

## Dates for your diary

### Church cleaning

**Monday 6th January, 2.00 pm at St Thomas'**

Taking down the tree, cleaning the church, candle fettling and brass cleaning. Out with your best dusters, polish, dust pans, brushes etc. We need lots and lots of hands on deck for this one. Bring something to share for afternoon tea when we have done our cleaning

### Storytime with Bryan

**Tuesdays 7th and 21<sup>st</sup> January, 3.15–4.15 pm at St Thomas'**

All children are welcome to come along and listen to a story. Parents and carers ~ enjoy a drink and a biscuit while the children have fun!

### Mothers' Union

**Wednesday 8th January, 2.00 pm at St Thomas'**

Annie Garden will show slides of her holiday in Namibia. Everyone welcome.

### Week of prayer for Christian Unity

**Saturday 18th–Saturday 25th January**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally. It is kept annually between 18 January and 25 January in the Northern Hemisphere, and between Ascension Day and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere.

### Jacob's Join lunch, followed by a short United Service

**Friday 24th January, 12.15 pm lunch and 1.00 pm Service**

For Christians in Milnthorpe and Heversham (CTiMH). Do join us.

**Notices for Sunday 5th January to Diane.**

Deadline Monday 30th December, 6.00 pm.

## Welcome to the Parishes of St Peter and St Thomas

### Services for today, Sunday 22nd December 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### St Peter's, Heversham

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP).

9.30 am Morning Praise.

*PCC person on duty: Anne Wickerson.*

Join us for coffee afterwards.



#### St Thomas', Milnthorpe

11.15 am Parish Communion with quiet activities for children.

Join us for coffee afterwards.

Please bring mince pies for the Christmas Eve Carol Service

### Services for Tuesday ~ Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Christingle Service at St Thomas'.

6.00 pm Village Carol Service at St Peter's.

7.30 pm Milnthorpe Village Candlelit Carol Service at St Thomas' with favourite Carols and Christmas readings. Followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

11.00 pm First Communion of Christmas at St John's, Levens. Everyone from our three parishes is welcome to come.

### Services for Wednesday ~ Christmas Day

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Thomas'.

10.00 am Family Celebration with Holy Communion at St Peter's.

### Services for next Sunday, 29th December

9.30 am United Service with Carols at St Thomas'. Coffee afterwards.

### Services for Sunday 5th January

8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) at St Thomas'.

9.30 am Parish Communion at St Peter's.

*PCC person on duty: George Handley.*

11.15 am Morning Praise with Sunday School at St Thomas'.



# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Friday 20th December, 10.00am**

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN**  
with South Cumbria Brass Band

**Christmas Eve, 4.00pm**

**CHRISTINGLE SERVICE at St Thomas'**

**Christmas Eve, 6.00pm**

**VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE at St Peter's**

**Christmas Eve, 7.30pm**

**VILLAGE CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE**  
at St Thomas'

**Christmas Eve, 11.00pm**

**First Communion of Christmas**  
**a United Service at St John's, Levens**  
to which all are welcome

**Christmas Day**

**8.00am Communion (BCP) at St Thomas'**

**10.00am Christmas Family Celebration**  
with Communion at St Peter's



**Sunday 29th December**

**9.30am United Service with Carols at St Thomas'**

## The next fortnight in our parishes

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> 2.00 pm Christingle-making at St Thomas'

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> **No Coffee @ St T's.**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan **No Coffee @ St T's.**

## Notices

### St Peter's Church Works

Work continues on the new entrance and disabled toilets. On Sundays, access is by the side door, which is not suitable for anyone who uses a wheelchair. The church will be closed during the week.

*Jane Fell, Churchwarden.*

### Christingle-making

**Monday 23rd December, 2.00 pm at St Thomas'**

Come along and help Joan to make Christingles. She's short of helpers this year, since most grandchildren who used to help are all becoming 'too old to make Christingles'. You don't have to be young to make Christingles, just young at heart, like Joan. So, join the happy band, get cracking, and smell of oranges. It's not difficult, and when you get into the rhythm time flies by. If you need more details, phone Joan.

### NISCU Connect ~ Christmas Edition

Read the latest NISCU Connect news and find out items for prayer across the NISCU areas this Christmas in our flipbook at <https://bit.ly/49ljJwH>.

Thank you for all your prayers for our children, young people, school staff, the NISCU team and those we work alongside. God bless you with love, joy and peace this Christmas. *From the NISCU South Lakes team*

### Thank you to Kent Estuary Mission Community (KEMC)

**The Good News for Everyone** team sends thanks to members of KEMC for your welcome at the Gathering at St James on Sunday 8th. You received us warmly, and gave generously. Fundraising wasn't our main purpose, but you gave £205.20 which will support two school presentations, so many thanks for that too. Our team enjoyed good conversations at the information stand and a number of people went away with materials. We pray they will be well used. We are praying, too, that God will call some to join in the work with us. Our sincere thanks to you all, and may God bless you in your joyful work for Him.

### Coffee at St T's

There's no Friday coffee on 27th December and 3rd January.