



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

# Parish Newsletter

## July & August 2026



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**Letter from the Vicar**  
*from* **The Parsonage, Beetham**

*Dear friends,*

Later this year, as you might already be aware, following an historic agreement with the Government of France, the Bayeux Tapestry – for the first time since it was made nearly one thousand years ago – will be returning to the United Kingdom. The Tapestry, one of the wonders of the medieval world, was likely commissioned by a French patron and made by English embroiders using manuscript details from Canterbury. And depicts – across seventy metres of embroidered cloth – a detailed vision of life in the eleventh century, capturing castles and warfare, ships and clothing, food and furniture in vivid detail.

Of course, the reason for its creation centres on the events leading up (and following on) from the Norman Conquest of England in 1066, marking its nine hundredth and sixtieth anniversary this year. The infamous invasion led by William, Duke of Normandy which saw him victorious at the battle of Hastings after challenging Harold Godwinson (the last crowned Anglo-Saxon king) for the crown. A battle which would, over successive years, lead to the gradual and eventual establishment of Norman rule across the land, thus marking a decisive moment in English history.

As my first history lessons at Secondary School taught me (now more years ago than I like to readily acknowledge), no year in our country's history is more famous, or indeed well-known, than 1066; marking the last time England was successfully invaded and defining the lineage from which the British monarchy today still dates itself. As the rather tongue-in-cheek rendering of English history, *1066 and All That* (published in 1930) puts it: 'The Norman Conquest was a Good Thing, as from this time onwards England stopped being conquered and thus was able to become top nation.'

Whilst much has changed in the centuries following that conflict on Senlac Hill, we know full well (and perhaps too well) that we still live with the realities of political change and instability. Indeed, writing this missive as I am on the morning which saw the anticipate announcement from 10 Downing Street that the Prime Minister is set to resign, we know that the weeks and months ahead will feature even more wrangling wrangling about the future direction of our country and the welfare of its people.

In the Book of Psalms (46.6) we find these words: *'Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.'* And across the entirety of the Bible, we find ample reflections and recordings (spanning the millennia) of the rise and fall of nations, of the vagaries of political power and authority and of how, so often, the values of earth are so often out of kilter with truly matters. Only with God, so Scripture tells us, can the world and its leaders be held in proper perspective and so be truly accountable - confronted with questions of how earthly power can be both used and exercised for the good of the whole, of how earthly decisions might reflect better the priorities and preferences of the Kingdom of heaven.

This is, of course, what we hear time and time again when we attend to the teachings of Jesus, where we find the priorities and preferences of God clearly revealed. His preference for the poor and outcast, his blistering challenge to all that denies and denounces human value and dignity, his willingness to esteem those whom the world often forgets, his passion for justice and righteousness, his command to love, and even to forgive, those whom others would so readily condemn and malign.

And whilst perhaps these habits and attitudes, these behaviours and commitments, seem so far removed from the reality of the world as we often find it, the encouragement is offered – repeatedly - that we should neither abandon the hope of these things being possible nor lose heart as we seek prayerfully to make them so. Trusting in all things, as we turn again to the message of the psalmist, that *'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.'*

With every good wish and prayer for the Lord's blessing,



**REST &  
RESET**

Christian meditation.

A moment to press pause.

**Tuesday 7th July  
6.15-7.00pm**

**at St James' Church, Arnside**



**Worship  
Together**

**Sunday 12th July**

**at 10.00am**

at

Arnside Methodist Church  
Chapel Lane Arnside



# FROM OUR SCHOOLS

**Arnside National CofE School**

*Headteacher: Mr Nick Sharp*



The last half term of the year is a time of fun, reflection and the prospect of transition. Our wonderful Year 6 pupils prepare for the next big step while the Nursery pupils look forward to donning their uniform for the first time and entering Reception. We couldn't be prouder of our Year 6 as they prepare to fly the nest – such a wonderful group of caring, thoughtful individuals with enthusiasm and smiles that make each day a pleasure. Good luck to all.

With our London and Camp residentials ticked off, our attention focuses on the packed diary ahead. Our infants are busy preparing for a day of fun at the Haverthwaite Railway and Lakes Aquarium, followed by a short cruise on Windermere. Heaves Farm at Levens host an annual rural experience day and our Year 3 & 4 pupils have the opportunity to attend. Activities include crafts, dry stone walling and animal management. In addition to this, Cumbria Police organise a brilliant scheme called 'Young Citizens' where pupils can work alongside the emergency services to learn vital life skills such as fire and water safety, online safety, and basic first aid. All of these free events offer crucial opportunities for the pupils to learn alongside local organisations and see the work in action that often goes unnoticed or taken for granted.

The summer term offers a wealth of sporting opportunities with the highlight being Sports Day. The pupils are extremely excited at the prospect of competing for themselves and their house colour, all within a safe and supportive atmosphere. Thank you to Mr Hoare and Mrs Henneberry for their organisation and enthusiasm. After a postponed competition due to weather, the Year 6 pupils were thrilled to compete in the South Lakes cricket competition at Kendal Cricket Club where they managed to gain second place and qualify for the final in July. An outstanding performance from all involved and to be complemented on their kindness and sportsmanship was the icing on the cake.

Our pupil voice groups have had a busy term too and their ideas and input into school management is an important aspect of our vision and development. The Ethos team have been championing the pupil link with Dipto, our Bangladeshi friend, and ensuring we have raised enough funds to sponsor his education for another year. To support this work, Miss Denney recently organised a fantastic whole school Bangladesh themed week where each class researched and presented an aspect of Bangladesh, learning about the education, language, culture, religion, history and geography of this fascinating country. It will certainly give us more of an insight into the life of Dipto and his family. Finally, to support our Fairtrade accreditation, the School Council will soon be holding a Fairtrade chocolate tuck shop to promote the idea of an ethical sweet treat – milk, dark or something in between, now that's a tricky dilemma!

As part of our Personal and Social education, the Life Education Team will be coming into school to deliver sessions about staying safe in the increasingly complex online world.

Learning to balance the delights and dangers of the internet and social media is a crucial aspect of our pupil development work; the speed at which things evolve makes it very challenging work. On the flip side, it was heart-warming to hear about the Ethos Team's proposal to hold a 'No Tech' day to remind us all to reflect and reconnect with personal values and real-world communications.

Before signing off, I would like to formally thank the Larksfoot Trust for offering the moth workshop, Arnside Chippy for the loan of 'lil chip' for our Summer BBQ and Lakeland Sinfonia for a fantastic 4 session music project. School also received an extremely kind donation of plant pots from Carr Bank Garden Centre. The generous support from the community is a wonderful reflection of our school vision and is very much appreciated.

*'Let all that you do be done in love.'* (1 Corinthians 16:14)

*Take care and enjoy your summer adventures,  
Mr Sharp*

## **ARNSIDE MESSY CHURCH DATES FOR 2026**

10th July, 11th September, 9th October

13th November, 11th December

3.30-5.30pm at Arnside Methodist Church

### *From the Registers...*

We pray for **Lucy Abbit and Jack Hedley** as they prepare for their wedding at St James' on Saturday 25th July. We ask that they will know, in all its fullness, the Lord's love and blessing as they prepare for their married life together.



*Deadline for September  
Parish Newsletter:*



**Wednesday 20th August**

*(publication on Sunday 30th August)*

*please send submissions to:*

[sandy.felton@btopenworld.com](mailto:sandy.felton@btopenworld.com)

### *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 distribution 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.



invite you to join in celebrating  
**SEA SUNDAY**

**Sunday 12th July**

at **2.00pm**

on **Arnside Pier**

*A service of hymns and readings as we mark Sea Sunday and pray for God's blessing on our village and all those who work and serve on the seas and waters.*



Come and join us in celebrating  
**ST JAMES' DAY**

with a

**Songs of Praise**

**in the church grounds**

*followed by tea and cake*

*(if you would like to, please bring something to share)*

**Sunday 26th July**

at **2.00pm**

at **St James' Church** (Church Hill, Arnside)



## Walking the

## Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way

*A spiritual 'footprint', a touch of history, a breath of fresh air*

*A chance to look and listen, to reflect on the past, the present and on the beauty of our landscape, or just a short afternoon social walk with others.*

♀ **Sunday 21st June** ♂

Levens Methodist Church  
to St Peter's Heversham

♀ **Sunday 19th July** ♂

St Peter's Heversham  
to St. Thomas' Milnthorpe

**Sunday 16th August**

St. Thomas' Milnthorpe  
to St Michael and All Angels Beetham

**All are welcome** (dogs included!)

All walks will start at 2.00pm  
*(with return transport able to be arranged)*



the  
**prayer**  
course

*An eight-week journey  
through the Lord's Prayer...*

**Wednesday 30th September**

**7th, 14th, 21st October**

**4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November**

**12.30 - 2.15pm**

at **Arnside Methodist Church Hall**

An opportunity to come together  
and help grow and deepen our lives  
of prayer - as individuals and as  
part of the wider church.

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



Fairtrade  
refreshments  
will be served.



**24-7 PRAYER**

# Rotas - readers, intercessors, sidespersons

## READERS

### Sunday 5th July

*The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*  
Zechariah 9: 9-12 - Mr S Smith  
Romans 7: 15-25a - Mrs Y Service  
Matthew 11: 167-19, 25-end

### Sunday 12th July

*The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*  
**Worship Together at Arnside  
Methodist Church at 10.00am**

### Sunday 19th July

*The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*  
Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 - Mr M Crabtree  
Romans 8: 12-25 - Mrs H Leach  
Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

### Sunday 26th July

*Saint James the Apostle  
(Patronal Festival)*  
Jeremiah 45: 15 - Mrs S Comer  
Acts 11: 27-12.2 - Mrs J Bratt  
Matthew 20: 20-28

### Sunday 2nd August

*The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*  
Isaiah 55: 1-5 - Mr S Smith  
Romans 9: 1-5 - Rev. H. Scriven  
Matthew 14: 13-21

### Sunday 9th August

*The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*  
1 Kings 19: 9-18 - Mrs H Leach  
Romans 10: 5-15 - Mrs Y Service  
Matthew 14: 22-33

### Sunday 16th August

*The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*  
Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 - Mrs S Swire  
Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 - Mrs S E Felton  
Matthew 15: 21-28

### Sunday 23rd August

*The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*  
Isaiah 51: 1-6 - Mr M Crabtree  
Romans 12: 1-8 - Mrs Y Service  
Matthew 16: 13-20

### Sunday 30th August

*The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*  
Jeremiah 15: 15-21 - Mrs S Woodburn  
Romans 12: 9-end - Mr T Bradford  
Matthew 16: 21-end

## INTERCESSORS

**5th July** - Mrs L Smith

**12th July** - *Worship Together at AMC*

**19th July** - Mrs S Comer

**26th July** - Mrs S E Felton

**2nd August** - Mrs L Smith

**9th August** - Mrs S E Felton

**16th August** - Mrs S E Felton

**23rd August** - Mrs. S Woodburn

**30th August** - Mrs S Comer

## SIDESPERSIONS

**5th July** - Mr S Smith

**12th July** - *Worship Together at AMC*

**19th July** - Mr G Chatham

**26th July** - Mrs S Swire

**2nd August** - Mr S Smith

**9th August** - Mr G Chatham

**16th August** - Mrs S Swire

**23rd August** - Miss A Dean

**30th August** - Mrs S Comer





## Services during July & August 2026

### **Sunday 5th July** (*The Fifth Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

### **Tuesday 7th July**

6.15pm - 'Rest & Reset' (a service of Christian meditation - *a moment to press pause*)

### **Friday 10th July**

3.30-5.30pm - Messy Church at Arnside Methodist Church



### **Sunday 12th July** (*The Sixth Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am - Worship Together at Arnside Methodist Church

2.00pm - Sea Sunday Service (with Arnside Christians Together) on Arnside Pier

### **Sunday 19th July** (*The Seventh Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Parish Communion

### **Sunday 26th July** (*Saint James the Apostle, Patronal Festival*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Parish Patronal Communion

2.00pm - Patronal Songs of Praise (with Arnside Christians Together)

### **Sunday 2nd August** (*The Ninth Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Parish Communion

### **Sunday 9th August** (*The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Parish Communion

### **Sunday 16th August** (*The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Parish Communion

### **Sunday 23rd August** (*The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Parish Communion

### **Sunday 30th August** (*The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP) // 9.30am - Morning Praise (*Service of the Word*)

**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**

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