

St Catherine's Church, Crook

February - March 2014

We all owe everything to Almighty God;

Come and worship Him at St Catherine's.

A warm welcome is given at 11 am each Sunday.

CHURCH SERVICES (every Sunday) at 11am
February - March

DATE	SUNDAY	SERVICE	THEME	READINGS
February 2nd	Present-ation of Christ	Holy Communion (CW)	Made like us	Hebr.2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40
9th	4th before Lent	Morning Worship (CW)	NISCU	1 Cor.2:1-12 Matt. 5:13-20
16th	3rd before Lent	Morning Worship (CW)	Obedience In Relationships	1 Cor.3:1-9 Matt. 5:21-37
23rd	2nd before Lent	Morning Worship (CW)	Trusting God	Psalms 136: 1-9 Matt. 6:25-34
March 2nd	Last before Lent	Holy Communion (CW)	Words of a witness	2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matt. 17:1-9
9th	1st of Lent	Morning Worship (CW)	The Wilderness No short cuts	Gen. 2: 15-17 3: 1-7 Matt. 4:1-11
16th	2nd of Lent	Morning Worship(BCP)	Confused?	Psalms 121 John 3:1-17
23rd	3rd of Lent	Morning Worship (CW)	Water and Faith	Exodus17:1-7 John 4:5-42
30th	4th of Lent	Morning Worship (CW) Followed by APCM	Mothering Sunday	Psalms 34:11-22 John 19:25b-27

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Hon. Treasurer: Mrs Hilary Fitch

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Please do not hesitate to contact us for baptisms, weddings, funerals or any pastoral needs. Just ring Saju, or Brian.

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!



BAPTISM

28 December Elijah Walter Danson Irving

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

THANKSGIVING

13 January Peter Keene

"Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord"

A Letter from Brian Crowe

We may still be getting used to writing 2014 rather than 2013, but a month of this New Year has already passed. We don't know what 2014 has in store for us, but I predict that we will hear and see many more stories and much more historical footage of World War I as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of its outbreak.

This, of course, is not a happy anniversary to celebrate; we should, though, remember and commemorate this anniversary, both at its outbreak on 3rd August 1914 and at our usual Remembrance Day – November 11th. We do so because it became such a significant event in our history, indeed in the whole history of the twentieth century. It was not just the tragic loss of life which affected so many families at that time. Nor was it simply the apparent futility of trench warfare, in which so many were engaged to so little purpose. The First World War brought about many other changes in our society in the UK and beyond.

It brought about the end of the old order, that unquestioning deference to those in authority; those who watched the Christmas Day episode of *Downton Abbey* may have noticed the final words of the American Mrs Levinson to Violet, played by Maggie Smith, "*Violet, I don't mind looking in the mirror because what I see is a woman who's not afraid of the future. My world is coming nearer and your world is slipping further, and further away*".

The War brought about greater recognition of the "common man", and the State assumed increasing responsibility for the welfare of individuals, as was seen in the "homes for heroes" programme, and the movement towards universal suffrage.

Immediately following the "Great War", there was an understandable attempt to forget its horror, seen in the silence of the 'fighting man', while the wealthy tried to drown it out by partying, observed in the decadence and excesses typified in Scott Fitzgerald's "*The Great Gatsby*". It was not until the end of the 1920's that books like Vera Britain's "*Testament of Youth*" or Remarque's "*All Quiet on the Western Front*" began to revisit the horror of the War as a warning for the future.

We have the opportunity during 2014 in Crook to look back 100 years and remember; many of us will have ancestors who took part in the hostilities, and may have left stories or even memorabilia which would be of interest more widely, while others will have ancestors who were part of the story of Crook in those years, continuing their vital role in farming the land. If you wish to be involved in any way in such a commemoration, please respond to the article from Olwen Cameron and Vivienne Ford elsewhere in this magazine.

At Christmas, many in Crook attended our carol service which commemorated another historical event which changed our world – the birth of Jesus Christ. Unlike the First World War this is an event which we can really celebrate, because it is the “good news” that God entered our world, giving his Son to die for us and be raised to life so that we can know God’s forgiveness and assurance of eternal life. The church will celebrate the culmination of this historical event at Easter. May we also commemorate **this** history every day throughout 2014!

Brian Crook

In national Marriage Week we would like to invite any married couples to St Mary’s Church, Crosthwaite to reaffirm your wedding vows

On Saturday 8th February 2014 at 4.45 pm – 5.30 pm

Marriage vows are the most long-term promises we ever make – to love and care for someone else for the rest of our lives. They are a commitment to put someone else’s interests as equal to our own, and they involve setting aside our own short-term “wants” for long-term stability and satisfaction. Marriage is surely something to celebrate and so in this national Marriage Week we invite couples to reaffirm their vows. We will all do this together whilst sitting in the pews, so it is very low key and not too embarrassing for anyone!

Fizz and cake will be served after the service.

(As well as celebrating marriage, if more than 25 couples decide to take part, then there is an opportunity to join in with a national World Record breaking attempt for the largest number of couples reaffirming their marriage vows together. This is being organized by The Big Promise www.marriage-week.org.uk . If you wish to take part in this aspect, then each couple will need to bring their **Marriage Certificate** with them as proof towards the Word Record attempt. Please contact Michael or Michelle Woodcock on 015395 68276 or by email if you would like to take part. We will then send you a Registration Form. However you are more than welcome to reaffirm your vows and not take part in the world record aspect if you so wish.)

Anyone else is welcome to come along to this special gathering and share in this idea of promoting marriage.

Flying for Life

Missionary Aviation Fellowship

Working station was as crowded as ever as men with bowler hats and rolled umbrellas waited for the 8.10am train to London. Hidden in the crush was a small boy his prep school cap sat firmly on his head, his satchel was slung safely across his shoulder; clutched in his arms was a cardboard box.

As the train came in to the station the body of men moved forward in unison and the small boy was pushed along; stumbling slightly, he lost control of the box and as it fell onto the platform one hundred pieces of Lego were scattered far and wide. Immediately the boy bent over and began picking up the Lego and throwing the pieces back into the box. A man standing beside the boy joined in the frenzied search and finally with the lid on the box man and boy straightened up, to see the train moving slowly out of the station.

In the silence that followed the train's departure, the boy turned to the man and asked, "Sir, are you Jesus?"

A silly question? Not at all. Look at our Lord's record:-

Jesus and the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11)

Jesus and His disciples (Luke 8:22)

Jesus and the woman in the synagogue (Luke 13:10)

Jesus and Peter's Mother-in-Law (Matt.8:14)

and that is just the tip of the iceberg. Jesus helped hundreds of people, his friends and total strangers, everyone who came to Him.

M A F is an International Christian Aviation organisation working in twenty five developing countries to bring help to the most isolated communities. Operating 130 light aircraft M A F flies to 1,800 remote places transporting medical care, food and water supplies, relief teams and church workers, the skilled pilots enable thousands of people to receive help in inaccessible places as well as and after natural disasters and political unrest. M A F brings life physically and spiritually.

As Oswald Smith said, 'If you cannot go yourself, send a substitute'. St Catherine's supports M A F and we believe as the Bible says because of our gifts "others will praise God for the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them" (2 Cor.9:13).

Website www.maf-uk-org

JG



***Join us for a special
Mothering Sunday Service
on 30th March at 11am***

And after the service

***The Annual Parochial Church
Meeting will take place***

***This is the time when St. Catherine's
church elects its Officers and the
PCC. We look back over the past
year and make plans for the future.***

ALL ARE WELCOME

Peter Keene

Peter Keene, who had been both organist and churchwarden at St Catherine's Church in recent years, sadly died on New Year's Day after a six month struggle with cancer. He was remembered in an inspiring Thanksgiving Service at St Thomas' Kendal on Monday 13th January when we gave thanks for his life. This was very well attended both by members of the village and church at Crook, as well as by members of St Thomas' where both Peter and Ann have been actively involved, and by others friends, in particular from the Lake District National Park. Peter spent many hours as a volunteer ranger for the Park leading walks and maintaining walls and footpaths.

Just before he was diagnosed with cancer he and Ann went to Malawi with the charity Habitat for Humanity where they joined a team of volunteers building a home for a needy family. Donations in Peter's memory were given to this charity which typifies Peter's active, practical and generous spirit. Peter will be greatly missed by all, but especially by his wife Ann, his children David, John and Julie, and grandchildren Daniel and Samuel. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they continue to feel his great loss.

BC.

The History of Boars Rock

The property now known as Boars Rock was formerly called Birksey Brow. The then owner, Lieutenant General Sir Henry Moore K.G. C.I.E. is buried in St. Catherine's churchyard. Born in 1829 he joined the Indian Army and served in Abyssinia, Afghan and Egypt. He spoke Persian fluently.

Mrs. Hoggarth who used to live at Rock Cottage had been in service at Birksey Brow from the age of twelve. She remembered the General riding round Crook at Christmas giving every household a packet of tea. When he died in 1915 among the bequests in his will was an amount of money for the inhabitants of Crook, a donation for a ward in a Punjab hospital and a sum of money to the two natural children of a lady known to his solicitors as Mrs. Comfort!

In July 1925 the house was sold to the Senior Smiths. Sadly they lost money over War Loan and eventually were unwilling to maintain the upkeep of the house. Instead they built a smaller house on their land and transferred the name Birksey Brow to their new home.

Their daughter, Audrey, lived there for many years after her parents died. She never married. At one time she and a young man were fond of each other but a marriage was frowned upon as he, being an architect, was considered "trade".

The new owners of what had been Birksey Brow were the Mc Laren family. They called their new home Boars Rock as this was the rallying cry of the McLaren clan. Their clan standard shows a boar and a rock.

One son, Moray, was in the Far East working for Royal Insurance when the Second World War broke out. January 1942 found him, his wife and two year old son in Singapore. A month later the Japanese took control of the island and Moray was interned in a P.O.W. camp. He died there of malnutrition and dysentery in September 1945 just as the war had ended. His death is commemorated on the wooden plaque in the Memorial Hall.

Luckily his wife and son had escaped on one of the last boats to leave Singapore.

Over the years Boars Rock has looked out upon many a winter scene but surely none as lovely as this one on the front cover taken by Peter Keene in February 2013.

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LENT LUNCHTIMES

We plan to offer again Lent Lunches open to anyone from all seven villages in our Two Valleys:

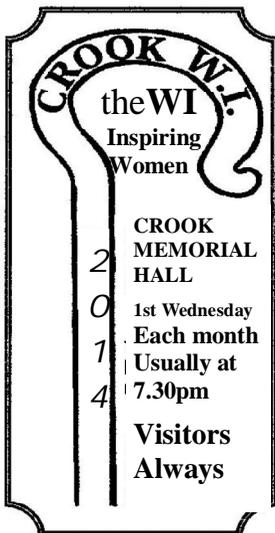
On **Thursday lunchtimes** during Lent we plan to serve Lunches of hearty soups and rolls in Brigsteer Village Hall. Again, we would like to ask you for suggestions of issues/topics that you would like us to address on each of these five Thursdays. Boxes will be available at the back of our churches for suggestions of "hot topics" that we will attempt to tackle over lunch with the opportunity for some lively discussion as well. Obviously we only have five Thursdays so are limited to the final number of ideas. We aim to keep costs low at £3.50 per person and any surplus will be donated to a local charity. Contact Brian Crowe 015395 68959, Michael Woodcock 015395 68276 or Maureen Stevens 01539 734358 for more details. We plan to meet on the following dates:

12.00-1.30pm Thursday 13th March
12.00-1.30pm Thursday 20th March
12.00-1.30pm Thursday 27th March
12.00-1.30pm Thursday 3rd April
12.00-1.30pm Thursday 10th April

Palm Sunday visit

It was Palm Sunday, but because of a sore throaty, five-year-old Bobby stayed at home from church with a baby-sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Bobby asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

Bobby was aghast. "I don't believe it! The one Sunday I don't go, and he shows up!"



February 5th

Speaker:- Margaret Reid

“The Steamboat Museum”

Competition:- A Boat

March 5th

Speaker:- Julie Ashworth

“Hearing Dogs”

Competition:- A China Dog

Walking Group

A walk arranged once a month usually in the south of the county

‘A’ walk 5 – 8 miles with a few ‘ups’

‘B’ walk 2 -3 miles mostly on the level.

For Date, Day and Time contact Hilary Crowe 015395 68959

Social Cycling

A small group cycling about 20 mile mostly on easy terrain and finishing at a pub/café.

For Date, Day and Time contact Aileen Lewis 015394 42264

Sewing & Craft

Every Wednesday (except W.I. night) during the winter months 7.30pm—9.30pm.

For Info. contact Kath Jackson 01539 821415

Other Activities held at Crook Memorial Hall

Table Tennis

Monday and Friday 7.30 - 10pm

From September through the winter months

Contact:- Margaret Lister 015394 47544

Young Farmers Club

Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm

Sarah Carruthers 07748 584782

Aerobics/body toning

Thursday 10 -11am

Contact:- Joyce Griffin 015395 68542

Folk Dance Group

Thursday 7.30 – 10pm

Contact:- Lynn Green 015395 64026

Crook Memorial Hall:-

The Coffee evening, Children' party and Quiz evening were all well supported. Some Spring entertainment is yet to be organised - watch out for details! Thanks to all.

Alison Park

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY

As part of the commemorations this year to mark the start of WW1 in 1914, we would like to create a display/tableau of memorabilia, photos, anecdotes, etc from that time in our history, not only of the war itself, but also as an insight into life for those who remained at home.

If you have anything which you would like to be included (whether relating to Crook or beyond) we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Vivienne Ford/Olwen Cameron

Church Cleaning Rota

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
1st Ann Clarke	1st Thelma Brown	5th Hilary Fitch
8th Audrey Rowlinson	8th Ann Heap	12th Judi Webster
15th Sandra Lauder	15th Ann Underwood	19th Mary Simm
22nd Lilian Atkinson	22nd Mary Allcock	26th Cherry Burgess
	29th Jennifer Gorst	

Church Flower Rota

<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>
Ann Clarke	Nancy Bowes	Olwen Cameron
Liz Wilson	Joan Matthews	Margaret Wardle



Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine was either a Roman priest or a bishop.

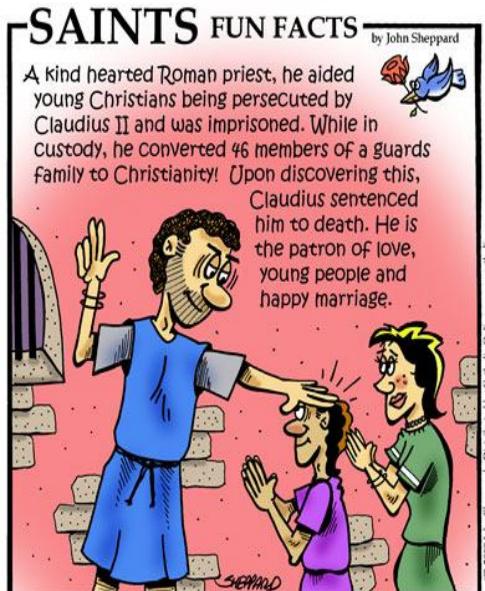
He died for his faith on the Via Flaminia, a road on the way to Rome, in the year 269A.D. on the 14th February - that is why we call that date Valentine's Day, today.



See how many words of 3 letters or more you can make from the name Valentine.

V A L
E N T
I N E

20 words is good, 30 is very good, 40 is even better!



St. Valentine