

A NEWSLETTER  
FROM THE ANGLICAN  
CHURCHES OF  
LANERCOST WITH WALTON,  
GILSLAND AND  
NETHER DENTON

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As I write we are approaching the feast day of St Mary Magdalene (23<sup>rd</sup> July). As two of our churches – Gilsland and Lanercost Priory are dedicated to St Mary Magdalene I thought I would write a little bit about her in this issue.

We don't really know very much about Mary Magdalene. We don't know her occupation, the colour of her hair, whether she was young or old, homely or beautiful. Over the years there has been much speculation about who she was, and what she was like. Quite recently the author Dan Brown, in his novel "The Da Vinci Code", claimed that she was infact married to Jesus. This however is not supported in any way by either religious writing or secular writings/records from the time, or indeed since.

So what **do** we know about Mary Magdalene?

Firstly, we know that she came from the city of Magdala, in the region of the Galilee. We are told that Jesus cast out 7 demons from her and that she then joined His band of disciples, following Him about wherever He went.

We know that she was one of the women who remained at the foot of the cross when all the men had fled and that she observed Jesus' burial in the garden tomb. Also we know that she was one of the women who returned very early on the Sunday morning to find the tomb empty and Jesus gone.

It is now that we come to the event for which Mary Magdalene is best known. She was the first person to see the risen Jesus.

As she remained weeping by the empty tomb she met a man who asked her 'Why are you weeping – whom do you seek?' She did not realise who it was at first, but when He called her name, 'Mary!' she recognised Jesus. He sent her out to tell the other disciples that she had seen her risen Lord and Saviour.

What an amazing person she was, and how greatly honoured to be the first to meet with Jesus after the resurrection.

Next month we will take a look at the life of St Cuthbert to whom the church at Nether Denton is dedicated.

Best wishes

*Revd Angela*

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# Benefice of Lanercost with Walton, Gilsland & Nether Denton

## Sunday Services in August and September 2023

### AUGUST

#### Lanercost: 11am

6th Morning Worship  
13th Holy Communion  
20th Holy Communion  
27th Morning Worship

#### Walton: 11am

6th Holy Communion (CofE)  
13th No service  
20th Morning Worship  
27th No service

#### Gilsland: 9.30am

6th No service  
13th Morning Worship  
20th No service  
27th Holy Communion

#### Nether Denton: 9.30am

6th Holy Communion  
13th No service  
20th Morning Worship  
27th No service

### SEPTEMBER

#### Lanercost: 11am

3rd Holy Communion  
10th Morning Worship  
17th Holy Communion  
24th Holy Communion

#### Walton: 11am

3rd Holy Communion (Methodist led)  
10th No service  
17th No service  
24th Morning Worship  
No service

#### Gilsland: 9.30am

3rd No service  
10th Communion by Extension  
17th No service  
24th Morning Worship

#### Nether Denton: 9.30am

3rd Holy Communion  
10th No service  
17th Morning Worship  
24th No service  
29th Friday at 7pm:  
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## Treading Lightly — St Mary's Churchyard, Walton

Even in the countryside any open space that can provide a wildlife habitat is important. We don't have enough areas where wildflowers can grow undisturbed to support our insect, bird and wild animal populations. Insects are crucial because we rely on them to pollinate plants and feed many wild animals. Recently people have come to realize that churchyards can provide ideal spaces for wildflowers and wildlife to flourish. Managing these areas for wildlife can also give the added bonus of reducing the amount of effort and cost required to maintain them.

It has been decided to try to make the churchyard in Walton a better environment for wildlife and we are sure that some of you have noticed the changes going on in the churchyard.

Unfortunately these things don't happen by accident so it is necessary to have a strategy to improve the churchyard for wildlife. After consultation with the PPC and Cumbria Wildlife Trust it was decided that a plan would be developed for making the churchyard in Walton a wildlife friendly area. This year the plan is to leave some areas of the churchyard uncut so that we can see what wild plants appear among the grass and this should allow us to develop a strategy for improving the numbers of insect friendly plants, either by encouraging the ones that are already there or by adding to them by judicious sowing or planting. One idea is to encourage Yellow Rattle to grow in the churchyard. Yellow rattle is a useful in creating and enhancing wildflower meadows as it is a parasite which attaches itself to the roots of grass reducing grass growth and allowing wildflowers to grow.

This year we have also started to plant a hedge on the north side of the churchyard which in the fullness time should provide shelter and sustenance to a range of wildlife.

There are also plans to tidy up the churchyard by pruning or removing some of the shrubs and trees, keeping the path clear of weeds and removing the ivy from the churchyard wall.

Ivy is useful for wildlife but unfortunately it was pulling the wall apart so it was felt that it would be better removed. Ivy does grow happily in other parts of the churchyard.

We are already seeing evidence of an increase in the insect population in the churchyard we were particularly excited by sightings of speckled wood butterflies. A range of wildflowers have appeared including a beautiful display of bluebells in the spring, red campion, cow parsley, dandelions and many more. It's particularly good to see nettles growing as they are food for many species of the caterpillars of butterflies and moths. All these plants will help to encourage the insect population and the long grass itself supports some species of solitary bees.

It is noticeable that a number of other local churches are adopting similar strategies, no doubt driven both by the desire to encourage wildlife and the need to save money on maintaining their churchyards.

What is happening in the Walton churchyard is in fact a return to the past. For many years until the 1980's Walton churchyard was not cut until towards the end of summer when residents of the village volunteered to scythe the grass and it was made into hay for livestock feed. What the church council is now doing is no different to what happened in past years. Nowadays, of course, we appreciate the benefits that this brings to nature and wildlife. This course of action will also enable the committee to spend the funds saved on grass cutting on the church building. The new part of the churchyard will continue to be mown as normal. If anyone would like to volunteer to take a turn on the grass cutting rota please contact a church member.

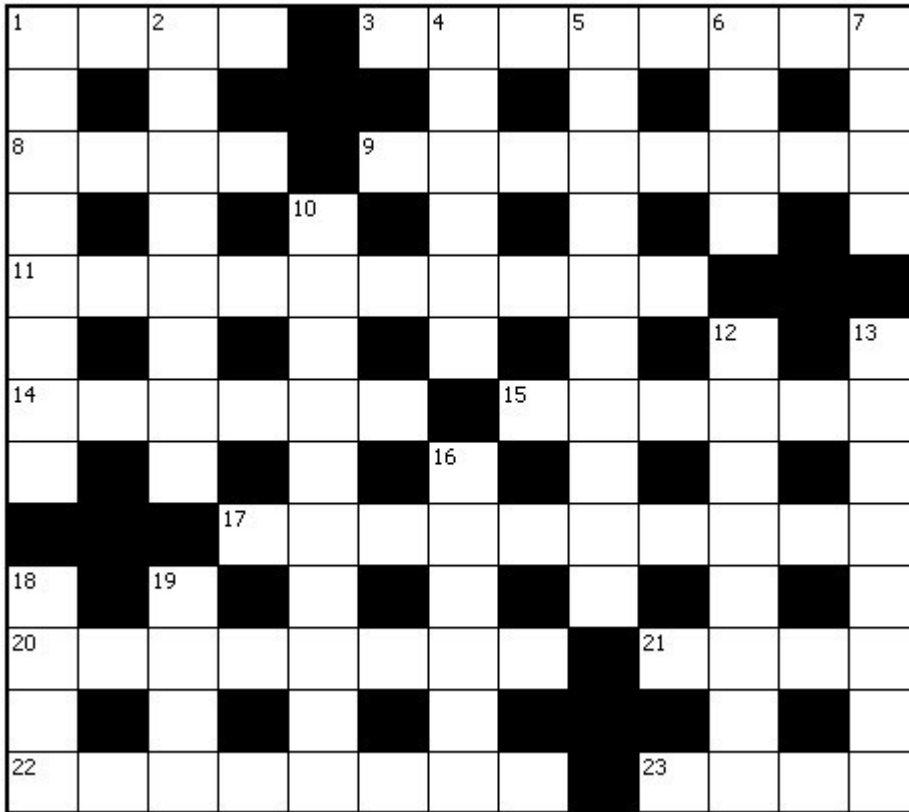
If you want further information about enhancing the environment for wildlife you can visit the websites listed below.

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# Crossword (use the New International Version)



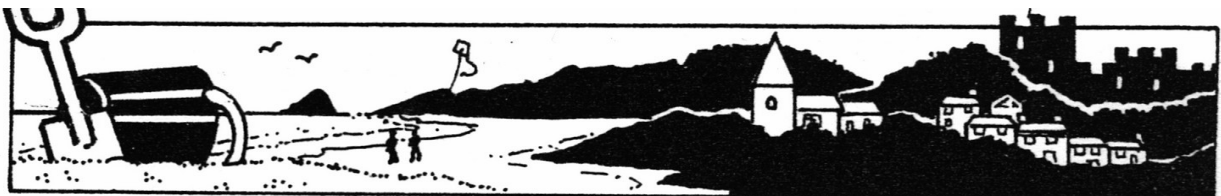
## Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

## Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in —, faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was —, to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18 David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

## Answers below



1 conflict; 2 religion; 4 arrest; 5 affliction; 6 Iona; 7 Eddy; 10 allegiance; 12 preached; 13 Assyrian; 16 a son of; 18 Scot; 19 DVLA

## Down

1 care; 3 paradise; 8 null; 9 profaned; 11 legalistic; 14 closed; 15 stores; 17 missionary; 20 covenant; 21 Thai; 22 trade-off; 23 Eden

## Across



## The Italian Chapel, Orkney



On the island of Lambholm, in the Orkneys, on the Eastern edge of Scapa Flow, stands an intriguing-looking little building, a façade of white-painted concrete with red embellishment. It might easily pass unnoticed but for the fact that it is one of the most-visited buildings in the Orkney archipelago and for its remarkable history.

During the Second World War, Lambholm housed Camp 60, in which were interned several hundred Italian Prisoners of War, who were used as labour for building the Churchill Barriers (another story). The camp consisted originally of some thirteen Nissen huts, not the most attractive of buildings, but the POWs worked to transform their surroundings by the laying of paths and the planting of flowers. Other amenities were created: a theatre, a recreation hut, even a concrete billiard table. But the camp lacked a chapel.



The appointment to the camp of a new Commandant, Major T.P. Buckland, led to the rectification of this omission. The co-operation of Major Buckland, a dedicated humanitarian, with the visionary camp chaplain, Father P. Giocchino Giacobazzi and an artist, Domenico Chiochetti, who had designed and constructed the statue of St George slaying the dragon, fashioned from barbed wire and concrete, which dominated the camp square and still stands where it was placed, led to the conception of what became a truly inspired project.

Two Nissen huts were made available. These were placed end to end and were intended for use, one end as a school and the other as a chapel. Chiochetti got to work with the intention of converting the east end of the huts into a sanctuary, enlisting the help of other talented artisans and artists: cement workers, a smith, electricians and others. The interior of the huts was clad in plasterboard, an altar, altar rails and a holy water stoop were fashioned in concrete. On either side of the altar, a window was installed and painted with images of St Catherine of Siena and St Francis, with a painting of the Madonna and child flanked by cherubim between them. Two lanterns, hanging from the sanctuary ceiling, were fashioned from bully beef tins, and a rood screen and gates were fashioned to simulate wrought iron from metal that was available on site. The whole was constructed using available materials. Following the completion of the sanctuary, it was decided to work on the rest of the interior, in order for the whole to be harmonious. It is a masterpiece of *trompe l'œil* decoration, an eloquent testimony to the inspiration, vision and talent of its creators.



To complete the building, a façade was designed which hides the unprepossessing characterlessness of the Nissen huts. This, with its bell, the lancet windows, the cross and the roundel depicting the face of




the suffering Christ, together with the crucifix (since replaced with a faithful replica) which stands to the left of the façade, proclaim the building as a church. As it was intended, so it remains. It is cared for and maintained by the Italian Chapel Preservation Committee, a local organisation,

with active support from Italian expertise. Those who visit the chapel today cannot but be profoundly moved by the beauty of the building, realising that it was the child of humanity, vision, commitment, co-operation and the application of talent during a time of conflict. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God,'

*David Bamford*

with acknowledgment and thanks to the Chapel Preservation Committee:

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For more information and tickets visit <https://www.bramptoncc.org.uk/regular-activities/cafesci/>

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## Proposed Mission Community Changes

On the evening of Thursday 6th July, a deanery-wide meeting was held in Brampton Methodist Church Hall to discuss the possible move towards the creation of one Mission Community out of the area covered by the Brampton Deanery, with the participation of the Church of England, the Methodist and United Reformed Churches. This was the third such meeting that had been held and its aim was to agree a resolution to be put before the steering group with a view to defining progress to be made during the course of the rest of this year and into 2024.

Currently, the Church of England in the Brampton Deanery is composed of three groups of parishes or benefices: the Esk parishes (Athuret, Nicholforest and Kirkandrews-on-Esk), Wetheral, Holme Eden and Scotby (the Eden Wild Goose Mission Community) and the Eden, Gelt and Irthing Parishes, centred on Brampton, which, together with the parishes in the Lanercost with Walton, Gilsland and Nether Denton benefice, make up the Irthing, Gelt and Eden Mission Community. The Team Rector of the Brampton parishes, also appointed as leader of the mentioned Mission Community, retired at Easter, and the leader of Eden Wild Goose is to retire in October this year. Hence, and for other practical reasons, the move, generated by the diocese, to create one Mission Community of the constituent churches of the mentioned denominations within the area covered by the Anglican deanery of Brampton.

The steering group charged with the task of putting the flesh on the bones is composed of the Rural Dean (Rev. Edward Johnson), the Deanery Lay Chair (Dr Chris Angus), representation from the Methodist and United Reformed Churches, at least one representative from each of the areas covered by the existing mission communities, the Archdeacon.

After reviewing the proposed resolution put before the meeting, suggested amendments requested by a group of parishes, occasioned by perceived flaws in the resolution proposed and a period of debate on the subject, the following was agreed (by 21 votes to 4) as a resolution to be put to the steering group:

**The members of the Brampton Deanery Synod, together with representatives of the Methodist and United Reformed Churches in the Brampton Deanery area:**

**(a) Commit, in principle, to consider moving to become a single mission community;**

**(b) Request the Steering Group to:**

**(i) Fully explore the issues that arise;**

**(ii) Propose and, in consultation with all local stakeholders (by this is meant PCCs and similar councils), consult on a plan to give effect to this; including any options that arise;**

**(iii) Bring back to this body a fully worked out proposal for consideration within six to nine months.**

*David Bamford*

*Deanery Synod Secretary*



Thank you to those who purchased tickets and came to the illustrated talk by David Bamford about his walk in 2022 over the Camino De Santiago in Spain. It was a most enjoyable and informative evening, held at Brampton Community Centre on 16th June 2023. Thanks to all those involved in arranging the event.

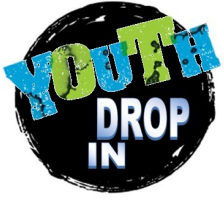
**£211 of funds were raised for Eden Valley Hospice.**

Many thanks to all those who came to the Gilsland Churchyard tidy-up day and to the “Spring Clean”.

St Mary Magdalene, Gilsland is looking very spruce indeed, both inside and out.



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Thank you for your help.



## Living with the Mystics

### Marguerite Porete

#### Biography

Marguerite was a 13<sup>th</sup> Century French Christian mystic, who anonymously published her book, 'The Mirror of Simple Souls', around 1300. Not much is known about her, except that she was associated with the Beguine movement, and therefore able to travel fairly freely. She undoubtedly had a high level of education and sophistication. She was burnt at the stake for heresy in 1310, after refusing to remove her book from circulation, or recant her views. Her vision of the soul is that it is in ecstatic union with God, moving in a state of perpetual joy and peace, and is above the demands of ordinary earthly virtue. This was at odds with the teachings and control of the earthly church.

#### The Mirror of Simple Souls

The author of this manuscript was not known to be Marguerite until 1946, following research by other mystics, including Evelyn Underhill. The format is largely a dialogue between characters such as Love, Reason, and the Soul. It describes the progress of the typical soul from the earlier stages of the spiritual life to its highest and rarest experiences. Her chief sources for the work seem to have been St. Augustine, Clement of Alexandria, Dionysius, and the Victorines. Her 'knowing' that the soul is free from any conditions, alone and at peace in God, therefore independent of judgment, and free from the pursuit of virtues and of any desires. She describes that the intensive mortification of the soul and spirit is God's action rather than the soul's endeavour, resulting in a deepening experience of union with God. Meditation of pure love involves the complete mindless emptying of self, having no desires at all, a total absorption in the nothingness of God.

*Bob Morley  
April 2023*

## The Soul as Love

*"Who are you, love?" says reason.  
"I am God" says Love.*

For Love has no shame, honour or fear;  
Although secure in itself, its doors are always open;  
It is beyond harm.  
It needs nothing outside of itself,  
No thought, word or work.  
As perfection, it has become the soul  
Which inhabits every form of life.

Mind and reason, however, are always half blind;  
They see or hear from outside themselves,  
Or from the senses in their doing.  
As the created self, they have required separation,  
Resulting in differences, identities and images.

But Love draws all matter into itself,  
Making One of all that has separated,  
Becoming forever new, and forever present.  
It is a free gift of divine Grace, without the need  
For any intermediary, worship or penance.

Meditation on the soul as pure love  
Has one intention; to love faithfully without reward.  
There is no need for fasting or prayer.  
Love has changed the soul into itself,  
Lacking nothing, for evermore.

The soul – the link of love between  
The created self and the eternal spirit.  
It has everything, yet has nothing.  
Knows everything, yet knows nothing.

*Bob Morley, March 2023*

*Italics: Quote from Marguerite Porete*



## 'He gave us eyes to see them': The Golden Fish by Paul Klee

A few years ago, I was sponsored by the Mothers' Union in my diocese to go 'swimming with sharks' at the Blue Planet Aquarium near Chester. The prospect seemed daunting, but it proved to be a magical, memorable experience. When I went down into the water, it was like entering a new world – somehow both alien and attractive at the same time. Manta rays swam lazily by, and small fish gathered at my feet, inquisitive and waiting to be massaged by falling stones from my hand. The magic of that water-world is caught vividly in this month's painting, 'The Golden Fish' by Paul Klee.

Paul Klee was a Swiss painter who lived in Germany until he was expelled in 1933. He died seven years later, but in his lifetime produced some 9000 works of art, each one displaying inventiveness and versatility. 'The Golden Fish,' painted in 1925, portrays a unique creature gliding serenely through its underwater kingdom. The gold scales, the red fins and the powerful eye provide a sharp contrast to the deep blue sea where other smaller fish are swimming to the edges of the canvas.



Is the artist showing us that secret, mysterious world that lies beneath the surface of the water, or is it simply an aquarium in his own house? Whichever it is, he is introducing us to a world that we, who live on the solid land beneath our feet, take for granted. Seventy-sevenths of our world is water, and our planet is really one gigantic aquarium. We can travel to the coasts of our island and see the great sea stretching out before us. It may bring to mind sandcastles and summer holidays, or a boat trip when the choppy waves made us feel queasy, or the memory of pirate stories about galleons and treasure, or the squawk of seagulls over our heads. Here in this painting, Paul Klee is telling us something of the nobility and wonder of this primeval element.

The opening pages of Scripture introduce us to the great waters of Creation, when the wind of God swept over the face of the deep, and separated the seas from the dry land. On the fifth day God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures,' and God saw that it was good. Rupert Brooke in his poem, 'Heaven,' imagines that world of fishes and sea creatures pondering what is beyond this element of water, just as we on land ponder the future of our world.

'Somewhere, beyond Space and Time,  
Is wetter water, slimier slime!  
And there (they trust) there swimmeth  
One Who swam ere rivers were begun,  
Immense, of fishy form and mind,  
Squamous, omnipotent and kind.  
And under that Almighty Fin  
The littlest fish may enter in...  
And in that Heaven of all their wish,  
There shall be no more land, say fish.'

Poet and painter invite us to ponder the majestic glory of this element of sea and ocean which is part of God's good creation. In 'The Golden Fish' we glimpse something of the wonder of life it contains and find ourselves echoing the psalmist in Psalm 104: 'Here is the immeasurable sea in which move creatures beyond number. Countless are the things thou hast made, O Lord. Thou hast made all by thy wisdom.'

### From the Registers

#### Lanercost

**Baptism** : 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Bruce William Higginson

**Funeral**: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023 John William McKenna

**Burial of ashes**: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Muriel Phinn (Sixt)

24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 Dulcie Hind

#### Gilsland

**Funeral and Burial**: 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023 T Graeme  
Hudspith

#### Walton

**Funeral and Burial**: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 Jill Smith

## Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is now more than 140 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

### Church of England awards £16.3 million for mission including outreach to young people

Apprentice youth workers, youth ministers, children and family workers, as well as chaplaincy aimed at students in further education, are to be funded as part of major awards to dioceses recently announced by the Church of England.

A total of £16.3 million has been awarded by the Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board to five programmes. The money will support parishes and clergy as they spread the Christian faith and increase the Church of England's engagement with young people.

The plans reflect the Church of England's goal of doubling the number of children and young active disciples in the Church of England by 2030. The aim is that churches more fully reflect the age and diversity of their communities.

## Lanercost CofE Primary

What an incredible year we have here in school! We have packed so much into this summer term that it is not easy to remember it all.

A highlight of our summer term has been an exploration of the Romans. This culminated in a



whole-school trip to Birdoswald where, despite the rain, KS2 walked from Gilsland up to the Roman fort and met EYFS and KS1 for a Roman picnic. The children were dressed in their Roman ware and enjoyed a tour from local historian Roy, or should I say, Rufus. In addition, the children could go to the dig site and see what the current archaeologists were discovering. As part of this learning, the children also ventured to Susan's Farm, where they prepared a Roman feast and made seven courses! It truly has been jam-packed with historical knowledge.



to enter the Cumberland show this year with prizes won for our King and Country pieces. Class 4 has also been busy creating three incredible art murals for Brampton Train Station. These will go up over the summer as part of the school's train adoption, and we can't wait to see them in all their glory. We intend to do an after-school open event for the pieces, to which we would love to invite the local community.

Reading always takes pride of place in our curriculum, and Liz Million, the author, came into school to show the children her excellent work. She showed them how to draw a cartoon person and animals made of different shapes. She was incredibly inspirational and hilarious at the same time. We have some budding illustrators at Lanercost.

Finally, another strength that has continued this year has been the dedication to sports across the school. From the cricket tournament, which we won and will take us to the County Final, to



playing at Brunton Park as part of girls, boys and mixed team footballers. Orienteering has also been a new addition to our sporting remit, and a small group of children had the opportunity to conquer mazes using their map-reading skills. This was a definite highlight!

One of the main focuses of our school is our community, and it has been wonderful to hold different events for the community this year at school with the children. Our Coronation Car Park Party was a great success, and it was a great honour to have so many of the community come and join us. Additionally, the community coffee morning at the Dacre Hall may have raised money with the children waiting and waitressing, but being part of this event was brilliant. One of the ways

we are giving back- you may have seen us out and about- is our bi-weekly litter collection on a Friday lunchtime. Our hope, as a



school, is to continue to invite our community in and for us to get out into Lanercost so that the school is a central part of our village.

Thank you to the community, the Lanercost family and our children, parents and staff for a wonderful year!



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## New Team Rector Appointed

The Bishop of Carlisle has appointed The Revd Canon Tricia Rogers, at present Priest in Charge in the Benefice of the Beacon Team Ministry, as Interim Team Rector of the Benefice of Eden, Gelt and Irthing. This appointment is subject to the usual legal checks.

The Licensing Service took place on 27th July at St Martin's Church, Brampton. Bishop James officiated.

## Lees Hill WI

Our last two meetings have been very sociable. In June we visited the lovely garden at the Tithe Barn in Laversdale, followed by afternoon tea, and this month we met for tea, cake and chat in Walton tea room. We do not have a meeting in August, so we are gathering again on September 20<sup>th</sup> when we look forward to learning how to do quilling with member Janet Langley.

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of the month at Walton and Lees Hill School at 7.30pm. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings and new members are also very welcome. Please contact Rose Riches, 016977 41201; [roseanddick04@talktalk.net](mailto:roseanddick04@talktalk.net) for more information.

## Update from Gilsland C E Primary School

We have almost reached the end of another academic year! The past two months have been packed full of events and learning experiences. Kingfisher Class went on residential at the end of May to Robinwood at Alston. The children had a wonderful time; they were very good at challenging themselves and taking risks with new things, from archery, raft building and zip wires to escape rooms, night lines and trapeze swings. The whole school has been travelling to Trinity Leisure Centre every Monday afternoon for swimming. You can see the progress that the children have made, from nursery right up to year 6!



Sports day was a roaring success- unless you ask some of the parents about a spot cheating in the adults' race! The children showed great teamwork in the bean bag toss, scooter relay and hockey dribbling. Every child was cheered on in the wheelbarrow, egg and spoon and three-legged race. Parents waited on the sidelines in faux-casual poses, then sprung into action when it was time for the adults' races. We all had a good laugh (mostly at their expense). It was all fun and games until some adults (who will remain nameless) jumped the gun on the final race.

We finished the year off with class trips. Owl Class went to Talkin Tarn and had the opportunity to do a morning of canoeing! They followed this with a picnic, a play at the park

and a delicious ice-cream. Kingfisher Class travelled to Windermere for a Stone Age to Iron Age day, which linked to the history topic for this term. They created an artefact timeline, crafted their own stone axes using the traditional methods, made copper art, became hunter gatherers AND built their own fires! As the academic year comes to a close, please can I just take the opportunity to thank all the parents and community members for their ongoing support. Being a village school comes with its challenges, but it is because of you all that we continue to grow and succeed. Have a safe and super summer.



The date for the next community lunch is **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 12.10pm.** This will be £6 per person, open to any members of the community and family members. Please contact the school to let us know if you'd like a place.  
016977 47302  
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## Regular Events

### Walton

WI 7.30 Walton Village Hall 1st Wednesdays of the month

Book Club every second Thursday of the month 7pm at the The Old Vicarage Brewery  
More information from Emma Brocklebank 01697 745 409

### Gilsland

( all activities in Gilsland Village Hall unless stated otherwise)

#### **Mondays**

Community Coffee Break 10.30 -12pm  
Gilsland Youth Club 6 - 8.30pm 47371

#### **Tuesdays**

G&G Knitting Group House of Meg 1pm -3pm 47361

Post office in Village Hall 1pm - 4pm

#### **Wednesdays**

Community Lunch at Gilsland School 12.30  
Monthly May 3rd, June 7th and July 11th  
Craft Group 1pm-4pm 47607

Yoga (Chair) 10.30, Adult Ballet, 6.15pm Hatha  
Flow Yoga 7.30pm

#### **Thursdays**

Post office in Village Hall 9.30 -12.30  
Coffee Break Methodist Chapel 10.30 -12 noon  
Vinyasa Flow Yoga 6pm -7pm

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Please send details of regular events to the editor if you would like them to be included in the next edition.

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Linda Warnes

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