

St Catherine's Church, Crook

April - May 2012.



*We all owe everything to Almighty God;
Come and worship Him at St Catherine's.
A warm welcome is given each Sunday.*

CHURCH SERVICES

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April 1st	Palm Sunday	Morning Worship (CW)	Jesus enters Jerusalem	Psalm 118: 19-24 Mark 11:1-11
8th	Easter Day	Holy Communion (CW)	Seeing the risen Jesus - Mary Magdalene	Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18
15th	2nd after Easter	Morning Worship (CW)	Seeing the risen Jesus - the disciples	Acts 4: 32-35 John 20:19-31
22nd	3rd after Easter	Morning Worship (CW) & Baptism	Seeing the risen Jesus - faith	Acts 3:12-19 Luke 24:36-48
29th	4th after Easter	Morning Worship (BCP)	Seeing the risen Jesus - power	Acts 4:5-12 John 10:11-18
From May onwards	11 am See page 5	CHANGE OF CHURCH	SERVICE	TIME
May 6th 11am	5th after Easter	Holy Communion (CW)	Seeing the risen Jesus - baptism	Isaiah. 53:4-12 Acts 8:26-40
13th 11am	6th after Easter	Morning Worship (CW)	Seeing the risen Jesus - the Holy Spirit	Acts 10:44-48 John 15:9-17
20th	7th after Easter	Morning Worship (CW)	Replacing a witness	Ezek.36:24-28 Acts 1:15-17
27th 11am	Pentecost	Morning Worship (CW)	Manna House & Step by Step	Acts 2:1-13 Mark 2:1-12

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Please do not hesitate to contact us for baptisms, weddings, funerals or any pastoral needs. Just ring Tim, Tim or Brian.

We are grateful to those who care for our church and grounds week by week - cleaners, flower arrangers, gardeners. Let us know if you want to help!

**Join us at 10am on 8th April
To Celebrate Easter Sunday
At St. Catherine's Crook**

Time to Go

I am 65 in the summer and retire from full time stipendiary ministry on 23rd June this year. My last Sunday service at St Catherine's Crook will be on June 10th and the last Sunday service in the Team will be on June 17th at All Saints, Underbarrow. June and I have had a busy, nearly seven years working with the emerging Two Valleys Team of churches. We hope to move locally, possibly into Kendal or a nearby village, but that is not clear yet. So we won't be very far away and we may pop out of the woodwork at various times to surprise you.

The Two Valleys Team is looking to the future following the start of the new way of working seven years ago, when we arrived. The Diocese now has a new Bishop and a new Vision and Strategy for the next ten years. We are now thinking about drawing a Mission Action Plan for our group of parishes. It is an exciting and challenging time ahead. There is a projection that 25% of the currently serving clergy in the Church of England are retiring in the next ten years. Whilst I am in the vanguard of this movement into retirement I know it will create a challenge for our parish Churches in how to minister and worship with fewer ordained clergy available. In other words for a Church to flourish in the future lay Christians will have to take on many more roles in the leadership and organisation of our local churches.

As an ordained minister in the Church of England one becomes involved with people at important stages of their lives and it is a privilege to serve a community in such a unique position. I have seen many people come to faith and grow as Christians, which is very rewarding as a minister. June and I have been particularly involved with the Alpha course and we think we have run 18 of them over the years. We are both very grateful to all those people who have helped and supported us in this endeavour. We hope that the course will continue to be run and promoted in the Team.

I would ask you to please pray for June and I as we move. I will be praying for you, that the Holy Spirit will guide you as a parish, draw you together as a fellowship within the Two Valleys Team and lead you on to new and exciting possibilities with the Lord Jesus. Be open, be ready, be sure that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life.

Rev Tim Harmer

SUNDAYS AT 11

After over 30 years of coming together to worship at 10am every Sunday, a period during which the church has grown steadily, we have decided to change the service time on Sundays to 11am, **beginning on May 6th**. Why? Rev Tim Harmer retires in June after seven years of ministry here. Half of his time has been spent serving the parishes of Underbarrow, Helsington and Crook, while the other half has been across the Kendal deanery. The Diocese has decided not to replace the half time post with the three parishes. Therefore other clergy and congregations have been asked to make changes so that regular worship, ministry and mission can continue in these villages.

St Catherine's is currently one of the best resourced village churches in the Diocese, led by our Vicar, Canon Tim Montgomery, other members of the St Thomas' clergy and readers, Rev Brian Crowe as curate, Reg Bradby as reader and Tony and Hilary Fitch training to become readers. However, the 10am service time reduces their flexibility to lead at more than one service on a Sunday morning, whether at St Thomas' or other Two Valleys villages. Consequently, St Catherine's was asked to consider altering their preferred service time. At the outset, this would enable Brian Crowe to fill the gap created by Tim's retirement to lead worship, ministry and mission not only at Crook but also at Underbarrow and Helsington. Maureen Stevens, a reader, would additionally be fully involved at Helsington. Their services of worship would both begin at 9.30am in future.

Some concern was expressed by members of the PCC during extensive discussion, but the conclusion was that we should do what we can to enable worship, ministry and mission to thrive in these other local communities of Underbarrow and Helsington within the Two Valleys Team. We remember that when St Catherine's was struggling some 30-odd years ago, it took the sacrifice of ministers and readers at St Thomas' to support us so that we are now in the well-resourced position we enjoy today. Now it is our turn to offer that same support to others. We will clearly review this decision, after allowing a period for adjustment, if there is significant cause for concern. However, we go forward with confidence that as God has blessed us in the past, so God will continue to do so as we step forward in faith.

We welcome all to join us each Sunday at 11am to gather together to worship God.

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St. Catherine's Church
Annual Parochial Meeting

Sunday, 22nd April 2012

In Church after the Morning service.

ALL ARE WELCOME

This is the time when St. Catherine's church elects its Officers and the PCC. We look back over the past year and make plans for the future.

Please come to support the life of your church.

St. Catherine's Gift Day - 20th May

Once a year we give all parishioners an opportunity to make a gift towards the expense of maintaining a church in our village. If you would like to respond, please use the envelope tucked into this Newsletter and return it via anyone who comes to the church services.

Thank you for your contributions in the past.

MOWING THOUGHTS....

For some thirty years Peter Matthews has been keeping the area of shorter grass in the churchyard mown – bringing his own mower in the back of the car and just getting on with it – one of the many unsung heroes who keep St. Catherine's Church and its surroundings in good order. However, because of an impending hip replacement operation Peter will be unable to do this work this year, and after that he would like some help with the task. It involves one to one-and-a-half hours work fortnightly in the grass-growing season, and it would be good to be able to put together a rota so that it doesn't fall to any one person to take on the responsibility. Would anyone prepared to come onto such a rota please get in touch with Peter (015394 42528) or with one of the Churchwardens. Own mower essential!

Kendal Community Theatre in partnership with

A Passion for Kendal

A new passion play written for the people of Kendal
to be performed on 6th and 7th April 2012
on the streets of Kendal and leading up to the Castle



KENDAL is to have its own Passion Play this year. It will be like the medieval mystery plays that are still being performed after hundreds of years, and will take place over two days at Easter at several sites in the town centre on Friday, when the last day of Jesus' life will be enacted during the afternoon, and then on Castle Hill on Saturday when there will be choirs and fire sculptures to accompany scenes of the Resurrection.

Good Friday Afternoon:

The Passion Play starts in the middle of Kendal at the Library, with a plot to betray Jesus. The audience then moves to the Market Place for the Betrayal and Arrest.

The action moves through the Shambles, accompanied by street musicians and performers to the Birdcage - now a prison.

From here Barabbas a murderer and other prisoners are taken, with Jesus to the Town Hall for the Trial.

Jesus is condemned to death and the soldiers escort everyone to the Brewery Gardens for the crucifixion. Later, in the darkness, the women arrive to take Jesus' body down from the cross to be buried.

Saturday evening:

The climax of the Passion Play is Saturday at the Castle

**Churches Together
Easter Morning
Sunrise Service
6.30am
At the Castle**

A Queen's Diamond Jubilee Quiz

YEAR	
1952	D of K G V1
1953	C of ME
1955	I of CT in B
1961	FMSF by YG
1963	GTR
1969	NA first M sets F on the M
1971	D in B
1973	M of PA and CMP
1978	B of FTTB
1981	M of PC and LDS
1989	BW comes down
1991	ODS in the GW
1993	BP open to the P
1999	C of MD
2002	D of QM
2005	D of PJP
2011	M of PW and KM
2012	The Q's DJ

A date for your diary.....

There will be a village Diamond Jubilee Celebration

On Sunday, 3rd June 2012

from 2pm onwards at the Memorial Hall

A fun and games afternoon with a traditional tea

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

The Church intends to participate in the celebration in June this year of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. In this connection we are thinking of putting together an exhibition of photographs of the village and of village activities (especially, but not exclusively, with Church connections e.g. weddings, harvest festivals etc) relating to the sixty years 1952 to 2012. If anyone has any such photographs and would be prepared to lend them, or allow them to be copied, would they please get in touch with Tony Fitch (015395 68577) or with one of the Churchwardens.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

St Catherine's Crook Celebration

Songs of Praise Service

Sunday 3rd June at 11am

Request your favourite hymn and say why it's special

Please return tear off slip below to church by May 20th to make your request

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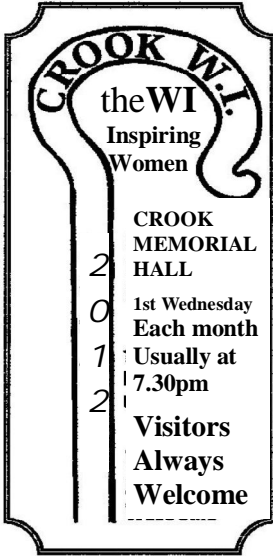
Your Name

Your Hymn request.....

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Why it's special.....

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April 4th
Speaker: Lea Rogers
“Decorating Cakes”
Competition:- A Favourite Utensil

May 2nd
Resolutions
Speaker:- Richard Matthews
“Town Crier of Kendal”
Competition:- A Rhyme announcing
HM the Queen’s Jubilee

Walking Group

A walk arranged once a month usually in the south of the county

‘A’ walk 5 – 8 miles with a few ‘ups’

‘B’ walk 2-3 miles mostly on the level.

For Date, Day and Time contact Hilary Crowe 015395 68959

Social Cycling

A small group cycling about 20 mile mostly on easy terrain and finishing at a pub/café.

For Date, Day and Time contact Aileen Lewis 015394 42264

Book Club

Based on books from Cumbria Library services. At present this group is full.

Sewing & Craft

Fortnightly and mostly during the winter months. For Dates contact Kath Jackson 01539 821415

Other Activities held at Crook Memorial Hall

Table Tennis

Monday and Friday 7.30 - 10pm

From September through the winter months

Contact:- Margaret Lister 015394 47544

Young Farmers Club

Tuesday 7.30 to 9.30pm

Sarah Carruthers 07748 584782

Aerobics/body toning

Thursday 10 -11am

Contact:- Joyce Griffin 015395 68542

Folk Dance Group

Thursday 7.30 – 10pm

Contact:- Lynn Green 015395 64026

Crook Memorial Hall Committee

It is hoped to have a Car Boot Sale in the near future.

Please could you keep any suitable items or contact one of the following:- Catherine Boyd or

Kath Jackson 821415 or Alison Park 821402

Small items of furniture would be considered

Men of Crook

**Join us for a night out
at the Hare & Hounds
Bowland Bridge**

**on 9th May for a
Meal and Quiz
(cost around £13)**

**Contact:- Don Webster
015395 68705**

Crook Ladies

Join us for a special trip to
Muncaster Castle to see the
gardens and take tea in the castle's
family dining room

Transport will be arranged
Total cost (incl. transport) approx. £20

Friday May 18th

Friends welcome as usual
Contact Hilary Crowe (015395 68959)
by April 12th

RUMMAGE SALE

Crook Memorial Hall on Saturday 12th May at 1pm

Items may be brought to the Hall at 7.30pm on the Friday night or
given to Mrs Jackson at Ellerbeck Farm or any other member of the
Memorial Hall committee.

Church Cleaning Rota

April

7th R & E Bradby
14th Judi Webster
21st Mary Simm
28th Cherry Burgess

May

5th Diane Holt
12th Ann Keene
19th Joyce Bradbury
26th Sue Tredwen

June

2nd Juliet Robey
9th Vivienne Ford
16th Joan Matthews
23rd Ann Clarke
30th Audrey Rowlinson

Church Flower Rota

April

Mary Allcock
Jennifer Willink

May

Ann Heap
Sylvia Girdam

June

Sheila Aspden
Lilian Atkinson



Easter Joy by Joanna Fuchs

Jesus came to Earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on
Himself,
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price
for sin,
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In Heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Saviour; Thank you
Lord,
Help us love like you.

