



**The Parish Church of St James' Arnside with  
Storth Village Church  
Parish Newsletter for MAY 2024**



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*Letter from the VICAR*  
**THE PARSONAGE**  
**BEEETHAM**

*Dear friends,*

Over the last few years around Easter the BBC has produced a programme called ‘Pilgrimage’ which invites people (admittedly some more well-known than others) from different walks of life and sends them on a pilgrimage to well-known Christian sites around Europe. Whereas in previous years pilgrims have journeyed to Santiago de Compostela, Rome and Fatima, this year the producers invited the celebrities to journey along the Pilgrim’s Way in North Wales. A route beginning in Holywell at the well of St Winifred (a Welsh Christian martyr of the seventh century) and then travelling east to Bardsey Island, the so-called ‘island of twenty-thousand saints’.

What makes the programme so fascinating is the window it shines on the spirituality and faith of the pilgrims, who intentionally represent a variety of religious (and non-religious) perspectives. Naturally, this leads to some interesting and diverse conversations, and yet – watching the programme – it is fascinating to see the pilgrims’ openness of heart and mind to seeing where the journey will take them, setting aside time for conversations with each other, but also often with God.

In the earliest days of the Church, as we are reminded in the Acts of the Apostles, those who came (eventually) to call themselves Christians, were initially known

as those who ‘belonged’ or who ‘followed’ ‘*The Way*’. From the very beginning there was a sense that the Christian community understood itself to be part of something that was dynamic and unpredictable and, quite literally, ‘on the move’. They recognised that to live one’s life in responses to the promises of God, and particularly, the good news that the early Church proclaimed had been seen so clearly in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, was to join a movement. A movement that in centuries past, and still today, has the power to bring about transformation, that changes lives and, in doing so, changes the world.

The ability of the Christian community, in every place and time, to do this isn’t based on its material success, status or social pre-eminence (even if sometimes the Church has wrongly prioritised these things), but rather on the hope it seeks to live out of and the message it has been commissioned to proclaim. In the stories we find in the gospels of the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus, we are reminded repeatedly that those he encountered didn’t naturally find it hard to believe what they were seeing. Whether it’s the women at the empty tomb, the bewildered travellers on the road to Emmaus, or the disciples cowering behind locked doors in Jerusalem, the Bible doesn’t

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shy away from showing us that believing is sometimes difficult. And that, whatever our age or stage of life, the secret of faith is a willingness to open out hearts to the possibility of what God can, will and does do.

The Victorian writer, G.K. Chesterton, commenting on the ups and downs of Christian history, once wrote:

*‘Christendom has had a series of revolutions and in each one of them Christianity has died. Christianity has died many times and risen again; for it had a God who knew the way out of the grave.’*

I pray that as you journey through the month ahead, you may know God’s guidance and grace, know the joy of his risen presence, and so find faith to continue, or perhaps to start, walking in his way.

With every good wish and prayer,  
As ever,

***Send us out in  
the power of  
your Spirit to live  
and work to your  
praise and glory.***



## Vicar’s Sunday Notes

If you do not receive Andrew’s weekly email with church information, please do let him know and he will add you to the list.

### Pew Sheet:

If anyone has any news/notices (including prompts for prayer and those who are sick) to be included on the weekly Pew Sheet, please let Andrew know during the week (before Thursday).

**Andrew’s email is:**

**revdabn@gmail.com**

## JUNIOR CHURCH

We give thanks for the establishment and running of Junior Church. Anyone who might be interested in joining the team of helpers, both in terms of providing some extra help as well as growing that team of volunteers, please speak to Hannah or Andrew.

### NEW BUS TIMETABLE

#### Kendal 552

Monday to Saturday 9.31 am  
return leaves Kendal 13.15 pm

#### Morecambe 550

Tuesdays 9.31 am  
return leaves Morecambe  
at 13.15 pm

#### Kirkby Lonsdale 99

School days only - 7.47 am  
(no return time on notice)

### DEADLINE FOR JUNE

**NEWSLETTER Monday 13th May.**

**email:** sandy.felton@btopenworld.com

**If you would like a copy of this newsletter by email please contact me on email address above.**







## READERS AND READINGS FOR MAY

### Sunday 5th May

#### (6th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 10: 44-48 - Mrs J Mitchell

I John 5: 1-6 - Mrs J Bratt

John 15: 9-17

### Sunday 12th May

#### (7th Sunday of Easter)

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26 - Mrs S Swire

1 John 5: 9-13- Mrs Y Service

John 17:6-19

### Sunday 19th May

#### (Pentecost Whit Sunday)

Acts 2: 1-21 - Mrs H Leach

Romans 8: 22-27 - Mr A Mitchell

John 15: 26-27, 16.4b-15

### Sunday 26th

#### (Trinity Sunday)

Isaiah 6: 1-8 - Mr T Bradford

Romans 8: 12-17 - Mrs S Comer

John 3: 1-17

## THE GOSPEL IS READ BY THE VICAR



(If you would like a clearer understanding of a passage you are reading, Andrew or Ian will be happy to discuss it with you).

## PRAYER LEADERS FOR MAY

### Sunday 5th May

Mrs L Smith

### Sunday 12th May

Mrs S Woodburn

### Sunday 19th May

Ms A Dean

### Sunday 26th May

Mrs S Humphery



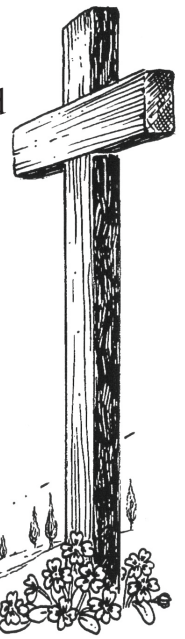
## READERS/INTERCESSION LEADERS

*Note: If you are going to be away on holiday the following month can you email Sandy before the deadline date for that month's issue, so you are not put on the rota. If you are down on the rota and for any reason cannot do that slot please arrange an exchange with someone yourself and alter the list in the church room. Thanks.*

## REST AND RESET

An opportunity to pray and reflect through Christian meditation, with words, silence and music.

**Tuesday 7th May,  
6.15-7.00pm, at  
St James'**





# FROM OUR SCHOOLS

**Arnside National School**  
**Headteacher, Mr N. Sharp**



As the summer term approaches, you can't but reflect on how fast the academic year has flown. Our older pupils have had their secondary school choices confirmed and the final few months is the perfect chance to fluff their feathers before flying the primary nest. But before the excitement of transition, there is a term packed with exciting lessons, activities, residentials and performances. A perfect way to end.

The Easter term culminated in a wonderful 'Stations of the Cross' walk. Ian Service, Chair of Governors, proudly led the whole school around the village, linking the Catholic and Methodist Churches together and finishing at St James'. At each station, the pupils retold and reflected on different aspects of the Easter journey, accompanied by a reading and song. Thank you to all involved and especially our friends from the Catholic and Methodist Churches who made us feel so welcome. The day was finished with a special Celebration Worship in St James' where end of term awards were presented and pupils' personal achievements were praised and celebrated. This regular event is a fantastic opportunity to highlight the vast array of successes and accomplishments outside school – the pupils are amazingly multi-talented!

The Year 3 & 4 residential to Ingleton was a huge success and the intrepid explorers explored, walked, climbed, and caved their way through the Yorkshire Dales. After trips away from home, it's wonderful to see the pupils walk that little bit taller; the journey towards independence is certainly a unforgettable one for both the pupils and adults. I would like to extend a huge thank you to staff, parents and volunteers that gave up their time to plan, assist and deliver a memorable few days away.

The whole school recently celebrated a special Science Day which involved the classes testing and experimenting the hypothesis, 'Do taller pupils run faster?' After a fascinating day collating evidence and scrutinising results, the pupils gathered in the hall to conclude the activity. In many cases, height was a contributing factor, but it was decided that there were more important aspects which could make a difference. Performing simple 'fair tests' is a fundamental component of the science curriculum, and it underpins much of the fascinating, practical work in school.

*"The important thing is to never stop questioning."* Albert Einstein

Excitement is building as we prepare to open our new baby and toddler group in school, 'Bush Babies'. Sessions will be taking place in school every Friday, 9.30 – 11.00am and are open to pre-nursery aged children and their parents / carers. Thank you to Sarah Millar and the team for their effort and commitment to developing a wonderful resource for the school community.

We will soon be welcoming in representatives from the RNLI to learn about water safety and celebrate the vital work of the volunteers that help keep us all safe. 'Stormy Stan' will hopefully be making an appearance, and we may even partake in a bit of welly wanging as part of the fun. You could never say school days are dull and boring!

*Take care, Mr Sharp*



## ARNSIDE HELPWAYS TRANSPORT

This scheme is run by volunteer local drivers. It helps those unable to drive to attend medical appointments locally. It covers Arnside, Milnthorpe, Grange, Carnforth, Kendal, Lancaster and, occasionally, Barrow, Blackpool and Preston. There is a modest, not for profit, charge for each journey. If you require transport, please telephone 07534 660667 and wait for the recorded message. Please leave the information requested and the driver will call you as soon as possible to make arrangements. **Please give at least 2 days' notice** and avoid calls on Sundays if possible.

We are always looking for new drivers. If you are interested, please contact the Secretary, David Gee at wood.edge@btinternet.com (**address not to be used for requesting transport**) and he will send you a short application form. There is no minimum commitment, and you are not likely to be called upon more than once or twice a month.

## The Way



Come, still your hearts, let troubles go  
For you believe in Me,  
And I am with you, I will show  
The way ahead of thee.

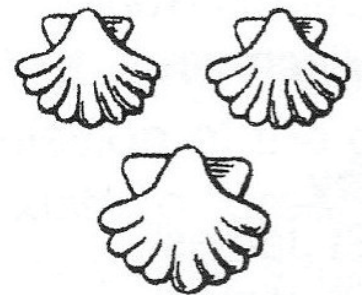
My Father's house has many rooms  
You know my words are so!  
My Spirit and my Word illumines  
The way that you shall go.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life  
Believe and you shall see  
The way through tempest and through strife  
To My eternity.

By Nigel Beeton

## Annual Parochial Church Meeting

This will be held on **Wednesday 1st May** at 6.30pm in Church where we come together to elect the church officers (Churchwardens, PCC members, Deanery Synod representatives) for the coming year.



The APCM will be preceded, as is customary over the coming weeks, by the review of the Electoral Roll so if you are not already on the roll, do please consider joining. There are forms available at the back of church.



**MONTHLY  
MANNA**  
Friday  
3rd May  
12.15pm - 1.30pm  
St James' Vestry

An opportunity from Arnside Christians Together for conversation, reflection and fellowship as we share in eating lunch together (hot drinks provided).



### Deanery Ascension Day Service

The Deanery will gather together, as has become tradition, to celebrate Ascension Day (the fortieth day of Easter) at **St Patrick's Preston Patrick.**

The preacher will be the Dean of Carlisle, The Very Reverend Jonathan Brewster. All are welcome!

**Thursday 9th May, 7.30pm at St Patrick's Preston Patrick**

### Thinking Ecumenically

An afternoon with Canon Jeremy Morris (National Ecumenical Adviser for the Church of England).

Join us as we explore the history & theology of the modern ecumenical movement, and share insights from those ministering in the ecumenical county of Cumbria.

**Monday 13th May, 1.30-4.30pm, St Thomas' Kendal.**

### Last Night of the Proms Concert with Unity Brass

A concert of music recreating the Last Night of the Proms with The Unity Brass Band of The Salvation Army.

**Saturday 18th May, 6.45pm, Arnside Methodist Church**

**ARNSIDE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**MONDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP**  
*Meetings are held from 2pm to 4pm.*  
**1st and 3rd Mondays of each month**

**RNLI 200: Cross Bay Walk**  
Saturday 18th May,  
1:30pm Arnside LA5 0HD  
Adults £15, Under 16's £8  
For more details please email  
Hannah\_Presgrave@rnli.org.uk  
Or see posters in Arnside Village.

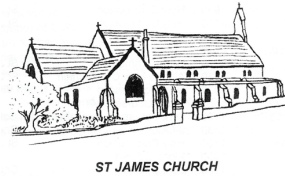
**ARNSIDE ARCHIVE GROUP**  
**Coffee Morning and Pop-Up exhibition**  
in preparation for our autumn exhibition  
**"The Families who Made Arnside"**  
We want to hear about families who have helped make Arnside such a special place. £2 incl. coffee/biscuits.  
**Saturday 25th MAY**  
**10AM TO 12.00 NOON**

**Christian Aid Week and Christian Aid Big Breakfast**  
**Christian Aid Week takes place between 12th-18th May.**  
An opportunity for us to remember the work of this important charity and to support its work. Once again, Arnside Christians Together are organising a Big Breakfast to be held on **Saturday 11th May, 9.30-11.00am,** at Arnside Methodist Church Hall.  
We are hoping to invite donations (small and large) to cover the cost of buying everything we need for breakfast so that the Breakfast can raise as much money for the work of Christian Aid as we can. We will also need some helpers, so look out for more information in the pew sheets/church.





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of  
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ST JAMES CHURCH



**MAY 2024**

**Sunday 5th May (The Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 Parish Communion with Junior Church

**Sunday 12th May (The Seventh Sunday of Easter)**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 All Age Parish Worship



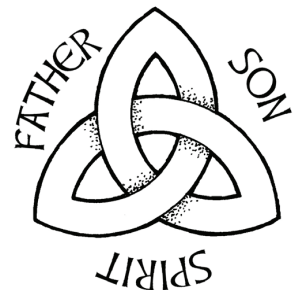
**Pentecost**

**Sunday 19th May (Pentecost)**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 Parish Communion with Junior Church

**Sunday 26th May (Trinity Sunday)**

- 08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)
- 09.30 Parish Communion with Junior Church



***Every Wednesday 8.15am Morning Prayer***  
***Every Wednesday during term time: School Church 9.00am***  
***Evensong at St Michael and All Angels,***  
***Beetham, each Sunday at 6.00pm***



Messy Church at  
Arnside Methodist  
Church, Friday,  
10th May 3.30pm to  
5.30pm



**God  
for All**