

St. Catherine's Church, Crook

August - September 2010



*We all owe everything to Almighty God;
Come and worship Him at St Catherine's.
A warm welcome is given at 10 am each Sunday.*

WHO'S WHO at St Catherine's

Vicar: Rev. Canon Tim Montgomery
Associate Minister: Rev. Tim Harmer
Curate: Rev. Brian Crowe
Licensed Readers: Mrs Marian Porthouse
 Mr Reg. Bradby
Church Wardens Mr Tony Fitch
 Mr Don Webster
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Please do not hesitate to contact us for baptisms, weddings, funerals or any pastoral need. Please ring Tim Montgomery or go via the churches' office.

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!

Church Services Every Sunday at 10.00am

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

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| <p>1st HOLY COMMUNION
 Ambition
 Col 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21</p> <p>8th MORNING WORSHIP
 God's generosity
 Deut 8:6-18 Luke 12:22-34</p> <p>6.30pm EVENING WORSHIP AT
 THE OLD CHURCH TOWER</p> <p>15th MORNING WORSHIP(BCP)
 Godly fear
 Rom 3:9-18 Luke 13:1-5</p> <p>22nd MORNING WORSHIP
 Purpose of the Sabbath
 Isa. 58:9b-14 Luke 13:10-17</p> <p>29th MORNING WORSHIP
 Humility & Exaltation
 The Water of Baptism
 Phil 2:1-11 Heb 10:19-25
 Luke 14:1,7-14 John 3: 1-16</p> | <p>5th HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)
 Life or Death
 Deut 30:15-30 Luke 14:25-33</p> <p>12th MORNING WORSHIP
 Christ's unlimited patience
 1 Tim 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10</p> <p>19th MORNING WORSHIP
 God and Money
 Amos 8:1-12 Luke 16:1-13</p> <p>26th MORNING WORSHIP
 Back to Church Sunday -
 Beginnings and Ends
 1 Tim 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31</p> |
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Comments of a new Curate

I was ordained as a deacon on July 4th in Carlisle Cathedral, so that I could serve as a curate in Crook, working across the Two Valleys Team. It was a momentous occasion, which was simultaneously uplifting and humbling as the bishop reminded all those present that the role of a deacon is:

To proclaim the gospel in word and deed, as agents of God's purposes of love:

To serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people; and

To work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and the weak, the sick and the lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless.

These seem heavy responsibilities. However, I was greatly encouraged by the number of people from St Catherine's there to support me, Michelle Woodcock and Matt Allen who were also ordained to serve in the Two Valleys team. Secondly, I was relieved that the promises we made were to be kept with "the help of God" – who we know is able!

Hilary and I have been members at St Catherine's now for six years, but until now we have been rather transient. Initially I was in London during the week, working for RBS. I left in October 2008 at the height of the financial crisis, and then spent a year on the local ordination training course, and at the same time received some 'body improvements' – a pacemaker and a kidney transplant. This last year, Hilary and I were in Cambridge where I completed my training and Hilary pursued her doctorate research, and played golf for the university.

One of the most important factors in Hilary and I getting to this stage of the journey has been the prayer and care from all those at St Catherine's for both of us over recent years – through work pressures, health worries, and ordination training. We want to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you. Without you, it would be much less likely that I would be embarking on this new adventure as Crook's curate!

So now I am looking forward to "serving the community in which I am set", spending at least half my time in Crook and the remainder among the other communities in the Two Valleys. I will endeavour to do so, by the help of God.

Brian Cochrane

Crook Memorial Hall Committee is organising a coach trip to **HAWES** on Wednesday, 18th August, leaving Crook at 11.30 am.

Lunch has been booked at the Creamery followed by an afternoon free to explore this lovely market town. The return will be via Ribblehead Viaduct and Ingleton, arriving back in Crook around 6.30 pm. Everyone welcome! Please contact Kath Jackson 01539 821415 or Jen Gorst 015394 48106. for more details.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

I am in process of updating our church directory. Could you please inform me of any changes (additions, deletions or corrections) as soon as possible.

You can contact me by phone 01539 725800 (there is an answer-phone) or by email regbradby@hotmail.com or in person. Many thanks, Reg Bradby

Crook and Winstar Parish Council. The next meeting is at Crook Memorial Hall on Monday 6th September at 7.30pm, when it is hoped to co-opt two further Councillors. Members of the public are most welcome to attend. Kevin M Price. Parish Clerk. 07798-797033

The Hospital Chaplain was visiting the psychiatric ward and asked a doctor how he assessed when patients were fit for discharge.

"Well" said the doctor "we put them in the bath and give them a teaspoon, a cup and a bucket and then ask them the best way to empty the bath".

"Oh I see" said the chaplain - "the most severe cases no doubt choose the teaspoon and I suppose those who choose the bucket are ready to go".

"Oh no", said the doctor, "the sane ones just pull the plug. We keep the rest in" - "Would you like the bed by the window?"

St. Catherine's Church Anniversary



Come and join our celebration Services

On Sunday 8th August

10.00am Morning Worship

**6.30pm Short Service at the
Old Church Tower**

(meet in new car park - 6pm)

(if wet – service in church)

OLD ST. CATHERINES CHURCH, CROOK

This tower, built about 1620, is all that remains of the old Church which served the Parish from 1516 until 1887 when, because of structural defects, the body of the Church had to be demolished. The tower was allowed to remain as a local historical landmark.

It was restored in 1993 with the help of grants from English Heritage and the Lake District Special Planning Board and a generous donation in memory of Judy Logan of Birk Moss, Crook 1963 – 1989.



The Ordination of Deacons
Brian Crowe
Carlisle Cathedral, Sunday 4th July 2010

“Be still for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here;
Come bow before Him
now in penitence and fear”.

Brian’s supporters from St Catherine’s Church were seated in the chancel, the brilliant blue and gold ceiling above us and the choristers singing Britten’s setting of the Sanctus.

Quietly, with their Sponsors, those wishing to be ordained approached the High Altar.

Bishop James then told us of the candidates intention to follow their calling to be witnesses of God’s love; the Archdeacon presented each candidate to the Bishop who verified their desire and suitability to serve God in the Church.

Prayers followed before the reading of the Epistle of Paul to the Philippians 2:1-11. The Apostle is encouraging us all to follow Christ’s example of service to others. The Lord was prepared to humble Himself by taking on human form and coming to this earth to demonstrate the love of God for mankind; He proved “...obedient to the point of death, even death on the cross”

“Seven whole days , not one in seven we will praise Thee”. We sang George Herbert’s hymn of praise and then listened to the Gospel reading from St. Luke 12:22-34. This is Jesus’ great teaching on God’s love for the natural world and His special care for the “little flock”. Our Lord said this should lead to a deeper trust in Him and a willingness to reject the wrong that can prevent us offering others spiritual and practical help.

The sermon was given by The Revd. Canon Michael Middleton who stressed the need for Christians to be messengers of hope, people who preached the Word that could bring about a miracle, shown in lives that are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Canon Middleton told us that the candidates to be ordained were dedicated to the proclamation of the intention of God’s heart, that the world might believe in His King and follow in His way.

The Liturgy of Ordination. Standing before the Bishop those to be ordained were challenged to examine their commitment to the task ahead and after each searching question they replied, “By the help of God, I will”.

The Bishop then asked the congregation if, having heard these declarations, we wished the candidates to be ordained. We were to realise that our part was to pray for them and support them throughout their ministry. The Ordination prayer thanked God for His love for us and for sending in every age, “holy people for the work of ministry”.

The Bishop then rested his hand on each of those to be ordained praying:

“Send down your Holy Spirit on your servant ‘N’ for the work of a deacon in your church”.

We then welcomed them all as, “fellow servants in the Gospel”.

The worship continued following the order of Holy Communion. It was surprise and delight to receive the cup from Brian and we ask God’s blessing on his future work for the Lord.

Finally each Deacon was given a copy of the Bible, the Bishop saying,

“Receive this book,
as a sign of the authority given you this day
to speak God’s word to his people.
Build them up in His truth
and serve them in His name.

And so we went in peace to serve the Lord, Coffee in the Frairy and then back to Middle Blakebank where Hilary was already spreading the board with good things and Brian, giving a warm welcome to us all.

There was genuine thanksgiving at the end of this special day and a sincere wish that God will bless our Curate and his wife.

JG

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy path

Ride and Stride

Saturday 11th September 2010

10am to 6pm

Helping Cumbria's historic churches and chapels

All ages and abilities are invited to join in by riding or walking to as many Churches/chapels as you can on the day, you chose your own route.

Obtain sponsorship and your nominated church will receive 75% and Churches Trust for Cumbria (CTfC) the rest.

Full details and participants forms can be downloaded from <http://www.ctfc.org.uk/bike-ride.html>

Ideal for families wanting to visit a few churches for the day or for fit riders/walkers wanting to test themselves.

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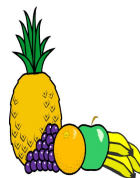
Harvest Festival



Sunday, October 3rd

10.00am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Worship



HARVEST SUPPER

Monday, 4th October

from 7.00pm onwards

Our Traditional Hot Pot & Puddings

Followed by Entertainment

RAFFLE

BRING & BUY STALL

AUCTION

Tickets:- £3.50 per person or £10 per family

**FOR ALL WHO WERE BORN IN THE 1920's 1930's 1940's,
We was 'brung up' proper!!!**

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. We drank water from the garden hose and **NOT** from a bottle. Take away food was limited to fish and chips (if we were lucky) - **no** pizza shops, **no** McDonalds, **no** KFC, **no** Subway **no** Nandos. Even though all the shops closed at 6.00pm and didn't open on the weekends, somehow we didn't starve to death! We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and **NO ONE** actually died from this.

We could collect old drink bottles and cash them in at the corner store and buy Toffees, Gobstoppers, Bubble Gum and some fire crackers to blow up frogs. We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren't overweight because **we were always outside playing!!**

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were O.K. We would spend hours building our go-carts out of old prams and then ride down the hill, only to find out we forgot the brakes. We built tree houses and cubby houses and played in river beds with matchbox cars.

We did not have Play stations, Nintendo Wii , X-boxes, no video games at all, no 999 channels on SKY , no video/dvd films, no mobile phones, no personal computers, no Internet or Internet chat rooms.....**WE HAD FRIENDS** and we went outside and found them! We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no Lawsuits from these accidents. Only girls had pierced ears! You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross Buns at Easter time.

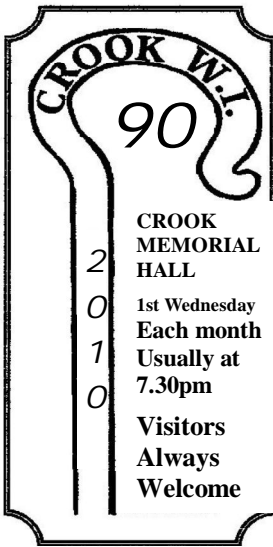
We were given air guns and catapults for our 10th birthdays, We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them! Mum didn't have to go to work to help dad make ends meet! FOOTY and CRICKET had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with MERIT

Our teachers used to hit us with rulers or canes and bullies *always* ruled the playground at school. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. **They actually sided with the law!**

Our parents didn't invent stupid names for their kids like 'Kiora' and 'Blade' and 'Ridge' and 'Vanilla'

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned HOW TO DEAL WITH IT ALL !

Are you wallowing in nostalgia, longing for past times? It is true that broken families, anti-social behaviour and the drug culture all hit the headlines today but there is still a core of love and kindness and Christians should be part of it. What is our vision of the future?. Do we dream about a better world or are we all working gently but positively to bring a turn around?



August 4th

“Evening Outing & Walk”

Start from Cunswick Scar at 6pm and arrive Punch Bowl, Underbarrow 7.30pm

September 1st
OPEN MEETING

Speaker:- John Crouch

“Timeline of Food in Cumbria”

Competition:- A Teapot

Our June meeting took place in those lovely weeks when summer came to Crook. Judi and Don Webster put together a lovely session in their own garden and three other gardens belonging to neighbours, each one being very different in style and layout. This was followed by our annual plant sale at the hall which raised £120 to go towards the recent village hall carpark replanting. Finally that evening, Don gave us a reassuring input on the work of the first responders in our area.

At the beginning of July, 18 of us provided a tea for 46 WI members from Yorkshire who had come to the South Lakes for their annual outing and although the heavens had opened on the previous day and indeed did so on the following day, we were able to show off our hall to its best advantage in the sunshine, decked as it was with lovely flowers and what turned out to be, a gorgeous spread.

Reminders of the fashions of our youth at our July meeting in addition to an insight into female clothes at the turn of the century was provided by Val Stewart. It was amazing to see the shapes we women managed to squeeze ourselves into from the 'S' shape of the late 1890's to the straight lines of the 'Twiggy' era. Members brought some beautiful examples of their own family heirlooms both in terms of christening gowns and lovely evening wear. Val herself brought rails of stunning clothes with material which just had to be handled.

At our strawberry tea this last week, we bade a sad farewell to Marian Porthouse and remembered the alter egos of this lovely lady, formal in church with her robes and the other, creating a very funny character presenting a flower demonstration with the aid of a tippie to quench the thirst. Along with the rest of the village we thank Marian for all she has given us and wish her every happiness and hope to see them both again.

CROOK SUMMER BARN DANCE

**In Aid of Crook Village Hall and
The Wooden Spoon Society**

Live Music by 'Branded'

Supported by Mr Sos Wilson

At High Farm, Crook on

Saturday, 21st August at 7pm

**Hotpot Supper, Homemade puddings,
Reasonably priced bar & Raffle**

Tickets: Adults - £10

Children 8 - 16yrs - £5

Under 8's - Free

Please book early to avoid disappointment

For tickets please contact:

George 015395 68004

Church Cleaning Rota

August

7th Vivienne Ford
14th Joan Matthews
21st Ann Clarke
28th Audrey Rowlinson

September

4th Sandra Lauder
11th Lillian Atkinson
18th Thelma Brown
25th Ann Heap

October

2nd Ann Underwood
9th Sue O'Grady
16th Mary Allcock
23rd Jennifer Gorst
30th Hilary Fitch

Church Flower Rota

August

Mary Simm
Cherry Burgess

September

Sue Tredwen
Hilary Fitch

October

Aileen Lewis
Jennifer Gorst

Front cover photo of Brow Head, Crook taken by Margaret Blades

Who'll Take my Son - A wealthy man and his son loved to collect rare works of art. They had everything in their collection, from Picasso to Raphael. They would often sit together and admire the great works of art. When the Vietnam conflict broke out, the son went to war. He was very courageous and died in battle while rescuing another soldier. The father was notified and grieved deeply.

About a month later, a young man stood at the door with a large package in his hands. He said, 'Sir, you don't know me, but I am the soldier for whom your son gave his life. He often talked about you, and your love for art.'

The young man held out the package. 'I'm not really a great artist, but I think your son would have wanted you to have this.' The father opened the package. It was a portrait of his son, painted by the young man.

The father was so drawn to the eyes that his own eyes welled up with tears.

He thanked the young man and offered to pay him for the picture. 'Oh, no sir, I could never repay what your son did for me. It's a gift.'

The father hung the portrait over his mantel piece. Every time visitors came to his home he took them to see the portrait of his son. When the man died there was to be a great auction of his paintings. Many influential people gathered, excited over seeing the great paintings and having an opportunity to purchase one for their collection.

On the platform sat the painting of the son. The auctioneer pounded his gavel. 'We will start the bidding with this picture of the son. 'Who will bid for this picture?' "Who will take the son?" 'We didn't come to see this painting.. We came to see the Van Gogh's, the Rembrandts.

But still the auctioneer continued. 'The son! The son! Who'll take the son?' Finally, a voice came from the very back of the room. It was the long time gardener of the man and his son. 'I'll give £10 for the painting. It was all he could afford and it was sold to him.

The auctioneer laid down his gavel. 'I'm sorry, the auction is over.'

'What about the paintings?'" I am sorry. When I was called to conduct this auction, I was told of a secret stipulation in the will. I was not allowed to reveal that stipulation until this time. Only the painting of the son would be auctioned. Whoever bought that painting would inherit the entire estate, including the paintings. The man who took 'the son' gets everything!

'God gave His son 2,000 years ago to die on the cross.

Much like the auctioneer, His message today is:

'The Son, the Son, who'll take the Son?'

Because, you see, whoever takes Jesus gets everything.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON,WHO SO EVER BELIEVETH, SHALL HAVE ETERNAL LIFE....