



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 Hannah from **The Vicarage, Arnside**



Dear friends,

Each November, as we gather to remember those who have died in war, we hear names read aloud and pause to reflect on the terrible cost of conflict. We remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served in the armed forces, and the families and communities whose lives were changed forever.

Yet remembrance is not simply about looking back. Wars are not confined to the pages of history books, nor is their suffering over when the fighting stops. Around the world, people are living through the trauma of conflict today. We pray for all those caught up in wars whether as soldiers or civilians. We remember, too, those serving in our own armed forces, and the loved ones who wait and worry for their safe return.

At the October session, *The Craft Nest* (a monthly event run by Arnside Christians Together and friends), made felt poppy brooches for the season of Remembrance. Those who attended made one for themselves, and any additional brooches made were offered for sale to raise money for **Combat Stress**.

Charities like these are an answer to our prayers. *Combat Stress* is a charity that supports veterans of the British Armed Forces who are living with the lasting psychological effects of military service, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), anxiety and depression. Through specialist treatment and support, it helps veterans work towards recovery and rebuild their lives. You can find out more at www.combatstress.org.uk.

(It is not too late to add to the total funds raised at the *Craft Nest* evening, so please do get in touch with me if you would like to contribute.) There is something deeply Christian about this work of healing. Jesus repeatedly drew near to those

who were suffering - offering compassion, dignity and hope. He did not turn away from people whose wound were invisible or whose pain persisted long after an event had passed.

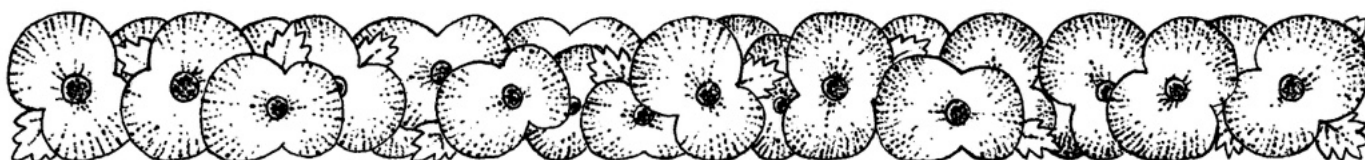
We cannot undo the horrors of war, but we can listen, remember, pray and offer practical support to those who carry its scars. As we wear our poppies and remember the fallen, may we also commit ourselves to caring for the living, and to praying and working for a world where peace might take root.

'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

(Romans 8.38-39)

With love and prayer,
Hannah

PS. If you would like to know more about *The Craft Nest*, please get in touch with me - reuhannahwallace@gmail.com / 01524 449035



Deadline for November Parish Newsletter...

Wednesday 18th November

please send any items to:

sandy.felton@btopenworld.com

*“A careless word can
do untold harm;
a prayerful word can
do untold good.”*

‘The Prayer Course’

continues on **Wednesdays**

12.30-2.00pm

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.

Bring some lunch, drinks provided.

‘Monthly Manna’

Friday 6th November

12.15-1.30pm at St James’

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

Bring some lunch, drinks provided.

FROM OUR SCHOOLS

Arnside National C of E School

Headteacher: Mr Nick Sharp



The initial settling in of September is over and the classes are all ticking along like well-oiled machines. There's a wonderful sense of calmness in October, but the forthcoming build up to festivities is never too far away. Routines are embedded and the pupils are working with purpose, enthusiasm and an infectious joy that teachers never tire of.

“Children see magic because they look for it.” (Christopher Moore)

Autumn provides a whole range of opportunities for our classes to head out and explore our beautiful local area, and we are always keen to take up offers from our friends in neighbouring organisations. Caroline, from Arnside and Silverdale National Landscape, recently provided a fantastic fungi themed day for the Year 6 pupils. The morning consisted of a fungi hunt / identification session, and everyone was surprised by the diversity of strange and usual specimens just waiting to be discovered. In the afternoon, the pupils enjoyed a range of art activities culminating in a demonstration of how to grow our own edible fungi using specially designed kits – tasty treats await. Jonny and Emmi continue to provide a brilliant fortnightly farm club and the pupils always enjoy their time with the animals (including the bees). Our Year 2 pupils enjoyed a wildflower session run by Emma from National Landscape and we're looking forward to seeing the rewards of their efforts in the coming months.

School is very proud of its partnership with St James', and the church community are always warm, supportive and extremely welcoming. Pupils enjoy a weekly worship time on Wednesdays and a few weeks ago we were joined by the community to celebrate Harvest with the theme of 'Giving and Growing'. It's always our first big event and it was heartwarming to see the church so busy and full of proud parents / carers. I may be a little biased, but the pupils were fantastic! Later this term, we are looking forward to our Infant Nativity, **Wednesday 9th December at 10.00am or 6.00pm**, and our Junior Carol Concert, **Thursday 17th December at 6.00pm**. Why not pop along and join us?

Our dedicated FOANS team are busy planning events for pupils and parents / carers, and the range of activities means there's a little something for everyone. The Pumpkin themed disco is a wonderful opportunity for the children to dance the night away while the wreath making provides a chance for the adults to socialise, get creative and hopefully produce a stunning festive item! The recent AGM was a perfect chance to reflect on the previous year's efforts and the £9,000+ raised helped school purchase vital equipment, musical instruments, coaches for trips and ultimately help parents / carers by subsidising residentials to ensure incredible value for money for all pupils. There are plenty of events open to the local community and our Christmas Social is certainly one for the diary – **Friday 11th December, 5.30-7.30pm** – we'd love to see you there.

Enrichment clubs are an excellent opportunity to learn new skills, nurture talents or just enjoy a calm, quiet moment with friends, and we always try to offer a range of activities. Crochet club is as popular as ever and our code club is thriving. The pupils

love book club and the opportunity to discuss, share and celebrate literary interests. Soon to be starting is a new games club run by Hannah and Tiras, a wonderful chance to relax, talk, play and reflect – sounds perfect to me.

Finally, school was thrilled to recently celebrate National Teaching Assistant Day, and it provided a vital opportunity to celebrate the outstanding work of our often 'unsung heroes' of the classroom. They are the glue that holds us together, the oil that keeps the machine working smoothly, and the stars who sparkle quietly in the background – *thank you so much!*

Take care, Mr Sharp

Worship Together

**Sunday 15th November at 10.00am
at Arnside Methodist Church**



**Monday
Friendship Group**



Monday 2nd November
'Adventures in the Arctic'

Monday 16th November
'Poetry and Songs'

2.00-4.00pm
at **Arnside Methodist
Church Hall**

'Christ be our Light'

**A celebration of our northern saints,
their legacy and challenge for today**

Sunday 15th November at 6.00pm
at St Peter's Heversham

A time of praise, prayer and reflection for the whole
of the Kent Estuary Mission Community building
on the work of *The Kent Estuary Pilgrim Way*.

Coming up in Storth...

Annual Charities Fair

celebrating and supporting the work of our local charities

Saturday 7th November | 10.00am-12.00noon
at Storth Village Hall, admission: £1.00 (*includes coffee*)



Annual Coffee Morning

in aid of St John's Hospice and Hospice at Home

Saturday 21st November | 9.45am-11.45am at Storth Village Hall
all usual attractions including two super raffles, new goods, books and
jigsaws, admission: £1.00 (*including coffee and biscuits*)

The month ahead...



REST & RESTORE

A time of prayer for healing and wholeness

Tuesday 3rd November

6.15–7.00pm

at **St James' Church, Arnside**



In memory of...

A service to remember and give thanks to God for all those whom we love but see no longer.

Arnside Methodist Church

Chapel Lane, LA5 0AQ

Sunday 8th November

6.00pm

Jesus said, 'In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.'

John 14.2

ARNSIDE

crafts & activities

food
(including a meal)

Messy Church

fun

stories & music

Friday 13th November 2026
3.30pm - 5.30pm
Arnside Methodist Church

Remembrance Sunday in Arnside



Sunday 8th November 2026

10.15am

Act of Remembrance
and Laying of Wreaths
at The Memorial Playing Fields

10.45am

Village Service of Remembrance
at The Parish Church of St James

*'At the going down of the sun
and in the morning,
we will remember them.'*

Rotas - readers, intercessors, sidespersons

READINGS & READERS

Sunday 1st November

All Saints Day

Revelation 7: 9-end

Mrs Y Service

I John 3: 1-3

Mrs J Bratt

Matthew 5: 1-12

Sunday 8th November

The Third Sunday before Advent

(Remembrance Sunday)

**Village Service of
Remembrance**

at 10.45am

Sunday 15th November

The Second Sunday before Advent

**Joint Worship Together at
Arnside Methodist Church**

at 10.00am

Sunday 22nd November

Christ the King (Sunday before Advent)

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Mrs S Swire

Ephesians 1: 15-end

Rev H Scriven

Matthew 25: 31-end

Sunday 29th November

*First Sunday of Advent
(Lectionary Year B begins)*

Isaiah 674: 1-9

Mr A Mitchell

I Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mrs S Comer

Mark 13: 24-37

INTERCESSORS

1st November - Mrs L Jackson

8th November

Remembrance Sunday

15th November

Joint Worship Together

22nd November - Mrs S Comer

29th November - Mrs S E Felton

SIDESPERSIONS

1st November - Mr R Hamer

8th November - Felton/Swire

15th November - None required

22nd November - Mrs T Taylor

29th November - Miss A Dean

Weekly Parish E-mail

If you do not receive a copy of Andrew's weekly parish e-mail (including a copy of the pew sheet) and would like to, please do let him know and he will make sure you receive it.

'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.

Please do be in touch with Andrew or Hannah if there is any support, encouragement or pastoral care that the church here in Arnside can offer to you or your loved ones, if you would like to receive Holy Communion at Home, if you would have any questions about services church life or the Christian faith, or if you would like anyone or anything remembered in prayer.



Services during November 2026

Sunday 1st November (*All Saints Day*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

Tuesday 3rd November

6.15pm - 'Rest & Restore' (*a service of prayer for healing and wholeness*)

Sunday 8th November (*Remembrance Sunday*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.15am - Village Act of Remembrance at Memorial Playing Field

10.45am - Village Service of Remembrance

6.00pm - 'In Memory Of...' at Arnside Methodist Church

Friday 13th November

3.30-5.30pm - Messy Church at Arnside Methodist Church

Sunday 15th November (*The Second Sunday before Advent*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am - Joint Worship Together at Arnside Methodist Church

6.00pm - 'Christ be our light' (KEMC evening service) at St Peter's Heversham

Sunday 22nd November (*Christ the King / Sunday next before Advent*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

Sunday 29th November (*The First Sunday of Advent*)

8.00am - Holy Communion (BCP)

9.30am - Parish Communion

ADVENT

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 8.30am**

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)

