo: who transformed the lives of children living in poverty;

George Washington Carver: who went from slavery to groundbreaking scientist;

Rosa Parks: who helped bring an end to laws that discriminated against African Americans; Wangari Maathai: whose work led to the planting of millions of trees across Africa; Christian Fuhrer: whose prayer movement helped re-unite a country; and Joni Eareckson Tada: who helps people with disabilities find hope, dignity and faith.

This book will inspire children aged 7 plus to put their faith in Jesus and to use their talents for the glory of God.



St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:.

Sunday 4th May - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 11th May - Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 18th May- Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 25th May- *joint service at Burneside*

St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg

Sunday 4th May - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 11th May - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 18th May - Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 25th May - Evening Worship 6.30pm followed by APCM

St George, Kendal

Sunday 4th May - Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 11th May- 'Worship at 4' 4.00pm preceded by APCM at 3pm
Sunday 18th May- Morning Worship 11.00am
Sunday 25th May- Holy Communion 9.30am

St Oswald, Burneside

Sunday 4th May- Evening Worship 4.00pm
Sunday 11th May- Holy Communion 11.00am
Sunday 18th May- Morning Worship 11.00am followed by APCM
Sunday 25th May- Holy Communion 11.00am

St Thomas, Selside

Sunday 4th May - Morning Worship 9.30am
Sunday 11th May- Holy Communion 9.30am
Sunday 18th May- Evening Worship 6pm followed by APCM
Sunday 25th May- Morning Worship 11.00am



St Mary's Longsleddale

Sunday 4th May Abbey Service 10.30am

Sandylands Cornerstone Methodist Church

Sunday 4th May: Section Service 10.30am Causeway 3pm

Sunday 11th May: Morning Worship 10.30am

Sunday 18th May: All-Age Worship 10.30 am

Sunday 25th May: Morning Worship 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

Readings for May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

1st Reading Acts 9:1-6 (7-20) or Zeph.3:14-end Psalm 30
2nd Reading Revelation 5:11-end Gospel John 21:1-19

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

1st Reading Acts 9:36-end or Gen.7-8 Psalm 23
2nd Reading Revelation 7:9-end Gospel John 10:22-30

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 2025

1st Reading Acts 11:1-18 or Genesis 22:1-18 Psalm 148
2nd Reading Revelation 21:1-6 or Acts 10:34-43 Gospel John 13:31-35

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

1st Reading Acts 16:11-15 or Ezek.37:1-14 Psalm 67
2nd Reading Revelation 21:10,22—22:5 Gospel John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

RISE UP against Domestic Abuse Campaign

The Kendal with Grayrigg Mothers' Union has been awarded a Bronze Award, which we shall receive in June.

You may have wondered why in the Beacon Team Churches there are Teddy Bears, alongside a picture frame and message. Although simple, it is to make everyone aware of the MU campaign with information and contact details of how to access help. We have posters on the back of toilet doors with emergency numbers linking with national and local helplines.

Abuse, as we learnt in a recent talk by Claire (Springfield Support) is not always physical, but can be controlling and coercive behaviour. It can occur in any walk of life at all levels. So it is important to be aware that Domestic abuse happens. It is unlawful, hurtful, life limiting, cruel to entire families. There is a Women's and a recently opened Men's Refuge, to which through the Deanery MU we provide toiletry bags and personal hygiene items which members have collected.

It is important to remember in our prayers all victims and all who help them.

Our March meeting began with prayers and the singing of the Mothers Union hymn, which includes the aims and purposes.

We welcomed Helen and Denise to talk and show us about '*Open the Book*'. Helen asked where we had heard our first bible story – Mum or Dad's knee, grandparents, Sunday School or day school. She explained that sadly the majority of today's children are not hearing them at home, and there are two generations who do not know the Bible stories – the children & their parents. This prompted a group of Christians in Bedford in 1999, to explore the possibility of telling Bible stories in their local primary schools. As Christians we have God's story to tell and that is what *Open the Book* is all about, sharing God's story with the children of today in primary schools.

Using props, costumes, pictures etc to bring the stories to life, the group chose to use the Lion Story Teller Bible, written by Bob Hartman, as it starts at the beginning of creation and tells the main stories in chronological order. Helen said she thought the key word was *telling* a Bible story, not unpacking it afterwards, not preaching or evangelising, but simply sharing God's Word in an engaging, interesting way so that children of all faiths and those with none can watch and interact with the stories in their own way. Originally Helen helped promote and grow it across Derbyshire; then, in 2015, now living in Cumbria, Helen started a few groups in the Kendal area, Grayrigg, Natland, Selside and Burneside. There are now four teams of four volunteers (coming from different churches) visiting the schools each week. Children volunteer to take part, and love to dress up.

Helen, Denise, Karen and Rev Michelle acted for us the story of the Secret Baby. Although simple in its telling, it has the power to spark imagination, inspire exploration, give hope, create a smile, teach important lessons and connect generations. A huge Thank You to the actors for the drama and to Helen for her talk - a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

The above report is taken from Helen's notes, which she kindly agreed I could use.

Eileen Allen and I were warmly welcomed when we attended the delightful Lady Day Service at St Andrew's Coniston. Finally, thank you to all members who made posies for Mothering Sunday in our Churches.

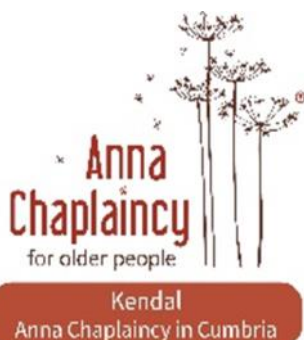
Upcoming Meetings:

Wed. 28th May - We meet at Grayrigg with members of Bolton MU (near Appleby) our link branch joining us for a Talk by David Last.

Wed. 25th June - Summer Outing

Please come and join us, all are welcome.

Mary Atkinson (Branch Leader)



Everyone is welcome to the

KENDAL TEA SERVICE

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER

**Thursday 15th May 2.30 pm at Kendal
Parish Church**

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

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

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

This meets at **2pm** on alternate Thursdays, often with a speaker, followed by refreshments. £2 per meeting for all attendees.

15th May The speaker is Liz Axten who is a dementia nurse.

Sandylands Seniors

We meet twice a month from **10am – noon** on a Thursday morning in the church hall. We have a coffee morning with drinks and cake, board games such as Scrabble, Dominoes, Uno etc are available, or just come and chat. Every other meeting is followed at noon with a cooked lunch.

Thursday 1st May 10am followed by lunch
(please email mellor.family@tiscali.co.uk to book).

Thursday 15th May 10am Coffee + cakes

Sandylands Drop In

Every Wednesday from **10am** till noon.
Why not join us for coffee cake and chat?
Everybody is made welcome.



1st Kendal Girls Brigade

Sandylands Methodist
Church

Mondays from 6pm to
7.30pm (**term time only**).



We welcome all girls and young women, from age 4+ years (girls must be at school). 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.

There are 4 age groups:

n'vestigate for 4-7's

n'gauge for 8-10's,

n'counta for 11-13yrs old

n'spire organised by the 14+ themselves

For more information contact Karen at 1stkendalgb@gmail.com or just pop down on a Monday night.

Saturday 17th May

Sandylands 4Cs coffee morning 10am-12 noon

We are supporting Methodist women *Empowering Gifts*

This enables women in third world countries to set up small businesses enabling them to support their families

Come and enjoy tea and coffee with Sylvia's wonderful cakes.

There will be a cake stall, preserves for you to buy to take home and two craft stalls; there is also a plant stall this time.

There is the usual craft table and play area for the children



Saturday 10th May

3.30-5.30pm

Sandylands Methodist Church

Food

Celebration

**Fun
activities**

Free!



**No need
to book**

**Messy Church is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF),
a Registered Charity. brf.org.uk**

FAITH ON THE FRONTLINE



April 27th
May 18th
June 15th
July 13th
Sept 21st
Oct 19th

- Faith in Healthcare
- Faith in Education
- Faith in Criminal Justice
- Faith in the High Street
- Faith in the Church
- Faith in Politics

‘NOW HERE IS THE WEATHER !

Staveley Choral Society at St Anne's Church, Ings
Saturday 17th May at 7.30pm

An atmospheric concert, with sunshine, storm clouds, rainbows and other delights!

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David Battersby Pianist

Cabaret style seating. Refreshments included in the admission price of £15

Tickets from SCS Members, Staveley Pharmacy, or at the door

Contact: staveleychoralsociety@gmail.com

Grayrigg Church and Community News

Grayrigg Parish Meeting AGM will be held in Grayrigg Coronation Hall at 20:00 on **Wednesday 21st May**.

This will be followed by the ordinary meeting. Everybody welcome.

Jono Martin (Parish Clerk)

St John The Evangelist , Grayrigg

25th May 7.30pm Annual Parochial Church Meeting

St John The Evangelist , Grayrigg Church Cleaning Rota

If anyone would like to help, please contact Pauline Robson.

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.

May 13th - Chile and Argentina - slides and talk with Sue Hunter

The meetings will start again on September 9th with a speaker to be announced closer to the date.

There will be 9 monthly meetings: Annual Membership £12 £3 per visit for non-members.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN GRAYRIGG

2nd May Pub night in the Coronation Hall - 7.30pm onwards

3rd May Sedbergh Town Band in Grayrigg Church 7.30pm
For Church Funds (Tickets £8 available from Kath 07736
125236 / email: kath.dickinson@btinternet.com)

11th May FOGS Afternoon Tea in the Coronation Hall 2-4pm
Tickets to be booked via Try Booking

24th May Young Farmers Field Day @ Poppy Farm, Selside

31st May Annual Plant Sale in the Coronation Hall 10am - 1pm
For Church Funds. Orders for hanging baskets etc to
Kath kath.dickinson@btinternet.com please **ASAP**.

6th June Pub night + food in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

4th July Pub night in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

1st Aug. Pub night + food in the Coronation Hall 7.30pm onwards

5th September Houghton Weavers in Coronation Hall 7.30pm
For Church Funds

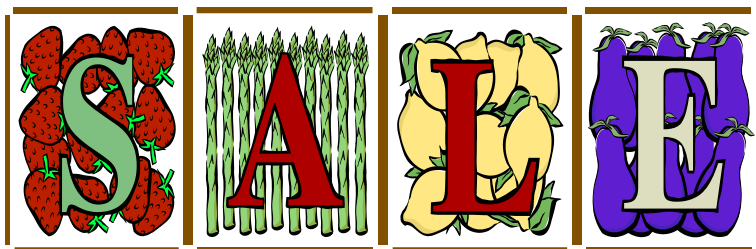
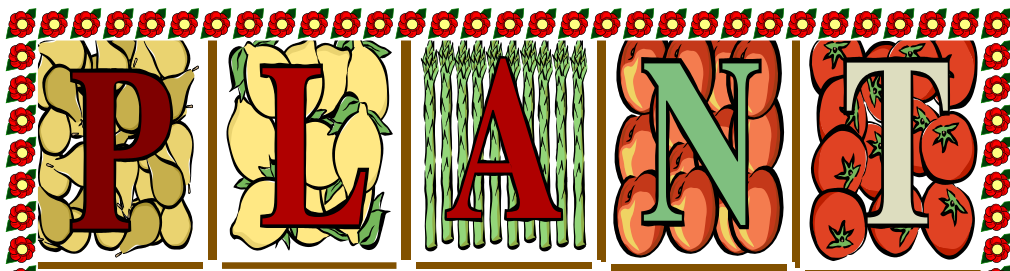
27th September Afternoon Tea in the Coronation Hall 3pm
For the Over 60s Funds. Admission by ticket only (from David Last)

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

29th November Christmas Fayre in the Coronation Hall -
10.00 am to 1.00 pm - for church funds.

Grayrigg Table Tennis Club

holds matches in the Coronation Hall from September to May.
Anyone who would like to play in a team please contact Kevin
Hunter on 07813 133507



SATURDAY, 31st MAY

10am—1pm

Grayrigg Coronation Hall

Planted Hanging Baskets
Tubs & Troughs
Bedding & Vegetable Plants
Perennials

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St George's Church

**The Annual Church
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Dates for the Diary

Summer Fair
Saturday 21st June
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Castle Street Kendal

St George's Church

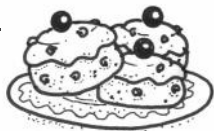
Chatter and Natter

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

May 30th 2025 from 10am to 11.00am

For further information
ring Sue Whittaker
07866341554

Looking forward to
seeing you all.

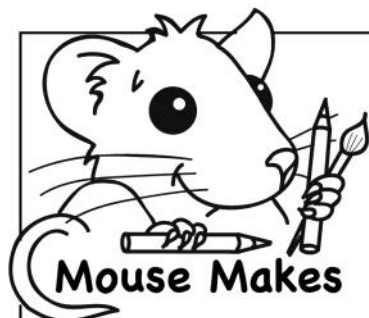


St George's Community Hub

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**



MIRACLES OF PETER

At which temple gate
did the crippled man lay?

Acts 3:1-10



Who were the man and wife
who lied to God?

and

Acts 5:1-11

People carried the sick into
the streets so that when Peter
came by at least his

might fall on them.

Acts 5:12-16

How long had Aeneas
been paralysed for?

_____ years

Acts 9:32-35

Where had Tabitha's body been laid?
in the _____

Acts 9:36-42



"And the word
of God
continued to
increase,
and the number
of the disciples
multiplied
greatly."
Acts 6:7

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B E A U T I F U L M I T
S A R W S A P P H I R A
A P A C R I P P L E A B
N I L W O N D E R S C I
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N G S R A A E R L C E H
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G S I G N S S H A D O W

After Jesus
ascended into
heaven, the
Holy Spirit
came upon
the Apostles
and Peter was
able to perform
many miracles
in Jesus' name.
**See the book
of ACTS**

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CRIPPLE • LAME • WALK • LEAPING • PRAISING • LIED • DIED • SICK
AENEAS • PARALISED • TABITHA • ILL • PRAYED • ALIVE



Find the words from the questions too!

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From The Registers

Funerals:

4th April – St John's Grayrigg
Rosemary Shepherd

14th April – St George's Kendal
Colin Robinson

16th April – Beetham Crem.
Lenore Knowles (Selside)

25th April – Beetham Crem.
Elizabeth Crossley (Skelsmergh)



Upcoming Events at St John the Baptist Church, Skelsmergh

18th May 2pm-4pm £5

Afternoon Tea and Cakes

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