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AND  
SANDYLANDS CORNERSTONE CHURCH  
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**Letter from Rev Melanie Greenall,  
Minister at Sandylands and Stricklandgate Methodist Churches**

Dear Friends

2024 is one of those years when time moves on pretty sharpish as a minister: There's hardly time to draw breath after saying goodbye to the shepherds and wise men for another year before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 14th.

The baby in a manger of our nativity scenes didn't stay that way forever but grew into a man who would astound all with his words and his actions; causing fear and anger in the authorities of his day but inspiring worship in others.

According to the New Testament, before he began his ministry Jesus spent time alone in the desert deciding on how best to fulfil his mission. Christians reflect on this during Lent which isn't just a time to give up chocolate, alcohol or something else. Rather it's a time to consider all that Jesus grew up to become and teach; to reflect on his message of good news and his definition of what that might mean (his manifesto you might call it).

As we reflect, we consider how poorly we follow Christ's example in the way we live our lives today. Yet even then, 'when our hearts are far way, God's love goes further still' as a modern song puts it.

In coming weeks no doubt there will be countless cards signed with loving kisses: some expressing genuine affection, others may be sent in a less serious vein. However the kiss I long to receive is the one described by a 19th century hymn writer, speaking of God's love: 'Here is love vast as an ocean....heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world with love'

Grace and Peace

*Melanie*



## Letter from Rev. Jean Radley Associate Priest Beacon Team

Dear Friends

As this is the first magazine letter of the New Year may I wish you all a blessed 2024. It will be an exciting year for the Beacon Team as we welcome (we hope!) our new Incumbent. Please pray that the Priest of God's choosing will be appointed – and, of course, the new Team Rector will need our prayers.

This month both Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall on the same day! The link between the two can be summed up in terms of the nature of real love! Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, focuses on learning to love God more, as we give Him space in our lives. This is what Jesus found when He was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. (Luke 4:1-13). First he was tempted to turn stones into bread. Yet, using words from the Scriptures, Jesus said that loving God and His word comes before satisfying physical desires.

Satan then tempted Jesus to worship him. Again Jesus used words of Scripture, emphasising that worshipping God is an expression of loving God and serving Him.

Jesus was then tempted to put God to the test, by jumping off the Temple – Satan assured him that he would not come to any harm. This would impress the crowds and make Jesus an instant celebrity. Quoting Scripture for the third Jesus once more firmly refused to give in to this temptation. Lent teaches us how to live out the love of God in practical ways, as we follow Jesus in the in the way of the Cross. We see this clearly demonstrated in the life and death of Saint Valentine.

Valentine was a Christian who demonstrated the importance of sharing God's love with others. We know little about him, except that he was a priest who lived in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century AD and that he was martyred on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Emperor Claudius felt that soldiers in the Roman Army were distracted from their duty by their wives, and so had attempted to outlaw marriage. It is believed that Valentine married couples in secret, which is why today we celebrate our love for one another on his day.

I do hope that you will be able to join us in worship on Ash Wednesday and also join our Lent Bible Studies on Monday afternoons at St George's or Friday evenings at Burneside. More details will be found in our weekly news sheets.

With love and prayers

Jean



**St John the Baptist, Skelsmergh:**

Sunday 4th February 2nd before lent : Holy Communion 11.00am

Sunday 11th February 1st before Lent With Selside

Sunday 18th February Lent 1 : Morning Worship 11.00 am

Sunday 25th February Lent 2 With Burneside

**St John the Evangelist, Grayrigg**

Sunday 4th February 2nd before Lent Holy Communion BCP 9.30am

Sunday 11th February 1st before Lent Morning Worship 9.30am

Sunday 18th February Holy Communion CW 9.30am

Sunday 25th February Lent 1 Evening Worship 4.00pm

**St George, Kendal**

Sunday 4th February 2nd before Lent Holy Communion 11.00am

Sunday 11th February 1st before Lent Morning Worship 11.00am

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday Service 6.30pm

Sunday 18th February Lent 1 Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 25th February Lent 2 Morning Worship 11.00 am

**St Mary's Longsleddale**

Sunday 4th February 2nd before Lent Abbey Service 10.30am



**St Oswald, Burneside**

Sunday 4th February 2nd before Lent Evening Worship 4.00pm

Sunday 11th February 1st before Lent Holy Communion 11.00am

Wednesday 14th February Ash Wednesday Service 9.30am

Sunday 18th February Lent 1 Morning Worship 11.00am

Sunday 25th February Lent 2 Holy Communion 11.00am

**St Thomas, Selside**

Sunday 4th February 2nd before Lent Morning Worship 9.30am

Sunday 11th February 1st before Lent Holy Communion 9.30am

Sunday 18th February Lent 1 Evening Worship 4.00pm  
(alternate Celtic and BCP)

Sunday 25th February Lent 2nd Holy Communion 9.30am

**Sandylands Methodist Church**

Sunday 4th Morning Worship 10.30am , Causeway 3.00 pm

Sunday 11th February Joint Service with Stricklandgate at Sandylands  
10.30am

Sunday 18th February All age Worship 10.30am

Sunday 25th February Morning Worship 10.30am

Although we are now in February I hope you will enjoy and identify similarities from the following experiences.

Sadly our speaker did not arrive for our last meeting and one of our members suggested that it would be interesting for us to share some of our Christmas memories, customs and experiences.

**Christmas Decorations:** the making of paper chains to decorate the classroom and sticky glue all over our hands.

**The visit of a Tramp:** to the farmhouse door and her younger brother shouting excitedly that Father Christmas had arrived.

**Playgroup and School Nativity:**

A toy dog being dressed up and Joseph pushing it.

Everyone wanting to be the Inn Keeper so they could bang on the door.

In order to involve all the children there were often numerous angels wearing long dresses and red lipstick.

Joseph announcing to the audience that he wanted a "wee".

One was offered the role of Mary as a treat but was disappointed as she wanted to be an angel .

A grandson singing so loudly out of tune, waving to someone in the audience.

**Salvation Army**—Carols in the town.

**Presents :** Receiving some sheepskin gloves, The Beano, chocolate and an orange. Using Pillowcases or Stockings for Father Christmas to fill.

One member remembered that she did not want to open her presents as the budgie had died.

One relative gave slippers to all the family, also underwear which was either too big or small. One year she had bought all the family items in brown as she had joined the brownies.

**Journeys:** The regular Christmas trip to Grandad and Grannies by train and bus taking presents in suitcases and Grandad coming to collect us in a pony and trap.

**Secondary School :** The art teacher decorating the hall and remembering the quote : "Ye who now will bless the poor may get a lift home to your door"

**Fear of Father Christmas :**

While at Christmas Lunch with Auntie being taken to see Father Christmas.

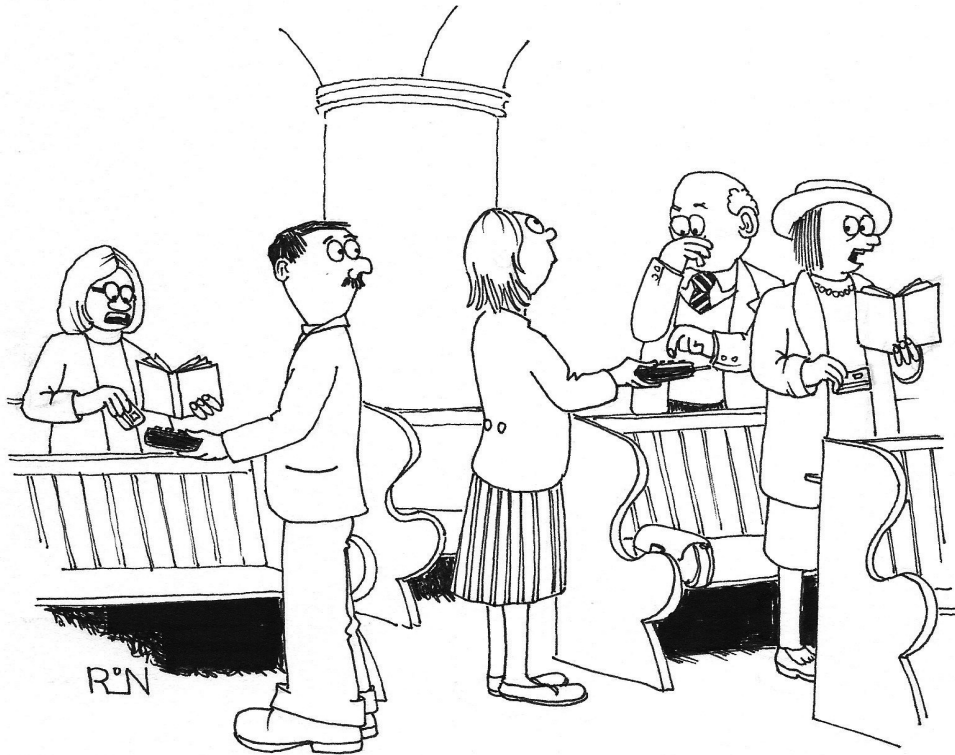
**Memories from Farm life:** Using dad's new wellie socks to hang up to be filled with a tangerine, sugar mouse, and small other items. The ritual of opening presents with dad sitting in the middle watching everyone open theirs ( this has gone through the generation) . Presents were always opened in age order with Grannie opening hers first and taking all afternoon. Large presents were opened after lunch. After 8am communion. She remembers staying behind from church to help mum but when the others returned there was no smell of turkey cooking. The oven had broken. The pub next door was not cooking so the turkey was chopped up and fried accompanied with 'kettle Chips'

These are a few of the memories shared by the members. Clearly going to church was an important part of many of our Childhood memories and a significant part of Christmas celebrations.

Members of the group also enjoyed their Christmas Lunch at Crooklands Hotel. Jean Edmonson and Vivienne Bateman were wished Happy Birthday for the following day .

The report in the next issue will be from the annual General meeting .  
In the meantime Wishing you all a belated Happy New Year

Mary Atkinson



*Mr Mackenzie kept forgetting his PIN*

**Every TUESDAY** 5.30 pm Short Evening Prayer at  
St. Oswald Burneside

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

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## Readings for February 2024

### The Second Sunday before Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Proverbs 8:1,22-31  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Colossians 1:15-20

February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Psalm 104:26-end  
Gospel John 1:1-14

### The Sunday next before Lent

1st Reading 2 Kings 2:1-12  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Psalm 50:1-6  
Gospel Mark 9:2-9

### The First Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 9:8-17  
2nd Reading 1 Peter 3:18– end

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Psalm 25:1-9  
Gospel Mark :1:9-15

### The Second Sunday of Lent

1<sup>st</sup> Reading Genesis 17:1-7,15-16  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Romans 4:13-end

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Psalm 22:23-end  
Gospel Mark 8:31-end.





## 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 (and 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**

**Meets fortnightly on Thursday afternoon at 2pm**

**Costs £2 per person, this includes tea/coffee and biscuits.**

**1st Feb: a visit to Israel/Palestine –Alistair Mc Neil**

**15th Feb: Gentle seated exercises –Helen Jones**

**29th Feb : Wrestlers, Crucks and mullions— Amy Love**

### **Sandylands Seniors 1st and 3rd Thursdays 10am**

Come along and play board games .

Feb.8th : games are followed by lunch. This must be pre-booked [mellor.family@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mellor.family@tiscali.co.uk)

Donations are accepted towards food and fuel.

Feb.22nd:This session includes coffee/tea and cake

GIRLS BRIGADE



1st Kendal Girls Brigade is for all girls and women. Aged 4 plus (girls must be at school).

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

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 , and an n'spire group.

We play games. listen to stories,, be 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](mailto:1stkendalgb@gmail.com) or just pop down on a Monday night.



# Messy CHURCH

**Saturday 10th February**

**3.30-5.30pm**

**Sandylands Methodist Church**

**Food**

**Celebration**

**Fun  
activities**

**For more details contact :-**

**[cornerstonemessychurch@outlook.com](mailto:cornerstonemessychurch@outlook.com)**

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**Messy Church is part of the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF),  
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## Sandylands Drop In

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



"Next Sunday I think I'll do a new take  
on the Parable of the Virgins and the Oil."

## Grayrigg Church and Community News

### **St John The Evangelist , Grayrigg**

#### **Church Cleaning Rota**

4th February Mary Kendal

18th February –Sally and Wendy

The rota will be published in the magazine each month

#### **Saturday March 9th 2024– Grayrigg Variety Concert.**

This will start at 7.30pm. It is hoped that the concert will be the usual mix of songs and sketches, and the money raised will go to a local Charity. There will be a raffle and ice cream for sale at the interval.

#### **April 27th 2024 –Soupa Saturday –Starting at 11.30am.**

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 .

**David Last**

## Grayrigg Church and Community News

### **Grayrigg Coronation Hall**

March Pub Night

Friday 1st March

Fish and chips evening

Food served from 7.45pm



Please ring to order through Jeff/Jean 01539824283

before Wednesday 28th February

### **Coronation Hall Pub Night**

All enquires and bookings for Hall contact : Sue Harper  
07917840538

**Friday 2nd Feb. 2024 7.30pm**

Pie and Peas Supper :

Deep filled Steak Pies £4, Chicken Pie £3

Minced Beef Pie £3, Steak Pie £3

Steak Pie £3, Cheese and Onion Pasty £3 (v)

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## Howgill and Firbank WI

### Howgill and Firbank WI meeting

On Thursday 1st February .

Starts at 7.30pm in Firbank Church Hall .

The speaker is Andrea Meanwell who will be talking about “Life at Borrowbridge and how the National Trust supports farming”.



**Domino Drive at Firbank Church Hall** will be hosted by the WI on Friday 16th February starting at 7.30pm .  
Entry £3 . There will be refreshments and a Raffle

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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

February 23rd 2024 from 10am until 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!



## **God's Army**

Dewey was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the minister was standing at the door, as he always is, to shake hands. Suddenly he grabbed Dewey by the hand and pulled him aside. The minister said sternly, "Dewey, you need to join the Army of the Lord!"

Dewey replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

The minister retorted: "Then how come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

Dewey replied in a whisper: "Well, I'm in the secret service."

**Parish Pump**



## **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***

### **Grayrigg Rainfall**

The rainfall in December 2023 was 265.3mm  
or 10.44 inches

The rainfall in December 2022 was 173.2mm  
or 6.8 inches

The average December rainfall over the last 31years is 190.5mm  
or 7.50 inches.

The total rainfall for 2023 was 1836.4mm or 72.29inches.

The total rainfall for 2022 was 1440.7mm or 56.72inches

The average yearly rainfall over the last 31years is  
1571mm or 61.87inches





### **Manna House Needs You This Winter!**

In previous winters Manna House organised a Winter Shelter in cooperation with churches in the area and with the support of over a hundred volunteers such as yourself. With the onset of the pandemic, this shelter model was no longer seen as safe. We lost both the benefits to our community of cross collaboration and the secure accommodation for those rough sleeping in the area. Now, as another Winter begins, we at Manna House find we have only one emergency homeless pod to accommodate one person rough sleeping and the good will of those in the area gifting us toiletries, warm clothing and coats, flasks and food.

Our own home at the Stephenson Centre continues to be a warm spot for the public and a resource to all for showers, laundry, hot food and drink, food parcels, telephones, computers, skills workshops, housing and benefits advice, health surgeries and so much more! Funding is tighter than ever and we thought we would reach out to friends we may not have seen or heard from in a while to ask for support this cold Christmas. Could you do one or more of the following?

Become a member of Friends of Manna House; for a minimum donation of £10 per annum you can join the hundreds of other members who make up a strong fundraising community on behalf of Manna House each year. Here's a link to our membership form or find it on our website:

<https://www.manna-house.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/FOM-membership-leaflet-2021.pdf>

Should you be lucky enough not to need it, consider donating your Winter Fuel allowance to Manna House: Cumberland Bank Sort Code: 16-52-21 Account Number 53190423

At a loss for a good Christmas present for those in your life who lack for nothing? What about a donation to Manna House in their name? Along with our specially made cards, this year Manna House will be thanking all those who have been sent gifts in their name individually on our website.


Please contact us if any of the above appeals to you!

[info@manna-house.org.uk](mailto:info@manna-house.org.uk) or 01539725534


# The gardener and the Vine



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS




ONCE HE TOLD HIS FRIENDS ALL ABOUT A GARDENER.




THE GARDENER'S JOB WAS TO CARE FOR THE VINES



HE WOULD LOOK AT EACH BRANCH CAREFULLY...




... AND IF IT WAS PRODUCING GOOD FRUIT, HE WOULD CARE FOR IT AND NOURISH IT.



IF IT WAS PRODUCING BAD FRUIT...



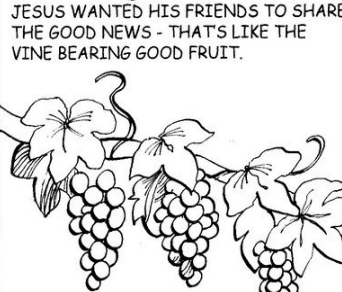
...OR NO FRUIT AT ALL...




...THEN THE GARDENER WOULD CHOP IT OFF, AND BURN IT IN THE FIRE!!



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YOU CAN READ THIS SPECIAL PARABLE IN JOHN'S GOSPEL, CHAPTER 15.





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