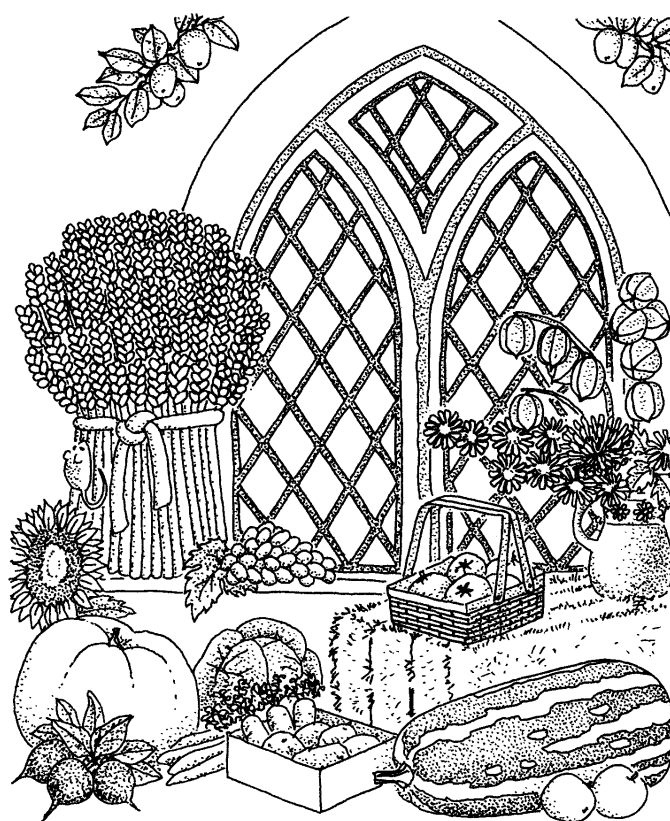




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ST JAMES CHURCH

Letter from the Parsonage, Beetham

Dear friends,

One of the many gifts that the Christian year gives us is a rhythm and pattern for the changing of the seasons. An opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate God's involvement and interest in all parts of life, our everyday tasks and our daily business – however mundane or ordinary they might seem. There is nothing – so the scriptures tell us – that is off limits to the care and concern of the Almighty, and whilst this can often be a difficult thing for us to fathom, it offers the promise of hope and assurance as we face the joys and sorrows that life offers. As we read in the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes, *'For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven'*.

This awareness of God's provision is perhaps best captured, at least in the popular imagination, by the autumnal celebrations of Harvest. The time in the year where we, with prayerful intention and thanksgiving, are encouraged and given opportunity to give thanks for all the good things that surround us. For many of us this pattern of gratitude, as the days get shorter and the colder weather begins arrives, will have been established from an early age.

The concept of 'Harvest Festival' still something that holds a prominent place in our

imagination, regardless of whether we live in town our country, village or city.

Indeed, aside from Christmas and Easter, perhaps my most formative experiences of 'going to church' as a child were the traditions associated with both 'bringing in' and 'giving thanks' for the Harvest. Not least the annual tradition of putting together a box of fresh fruit and vegetables at home that would duly be presented at the altar on Harvest Sunday. The tangible, and very real, reminder that – whilst it is easy to forget – it is from God that all good things come.

Although, with the passing of years, the nature of our celebrations might have changed, and methods of harvest and food sourcing and production have dramatically altered. It is still good, in a world of technological advancement and rampant consumerism, to have opportunity to remember and pray for all those on whom we depend for our daily bread. All those involved in a myriad of different ways, from farm to fork, of ensuring that our needs are supplied, whilst praying too that the earth's bounty, riches and resources might be more equitably shared and distributed.

This, of course, is something that we are aware of both on a global, national and local scale. The effects of climate change in shaping the suitability of crops and its impact on the mass movement of peoples numbers trapped by poverty across the

world, the despairing rise in the charitable endeavours locally that seek to support those in need of practical help and nourishment. Harvest-time brings the recognition, if any further prompt was needed, that much more work is needed if we are to live in a world where every human life, made in the image of God, is accorded equal value and worth. As Mahatma Gandhi once, memorably, remarked: 'The world has enough for everyone's need, but not enough for everyone's greed'.

This vision, of course, is part and parcel of what Jesus in the gospels called 'the Kingdom of God' – not a defined place or location, but a reality in which we are all invited to live, in which no-one can be forgotten and where all can find a welcome. It is this Kingdom that we pray for as we look to give thanks this harvest-time, a Kingdom of justice and righteousness, of peace and equity, of compassionate service and restored relationships, of liberty and love.

With every good wish and prayer for God's blessing, As ever,

Andrew



Harvest Festival 2025

As well as our support for The Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal, we are also encouraging physical donations of food for our usual Harvest charities:

Lancaster & District Homeless Action

Manna House, Kendal

Springfield House, Kendal

We would be very grateful for anything you might be able to give.

Thank you very much for your support and generosity!

REST & RESET

Christian meditation

A moment to press pause II

📍 *St James Church Arnsdale*

6:15 - 7:00PM

JUN	SEPT	NOV
TUES 3 RD	TUES 2 ND	TUES 4 TH



Contact 📧 revhannahwallace@gmail.com ☎ 01524 449 035

REST & RESTORE

A time of prayer for healing & wholeness

📍 *St James Church Arnsdale*

6:15 - 7:00PM

MAY	JUL	OCT	DEC
TUES 6 TH	TUES 1 ST	TUES 7 TH	TUES 2 ND



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FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Arnside National School
Headteacher, Mr N. Sharp



The start of a new school year is full of mixed emotions as the pupils start a fresh adventure in their new classes. The endless tales of summer fun are a joy to listen to and it never ceases to amaze me how the pupils have grown and matured through their holiday experiences. Baby faced infants reach the dizzy heights of the juniors and our Year 6 pupils' thoughts gradually turn towards secondary transfer. Another exciting year begins...

Ask any child or member of the school community what our school vision is and they will proudly tell you: 'Let all that you do be done in Love.' 1 Corinthians 16:14. Love in all its many forms, provides the bedrock of our work in school and it certainly ensures the pupils flourish throughout their time at Arnside School. Our Ethos Team do a fantastic job promoting the vision and they are looking forward to planning a range of events and activities for the year ahead. An ongoing focus will be raising money to support our sponsored Bangladeshi friend, Dipto, through the charity Compassion.

"Helping one person might not change the world but it could change the world for one person." Unknown.

Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful day at the Westmorland County Show and were eager to visit the numerous stands and exhibits. The excitement included an interactive VR session with the Fire Service, exploring the Bay Search and Rescue vehicles, meeting Police officers and the dog team, (furry friends included) all whilst keeping a watchful eye on the sheep, pig and cattle judging. A traditional country show in all of its full glory and a huge thank you to the organisers for their kind offer of free entry. Our Learning for Life display in the education tent was a brilliant display of pupils' art and craft and I would like to extend a thank you to Mr & Mrs Service for their help and support setting it all up.

Our local area provides the most amazing resources for enriching the curriculum and by teaching through the outdoors, pupil develop a deep understanding, love and respect for their environment. In partnership with the National Trust, all the classes enjoyed a ½ day session on Arnside Knott learning, playing, exploring and enjoying nature in all its autumn glory. Nancy and the team were outstanding and we are very grateful for their hard work and support. Our Eco Club is also fired up for the year ahead and their plans include further development of the nature garden, seed planting, and revisiting the verges project. The recently voted in School Council have Fairtrade fortnight to focus their efforts on and the lip-smacking possibility of organising a Fairtrade chocolate tuck shop.

Mrs Henneberry is filling the sporting diary at a rapid rate and we were thrilled to start the year with another action-packed wheelchair basketball day. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed a day of fast-paced wheelchair action and coach Nat was very impressed by the pupils' drive and sporting conduct. Activ8 continue to provide Martial arts classes which teach pupils basic self-defence techniques whilst promoting discipline, respect and confidence. With cross country

on the horizon, it looks set to be a fun filled, energetic and muddy autumn! In the next few weeks, Year 6 will also be completing their Bikeability training and learning how to ride safely on the road; a vital step towards a safer, journey to school. On **Wednesday 8th October**, we will be celebrating our annual Harvest Festival and all are invited to attend. It's a wonderful opportunity to share our celebration with the local community and we look forward to singing, celebrating, learning and reflecting together.

Take care, Mr Sharp



for *anyone* bereaved *anytime*

7 sessions of films
and discussion

Topics include:

- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
- Anger and guilt
- Coping with others' reactions
- Delayed and suppressed grief
- Adjusting to change
- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions – a Christian perspective (optional last session)

To find out more visit –
thebereavementjourney.org

St Thomas' Church
Milnthorpe

Thursdays
1 - 3pm

2, 9, 16, 23, 30 Oct
6, 13 Nov

Booking is necessary.

For more info &/or to book,
contact Lesley -
dianalesley@btinternet.com
01524 951566



'Yet he gave a command to the skies above and opened the doors of the heavens; he rained down manna for the people to eat, he gave them the grain of heaven.'



An opportunity to join together for food,
conversation and fellowship; sharing questions
and insights around the Christian faith.



Friday 3rd October
Friday 7th November
Friday 5th December

12.15 - 1.30 p.m.

St James' Church,
Church Hill

Bring some lunch, drinks provided.

All are welcome

ARNSIDE CHORAL SOCIETY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Arnside Choral Society will be opening the doors of the WI hall and welcoming new members from September on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. Come and get involved with your local choir, all voices welcome, no audition or need to read music just an enthusiasm for signing and a chance to join in the Christmas concert at the lovely St James' church contact

secretary@arnsidechoralsociety.co.uk



An eight-session course helping us
explore the world's bestseller...

Wednesday

8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th November

12.30 - 2.30pm

Arnside Methodist Church Hall

An opportunity to learn more about the Bible
(journeying from Genesis to Revelation)
in conversation and company with others.

Please, if you would like to, bring some lunch!



Fairtrade
refreshments
will be served.



The Bible Course
has been prepared by
The Bible Society.

READERS/

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 5th October
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 -
Mr T Bradford
Philippians 4: 4-9 -
Mrs H Leach
John 6: 25-35

Sunday 12th October
(17th Sunday after Trinity)
2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15
- Mr A Mitchell
2 Timothy 2: 8-15 -
Mrs S Comer
Luke 17: 11-19

Sunday 19th October
(18th Sunday after Trinity)
Genesis 32: 22-31- S.Felton
2 Timothy 3: 14 - 4.5 - S. Felton
Luke 18: 1-8

Sunday 26th October
(Last Sunday after Trinity)
Ecclesiasticus 35: 12-17 -
Mrs J Bratt
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18 -
Mr M Crabtree
Luke 18: 9-14
The Gospel is read by the
Vicar.

INTERCESSORS

Sunday 5th October
Mrs L Smith
Sunday 12th October
To be confirmed
Sunday 19th October
Mrs S E Felton
Sunday 26th October
Mrs S Woodburn

SIDESPERSIONS

Sun. 5th October
Mr S Smith
Sunday 12th October
Mr R Hamer
Sunday 19th October
Mrs A Jackson/Mr G Chatham
Sunday 26th October
Miss A Dean

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).

**what's
ON**



A TASTE OF COFFEE

**Saturday
4th Oct.**

**Arnside
Methodist Church
LA5 0AQ**

10:30am

An opportunity to try a range of Fairtrade coffees and learn how choosing Fairtrade supports farmers, fair wages, and ethical production. Come taste, learn, and make a difference!



Fairtrade tea available on request



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THE WAY WE WERE

Autumn Exhibition

Saturday 11th October 2025

10am to 4pm

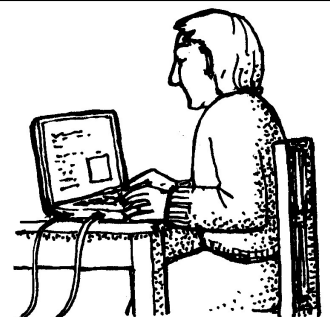
Arnside Educational Institute

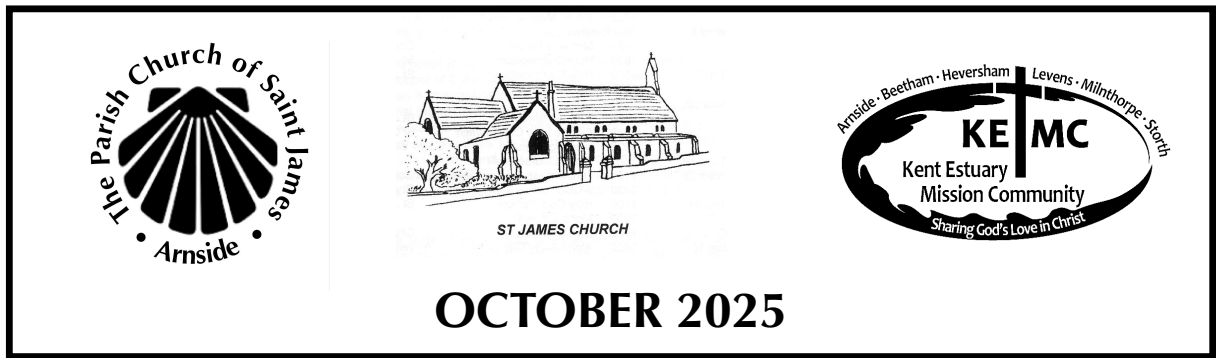
Entry £3 including refreshments provided by



DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 15th October - send
submissions to sandy.felton@btopenworld.com





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09.30 Parish Communion

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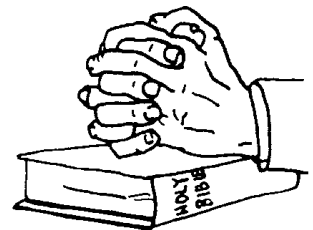
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09.30 Parish Communion

Sunday 26th October (Bible Sunday))

08.00 Holy Communion (BCP)

09.30 Morning Praise - Service of the Word



Junior Church at 9.30am Parish Communions

Every Wednesday 8.15am Morning Prayer

Every Wednesday during term time: School Church 9.10am

Evensong at St Michael and All Angels, Beetham, each Sunday at 6.00pm



FRIDAY 10th October at Arnside

Methodist Church,

3.30pm to 5.30pm.