

St. Catherine's Church, Crook

October - November 2009



*We all owe everything to Almighty God;
Come and worship Him at St Catherine's.*

A warm welcome is given at 10 am each Sunday

WHO'S WHO at St Catherine's

Vicar: Rev. Canon Tim Montgomery
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Hon. Asst. Minister Rev. Canon Clive Porthouse
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Please do not hesitate to contact us for baptisms, weddings, funerals or any pastoral need. Please ring Tim Montgomery or go via the churches' office.

We are grateful to those who care for our church and grounds week by week – cleaners, flower arrangers, gardeners. Let us know if you want to help!

Church Services Every Sunday at 10.00am

OCTOBER

4th MORNING WORSHIP (NB)
HARVEST
 Joel 2:21-27 2 Cor. 9:6-11

4.30pm EVENING WORSHIP
HARVEST
 Matt. 6:25-34 1 Tim. 6:6-10

11th HOLY COMMUNION (CW)
 Jesus our "High Priest"
 Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Hebr. 4:12-16

18th MORNING PRAYER (BCP)
 The Call to Evangelize
 2 Tim. 4:1-13 Luke 10:1-12

25th MORNING WORSHIP
 Christ the King
 Rev. 1:4-8 John 18:28-37

NOVEMBER

1st HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
 Our Hope of new life
 Rev. 21:1-8 John 11:1-26

8th MORNING WORSHIP
REMEMBRANCE DAY
 Jer. 30:23-31:6 Mark 13:1-13

15th MORNING WORSHIP
 A call to persevere
 Psalm 16 Hebr. 10:19-39

22nd MORNING WORSHIP
 Remember your Creator
 Eccles. 11:9-12:7 Acts 17:16-34

29th MORNING WORSHIP
5TH SUNDAY - UNITED SERVICE
TWO VALLEYS CHURCHES

Harvest Festival Celebrations



Sunday, October 4th

10.00am Morning Worship

4.30pm Evening Worship



Please note earlier time for Evening Service

HARVEST SUPPER

Monday, 5th October
from 6.30pm onwards

Our Traditional Hot Pot & Puddings

Followed by

“A Glimpse of East Africa - Zimbabwe and Kenya”

by Mary and John Allcock

RAFFLE BRING & BUY STALL AUCTION

Tickets:- £3.50 per person or £10 per family

Harvest of Thoughts

Anonymous

Dig a hole in your garden of thoughts.
Into it put all your disillusion,
disappointments, regrets, worries, troubles,
doubts and fears and – forget.
Cover well with the earth of fruitfulness,
water it from the well of contentment.
Sow on top again the seeds of hope, courage,
strength, patience and love.
Then, when the time of gathering comes,
may your harvest be a rich and plentiful one.

Home Groups

Our church Home Groups will begin again with a Jacob's join lunch at 12.30 on 24th September at Thorns Barn, Underbarrow - the home of Tony and Hilary Fitch.

After that, meetings will be held fortnightly, with the first one on 1st October. The evening group will meet in various homes, so please enquire where they will be held each time.

If you have not come to a Home Group before, you would be most welcome. They are for Christian fellowship around various passages and themes from the Bible.

Come and see!

Remembrance Day Service - Sunday 8th November

At eleven o'clock this Remembrance Sunday as we stand in silence to honour and give thanks for all those who gave their lives in present and previous conflicts, let us bring to mind the young men and women who are at present serving overseas and whose daily life is one of danger as they try to bring peace to this world.

I would like to thank all the good folk of St. Catherine's who prayed for me during and after the recent operation on my spine. I was buoyed up by the knowledge of this, and am quite certain that I was mightily helped by the actual prayers. A week after the operation my daughter had two friends in to dinner while I was there, both medical consultants, and they could not get over how well I was. I met a nurse today too (29th August) who knew of a survey which proved that those lucky people who were prayed for recovered much quicker than others. I can definitely vouch for this. Added to which, despite the dire warnings on the pre. Op. information as to what might happen to me.

I think I have been mended!

Alleluia! So thank you very much indeed.

Jean Filkin

*"Everything comes from God alone,
Everything lives by His power,
and everything is for His glory"*

Romans 11:36 (LB)

Cracked Pots

An elderly Chinese woman had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck. One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water. At the end of the long walk from the stream to the house, the cracked pot arrived only half full.

For a full two years this went on daily, with the woman bringing home only one and a half pots of water. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it could only do half of what it had been made to do. After 2 years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the woman one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your house."

The old woman smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side?"

"That's because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back, you water them."

"For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate the table. Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to grace the house."

Each of us has our own unique flaw. But it's the cracks and flaws we each have that make our lives together so very interesting and rewarding. You've just got to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

In the absence of a 'Vicar's letter' the above article has been inserted by the Editor.

Ready at last - Our Church Car Park



THE NEW CHURCH CAR PARK

You may have noticed that the new car park for St Catherine's Church is now constructed and in use. It is just over three years ago that we approached the Highways Authority to see if this was a possibility.

It had been evident for some time that the area adjoining the church was no longer adequate for the cars of our growing congregation and that parking elsewhere and walking up the busy road was a dangerous exercise.

Cumbria Highways were sympathetic to our cause, and so a planning application was formulated that was in keeping with the landscape and which would give reasonably safe access to the road. Consent was obtained in November 2007. We then negotiated for and acquired the land for the car park itself and for a visibility splay to the east.

In recent months the parking area has been built, and, in accordance with the planners' requirements, the tarmac entrance has been laid over special webbing so as to protect the roots of the nearby trees. In the very near future – when the ground is a bit dryer – we hope to be able to get on with the tidying up of the visibility splay, the construction of a foot-path from the car park to the church along the inside of the wall, and, in due course, the planting of new boundary hedges.

Our thanks goes to all those who have made possible this important new facility.

SNIPPETS OF HISTORY

STIPENDS AND GLEBE PROPERTIES

A report of 1691 states that the salary of the Curate of Crook Chapel (for which now read “Vicar of Crook church”) is £3 per annum “but the Quakers making ill payment, he receives only £2 – a small subsistence where £4 is made for diet” (ie subsistence level).

In comparison with other churches in the deanery, the value of the living at Crook has always been amongst the lowest.

The chapel salary derived from fixed “rents” payable (half yearly, at midsummer and Christmas) by every dwelling in the village. A list of such rents, dated 1770, gives 36 names paying rents from 52 farmsteads or houses, ranging from 10 shillings (50 pence) for Crook Hall down to 1 shilling (5 pence) for the smallest cottage. The total “rental” income at this date was £3 – 16s – 6d per annum.

This “salary” would be supplemented by rents coming in from any glebe land, being land actually owned by Crook Chapel. We do not know what glebe lands there were in early days, but in 1571 the charity Queen Anne’s Bounty gave Crook Chapel £200 which was used to purchase an “estate” (meaning a piece of land, maybe a farm) at Stainton to produce an annual rent of £10. Sixteen years later, in 1767, a further £200 was received with which an “estate” was purchased – this time at Crook, in the vicinity of Shepherds Yeat and Warriner Yeat – to produce a further rental income of £7 per annum. Apparently there was also some land at Lane Head in Crook belonging to the Chapel, producing £5 per annum, but it is not known just when and how this was acquired.

Even by 1835 the value of the living at Crook had only risen to £57 per annum. In 1887, the year that the new/present church was consecrated, the living was valued at £159 per annum. In 1964, it was still only £426 per annum.

Some curates took on extra work to boost their incomes. It is recorded that in the 1670’s the then curate, Gawin Noble, was reprimanded by the church authorities for “teaching a petty school without licence”. And in 1836 the curate, Robert Sandford, farmed the glebe land at Warriner Yeat himself to produce extra income.

Sadly, all Crook Church’s glebe land has long since been sold, as has the vicarage – sorry Tim!

Tony Fitch

The Lord is my Shepherd

The new banner, which now hangs on the South wall of St. Catherine's, depicts the Twenty-third Psalm in a rural setting appropriate to Crook, and reminds us of God's ever-present love and care for us all.

It was instigated by Margaret Croxford and Beryl Challen, and almost completed before Beryl moved away. Recently, a meeting was held to discuss the possibility of a new banner for the Church and Margaret showed everyone the banner she had been working on. A number of ladies offered to help, and so it was handed round for each person to complete a letter, embroider the reeds or add leaves to the daffodils. Finally it was backed, and ready in time for the Church's Anniversary weekend.

A.H.

CHURCH BANNER

We now have the design for the next Church Banner! Anyone interested in contributing to its 'production' would be very welcome to meet for coffee in the Church at 10.00 am Tuesday 6 October. Please contact Olwen Cameron if you would like more details.

SHOE BOX APPEAL - Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again when we are starting to prepare for the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal. If you would like to fill a box - wrapped boxes will be available from 18 October - to be returned by 15 November. Any individual items to contribute to the boxes would also be much appreciated. Leaflets detailing what to put in are available on the Church table. Sue Tredwen/Olwen Cameron

CHRISTMAS COFFEE EVENING- 5TH DECEMBER
(more details in the next magazine)

Crook and Winster Parish Council

A meeting of the Council was held on 15th September, chaired by the Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Allcock. A number of members of the public were present. Also present was Sue Thompson, National Park Ranger for this area, who answered a number of questions concerning footpaths and bridleways in the parish. The Clerk updated the Council on its finances and it was pleasing to note that there were no matters raised by the External Auditors on these. A report was received from the Police, giving details of the number of tickets issued by the mobile speed safety van – motorists may have noticed the van on the B5284 road, which is an attempt to slow down the traffic on this dangerous stretch. No progress has been made on the Affordable Housing project and this will be discussed again at the next meeting, which will be held at Crook Memorial Hall on Monday 9th November at 7.30pm. Kevin M Price. Clerk. 01539-821596

FIRST AID COURSE

There are 2/3 spaces left on a general First Aid course to be run by the Red Cross in the Village Hall at the beginning of November (We can organise the date to suit the majority). 9:30 -5:00pm.
If you are interested, contact:- Ann Underwood

"STOP PRESS- EXCELLENT RESULTS"

"Around our World" was the title for a Co-operative Entry at the County Show. Six ladies worked together and we were thrilled to gain **first place** and awarded the **Doreen Galbraith Silver Salver**.

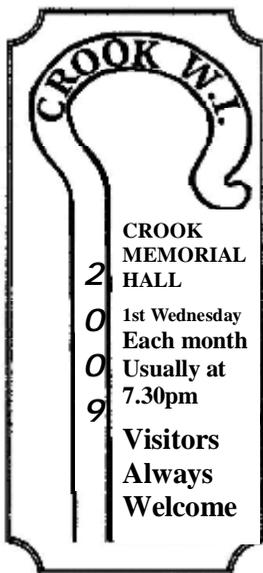
Several other members entered both produce and craft items individually and when the points were added up Crook WI were third overall."

The ladies involved were as follows:- Sandra Ferguson, Gill Chapman, Pauline Taylor, Mary Simm, Sue Mulvaney and myself.

Mary Allcock

(Our President, Ann Underwood refers in her W.I. report (page 10) to the groups preparations. - **WELL DONE CROOK W.I.**)

IT IS HOPED TO HAVE CAROL SINGING ROUND THE VILLAGE AGAIN. (more details in the next magazine)



October 7th

Speaker:- Paul Heiney
“Lakes Speciality Foods”
Competition:- An Old Cookery Book

November 4th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker:- John Butcher
“The Thirlmere Aqueduct”
Competition:- A Witch

President:- Mrs Ann Underwood **Secretary:- Mrs C. Raafat**
Vice President:- Mrs J. Gorst **Treasurer:- Mrs S. Ferguson**

In the middle of July, we were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Margaret Oddy. Margaret had been a member of Crook WI for the past twelve years, supporting with wisdom and kindness. In earlier years, Margaret gained recognition for her tireless work with young offenders and we saw glimpses of that same perception and integrity at our gatherings. We shall miss her.

Kevin Hickey MBE, who spoke at our August meeting, gave us an insight into the rigorous organisation which is now underway for the 2012 Olympics. He spoke of his own role as chief coach for boxing and also his task to find areas for practice and relaxation for the athletes in locations all over the UK. This southern lakes area will provide a training base for Judo in particular. The IT Gremlins attended our recent September meeting and despite much encouragement, Janet Ashton our speaker was unable to persuade her equipment to reveal her talk on the 'Wild Flowers of Cumbria'. We resorted then to supper and catching up on village news which in itself was an entertainment! As I write, the exhibitions group are putting the final touches to their co operative exhibit for the Westmorland Show. A 3D model 4ft * 4ft of unlimited height, depicting the title 'Around Our World' has stretched creativity and practical skills as well as giving rise to much hilarity. The reading group is benefiting from reading a wide variety of matter, at the moment the text is Patrick Gale's 'Rough Music', an unusual tale of family relationships. We meet every first Wednesday of the month and welcome anyone interested in joining us.

RUMMAGE SALE

**Crook Memorial Hall
Saturday 14th November
at 1pm**

Items may be brought to the Hall after 7.30pm on the Friday night or given to Mrs Jackson at Ellerbeck Farm or any other member of the Memorial Hall Committee.

Aerobics /Body Toning

**CLASSES START AGAIN ON
THURSDAY 24 SEPTEMBER**

Crook Memorial Hall

10.00 – 11.00 am

This class will increase your flexibility, cardiovascular capacity and tone and firm the entire body.

Come along and give it a try

The Class is suitable for men and women and all levels of fitness.

Joyce Griffin (015395 68542)

For more information.

Crook Summer Barn Dance

The Crook members of the Lyth Valley First Responders Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended, helped or contributed in any way to our hugely successful evening, especially the ladies who very kindly brought puddings, the bar staff and those who donated raffle prizes. The entertainment provided by 'Branded' and Mr Sos Wilson was enjoyed by all, as was the hotpot supper, puddings and of course the bar!

Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised £2360 on the evening. We thank you again for your support and hope to see you at future events.

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Church Cleaning Rota

October

3rd Jennifer Gorst
10th Hilary Fitch
17th R&E Bradby
24th Judi Webster
31st Mary Simm

November

7th Cherry Burgess
14th Vivienne Ford
21st Joan Matthews
28th Ann Clarke

December

5th Audrey Rowlinson
12th Sandra Lauder
19th Lillian Atkinson
26th Thelma Brown

Church Flower Rota

October

Sally Barker
Mavis Byrom

November

Ann Clarke
Liz Wilson

December

Nancy Bowes
Joan Matthews

Why Wear A Poppy

"Please wear a poppy", the lady said,
And held one forth, but I shook my head
Then I stopped and watched as she offered
them there,
And her face was old and lined with care;

But beneath the scars the years had made
There remained a smile that refused to fade.

A boy came whistling down the street,
Bouncing along on carefree feet.

His smile was full of joy and fun,

"Lady" said he "may I have one?"

When she pinned it on, he turned to say:

"Why do we wear a poppy to-day?"

The lady smiled in her wistful way
And answered: "This is Remembrance Day,
And the poppy there is a symbol for
The gallant men who died in the war. "

And because they did, you and I are free

That's why we wear a poppy you see.

I had a boy about your size,

With golden hair and big blue eyes.

"He loved to play and jump and shout

Free as a bird, he would race about.

As the years went by, he learned and grew

And became a man - as you will too. "

He was fine and strong, with a boyish smile,

But he'd seemed with us such a little while

When war broke out and he went away.

I still remember his face that day.

"Then he smiled at me and said good-bye.
'I'll be back soon, Mum, so please don't
cry.'

But the war went on and he had to stay
And all I could do was wait and pray.

"His letters told us of the awful fight
(I can see them in my dreams at night),
With the tanks and guns and cruel barbed
wire,

And the mines and the bullets, the bombs
and the fire."

"That sure did sound like an awful fight,
But your son - did he come back alright?"
A tear rolled down each faded cheek;
She shook her head but didn't speak.

I slunk away in a sort of shame,
And if you were with me, you'd have
done the same;
For our thanks, in giving is oft delayed,
Though our freedom was bought - and
thousands paid!

And so, when we see a poppy worn,
Let us reflect on the burden borne
By those who gave very all
When asked to answer their country's call
That we at home in peace might live.
Then wear a poppy! - and give!

And so we remember our young men from Crook.



Robert Barker of Sander Hill

George Walker of Box Tree



Thomas Sandford Lishman of Spiggot House



David Patrickson of Michelland

Moray McLaren of Boars Rock



Derrick Read of Pepper Cottages

