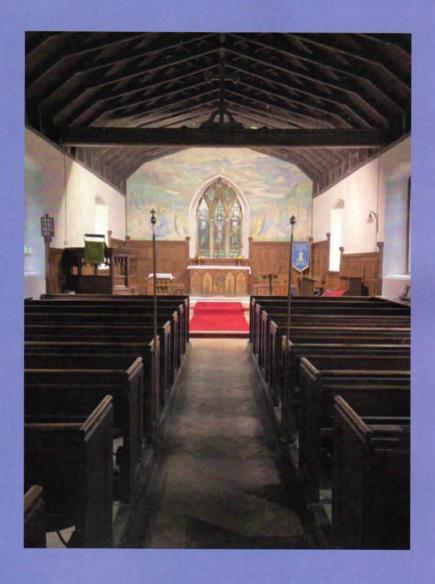
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9.30am Underbarrow Morning Worship (CW) Nick Gray
11.00am Winster Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Simon Howard

11.00am Crook Morning Worship (CW) tbc

Sunday 14th September 13th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Cartmel Fell Holy Communion (BCP) Brian & Rev. Beverley Lock

9.30am Underbarrow Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. Bob Dew

11.00am Crosthwaite Holy Communion (CW) Brian & Rev. Beverley Lock

11.00am Crook Morning Worship (CW) tbc

Sunday 21st September 14th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Witherslack Holy Communion (CW) Brian & Rev. Beverley Lock

9.30am Underbarrow Holy Communion (CW) Rev. Ron Rutter

11.00am Winster Holy Communion (BCP) Brian & Rev. Beverley Lock

11.00am Crook Holy Communion (CW) tbc

4.00pm Crosthwaite Songs of Praise All welcome!

Sunday 28th September 15th Sunday after Trinity

9.30am Cartmel Fell Holy Communion (BCP) Rev. George Briggs

9.30am Helsington Holy Communion (CW) Rev. S. Howard & Nicola Whitehead

10.00am Witherslack Café Church in the Parish Hall Ben McLeod

11.00am Crosthwaite Holy Communion (CW) Rev. George Briggs

11.00am Crook Morning Worship (CW) tbc

Cover photo: Helsington Church from Hannah Gross Church miniature pictures from watercolours by John Wilcock

A LETTER FROM DOROTHY GRACE

Dear friends.

The lazy, hazy days of Summer are almost over (completely over for meteorologists!). I hope you managed to keep sufficiently cool in the hot spells in August. I love warm, sunny weather, but not when it's really hot and particularly not when it's humid as well. It's a challenge to keep cool and hydrated, and any physical effort can be overwhelming in the heat. So much for pleasant-sounding lazy, hazy days!



In Café Church at the end of July we were challenged by the words of the Lord's Prayer that say, 'Give us today our daily bread'. Rev. Simon Howard mentioned this in his letter in July's TVN, that this prayer was about having enough – not more and not less, just enough. It's definitely worth a re-read to see what he says about it.

The main message from Café Church was that God will provide for us – just enough for the day. Our discussions acknowledged that it is a challenging concept because we have, and expect, so much. We concluded with an action to thank God every day for a week for three things for which we are thankful. I would suggest that it's a good discipline to continue, whether or not you acknowledge God as the giver; it helps to keep things in perspective.

The Lord's Prayer challenges both our moral and spiritual outlook and our actions. God's Kingdom is about being content with what we have, looking to God for provision of what we need and not being anxious about what we don't have. The Kingdom demonstrates God's priorities of love, kindness, respect and justice, and seeking God's way above our own. This is a challenge! It's countercultural, and may at times put us at odds with our family, neighbours, work colleagues. But Jesus was never one to compromise, and we are encouraged not to compromise either, drawing on his strength to stick to Kingdom principles, with love and respect for those who may not see things the same way. Life in general can be challenging in many ways: physically, mentally and emotionally as well as morally and spiritually.

How do we cope? Where do we turn?

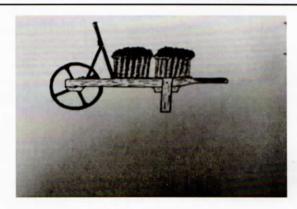
God is always available to us to help us through. We don't need any formulae or fancy words, just honesty. God will respond as we reach out, to provide love, acceptance, forgiveness and strength to help us face the challenges, and to find a way to deal with them. This may be through human agency, or through comfort and assurance that God is entirely trustworthy and true, providing peace to replace anxiety.

Psalm 34 says, 'I sought the Lord's help and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Taste and see that the Lord is good. How blessed is the one who takes shelter in him'.

Best wishes

Dorothy

Westmorland Damson Association



This year's harvest will be a bumper crop. Fresh damsons are available on the roadside along the Lyth Valley Road from local orchards from the end of August into early September.

Get cooking and preserving with all this wonderful fruit. If you miss the fresh fruit harvest, frozen Lyth Valley damsons are available from Witherslack Community Shop.

Anyone looking for information on picking or needing help with harvesting, please contact:

Mark at info@lythdamsons.org.uk

CALLING ALL PARISHES

Vicar Vacancy Update 12

The Diocese, through our Archdeacon Vernon, is trying very hard to find an interim Priest-in-Charge to be with us until next Spring/early Summer. So far, those he has asked have said no. So, we are going to proceed with Plan A and Plan B. Vernon will continue to approach those he feels might be interested in the temporary Priest-in-Charge role, and we will also advertise again in the Church Times and associated websites, plus the Diocesan website. The contract with the Church Times runs until the post is filled, but there is a limit on the time gaps between adverts.

Please pray for:

- guidance for Vernon
- · our Church Wardens
- · those who take our services
- · our congregations

Please also pray that God would continue to prepare the person he has chosen to be our next Vicar, and also prepare us to welcome them in due course.

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: hear our prayer for all your faithful people in the Two Valleys, that by the Spirit's gifts we may each be equipped to be an instrument of your love. Grant wisdom and discernment to all those involved in the process of appointing a new incumbent, and draw amongst us one who will lead us and guide us in the victory of your love, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.



CURLEW RECOVERY SOUTH LAKES

In early August the last of our curlew chicks fledged. From the 32 pairs we monitored, a total of 26 or 30 chicks successfully made it to young adulthood. The volunteers enjoyed seeing many of them take their first flights. These young birds will join flocks around Morecambe Bay before heading off for their Autumn migration. 26 to 30 fledged chicks is an amazing result from so much effort from so many people. It's also a healthy increase on previous years. In 2024 we monitored 24 families and saw 18 to 20 chicks fledge. And that was a big improvement from just 4 or 5 fledged chicks in 2023 and only one in each of the two years before. These positive results reflect the efforts of so many farmers, landowners, field workers, volunteers, gamekeepers, donors and the local communities. It is a fantastic outcome for our curlew population. Huge thanks to everyone who has been involved. This year we have found new families to the north, extending our area. And, for the first time we had a thermal drone which helped when there were chicks on the run, in fields of long grass. The drone meant we could work with farmers to find and temporarily move the chicks before cutting.

Curlew Recovery South Lakes is a registered charity. Contact: curlewrecoverysl@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who's helped make this our best year yet. https://justgiving.com/curlewrecoverysl

Curlew Recovery South Lakes 2025



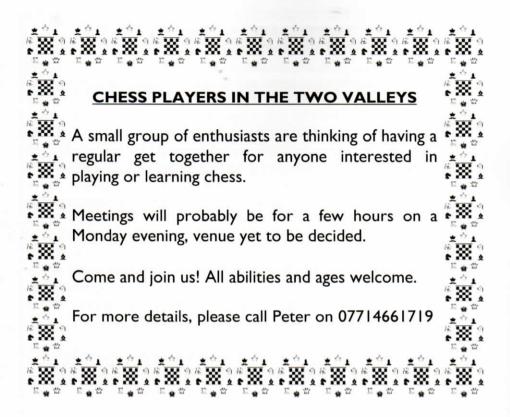
Update 12 Aug



32 curlew families followed



26-30 chicks fledged



NOTICES FOR INDIVIDUAL PARISHES

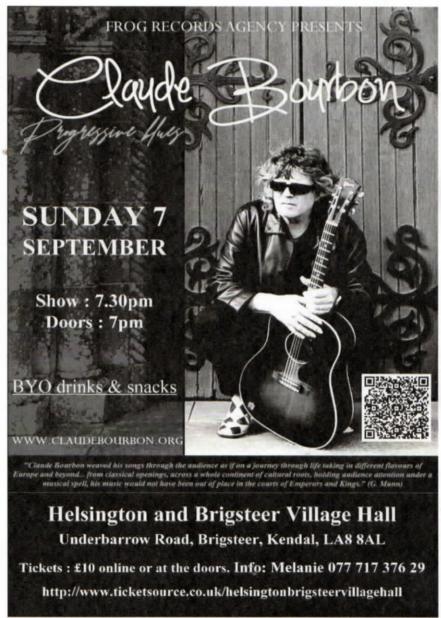
CROOK

St. Catherine's Church, Crook will be having their **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** on Sunday 12th October at 11.00am.



This will be followed by a 'Bring and Share' lunch and we look forward to as many people as possible joining us.







CALL FOR ENTRIES



PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

*'Living on the Fell'*An exhibition of recent photographs

- Criteria: Photos taken of, or on Cartmel & Newton Fells including Gummers How. Show us any aspect of living on the Fell since September 2024 - people, scenery, animals, anything you like.
- Deadline for entries: 19th September 2025
- · Entries open to all
- Enter online at www.cartmelfellvolunteers.com/show
- · Contact Julie for more info/help team@cartmelfellvolunteers.com

Exhibition Open

- Fri 24th Oct 2025- 4pm 6pm
- Sat 25th Oct 2025 10am 4pm
- Sun 26th Oct 2025 10:30am 12:30pm

People's Choice Winner announced on Sunday at 12:15pm

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Cartmel Fell and District Local History Society

We start the Autumn programme with a talk by Barrovian Historian Gill Jepson based on her book: 'Barrow - A Potted History' on Monday 8th September.

On **October 13**th, Kevin Grice will present: 'A story in pictures: **Brockhole 125**'

Both talks will be at 2pm in the Parish Hall, Cartmel Fell.

Visitors (£5) are most welcome.

For further information email: gandjviney@live.co.uk

Cartmel Fell Volunteers

- Get in touch if you want help or advice with Himalayan Balsam clearance - we're surveying sites for next year as well as helping clear them this year
- Send us your ideas—things that would really make a difference that we could help with
- · Come and volunteer occasionally—we would love to see you!
- Our next (public) meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 18th September at Cartmel Fell Parish Hall

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All proceeds to the Bishop of Carlisle's Harvest Appeal

All welcome!

Crosthwaite Songs of Praise Sunday 21st September at 4pm in St Mary's. A fitting conclusion to the Open Gardens Weekend. Everyone Welcome! If you would like to suggest a hymn for us all to sing, please let me know (dorothygraceo1@btinternet.com), along with the reason why—even if it's just that it's your favourite hymn—and then come along to sing it! Thankyou. Dorothy Grace_dorothygrace01@btinternet.com

Crosthwaite Art Group

A keen and enthusiastic group of painters and dabblers will be starting up again for their weekly meeting on **Monday 6th October** and would like to invite other interested amateurs to join them.

We meet for 10 sessions in the Autumn Term, at Argles Memorial Hal, on a Monday from 1.30-4.00 pm. It is a D-I-Y style class, whereby each person brings their own materials, choosing whatever subject you are interested in, and in whatever medium (watercolours, acrylics, pastels, oils). We do our own thing and we are all at different levels and work at our own pace, and we all help each other through chat and suggestions. It is very informal, relaxed and supportive and everyone is welcome, at whatever level you are-newcomers and beginners especially welcome, to just 'have a go'.

For further information or a chat, please ring me: (Pat Howarth 07765010252).



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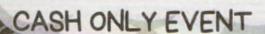
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All money raised will go towards the repair of the church tower.



WITHERSLACK HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival this year will be at 9.30am on Sunday 5th October in St Paul's Church.

Café Church Sunday 28th September at 10am Witherslack Parish Hall

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REPORTS & NEWS

CROSTHWAITE & LYTH WI

Louise Latham, professional violinist, was the guest speaker on July 16th and she spoke about 'My life in Music'. It was a very well attended open meeting. She was accompanied for her musical interludes by her friend and colleague, pianist Helena Morwood. Louise talked about her upbringing in Preston where her Dad was a butcher.

She had the good fortune to have her talent spotted early, coupled with very supportive parents. At seven she began lessons with an enthusiastic primary school head. During her childhood music was everywhere, on the radio transmitted by various BBC regional orchestras, and made at home around the piano whenever there was a gathering. She soon graduated to youth orchestras where she realised she needed to learn more technique, and improve her understanding of musical theory. She worked hard, formed quartets and trios, and fell in love with orchestral and chamber music. She had found her calling!

Despite having only ever done Grade I violin, she got paid gigs and could see a pathway to her future career. She played in a folk group in her teens, was invited to annual summer schools with eminent teachers and joined The National Youth Orchestra. She 'slipped' into the Royal Northern College of Music where she spent 4 years honing her skills. Her teacher, Hungarian violinist Rudolf Botta was a truly inspiring and abiding influence, teaching her techniques which made her the versatile musician she is today. Her subsequent career took her to the BBC Philharmonic orchestra, The Halle, Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Opera North for which she currently works on a freelance basis. There were many tours abroad and throughout the UK, and she also worked on luxury cruise ships providing the "entertainment". Louise is well known as a brilliant violin teacher, and tutor, for her chamber and orchestral music workshops. Music is like a second language to Louise. She says she feels privileged to have had the opportunities and support she has had. She regrets that children do not have access to the teaching and instruments at school which were available in her day. She has had a most fulfilling and enjoyable career. It was a pleasure to hear her story.

CROOK WI

Several members of Crook WI will be helping at the Westmorland County Show. We are not entering a co-operative item this year but assisting behind the scenes is helpful and fun.

We had a very interesting talk given by Vicky Auld. Some of you may remember a number of years ago there was a picture of her on the front of the WI magazine with an article inside. She has spent her career with the British Antarctic Survey and most recently has been a pilot ferrying goods and personnel between the different bases down in Antarctica. It is a beautiful and wild part of the world and pilots have unusual challenges such as sometimes landing planes on skis rather than wheels. It is definitely important to be patient and resilient when living in confined spaces with colleagues for long periods away from home.

WITHERSLACK WI

We enjoyed a walk around Troutbeck with Andy Lowe on a lovely sunny evening in July, a contrast to the previous week's rain which caused us to reschedule. We looked at the old houses in the village, many with dates on their chimneys dated in the late 17th century. Old doors and windows were admired, and we were shown different buildings built in different centuries-we could really tell the difference in the stonework. We admired the lovely scenery from the viewpoints Andy led us to and we all thought we had learned a lot of the history of the village by the time the walk finished.

Notice

The Lyth Valley Group of WI's will be having a group meeting on Thursday 23rd October at Crook Memorial Hall at 2pm when Joan Bentley will be giving one of her flower-arranging demonstrations.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

Items for entry to the Editor(s) by I2th of previous month by e-mail please:

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Wednesday Yoga with Tara WI	Second Weds of the month	09.30 - 11.00 19.30 - 21.30	
Thursday Dru Yoga with Johan Tai Chi with David Ballroom and Latin Dancing	Intermediate	09.30 - 11.00 14.00 - 15.45 18.30 - 21.30	
Saturday Pilates with Emma		08.30 - 09.30 09.45 - 10.45	

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Women's Institute Local History Society First Wednesday in the month at 7.30pm

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Music Group	Monday morning	
Art Group	Monday afternoon	
Table Tennis	Monday and Friday 7.30 - 10.00pm	
	(from September during the winter months)	
Guitar Group	Tuesday morning	
Young Farmers Club	Occasional Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.30pm	
WI	First Wednesday in the month	
	(afternoons in winter, evenings rest of year)	
Sewing/Craft Group	Occasional Wednesday evenings	
Aerobics/Body Toning	ing Thursday 10am - 11.00am	
Folk Dance Group	Thursdays 7.30pm - 10.00pm	

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Mondays 1.30-4pm (January-March then October-December) Art Club

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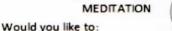
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