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Parish News

Levens, Heversham, Milnthorpe



Levens Methodist Church

COFFEE SHOP 2.30 - 4.15 pm Everyone Welcome

Mondays

Would you like a coffee & a chat? please join us.

You can also play dominoes, cards, Rummikub or do a jigsaw

Also bring your knitting, sewing or craft project and have a natter.

Wednesdays & Fridays

Coffee and Biscuits

Milnthorpe Food bank www.milnthorpefoodbank.org Collection boxes in Spar and Churches in Milnthorpe and Heversham

There is an constant need of food & household items so please donate if you can, thank you

"We would like to say a big 'thank you' for the generous donations we received throughout the past year.

This includes donations of both food and money. We look forward to your continued support in the coming year."

Meet & Eat 23rd February at Levens Methodist Hall

12 noon - 2 pm £5 Children under school age FREE

Menus will be on posters in Levens

Tickets available from Coffee Shop or Susan Beckwith 0779 6561810

EVERYONE WELCOME

M:HUB

on Beetham Road, Milnthorpe

Cafe is open every Friday morning from 9.30 am until 12 noon for refreshments.

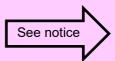
> Coffee @ St T's Milnthorpe

Every Friday 10 -11.30 am

serving Farrers Coffee and Lakeland Tea

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In church Feb– April: Entrance at North side During the building works Bring a mug or use a paper cup







St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe

Work to re-order the community rooms and the rear of the nave at St Thomas' Church started in January 2024. The community rooms will be closed for around four months to enable access to the upper and lower rooms to become independent and for the installation of a new kitchen and toilets, including a disabled toilet.



The work will also include the removal of pews at the rear of the nave to provide an alternative community space during the works and in anticipation of a second phase at a later date to provide secure storage and a Parish Office with a balcony over, subject to further fundraising.

The. PCC hopes to be able to keep the Church open throughout the works using the North Porch, but any necessary closures will be signed on the notice board by the Church steps.

If you are interested in acquiring a pew by making a donation towards the building works, please email the Church Treasurer on jtrobson@hotmail.com

www.dignityindementia.org

For more info on Activities, please contact Diane on 07771 682378 or Lesley on 07816 895021

share noteworthy historical tales



Enjoyable Dementia friendly Walks with optional refreshments.

1st Feb 10.30 am Prom walk :Grange Main St car park LA11 6DY
15th Feb 10.30 am Longlands Hotel, LA6 1JH for canal walk

<u>Woodland Wellness</u> – New Venue with Cover Monday 26th Feb 11 – 12 noon
Being outside is good for us all. Come and join us for engaging activities connected to nature –: Silverhelme Scout Activity Centre, The Row, Silverdale, LA5 0UG

<u>Social Table Tennis</u> – at Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill, Arnside, 10.30 am start, Wednesdays **7**th & **21**st February.

Dementia Embracing Community Singing Group
Silverdale Songsters - Friday mornings between 10.30 – 11.30 am at St John's Church Hall, St John's Church, Silverdale

Monthly Meet Up Tuesday 27th February 10.30 am – 12 noon at Abbot Hall Social Centre, Dowker Lane, Kendal, LA9 4DN
An enjoyable get together designed to engage and support people living with dementia and their carers. This month Ambleside Oral History Society will

Zoom Poetry Group – Alternate Thursday 1.30 – 2.30pm 8th & 22nd Feb The group choose the theme and Dignity in Dementia search out poems which are then emailed to group members. Attendees are invited to read the poems out loud or some people prefer just to listen. A very friendly enjoyable group.



I've tried to follow the advice I've seen about energy saving, but my fuel bills are still going up. What else can I do?

You've probably seen the advice to reduce your thermostat (not below 18°C while you are at home). But switch your heating off completely when leaving the house for a few hours. It's cheaper to reheat your home than keep your heating on low when you're out.

And you'll have been told to insulate your home. But how? Fitting draught-proofing strips to your windows and doors is a quick DIY job and can save around £45 a year. A hot water cylinder jacket is easy to fit, typically costs under £30 and can save roughly £50 a year on energy bills. And if you have an unused chimney, installing a chimney draught excluder could save you around £65 a year.

Another free tip is to keep furniture and covers away from radiators and heaters. Blocking the source of heat keeps you cold, overworks your system, and wastes money.



In addition to turning off lights and appliances you're not using, you can also make savings by using your washing machine on a 30-degree cycle instead of higher temperatures. Ditch the dryer to save even more money - dry your clothes on racks inside or outside in warmer weather to save up to £60 a year.

And have you heard of ECO? (Energy Company Obligation) This scheme obliges energy companies to support households to install energy efficiency measures such as insulation and new, more efficient heating systems. Contact your supplier.

If you're still struggling to afford your energy bills, the first step is to get in touch with your supplier. But if you are already in debt, contact South Lakes Citizens Advice without delay.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. South Lakes Citizens Advice, your local charity, is here for you. How to access:

Call 015394 46464 - this is being staffed from 9:30 - 2pm

- Adviceline: 0808 2787 984
 email advice via our submission page on our website www.southlakescab.org.uk
- Help to Claim (Universal Support): 0800 144 8 444

Have you ever tried indoor bowling?
Come along to
Heversham Indoor Bowling Club and give it a go.

We meet Mondays 2pm to 4pm and Fridays 7pm to 9pm from October to the end of March.

£20 membership & £2 per session. with Tea/coffee & biscuits included. Try for free for 2 weeks.

Its a chance to socialise, make new friends and chat having a cup of tea.

Levens Local History Group

Meetings are third Thursday in Levens Village Hall starting 7.30 pm, unless stated otherwise on the website. See website for 2024 Meetings.

Contact: secretary

Allan Steward via website

https://www.levenshistory.co.uk/

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Next meeting: Wednesday 14th Feb Athenaeum, Leasgill 7.30pm

Speaker: Christine Raafat 'Lady Anne Clifford's Battle for her Rights'

Competition: 'Something related to a famous woman'

Visitors are asked to pay £2 and can now attend for 3 sessions before making a commitment to join. For further information please

contact: Sue Ellis : 07939577881

Heversham Bowling Club Games Afternoons

Every Tuesday in the Clubhouse During winter months 2.00 – 4.00pm £2.00 inc refreshments

keep mentally active during the winter months – join us to play board games, dice games, word games, strategy games, paper & pencil games, card games & dexterity games.

a variety of games to play, some wellknown, others maybe new to you Everyone Welcome







Hincaster Trailway Group

are fundraising for essential maintenance along the route.

If you are able and would like to donate please support the project.

Any donation will help maintain this valued community asset.

Visit https://www.gofundme.com/ hincaster-trailway-group-appeal

Thank you



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Held on the first Thursday morning in the month

Starting at 10.45am

at the Roman Catholic Church Hall Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe

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Second & Fourth Thursdays 10.00 am at the Athenaeum, Leasgill

8th Feb -Jim Bliss, Lowther Castle Bringing Back Beavers and other lost wildlife

22nd Feb Brian Sefton - A Life in Magic

Annual membership -12 meetings including refreshments is just £18; guests £2.50 per meeting.

All Welcome

Facebook - Quest-Lecture Group 110942098389216



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- ⇒ Be an extra adult at any of our activities/clubs

Contact us for more information, rosiebrown@keyprojectcumbria.onmicrosoft.com





Saturday 3rd February

7 pm Quiz All welcome for this brain teaser.

In St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe during building works - use north dooe

> Form a team with friends (max 4 per team) £10 per team in aid of St Thomas Building Fund



Athenaeum Management Committee Present:

A Quiz night with pie and peas supper

Saturday 24th February
Teams of 1-4 players
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9th Feb – Film 'Are you there God? It's me Margaret"

> A heartfelt, poignant adaptation of Judy Blumes novel of growing up and self discovery. With Abbey Ryder, Rachel McAdams, & Kathy Bates 7.30pm

11th Feb - Classical Music with Rosamund Brass 2.30pm who share their passion for brass chamber music.

17th Feb – Spanish & English Folk
Music with Dos Almas
Bea Perez brings her voice
and guitar whilst lan Hunter
provides sensitive
percussive support 7.30pm

23rd Feb – Drama – Quentin Crisp:
Naked Hope 7.30pm
Nick Farrelly,depicts Quentin at two phases of his life.
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-Call or text: 07435 943 933
-Email: jade.gibson@communitycatalysts.co.uk
-Facebook: @CommCatsSouthLakesandEden
The programme is funded by Westmorland and Furness

Should we have a 20-mph speed limit in Heversham?

Heversham Parish Council is considering whether it should apply to Westmorland and Furness Council to change the existing 30mph limit to 20mph.

This would be through the whole village including Dugg Hill, Woodhouse Lane and Mabbin Hall Lane.

Average thinking + stopping distance in good conditions.



9 metres + 14metres = 23metres (75feet) or six car lengths



6 metres + 6metres = 12metres (40 feet) or three car lengths

If you live in Heversham, we would like to know what YOU think.

You can let us know whether or not you support the idea of making the village a 20mph zone by simply texting YES or NO to 07918 620261

or emailing **speedlimit@heversham.com**.

If you want to make additional comments, please do so in your email.

It would be helpful if we can hear from you by 16th February, but don't worry if its later; we still want to hear your views.

The possibility of the speed limit will be one item for discussion at the Annual Parish Meeting, open to all parishioners, details of which in the next Parish News.

Sunday 4th February 9.45 am SPECIAL CANDLEMAS SERVICE FOR ALL AGES

St John's Church, Levens

Have you got a candle from your baptism? Bring it along.

Songs and special activities as we think about how the light of Jesus changes people



Mothers Union First Wednesday at 2pm St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe (Enter through North side door of church)

All are welcome to visit and join

next meeting: Wednesday February 7th at 2pm Anne Pettifor will be speaking about Agricultural Chaplaincy.



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World Day of Prayer Service at Storth Church Friday 1st March at 2pm All Welcome



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical lavwomen's initiative celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday of March. Mothers' Union support this service, anyone, men and women are welcome to join

Email: rev@lhmparishes.co.uk Tel 015395 61448

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Dear Friends,

Dave was walking along a steep cliff one day when he got too close to the edge and slipped. On the way down he managed to grab on to a branch, and temporarily stopped his fall. But he couldn't hang onto the branch forever, and there was no way for him to climb up the cliff. So Dave began yelling, "HELP!

HELP! Is anyone up there? HELP!

Finally he heard a voice.

"Dave, can you hear me?"

"Yes, but . . . Who are you, and where are you?"

"I am the Lord, Dave. I'm everywhere."

"The Lord? You mean, GOD?"

"That's me. Now, here's what I want you to do. Listen carefully."

"I'll do anything, Lord. Just tell me what to do."

"Okay. Let go of the branch."

"What?"

"I said, let go of the branch. Just trust Me. Let go."

There was a long silence.

Finally Dave yelled, "HELP! HELP! IS ANYONE ELSE UP THERE?"

People may often feel positive about the person of Jesus Christ, and certainly enjoy the celebrations of his birth. But the teaching of Jesus and his journey to the Cross are much more disturbing. We might feel like Dave, asking if there is someone else, maybe another way and another message.

The great season of Lent begins on February 14th. In Lent we journey in heart and mind with Christ towards his death Jerusalem, and so we are reminded that rescue and friendship with God come at great cost. Many people think that Christ's message is about us being nice and kind and good. The journey from Lent to Easter reminds us of a painful cross and a different kind of message entirely. It is the wonderful news of sins forgiven, of a new start with God and a new place in his family. It is the humbling news that we cannot rescue ourselves, and need the drastic intervention of Christ's death to deal with our wrongs that stand between us and God.

In order that we may cling to Christ and his rescue, we are told to let go (as Dave was) of other things. Lent isn't simply a matter of giving up; it involves taking on as well.

Jesus put it this way in Mark chapter 8 in the Bible, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." We deny/say No to ourselves, that we may say Yes to Jesus.

Every Blessing, Revd Bryan Kerr Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas', St Peter's, St John's Churches

Winter Monthly Friday Morning **Holy Communion**

Please note

Friday 16th February at 9.30 am at St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe before Friday Coffee Morning Entrance to church is north door

Afternoon:



Tuesday 27th February at 2.30pm (last Tuesday in the month) at St John's Church, Levens



Kendal Methodist Circuit

Revd Tiras Dainty-Share 01524 963716 Email: tiras.ds@methodist.org.uk

Levens Methodist Church 10.30am Services unless stated led by:

Feb 4th Sacrament service led by Revd Melanie Greenall Feb 11th United Service led by Richard Bielby Feb 18th Dr Don Spivey Feb 25th Mrs S Hilton

Levens Methodist Church is now registered for the solemnization of marriages between a man and a woman and for the solemnization of marriages of same sex couples.

Please contact:

The Revd Tiras Dainty-Share tiras.ds@methodist.org.uk telephone: 01524 963716





14th February 2024

2.30 pm St John's Levens 6.00 pm St Peter's Heversham

Many thanks to everyone who have supported our fundraising for The Children's Society this year in Levens Both from collection boxes. donations and supporting the Christingle service at St. John's Church with donations In total a wonderful £582.76 was raised for this very worthy cause.



You are welcome at February Sunday Morning Services at Parish Churches -

8.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am St Peter's Heversham
St Thomas' Milnthorpe	4th Parish Communion
4th & 18th Feb	11th Morning Praise
St Peter's Heversham	18th Parish Communion 25th Fellowship in the Old School
11th & 25th Feb	
9.45 am St John's Levens	11.15 am St Thomas' Milnthorpe During the building works please use the north door
4th Candlemas Service - see page 12 11th at Levens Methodist Church 18th Parish Communion 25th Parish Communion	4th Morning Praise 11th Parish Communion 18th Morning Praise 25th Parish Communion

Sunday 3rd March at 10.30 am

United Sunday morning service at Arnside Methodist Church

Christ the King RC Church Haverflatts Lane Milnthorpe

Sunday Mass celebrated at 10.30am Friday Mass now celebrated at 10 am

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Fr Philip Smith 015395 32731 Email:

kentestuarycatholicchurches@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Milnthorpe

There will be no Sunday school at St Thomas' church during the building works of February, March and April. Some quiet activities for children will be available in church during the Sunday morning service.





What's the latest?



www.stthomasmilnthorpe.org.uk &

www.stpetersheversham.org

If you would like an email of the weekly notices please click on 'contact us'

www.levens.org.uk has local info and NEWS and a link to the same archive of Parish News through - in the village St John's page.

https://www.levens.org.uk/st-johns-church

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Facebook page. Items posted are forwarded to Milnthorpe What's Going On page too.

Milnthorpe What's Going On

page on Facebook to catch up with what is going on !

And KEY weekly Youth Activities post on this page

www.heversham.org has local info and an archive of over 17 years of Parish News in A4 pdf version.

Nextdoor.co.uk Local info, tips and ideas

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For regular email updates for St John's Church Levens please email:

jill.butterworth54@btinternet.com

for a pastoral phone call for yourself or for someone you know call:



Heversham & Milnthorpe:

Email via church websites 'contact us' or phone

Linda Cooper 015395 63836

Levens:

Pam Martin 07840 671286

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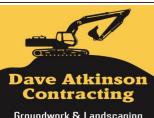
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