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CROSTHWAITE



CARTMEL FELL



HELINGTON

**TWO
VALLEYS PARISH
NEWS**



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A LETTER FROM MICHELLE WOODCOCK

The road to Ordination...

You may see me on Monday 5th July walking around the parishes, and you might just do a double take. Don't worry, I won't have got up and got dressed into my husband's shirt by accident in the dark. I will be wearing my own clerical shirt as I will be a member of the clergy myself. It seems slightly unreal even to be typing it, but on 4th July I will be ordained as a Deacon in the Church of England following two years of intensive training. The journey didn't just start 2 years ago; for me, it began a long time ago and I have felt God calling me on towards this day since I was around 9 years old. As a child I attended a very traditional Church of England church and I wanted to be confirmed aged 9 but was deemed to be too young to understand. As a result of this, for the next two years, unbeknown even to my family, I set up a little table in our garage at home and quietly celebrated a pretend communion service on my own in the garage with a bit of stolen bread and Ribena from the kitchen according to ASB service book! As a child, they were very special times for me and times of feeling very close to God. During teenage years I grew to love Cathedral worship through belonging to my school choir and spending a week every year singing in various cathedrals around the country. At several points since then I have seriously considered whether God might be calling me to the ordained ministry. The answer has always seemed to be no, not yet. Consequently, I trained as a Reader in response to this feeling of being called by God and since 2002 I have thoroughly enjoyed this form of ministry. After our daughter Eleanor was born in 2006 I found myself with plenty of time to think and pray as my body recovered from the shock of her speedy delivery. A series of events occurred and I found myself considering once again whether God was calling me to ordained ministry. It seemed impossible, but the answer seemed to be "yes". It has been a long and complicated journey since then with lots of people testing my sense of vocation, lots and lots of essays to write as I have completed my Foundation degree in Practical theology and all sorts of babysitting gymnastics to deal with to accommodate 6 residential weekends a year and an 8 night summer school whilst being the busy wife of a vicar and the mother of two small children! Someone recently speaking to Michael said they didn't know how I did it all and then concluded that it must be that I have a good husband behind me. The answer to that is a resounding "Yes"! Michael has been amazing while I have been studying. It has not always been an easy journey and we have both made many sacrifices to arrive at this point, but God has been faithful and my faith has grown and deepened as a result of trusting God for each stage of the process. Too much has happened in the last two years to record even a fraction of it here, but if you are interested, do ask me and I will be happy to tell you more about the different aspects of my training so far. The highlight for me was a 10 week placement at Furness General Hospital as a Chaplain. I think I'll be doing more of that sort of thing in the future. Thank you for your support, prayers and patience in the journey so far and especially to all those who have helped us out with childcare over the last few years, as we have no family nearby to help out. I couldn't have done it without you! I really look forward to serving here as Curate in the Two Valleys with all the many privileges and challenges that will bring.

Michelle Woodcock

FROM THE REGISTERS



Weddings

15th May
22nd May
22nd May
30th May

John Wright and Claire Pringle at Holy Trinity, Winster
Jody Lauder and Rebecca Catterson at Holy Trinity, Winster
Julian Bevin and Elizabeth Mellon at St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell
Thomas Postlethwaite & Shelly Hudson at St. Mary's, Crosthwaite



Funerals

8th June
14th June

Howard Jackson – Funeral & Burial at St. John's Levens
Arthur Cyril Denis Spencer - Thanksgiving Service at
St. Anthony's, Cartmel Fell

Funeral at All Saints' Underbarrow on 16th April

JOHN ATKINSON (86)

John was born at Fallen Yew the second of four children. After he left Underbarrow School he farmed at Fallen Yew with his father and brothers, and later they opened a butcher's shop in Stricklandgate. He married Sybil in 1948 and they had two children, John and Judith. John was involved in all aspects of village life. He was chairman of the Parish Council, and was on the Institute management committee for many years. He enjoyed playing billiards and going hound trailing. He also enjoyed bowling at Crosthwaite. John and Sybil's first trip abroad was with the Friesian Society to Canada. They subsequently much enjoyed many other foreign holidays. The large attendance at his funeral was a reflection of his high regard in the local community

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with the people of west Cumbria in all that they have endured through the months of May and June this year and in their ongoing recovery from the devastation of the floods last November. Words are not adequate to express our sympathy, but nevertheless we mark our concern for them here and look for opportunities to help where we can.

Holy Days in July

- 3 Thomas the Apostle - Festival**
- 11 Benedict of Nursia, Father of Western Monasticism, c.550 - Lesser Festival
- 14 John Keble, Priest, Tractarian, Poet, 1866 - Lesser Festival
- 15 Swithun, Bishop of Winchester, c.862 - Lesser Festival
- 19 Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, and his sister Macrina, Deaconess, c.394 & c.379 - Lesser Festival
- 22 Mary Magdalene - Festival**
- 25 James the Apostle - Festival**
- 26 Anne and Joachim, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Lesser Festival
- 29 Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Companions of Our Lord - Lesser Festival

CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

CROSTHWAITE GARDEN RAMBLE

Just before the May Bank Holiday weekend, all breaths were held as the weather forecasts on every radio and TV station, not to mention the internet, were scanned. The general feeling was that all would be well. Saturday saw torrential rain and all those whose gardens were due to open their gates on the Sunday, watched fearfully, but as the working party arrived at the Village Hall on the Sunday morning at 8 o'clock, the beautiful Lyth Valley was bathed in sunshine and we all heaved a sigh of relief!

The event organisers, under the leadership of John Handley wanted to raise a substantial sum for the Lyth Valley First Responder Group and the local Air Ambulance service. Geraldine Wilson, John Holmes, Matthew Dobson and Penny Mutch joined John to plan for the event.

The huge volunteer team who ran the Garden Ramble ensured a smooth running, enjoyable day for all those people who came from far and wide to enjoy delightful days out, wandering round the 16 beautiful and varied Crosthwaite gardens.

Crosthwaite always seems to be able to rely on plenty of help for events like these, but it was good to be joined by First Responders from Brigsteer, Crook,



Vicarage Garden

Underbarrow and Witherslack, who helped to marshal on the road and in the car parks, in fields kindly loaned by Elizabeth Cartmell and Alan Wilson. The team in the Café fed and watered the crowds for the full two days. After buying tickets/guides, beautifully designed and printed by Dennis Wesson, the punters dared not pass the raffle stall without buying a ticket or two, hoping to be the lucky winners of a selection of magnificent prizes donated by local eateries and businesses. Cakes and scones appeared by magic in the kitchen. A Community bus took visitors to outlying gardens. Margaret Stott's plant stall manned by more volunteers, attracted passing motorists to stop off for the day. Everyone who returned to the hall waxed lyrical about the beautiful gardens they had visited. All the hard work

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by owners of those sixteen gardens had not been in vain!

Expenses were kept to a minimum, due to generous donations by a number of people and the cost of food and drink being defrayed by the Exchange. The grand total for the two days was just about £5000!

Many thanks to all those people who helped to make this such a splendid success and a GREAT DAY OUT!!

(For the full article look at the Village Website crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk)



Tower Hill rockery

SUGARCRAFT FLOWER CLASSES

We would like to try, initially, to run a pilot beginners course for 6 weeks, possibly on a Tuesday afternoon in Crosthwaite Memorial Hall for the above craft. If you think you might be interested please ring either Eileen on 015393 68849 or Jean on 015395 68560.

Summer Evening Concert

At St John's Church Heisington
on Saturday 26th June at 7.30pm

A varied programme of choral works (including Bruckner, Palestrina,
Rachmaninoff, Luther), sung by
The Lakeland Singers.

£7 for entry to include a glass of wine and refreshments during the interval. Tickets
available at the door or from PCC members.

CROOK SUMMER BARN DANCE

In Aid of Crook Village Hall and The Wooden Spoon Society
Live Music by 'Branded'
Supported by Mr Sos Wilson

At High Farm, Crook on Saturday 21st August at 7pm

Hotpot Supper, Homemade puddings, Reasonably priced bar & Raffle

Tickets: Adults - £10 Children 8-16yr - £5 Under 8's - Free
Please book early to avoid disappointment.

ROSTHWAITE FARM

(off B5285 Storrs Park nr Blackwell)

GARDEN OPEN Sat 17th July

2.00 – 5.30

Croquet, Tennis, Chess. Carriage Drives, Pony Rides

Adults £5 Child (5+) £2

**In support of St Martin's, Bowness & Holy Trinity
Winster**

CARMINA BURANA

Saturday 10th July 7.30pm

Levens Choir, whose membership is drawn from across the South Lakes and north Lancashire, will be performing this popular and stirring work by Carl Orff in the Victoria Hall, Grange-over-Sands, on 10th July, along with Dyson's 'The Blacksmiths'. Tickets are £11 on the door (students and children free), or £10 if obtained in advance. To order tickets, or for more information, please contact Gill Smith on 01539 730590. Further information about the choir, e.g. its October concert and subsequent tour of Dorset, can be found at www.communicate.co.uk/lakes/levenschoir.

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY COLLECTION BOXES 2010

Thank you to all the boxholders for raising the splendid sum of £796.16, an excellent effort for a very good cause. Well done everybody, please keep up the good work. Denise Park (Local representative)

NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

CARTMEL FELL

CHURCHWARDENS

At the Annual Meeting of the Parishioners held on Sunday 25th April, Anthony Clarke stood down as Churchwarden, a role he has undertaken for 25 years. A presentation was made to Anthony at the start of the meeting and the thanks of all the PCC and clergy past and present were conveyed to him for the excellent commitment and service he has given to St Anthony's. We are delighted to welcome Vanda Lambton as the newly appointed Churchwarden.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE ROOF

The church and churchyard looked particularly splendid and the sun shone on Sunday 18th April for the Thanksgiving Service for the Roof. We were delighted to have Bishop James Newcombe with us to bless the roof and electrical installation. The Two Valleys Choir sang during the Service and Peter Jackson read the first reading. We were also very fortunate to have some of the 'Friends of St Anthony's' at the Service. Refreshments were provided in church after the Service.

BLUEBELL WALKS

Although only a small number of walkers turned up for the Bluebell Walks this year they all enjoyed seeing the spectacular carpets of bluebells during the walks. Cream teas were served afterwards in the Parish Hall and this was then followed by a short evening service in St Anthony's Church led by Rev Michael Woodcock. Thanks to Julian Lambton and Tony and Jenny Boothman for leading the walks and to all the ladies who made scones and helped with the teas in the Parish Hall. £105 was raised which will be sent to Christian Aid.

ST ANTHONY'S ROTAS COFFEE

July 11th - Anne Bennett

July 25th - Vicky Barratt

FLOWERS

Vicky Barratt, Audrey Smith

CROSTHWAITE

**Calor Cumbria Village of the Year
2009**

www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk

CROSTHWAITE SHOW

Saturday August 7th 2010

We are looking forward to seeing all your entries for this year's show. Please remember to bring your artwork and photographs when you register on Tuesday 3rd, 7pm-9pm. The artwork must be ready to display with fixings attached. Good luck to you all from the committee.

FLOWER ARRANGING

Vonnie Sharpe is holding classes in the Memorial Hall for anybody interested.

Starting on Monday 28th June from 2pm to 4pm and running through July. Just come along for the first week. Please phone Vonnie on 52005 beforehand so that she has an idea of numbers.

Annual Strawberry Tea

Crosthwaite Recreational Field
Sunday 11th July, 2pm-4pm

Admission: £4.00 on the day
£3.50 in advance
£2.00 children

All the usual activities!!!!

Tickets available from David Stott
(015395 68461)

PLASTIC RECYCLE

We are NOT going to get a skip like they have at Levens & Staveley. It would upset the wagons route to come here, which to them would mean redoing their contract. THEREFORE PLEASE TAKE YOUR PLASTIC to MORRISON'S, - ASDA - LEVENS or CANAL HEAD. Whichever way you go from Crosthwaite there is a recycle skip so the man from council says. Otherwise put it in the GRAY bin that goes to Barrow to be graded. Sorry that they do not want to help but it is getting too much taking 2 bags three times a week to Canal Head. Please fill your GRAY BINS with PLASTIC

Matthew L. Dobson

BOWLING CLUB

The Crosthwaite Outdoor Bowling Club would like to thank THE PUNCH BOWL for sponsoring the COUNTY PAIRS COMPETITION which was held recently

ST MARY'S ROTAS COFFEE

11th Denise Park & Jean Denney
25th Angela Jones & Eileen Dobson

FLOWERS

4th Volunteers please.
11th from Wedding on 10th.
18th from Wedding on 17th
25 Volunteers please.

Will Volunteers for Flowers please contact either Vonnie Sharp (52005) or Eileen Alston (68565) – Thank you.

CROSTHWAITE HELPLINE

Please contact:

Geraldine & Arthur Wilson on 68836

HELINGTON

HELINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Helington

Parish Council will be held

on Wednesday 7th July 2010

starting at 7.30pm in

Underbarrow Village Hall

Parish Council meetings are open

and the public and press are

cordially invited

SECOND SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

The 'Second Saturday' Coffee Morning will

be held at 1, Moss View, Brigsteer, on July 10th 10.30-12noon. Please 'phone Robin and Sue on 68288 if you require directions or details. Everyone will be very welcome.

HELINGTON & BRIGSTEER VILLAGE HALL

You may have seen the substantial progress that has been made in recent months on the building of our new Village Hall.

Currently, we are on target and budget to complete the main construction by mid July and to be 'open for business' in September.

We have an exciting number of ideas for the use of the Hall and are preparing a plan to achieve a mix of social, educational, health and fitness activities. As we will have both a main hall and a meeting room, we will be able to have considerably more activities than possible in the old Hall and benefit from having an attractive, warm venue with manageable running costs.

To get the maximum benefit from our New Hall, we would like more people to be involved in helping develop new activities and events. If you would like to discuss how you could help, please contact Barbara Clifford at Scar House, Brigsteer barbara@abclifford.co.uk
Tel 01539 68355.

Wine Tasting Evening

Hosted by Oddbins
Underbarrow Institute

Friday 2 July 2010 7.30 pm
Tickets £7.50 available from
Valerie O'Loughlin
015395 68655
All proceeds to Underbarrow
Institute

UNDERBARROW

GROW YOUR OWN MARROW

Underbarrow Marrow Day Committee is grateful to George Atkinson of Fallen Yew for donating marrow seeds to us from last year's prize-winning marrow. It's still not too late to grow your own marrow for this year's competition on 12th September. If anyone, in particular children, would like some seeds then please contact John and Irene Matthews on 015395 68495.

UNDERBARROW & BRADLEYFIELD SPORTS & FUN DAY

Sunday 4th July, 1.30pm prompt

There will be various races followed by a rounders match and tea in the Institute at approximately 4pm

UNDERBARROW & BRADLEYFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Council will be held at Underbarrow Institute on Tuesday 13th July commencing at 7pm.

The agenda and minutes of all meetings are displayed in the notice board outside the Institute and copies can be requested from the Clerk. The public are warmly invited to

attend Council meetings and there is always an opportunity given for public participation.

Kevin M Price. Parish Clerk. (07798-797033)

UNDERBARROW HELPLINE

Please contact:

Frank Hodson on 01539 728280
Mabel Evans on 015395 68481
Tom Handley on 01539 724013

WINSTER

GARDEN OPEN TO SUPPORT WINSTER CHURCH

By kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. K Scowcroft, their gardens at Rosthwaite Farm will be open on Sat 17th July 2010 to support Holy Trinity Church, Winster and St Martins, Bowness. Please make a diary note - further details will be published nearer the time.

For further information contact Yvonne Bradbury 015394 42945

HOLY TRINITY FLOWERS

July 4 & 11 Joan Edmonds
July 18 & 25 Pam Booth

WITHERSLACK

www.witherslack.org

WITHERSLACK COMMUNITY SHOP

Monday 7.45 – 6.30
Tuesday 7.45 – 6.30
Wednesday 7.45 – 12.30
Thursday 7.45 – 6.30
Friday 7.45 – 7.00
Saturday 9.00 – 4.00
Tel. 015395 52188

SPECIAL "SUMMER VILLAGE SERVICE" 3.30PM SUNDAY 11th JULY at Witherslack Church

We would like to invite everyone in Witherslack, Meathop and Ulpha to another special, one-off "Summer Village service" at Witherslack church. Perhaps you haven't been to church for a long time ? Perhaps you have never been ? Or perhaps you come regularly? Whoever you are and whatever your experiences we want to throw this open invitation out to you to come along and see. People are often pleasantly surprised by what they find at church these days. The service will last just $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour or so and we plan to serve special refreshments afterwards. Remember 3.30pm on Sunday 11th July. Why not come with a friend or neighbour? Come and see.

SUNDAY CLUB

There will NOT be a Sunday Club in July, as there is no service at Witherslack on this day due to the trip to Carlisle Cathedral for the Ordinations of our curates

WITHERSLACK SHORT MAT BOWLING CLUB

Don't be shy, come along and have a go! A warm welcome is extended to all, bowlers and beginners alike. Enjoy the social atmosphere, refreshments and chat. We meet on **Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm** in Witherslack Village Hall. All equipment is provided. If you need more information, phone Ann on 52313 or Danny on 52202.

SUNDAY LUNCH

Witherslack Parish Hall Committee are having their Sunday Lunch in the Hall on Sunday 11th July. 12pm to 2pm.

Please come and joins us for a two course lunch, tea and coffee

Bring your own wine.

Lunch costs £6.50p for Adults . £4 for children.

All proceeds go towards phase 3 of the Halls planned refurbishment.

**In Aid of St. Paul's Church
Special Coffee Evening
-with special coffees!**

7pm Friday 2nd July

In the Barwick Hall

£1 entrance includes a drink and cake

Refreshments, raffles, cakes, plants,

gifts, books

All contributions welcome

**ST PAUL'S ROTAS
SIDESMEN & READERS**

4th [No service

11th Hilda Jarvis

18th Trevor Farrar

25th Val Pattison

FLOWERS

Mrs. D. Mallinson, Mrs. H. Jarvis

More church bulletins...

*At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?"
Come early and listen to our choir practice*

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow..

*Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church.
Please use the large double door at the side*



BRIGSTEER

We are having our annual outing to Levens Hall on Thursday afternoon 8th July. Please contact Beryl on 68570, if you need a lift or further information

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH

Lots of members gathered to plan their summer activities, which include walks, theatre trips, craft competitions, garden festivals, the list seems endless. Then they enjoyed a delicious tasting of cheese and wine, and a very amusing talk by John Natlacen, the proprietor of Churchmouse Cheeses in Kirby Lonsdale, who seems to have a lot of very interesting customers as well as a tremendous range of delicious cheeses, five of which he described in detail, their history and their making. Our next meeting will be on July 21st in the Argles

Memorial Hall, when Jan Hawkins will talk about the Great North Air Ambulance. This will be an open meeting, and guests are asked to come at 8pm. All are welcome.

Crosthwaite and Lyth W.I.

Come and join us at our

OPEN MEETING

at Crosthwaite Memorial Hall

on

Wednesday 21st July at 8pm.

Come and hear our
Speaker – Jan Hawkins

who will tell us about the Great North
Air Ambulance.

The village has recently held a very
successful Garden Ramble, and part of
the money raised has been donated to
this very worthy cause.

UNDERBARROW

Mary Allcock started the evening with an excellent account of the National Federation's AGM in Cardiff. It was well attended, and soaking the programme seemed to suit everyone, with good speakers and interesting topics. Our own guest speaker was Eileen Belshaw, a delightful person, born and bred in Liverpool, whose career in nursing started in this area 42 years ago. Her family was a bit worried about the training side of things, but agreed on condition she could live in the hospital or nurses home. The basic 12 week training course involved bed bathing a dog, learning to give injections, and apply dressings under the piercing eye of a nurse that looked as if she had trained with Florence Nightingale. They were then allocated their jobs. The first ward had 40 beds, average age of patients over 80. Ladies had pink nighties with flowers. Men had striped pyjamas. They mislaid some nighties, but found something similar in a store room - they turned out to be shrouds! The first night duty for 3rd and 1st year students involved taking out and soaking patients' false teeth, giving medication and fighting off cockroaches. After 3 years they were at last provided with uniforms, and suddenly she realised she was in a position to shout at student nurses. Various incidents and anecdotes throughout were a laughing tonic for the audience. A most enjoyable evening all round.

The competition winner for a posy of wild flowers was won by Nancy Wilson.

There is a summer outing on July 14th to Hutton in the Forest, and no meeting in August. On Sept 8th at 7.30pm Ms. C.Bell will be talking about Low Flying RAF. Visitors welcome

WITHERSLACK

The June meeting was low on numbers because of holidays, and the speaker failed to come. However Ann Walshaw chaired a very cheerful meeting and welcomed 2 visitors. New member Caroline Blee was congratulated on winning a bursary to Denman College and Shirley Christie on becoming a granny.

Diaries and calendars were available already for 2011. The summer outing of a rail trip to Ravenglass and a ride on Lile Ratty will go ahead on August 10th.

Ann Walshaw, who was Witherslack's delegate, gave a lively report on the 95th AGM at Cardiff which she had much enjoyed. There are now 207,000 WI members in England and Wales. Subscriptions will go up to £30 next year. The resolution on food labelling was agreed by 99.1 percent of members and the speakers were excellent.

In the absence of the speaker, the playing of card bingo and the reading of limericks from the competition caused some merriment.

Next meeting: July 13th "Classic Crime" by Diane James. Visitors always welcome. Tel:52302

