

St Catherine's Church, Crook

June - July 2012.



We all owe everything to Almighty God;

Come and worship Him at St Catherine's.

A warm welcome is given at 11am each Sunday.

CHURCH SERVICES (every Sunday) at 11am June - July

June 3rd	Trinity Sunday	Songs of Praise	Jubilee Celebration	
10th	1st after Trinity	Holy Communion (CW)	Farewell	2 Cor.4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35
17th	2nd after Trinity	Morning Worship (CW)	The Kingdom of God and Growth	Eze.17:22-24 Mark 4:26-34
24th	3rd after Trinity	Morning Worship (CW)	Who is this?	Job 38:1-11 Mark 4 35-41
July 1st	4th after Trinity	Holy Communion (CW)	Suffering	Lam.3:22-33 Mark 5:21-43
8th	5th after Trinity	Morning Worship (CW)	Sent out	Ezekiel 2:1-5 Mark 6 1-13
15th	6th after Trinity	Morning Worship (BCP)	Fearless words to weak leaders	Amos 7:7-15 Mark 6:14-29
22nd	7th after Trinity	Morning Worship (CW)	Compassion	Jere.23:1-6 Mark 6:30-34,
29th	8th after Trinity	Morning Worship (CW)	Feeding the 5,000	2 Kings 4:42- 44 John 6:1-21

Front cover:- Becksid Golf course.

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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!



BAPTISMS

22 April Finley Edward William Atkinson
Son of Graham and Sarah

"We welcome you into the Lord's family"

Cricket is an Indian game accidentally invented by the British. How else do you explain a billion people treating it more like a religion than ‘just a game’? Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh is known to have said, ‘There is a widely held and quite erroneously held belief that cricket is just another game.’ Prince Philip is of course right in my opinion and for millions of people in Australia, Bangladesh, Pakistan, South Africa, West Indies, Zimbabwe, New Zealand, India and England among other nations cricket is not just a game but a matter of life and death. ‘Cricket remains to many the game of games; the great metaphor, the best marriage ever devised of mind and body. For millions, it remains the Proust of pastimes, the subtlest and most poetic, the most past- and-present; whose beauty can lie equally in days, in a whole, or in one tiny phrase, a blinding split second.’ (Quoted in *Quick Singles, Vain Memories*. 1992)

As I celebrated my 32nd birthday a few days ago I realised that my childhood dream of opening the batting for India is not going to come true. There is a bit of sadness as I have come to terms with this. Not sure why it has taken all these years to realise this! But that hasn’t stopped my love for the game. It has taught me a thing or two about life, love and LBW.

I have been reading the biography of the great cricketer and pioneer missionary C.T. Studd, who beautifully in one lifetime brought together his love for cricket and Christ. Studd’s Cambridge career has been described as “one long blaze of cricketing glory”. He created a stir in the world of his youth by renouncing wealth and position to follow Christ. He was the captain of Eton XI in 1879, and of Cambridge University in 1883. The illness of his brother brought him face to face with the realities and the transitoriness of worldly riches and fame. He obeyed Christ’s command to, “go thy way, sell what thou hast and give to the poor... take up thy cross and follow me.”

I draw a lesson from Studd’s life, which was true of his cricketing career as it was true of his obedience to Christ.

‘Play a straight bat’

Studd was one of those boys who went all out for the things he loves. He was tremendously keen on cricket, and he was determined to do well at it. Upstairs in his bedroom at home there was a big wardrobe with a long glass. In front of it was a carpet with a seam down the centre. The way he argued to himself was this: If a man puts a dead straight bat every time in front of the ball, it must be impossible for the ball to hit the wicket. So he made it his first business to learn to play with a straight bat.

So to all the budding batsmen out there play a straight bat. Show the bowler the full blade of your bat.

‘Play a straight bat’

There was a thoroughness and earnestness with which Studd followed Christ just as he had learned to “play a straight bat”. Playing a straight bat is a metaphor that is applicable for the Christian life. It is to live a transparent life. It is to let your light shine before men and women so that they might see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. To “play a straight bat” is to show the world the full blade of your bat. John’s Gospel talks about an occasion when two men asked Jesus where he lived. Perhaps they wanted to know “what made him tick.” Jesus answered, “come and see”.

Jesus' invitation to these early disciples is also an invitation to us. I ‘play a straight bat’. "Come and see!" Jesus says.

"You want to know who I am? I ‘play a straight bat’. Come and see!"

“You want to know my heart? I ‘play a straight bat’. Come and see!"

“You want to know my mind? I ‘play a straight bat’. Come and see!"

“You want to know what is important to me? I ‘play a straight bat’

“Come and see!" Jesus invites us to meet him.

There is this confidence that comes from accepting the invitation to come and see Jesus which echoed in the life of C.T. Studd. May cricket continue to flourish and spread its wings. The world can only be richer for it... but not as rich as accepting his invitation to watch him ‘play a straight bat’.

"Come and see!" Jesus says.

Revd. Saju Muthalaly

St Catherine’s House Groups

House groups will continue weekly through until the end of June, except for the week of the Diamond Jubilee. Tony and Hilary’s group is meeting on **Tuesday afternoons** at 2.30pm, while Ruth Hunter’s evening group continues on **Thursday evenings** at 7.30pm. Church members might particularly want to consider joining one of these groups if you would like to explore the practical realities of your faith and share fellowship.

Tim and June Harmer

Tim will be leading his final service at St Catherine’s before his retirement at 11am on June 10th. All are warmly invited to join with them on that occasion to thank them for their 7 years of ministry at Crook, Underbarrow and Helsington within the Two Valleys Team.

Celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

On Sunday 3rd June

11am – Jubilee Songs of Praise Service at St. Catherine's

Crook Memorial Hall Committee invite everyone to join them from 2pm onwards for fun and games and an afternoon tea at the Village Hall to celebrate this special day.

There is no charge for the tea, but to assist those catering, please give names/numbers to Kath Jackson, Olwen Cameron, or any member of the Village Hall Committee.

The Church is 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 Beacon will be sited on the north end of Whitbarrow Scar, by kind permission of Mr Sharpe, co-ordinated by the Parish Council. This spectacle can be enjoyed **on 4th June** around 10.30pm. Contact Daniel Dobson (015395 68334) for more info.

Kendal Parish Church

Diamond Jubilee Flower Festival 28th - 30th June 2012

Cumbria Westmorland Federation of WI are celebrating the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth with an amazing Flower Festival at Kendal Parish Church depicting the Life and Reign of Her Majesty. Opening times are as follows:-

Thursday 28th June 1pm - 8pm (last entry 7pm)

Friday 29th June 10am - 8pm (last entry 7pm)

Saturday 30th June 10am - 5pm (last entry 4pm)

Admission Fee £6 (pre booked £5) Children under 12 free

On Saturday 30th June an Evening Concert will be held in Kendal Parish Church at 7.30pm. A wonderful evening with soloists, choirs and various instrumental musicians. Contact phone number 01539 720921 email cwfw@btconnect.com

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 'Grace' released for Commonwealth Day



A specially written grace has been released to use at Big Jubilee Lunches/Teas this summer.

The Grace, made public on Commonwealth Day (12th March), gives thanks for the Queen's life of service to the nation and Commonwealth, and invites God's blessing on the food prepared by communities and all those taking part in local Jubilee gatherings.

As one church leader said: "Millions of people in the 54 Commonwealth states will be celebrating the Diamond Jubilee and sharing food together to mark this special occasion. Together we thank God for the Queen and for the good things God gives us". Saying the Diamond Jubilee Grace together before we eat acknowledges that God is our loving provider.

Hundreds of local churches, across the nation are getting involved in encouraging and helping local communities to celebrate together during the Diamond Jubilee weekend (Sunday, 3rd June) and will be able to bring this unique prayer, seen and approved by The Queen, quite literally to the table.

Grace for Diamond Jubilee Lunches/Teas.

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, we give you thanks for the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth; for her steadfast faith and for her royal service to this nation and all the peoples of the Commonwealth.

Bless the food before us and the people beside us; may the sharing of this meal strengthen our communities, and nurture the bonds between us of friendship, hope and trust.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ who reigns as servant of all. Amen.

CROOK MEMORIAL HALL COMMITTEE

It is hoped to have a Car Boot Sale in July. If you have any suitable items, please could you get them to (or contact one of the following) by the end of June:-

*Catherine Boyd, Kath Jackson 821415
Alison Park 821402.*

Small items of furniture would be considered.

A Date for your Diary:-

Saturday 4th August

A Family Village Walk and Ba Ba Q (Details to follow).

Barbecue

St Catherine's will be staging their annual barbecue on Sunday 15th July at Middle Blakebank, Broom Lane, Underbarrow from 12.30pm. Anyone from the church or village is welcome. There is no charge, but any donations will be given to Annie Mawson's Sunbeams Music Trust. Could you please let Brian or Hilary Crowe (Tel: 015395 68959) know if you would like to join us on what is bound to be a warm sunny day!

St. Catherine's 125th Anniversary - Sunday 12th August marks the 125th Anniversary of the consecration of the current church building in Crook, following the move from the previous site where only the Tower now stands. The Bishop of Penrith will lead our worship at 11am, and afterwards there will be a Jacob's Join lunch in the Village Memorial Hall. After lunch, there will be a short stroll up to the Tower for those who wish to do so, where there will be a very short service of Thanksgiving, at 3pm (weather permitting), when we will recall our Christian heritage from before 1887. You are very welcome to join our lunch together whether you come to the 11am Service in church or the 3pm short service at the Tower.

Hidden Talents!

At a recent 'At Home' lunch at Blakebank, the small group learned of a very interesting hobby.

John entertained us with his story and was encouraged to 'put pen to paper'.....

"I wonder why I have so many hobbies and it was only when trying to find an answer that I realised how dependant one was to the other.

Firstly, like many boys I collected engine numbers, thus started my lifelong interest in all forms of passenger transport, especially railways. Realising that there was a camera in the house the next sage was to photograph the transport scene. When I left school I was unable to get a job on the railway so went into photography, this becoming my lifelong career.

Having been given a bike, I began to explore railways further afield which required a knowledge of map reading - (hobby No 3). Next in the sequence of events was learning to drive and buying a car in 1985 so I then began collecting Railwayana (much of it too heavy to transport by bike) - (hobby No 4).

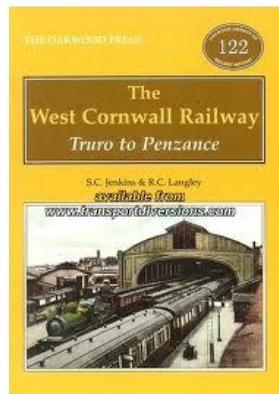
Having a car gave me the opportunity to realise a long held dream, retracing my parents wanderings through Cornwall in the 1930's. This led to a realisation of just how many miles of abandoned railway lines there are in the county, which used to serve the extensive mines, quarries and china clay works—yes you have guessed it, (hobby No 5.) the study of Cornish industry and transport.

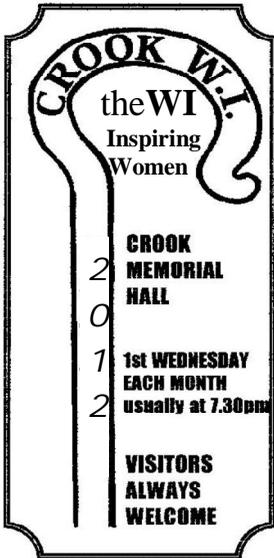
So, we have to share a bungalow with boxes of railway and bus photographs, several thousand transport books and magazines, maps and guide books (plus over a thousand books and magazines on the county of Cornwall) Railwayana, bus related items and model railway bits and pieces (I did have a layout in the loft until advancing years and the stiffening up of my joints, limited the use of ladders!).

I have books and magazines that I have not read for years but at least they are there should I need to refer to them. I am pleased with my hobbies and the collections I have built up and, hopefully, you can appreciate why, in my case, I have needed so many hobbies.

By the way, did I mention that I also have a large collection of church histories/guides—as well as a very tolerant wife!!”

JP.





June 6th

GARDEN MEETING

‘A Jubilee Jolly at Arnside’

Afternoon Tea at Beetham Nursery

July 4th

Local Crook Walk

(6.30pm Start)

Crook and Winster Parish Council. The Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Meetings were held on 15th May. Following the four-yearly elections, all seven of our Parish Councillors (Andrew Allen, Alan Atkinson, John Leigh, Richard Metcalfe, Mike Poynter, Pat Sefton, and George Taylor) were re-elected unopposed. Richard Metcalfe (Chairman) reported on the previous year’s activities and thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their commitment to the community. The annual accounts were presented and these can be viewed, together with minutes and agendas, on the Council’s website. We are still awaiting the results of the recent Housing Needs Survey and these will be advertised once known. A pleasing feature of the past year has been the regular attendance of a number of residents at our meetings. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is always an opportunity for public participation at the start of each meeting. The next meeting will be at Crook Memorial Hall on Tuesday 17th July at 7.30pm.

Kevin M Price. Parish Clerk. 01539-821596.

Website: crookandwinsterparishcouncil.co.uk

Report on the Annual Parochial Church meeting

On Sunday, 22nd April, St Catherine's church held its Annual Parochial Church meeting after the morning service. It was well attended and Canon Tim Montgomery chaired the meeting. Thanks were extended to Mr Don Webster, who had served the church loyally over the last four years and was now stepping down. Mr Peter Keene along with Mrs Ruth Hunter were duly elected as Churchwardens for the coming year.

The Secretary, Miss Margaret Blades reported that the PCC had had a busy and eventful year and a warm welcome had been given to Revd. Saju Muthalaly as Associate Vicar. There had been a Quinquennial Inspection of the church that revealed a number of tasks which have since been completed. Another special event had been the dedication of a wall hanging showing a rural picture of Crook which has been created by 23 ladies within the church and village. It proudly hangs on the south wall, facing every one as they enter the building. The PCC have been required to consider making a change to Sunday services times, due to staffing rearrangements in the Two Valleys team as Revd. Tim Harmer is to retire in June. The PCC have given long and careful thought to this and, after much discussion, have decided on a revised service time of 11am. This will be reviewed after a trial period in order to assess its suitability,

The Treasurer's reports brought mild concerns as our expenditure exceed our income by £4,000 but all in all we were a thriving and healthy church and we go forward in faith, believing that God will continue to bless us.

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Church Cleaning Rota

June

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

July

7th Sandra Lauder
14th Lilian Atkinson
21st Thelma Brown
28th Ann Heap

August

4th Ann Underwood
11th Mary Allcock
18th Jennifer Gorst
25th Hilary Fitch

Church Flower Rota

June

Sheila Aspden
Lilian Atkinson

July

Sandra Lauder
Kath Jackson

August

Audrey Rowlinson
Ann Keene



Just as the Olympic Torch travels around our country this summer, so the story of Jesus spread around the world. It was brought to us some 1600 years ago by special people who became known as Saints.

St Patrick arrived in Ireland around 430AD and St. Columba is said to have travelled from Ireland to Iona and the Scottish people in 565AD. We learn that St David lived in Wales round about the same time. Many men came to England from Rome where the first disciples began to spread the Good News of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to live among us. He was born in Palestine more than 2,000 years ago and talked to the people about the Kingdom of Heaven. He performed many miracles, making the sick, blind and lame better again. He had 12 disciples and it is from these chosen men that we read in our bibles how Jesus died on a cross so that all the bad things we do can be forgiven and if we believe in Him one day we will live with Him in Heaven.