

The Parish Church of St James, Arnside *with* Storth
part of The Kent Estuary Mission Community in The Diocese of Carlisle

Parish Newsletter

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**Letter from the Curate.
The Vicarage,
Church Hill, Arnside**

Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us? Luke 24.32

HAPPY EASTER!!

Whether you're reading this on 6th or 26th of this month, I do hope that you're still living in the joy of the celebrations of Easter Sunday! I hope and pray that the brightness of the day can linger as we return to the rhythms and responsibilities of daily life. For Easter is not just a day – it's a season. And more than that – it's a way of being.

Christians believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus was the totally life-changing, life-saving act of God that gives us never-ending hope, light and love. Pope Benedict XVI explains it like this:

The resurrection is not the end of the story, but the beginning of a new life.

Therefore, the people of God's Church are often called an Easter people – a people who sing *Hallelujah* not just on Easter Sunday, or even just on any Sunday, but each day of their lives. To be an Easter people is to recognise that the resurrection is not simply something that happened to Jesus, but something that continues to shape us. It calls us forward, sends us out, and makes us pilgrims.

The image of pilgrimage has been quite strong over the last month as we've seen the launch and blessing of the Kent Estuary *Pilgrim Way** and as the children in our local schools have been singing a new song entitled *The Pilgrim Way*** in their Collective Worship times. It's a very helpful image no matter where we find ourselves. Pilgrims are people on the move - not staying where they began and not yet where they will finally arrive. They travel with purpose, often through uncertainty, sometimes through difficulty, but always with hope. And crucially, they do not journey alone.

A few days after Jesus' death, some of his followers were walking the road to the village of

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Emmaus wondering why Jesus had died (no social media in those days to instantly spread the word of the resurrection!)... only to discover that Jesus had been with them on the road all along. Their hearts had been warmed (see verse above) and their journey was transformed from confusion to joy, from despair to hope. In light of recognising him, they did not stay still - they returned to others, with urgency and gladness, to share the Good News.

And so it is with us. We are invited, this Easter season, to continue the journey - to

walk in the light and deep-rooted joy of the resurrection, even when the path ahead may be uncertain or difficult. We walk knowing that Christ walks with us. When we trust that, we can walk with a hopeful stride – journeying together in faith and love – encouraging others and sharing as we travel.

With Easter framing our picture, may we be people who notice the signs of God’s new life around us this season - in creation, in one another, and in ourselves – walking in the pilgrim way.

*With love & prayer
Hannah*

*Copies of the route book are available from church at the very reasonable price of £6. Do be in touch if you’d like one.

**Just google *The Pilgrim Way Songs for Schools* and you’ll find it, but – be warned – your feet might start moving! (Other search engines are available.)

REST & RESET
Christian meditation
A moment to press pause II
St James Church Arnside
6:15 - 7:00PM

2026 Dates

JAN	MAR	MAY	JUL
TUES 6 TH	TUES 3 RD	TUES 5 TH	TUES 7 TH

Contact: revhannahwallace@gmail.com 01524 449 035

REST & RESTORE
A time of prayer for healing & wholeness
St James Church Arnside
6:15 - 7:00PM

FEB	APR	JUN
TUES 10 TH	TUES 14 TH	TUES 2 ND

**Deadline for May
Parish Newsletter:**



Friday 17th April

please send submissions to
sandy.felton@btopenworld.com
For issue on Sunday 26th April

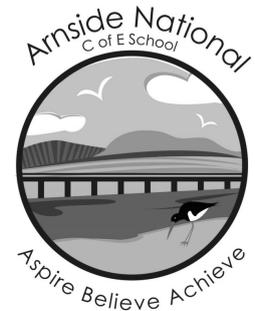
The Bereavement Journey

For anyone bereaved anytime
Seven sessions of films and discussion.
St Thomas’ Church, Milnthorpe
Tuesdays 7-9pm
14, 21, 28th April
5, 12, 19, 26th May
Booking necessary - contact
dianalesley@btinternet.com
01524 951566

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Arnside National CofE School

Headteacher: Mr Nick Sharp



We often use the term, 'time flies' without thinking but I'm really not sure where on earth the Spring Term disappeared to. With the infectious mixture of fun & smiles, and the thrills & spills of learning, observing the pupils embrace their school journey is one of the great delights of school life. The joy of Easter brings a whole host of reflective activities and the pupils are especially looking forward to their 'Stations of the Cross' walk between the churches of Arnside. Coupled with an egg decoration competition and the much anticipated egg rolling festival, the end of term looks set to be an exciting one. Our open door policy extends to the village community and we will be holding our end of term Celebration Worship in St James' on Friday 27th March at 9.15am. If you fancy a cuppa and want to help us celebrate, why not pop along and join the fun?

Our termly charity focus is Red Nose Day and the pupils are looking forward to a 'wear something wacky' day in exchange for a small donation. After being inspired by some recent correspondence, The Ethos Team's Easter competitions will hopefully help contribute towards the regular sponsorship of Dipto, our Bangladeshi friend. Instilling a sense of empathy and compassion from an early age is a fundamental part of our school vision and the pupils are always looking for opportunities to help others.

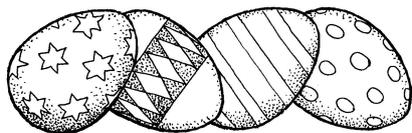
"If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path." Gautam Buddha.

Our amazing FOANS group continue to work tirelessly to support the school and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed a super Love themed disco to end the half term. Earlier in the term, school held a DIY SOS 'Spruce Up' morning in school where staff and parents / carers joined forces to help with a range of jobs including railing painting, power washing, window cleaning, planting and even a bit of shed felting. We certainly demonstrated 'many hands make light work' and it was a highly successful and productive few hours. A huge thank you to all who gave us their time to help and support – the midday chips from chippy Dave were certainly the icing on the cake.

Our intrepid cross country runners were once again in action and it was Dallam School who hosted the local cluster competition. 30+ Arnside pupils ran their hearts out and enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of sporting success. Well done to all who took part. Mr Hoare, sporting legend, organised a wonderful intra-school Dodgeball competition held in the WI hall. The fast-paced game is a hugely popular sport and the pupils love the thrill of throwing and dodging at the same time! Also in the pipeline is a hotly anticipated local derby Football match against Storth School - a wonderful opportunity to embrace the competitive nature of sport in a safe and respectful environment.

Tooth brush – check, pyjamas – check, midnight snacks – double check! It must be residential time... Our Year 3 & 4 pupils are extremely excited at the prospect of heading to Ingleton YHA for 2 days of fun and excitement. For many of our younger pupils it will be their first trip away from the comfort of home which is why our carefully designed

curriculum builds the skills of confidence, resilience and independence gradually. Pupils will be scaling climbing walls, entering the depths of caves, walking alongside waterfalls and exploring the wonderful Yorkshire landscape. Priceless opportunities where friendships are forged, barriers are overcome, and fears are conquered – golden moments and lifelong memories.



Join Arnside Christians Together in celebrating...

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

8.00am - Palm Sunday Holy Communion at St James' Church
 9.30am - The Liturgy of Palm Sunday *(with distribution of palms and reading of Passion)* at St James' Church
 10.30am - Morning Worship at Arnside Methodist Church
 10.30am - Morning Worship at Storth Village Church

Monday 30th March - Monday of Holy Week

7.00pm - Evening Prayer at Arnside Methodist Church

Tuesday 31st March - Tuesday of Holy Week

7.00pm - Evening Prayer at St James' Church

Wednesday 1st April - Wednesday of Holy Week

7.00pm - Evening Prayer at Arnside Methodist Church

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

6.00pm - Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday *(with foot washing)* at Storth Village Church

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

10.00am - The Good Friday Way of the Cross - *beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes*

7.00pm - Good Friday Meditation *(reflective service)* at St James' Church

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

6.30am - Sunrise Service on Arnside Knott - *meet at 5.50am at the top shop*

8.00am - Holy Communion for Easter Day at St James' Church

9.30am - Parish Family Communion for Easter Day at St James' Church

10.30am - Morning Worship *(with Holy Communion)* at Arnside Methodist Church

10.30am - Morning Worship *(with Holy Communion)* at Storth Village Church

11.00am - Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes, Roman Catholic Church



PRAYER FOR NEW BISHOP OF PENRITH

Rev Canon Dr Michael Leyden

Loving God,

We pray for the ministry and mission of Our Suffragan Bishop of Penrith Elect. May you bless and guide Michael Leyden as he prepares for consecration in April. Give him wisdom, courage and happiness as he prepares to take up this role and bless Michael's family and friends as they support him.

Amen

Enjoy your Easter activities, Mr Sharp

Adult Learning

Android Smartphone for Beginners



Thursday 4th June

1.00 – 3.00pm

3 weeks

St. Thomas Church,
Milnthorpe

FREE

Led by Dawn, our fully qualified
Digital tutor

This course will cover the following topics:

- How to be able to connect to Wi-Fi and access the internet.
- How to access your emails on your smartphone.
- Alter basic settings and download Apps.
- Be aware of updates and how to update your phone.
- How to use the camera on your smartphone

To book a place please visit our website at:

www.adultlearningcumbria.org/kendal-adult-learning

Or: 01539 713257 or 07966116905

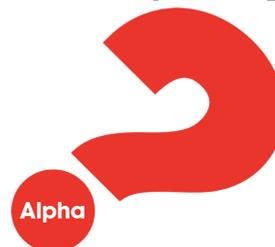
Or: email: Kendaladultlearning@westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk



Questions about life & faith?

Keen to explore more, and ask questions, about Christianity?

Then try the **Alpha Course**
www.alpha.org

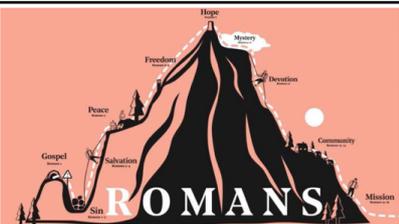


// Fridays, 11.30am – 1.30pm
 // from 17th April for 11 weeks
 // at St James' Church, Arnside
 // Free lunch

// Contact Hannah to find out more:
revhannahwallace@gmail.com



What's on...

Discover your place in God's story...

Wednesday 25th February,
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th March
1st, 15th, 22nd, 29th April & 6th May
Arnside Methodist Church Hall
12.30-2.00pm

A chance for us to learn (over ten weeks, during Lent and then after Easter) from the Bible together as we explore Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans, one of the most influential and significant letters ever written.

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



Fairtrade refreshments will be served.



The Romans Course has been prepared by The Bible Society.

You're invited to a Big Brunch!

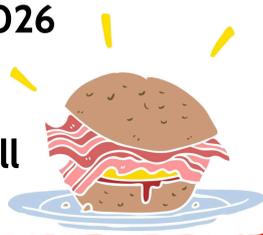




Do want to help change the world?
Then come along and tuck in at our Big Brunch, in support of Christian Aid, helping to fund its work in fighting poverty and injustice across the world.

Saturday 16th May 2026
11.00am - 1.00pm

Methodist Church Hall
(Chapel Lane, Arnside)



Can you complete the Arnside Easter Trail?






FREE FUN
for everyone!



Booklets available at Londis



Running between
Friday 20th March - Sunday 12th April



Complete between
9am-5pm to get a PRIZE
(courtesy of Bullough's Londis)



PLUS the chance to win a voucher for:
Arnside Chip Shop
JJ Crossfield's





Service of Celebration in Thanksgiving for the Twentieth Anniversary of Storth Village Church

Sunday 26th April
at 10.30am
followed by
Anniversary Lunch
(two courses)
at Storth Village Hall

The lunch will cost **£15.00** per person
if you would like to attend the lunch, please fill in one of the forms available at the back of church

All are welcome

Rotas - readers, intercessors, sidespersons

READERS

Sunday 5th April
Easter Day



Acts 10: 34-43 — Mr S Smith
Colossians 3: 1-4 — Mrs S E Felton
John 20: 1-18

Sunday 12th April

First Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 - Mrs J Bratt
I Peter 1: 3-9 - Mrs Y Service
John 20: 19-end

Sunday 19th April

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 — Mrs S Comer
I Peter 1: 17-23 — Mr A Mitchell
Luke 24: 13-35

Sunday 26th April

Fourth Sunday of Easter

*United Service to celebrate the 20th
Anniversary of Storth Village Church at
10.30am at Storth Village Church
(with Bishop of Carlisle)*

The Gospel is read by the Vicar

Rejoice!

INTERCESSORS

5th April

Mrs L Smith

12th April

Mrs S E Felton

19th April

Mrs S Woodburn

26th April

United Service at Storth Church

SIDESPERSIONS

5th April

Mr S Smith

12th April

Mrs S Jackson/
Mr G Chatham

19th April

Mrs S Comer

26th April

United Service at Storth

Weekly Parish E-mail

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

'Sundays News' 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.



Services during April 2026

Thursday 2nd April (*Maundy Thursday*)

6.00pm - The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday at Storth Village Church (*joint service with St James'*)

Friday 3rd April (*Good Friday*)

10.00am - The Good Friday Way of the Cross (Walk of Witness) *beginning at Our Lady of Lourdes*

7.00pm - Good Friday Meditation (reflective service) at St James Church

Sunday 5th April (*Easter Day*)

6.30am - Sunrise Service on Arnside Knott (*meet top shop at 5.50am*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion for Easter Day

Tuesday 14th April

6.15pm - 'Rest & Restore' - *a time of prayer for healing and wholeness*



Sunday 12th April (*The Second Sunday of Easter*)

9.30am - Service of the Word (Morning Praise)

Friday 17th April

3.30-5.30pm - Messy Church at Arnside Methodist Church



Sunday 19th April (*Third Sunday of Easter*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

Sunday 26th April (*Fourth Sunday of Easter*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am - Service of Celebration at Storth Village Church with the Bishop of Carlisle
(*in thanksgiving for the twentieth anniversary of Storth Village Church*)

Junior Church (*during the school term*) **meets during the Parish Communion at 9.30am**

Every Wednesday (*during the school term*) **there is Morning Prayer at 8.15am**

Every Wednesday (*during the school term*) **we gather with the whole community of Arnside National Church of England School for School Church at 9.10am**

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

The Parochial Church Council of St James, Arnside is a Registered Charity (Number: 1143293)