

# Coniston and Crake Valley News

A photograph of a building at dusk. The sky is a mix of purple and blue, with a bright pink light source visible. A large tree is on the left, and a white van is parked in front of the building.

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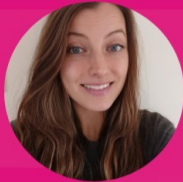
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## **Churches in Coniston and the Crake Valley**

**St Andrew's Church, Coniston LA21 8EN**

**St Luke's Church, Torver LA21 8AZ**

**St Luke's Church, Lowick LA12 8EE**

**Holy Trinity Church, Colton LA12 8HF**

**Church of St Mary the Virgin, Penny Bridge LA12 7RQ**

**Tottlebank Baptist Church, Colton LA12 8HY**

Welcomes you to our Sunday services from 10.30 to 11.30am followed by refreshments, and midweek prayer meetings on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. The church building is usually open daily 10am – 4pm for visitors and for private prayer. Our moderator is Rev. Andrew Dodd. For further information contact Chris and Margaret Hamps, hampsc@outlook.com

**Coniston Methodist Church, Coniston LA21 8ER**

The Sunday morning service is at 11.00am and a warm welcome awaits you. For further information contact Joyce Holland on **015394 41594**.

**St Francis of Assisi Church of the Sacred Heart, Coniston LA21 8AW**

Mass is held on Thursdays at 10.30am and Saturdays at 5.00pm. For further information contact Father Matthew Jacob on **01229 779673**.

## Church Services for June 2024

<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>First Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Schoolroom</b> Torver	9.00am	<b>Bikers' Breakfast</b>	Rev Brian Streeter
<b>St. Luke</b> Lowick	9.30am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev David Bickersteth
<b>St. Mary</b> Penny Bridge	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Brian Streeter

<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>Holy Trinity</b> Colton	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Joanna Henson
<b>St. Mary</b> Penny Bridge	11.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	Rev David Bickersteth
<b>St. Andrew</b> Coniston	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Brian Streeter

<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St. Luke</b> Torver	9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Brian Streeter
<b>St. Mary</b> Penny Bridge	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Brian Streeter

<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St. Luke</b> Lowick	9.30am	<b>Methodist Service</b>	Rev David Jackson
<b>Holy Trinity</b> Colton	10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Brian Streeter
<b>St. Andrew</b> Coniston	11.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	Pamela Hull
<b>Schoolroom</b> Torver	7.00pm	<b>Torver Junction</b> Contemporary Worship	Rev Brian Streeter

<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>		
<b>St. Andrew</b> Coniston	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Brian Streeter
<b>Greenodd Village Hall</b>	11.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Rev Harry Welch

### From the Registers

**Holy Trinity**, Colton, 17<sup>th</sup> May: Funeral for Dorothy Margaret Mein.

**St. Mary**, Penny Bridge, 14<sup>th</sup> June: Interment of Ashes for Mary Evans & Horace Evans

**St. Luke**, Lowick, 30<sup>th</sup> June: Baptism for Frankie William Walsh

### From the Editor:

Please send items for the July magazine by **15<sup>th</sup> June** to  
**editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk** or **phone 07884 232281**

**Cover photo: Aurora at Tottlebank Church by Kevin Clarkson**

# Pastoral Letter

## LIFE-BREATHING

Recently, I visited Gothenburg in Sweden for a Christian conference, and at the conference I prayed for many Swedish people who came forward with prayer needs. It was both a very rewarding and very exhausting time.

Now the common thinking is that Sweden is a progressive, modern, clean, highly-organised, and prosperous country – and this has clearly been the case in my experiences of Sweden. This appears to be a thriving, forward-looking country with a good mix of modern city life and an appreciation of the natural world. All good one would think then? Well, no.

The prayer needs of the Christians in Sweden, from my experience, certainly reflected the same needs as in the UK and other nations – their families and personal relationships. But for those without a faith, in Sweden there is also a palpable feeling – especially amongst the young – that something is missing, that there is more to life than can be found on TikTok, in dining out, climbing the corporate ladder, launching a new start-up, or retiring to the summer house by the lake. Something was missing and the hunger was palpable.

And in the UK we have similar misgivings about modern life and that there must be more to life than we immediately see. This anxiety is further increased by the tensions in the world and the disappointments of our own nation – a pointless war in Ukraine; Iran, China and North Korea becoming increasingly aggressive; an unstoppable wave of immigrants, legal and illegal; politics that leads to just apathy and anger. Surely, there is something more and better than this?

In the Book of Ezekiel, the prophet Ezekiel is taken in a prophetic dream to a desert valley full of dry human bones. The LORD God then told Ezekiel to prophesy to the bones, which Ezekiel did, and the bones came together, sinews, flesh, and skin. And then the Lord God commanded Ezekiel,

*'Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.*

What is missing in our lives is the breath of God, the Holy Spirit, God who would live in us as a soulmate. Without God in us, we will feel like dry bones, lifeless and simply lying in the sun. That is what is missing, and it is this that will bring hope and direction to life – just ask the Swedes that I prayed for!

**Blessings in Christ,**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Brian". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom center of the page.

## Around the Parishes : Colton

### Colton Parish News

Colton Parish Council urgently needs your support. Parish Councils are the bedrock of local democracy, but at the time of writing, we only have two Councillors; this means that we cannot be an effective voice for our community, cannot agree Community Grants, or take on new projects, such as our recent purchase of two new defibrillators for the parish.

If you are over 18 and live, work, or run a business in or near any of the places below and can volunteer or want more information, please contact [clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@coltonparishcouncil.org.uk)

Colton Parish is surprisingly large! It includes: East of Lake, to just beyond Dodgson Wood, Nibthwaite, Spark Bridge on the east side of the Crake, Colton, Oxen Park, Bandrake Head, Bethacar Moor, Ickenthwaite, Tottlebank, Bouth, Rusland, Crosslands, Finsthwaite, Lakeside and Thwaite Head. Our borders include Coniston Water and the Crake on the west, The A590 and Windermere on the east, and Thwaite Head, Ickenthwaite and the North edge of Bethacar Moor. There is a map on our website see: <https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/our-community/colton-community-plan/>

We have put measures in place so that we can continue to employ the parish Lengthsman. Please contact the Clerk about highways issues so we can assess what steps we can take.

Other ways you can get involved: all our meetings are open to the public. Come along and share your views, or just to listen. Volunteer to look after one of our noticeboards by posting up to date information (we will supply this) and reporting any repair needs. Sign up for Colton Link, our email round up of what's going on in our patch; see the *Keep In Touch* section on the homepage of our website <https://coltonparishcouncil.org.uk/>

Our next meeting is on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at 7pm at Colton Church Hall. All welcome!



**Bouth Village Hall coffee morning** is on **June 19<sup>th</sup>** 10.30-12.30, the last one before the summer break.

Save the date!

**Colton Church Coffee Morning, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July,**  
10am - 12 noon



Due to the lack of water in Colton School Hall we are unable to hold our usual popular fete. Instead we are having a coffee morning in the newly refurbished Bouth Village Hall, when the annual raffle will be drawn. £1 to enter including coffee and biscuits. There will also be a cake stall.

## **Egton cum Newland**

### **Egton with Newland, Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council**

The Annual Meetings for the Parish Council and each of the Parishes were held in the first week of May 2024.

The Chair's Annual Report for 2023-24 can be found on [www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk).

The Council heard that its applications for 20mph speed limits in Greenodd/Penny Bridge and in Spark Bridge have not been included in the first batch of schemes to be implemented by W&FC. We will continue to press for these schemes to be realised as soon funds allow.

As reported in the May edition of this magazine the Council's Heritage Project is making very good progress with a team of a dozen or so researchers. In all Councillor Barbara Hind has succeeded in engaging about 50 people in working on the various aspects of the Project.

Work on revising the Parish Plan will proceed during the year ahead with the objective of publishing a new plan in 2025.

The Council has decided to hold some of its meetings in the Mill Room, Broughton Beck and in Spark Bridge Village Hall.

So the next Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in The Mill Room. Please come along if you want to raise any issue that you think affects the community. Look at our website ([www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.enmoparishcouncil.org.uk)) to see the agenda and minutes of our meetings.

If there is something you want added to the agenda please contact our Clerk by email using [clerk@enmoparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@enmoparishcouncil.org.uk).

***Brian Campbell***

**Councillor, Egton with Newland Mansriggs and Osmotherley Parish Council**

## **Coniston & Torver**

### **Rainfall, Garden House, Coniston - April 2024**

Total - 310.1mm (12.2 ins)

Wet days - 19

More than 1mm on 17 days

Wettest day - 4<sup>th</sup> - 43mm (1.7ins)

Frost on the 17<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Coniston Bowling Club**

The Coniston Bowling Club is looking to encourage new people to take up crown green bowling this year regardless of age or experience. If you are interested please contact ***John Darragh*** on **07854 274086**



## Thanks

Audrey Grisedale wishes to thank family and friends for all the cards, gifts and flowers received on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. And to Rachel and Jonny for the super afternoon tea.

God bless you all. "Nowt caps Coniston"

**Audrey**

## Coniston Mountain Rescue Team

### **NEW SUPPORTER GROUP MEMBER NEEDED**

We already have a great Supporter Group – people who help us in various ways that don't involve actually going up on the fell on a callout. This is drawn from locals and regular visitors to the Coniston area, and we are very grateful for the various kinds of support we receive. Examples include emptying collection boxes, updating our website, putting up information boards, marshalling at running events, acting as mispers (lost people) in practice searches, and helping us to run our stalls at fundraising events.



As a member of our Supporter Group, you would be invited to various CMRT social and fundraising events and receive updates about our activities.

However now I am urgently requesting some regular help with processing our Gift Aid and VAT claims. You need to be OK with a computer but apart from that full training will be given. The job involves a couple of hours each month and can be done at home on your own computer. If you were thinking about doing a bit of volunteering in your local community and this is something you feel you might be able to manage, please get in touch with me to discuss possible enrolment in our Supporter Group.

**Jackie Coe, Team Treasurer** [treasurer@conistonmrt.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@conistonmrt.org.uk)

## Coniston Local History Group - talk

**17<sup>th</sup> June, 2.30pm** at The Reading Room, Coniston Institute: **Faye Morrissey**, Curator of the Armitt Collection: More than an Archive. Admission is £3; refreshments available.

## NO MORE BOTTLE TOPS

I am afraid we are having to stop our collections of bottle tops from the Dairy, Coniston. This is due to the people at the collection point in Boston having to give up. We can not find another collection point, sorry.

Over the years £6,000 has been raised for the Air Ambulance, thanks to your contributions. The bottle tops were made into dog bowls, waste bins for parks etc.

Thank you all for your contributions over the years.

Thank You

**Don and Kay Shepherd**



## Coniston Co-op

Next year, 2025, Coniston Co-operative Society can justifiably celebrate its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That is, if we acknowledge the store had its beginnings in Far Sawrey (1875) before it transferred to Coniston in 1898. The other cause for celebration is that CCS remains independent, often to the irritation of visitors who expect their home membership can be applied here, not so!

However, all is not rosy. Following Brexit, the pandemic seemed to change the world. Refurbishment of the main store and the top shop, sorely needed, has diminished resources. It may be that to recover, CCS will have to relinquish its independence. The Staff and the Committee are working to resolve current difficulties and a number of solutions are being considered: a revitalised website, new promotions, and a greater awareness of customer needs.

We have over seven hundred members. We ought to be flourishing. We, together, need to make the business work.

USE IT OR LOSE IT - CALL AT THE CO-OP.

**Chas Sargeant, Secretary to CCS: [cj.sargeant70@btinternet.com](mailto:cj.sargeant70@btinternet.com)**

**Coniston Co-op opening times:**  
**Monday to Saturday 9am – 7pm**  
**Sunday 10am – 5pm**  
**Please support your local Co-op**

### Coniston Zumba!

Every Thursday at 6.30pm Coniston Primary School hall. All fitness levels - no experience necessary! For anyone who loves music and movement People looking for a high-energy workout disguised as a party.

Price is £25 for a block of 5 sessions, First tester session £5. Pay as you go - £7.

contact **Valentyna 07493 658923** for more information and to book a place.

### Concert in aid of St.Mary's Hospice

Windermere & Bowness Community Choir will perform a variety of songs and instrumental music on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**, 7.30pm at St. Andrews Church, Coniston. Admission £10 at the door which includes a glass of wine or soft drink. There will also be a raffle. Everyone welcome.

### Great North Swim 2024 at Brockhole

On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June Peter Kirkbride will be participating in aid of St. Mary's Hospice. Donations welcome via just giving.

<https://www.justgiving.com/stmaryshospice>.



# Coniston Sports & Social Centre

**\*\*Save the Date\*\***

## Summer Celebration Day

Saturday July 6th

Activities for All Ages

Including our Buggy Race - down Guards Hill

Get Making those Buggies ready to enter - will yours make it to the bottom?? - prizes to be won.

You can follow our Facebook page or look out for posters around Coniston Village for further information

## Reports



### Mothers' Union

At their April Mother's Union meeting members began with a short form of worship centred around peace due to all the unrest in the world at present.

They then looked at the work of the Mother's Union members in Argentina, focusing on AMARE. A slide show of Argentina followed showing areas in the North, South, East and West plus cities and famous sites. Tea and discussion ended the afternoon.

Their next meeting on May 30<sup>th</sup> is a visit to Tottlebank Baptist Church with tour and talk.

Please join us, all welcome, contact **Kay 015394 41559**.

### Coniston WI

Coniston WI June meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> at Brantwood, 6.30pm for a garden tour and Jacob's Join picnic, new members welcome. Walking group meeting on the first Tuesday of each month - Coniston bus stop 1pm. We also meet each week for wild water swimming - group chat when. Crafting nights are every Tuesday other than the WI meeting night. We now have 34 members and welcome new ones anytime. For more details contact **Judith Myers: jandzmyers@gmail.com**



## Egton WI

Our May speaker was Sharron Gillam who enlightened us with her talk "My life as a magistrate". It is quite disturbing to realise how little we all know about our justice system and the short questionnaire she gave us proved just that! She gave us a real insight into how it all works and what powers JP's have, which was really interesting.

Last month also found several of us on a walk together up to Finsthwaite Tower (who knew it was there) and with lovely views on our way back down to Lakeside then onto the Newby Bridge Hotel for a very relaxed lunch. We look forward to our next outing.

Having mentioned extortionate car parking charges in Ulverston in last month's magazine, I feel duty bound to report that the council seems to have had a much appreciated rethink and that today I was able to park in town for up to two hours for £1.20 which is much more acceptable. Our gripes paid off!

Next month we are greatly looking forward to seeing & hearing from "Harps North West". What a varied programme we are enjoying this year.

Lastly I would like to remind you that we are now selling tickets for our Saturday afternoon TEA PARTY on 6<sup>th</sup> July. They cost a mere £10 for what we hope will be a veritable feast of goodies and tickets can be obtained from **Gill** on **07519 144799**.

We have more exciting things in the pipeline so do call Gill if you would like to give us a try ladies, newcomers are always welcome

## Rusland with Bouth WI

Bouth WI is no longer in operation, they have merged with Rusland WI.

Here is a message from the President of the new Rusland with Bouth WI:

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month, the venue varies as we try to move around our large catchment area!

We have a very easy website to navigate which tells folks where we will be and what we are doing each month: <https://ruslandwi.com>

Our next meeting, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, is at Rusland Reading Rooms and the talk will be on the topic of "The Canary Girls of WW1". We start at 7.30pm and new members are always very welcome.

**Sally Lister, President**

## Voluntary Car Scheme – Westmorland and Furness Council



We are in need of additional drivers. Would you be someone who could occasionally drive someone to a hospital or GP appointment, railway station, shopping or social event? If you would like to know more about voluntary driving (petrol costs are reimbursed) I would be happy to have a chat.



**Marguerite Calvert 01229 885498**

Now our season is over we are hard at work (& watching) selecting films for next year starting in September as usual. It will be difficult to find as many great films as we did last season but we think we have a good selection to choose from. We plan to have the programmes ready for The Rusland Show on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> - we will be in the local activity tent like last year.

Another date for your diary is Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June when we will have our A.G.M. in the Carthouse Community Cinema, 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome but only members can vote. AGMs are a chance to have your say about how the cinema club should be run, whether you think are choice of films could change or if you have a bright idea for progress. Three trustees are due to retire so come to vote them back in or offer to join us.

**Carol**



## BRANTWOOD NEWS AND VIEWS

Our Blue Gallery exhibition of plein air paintings in water-based media by Frances Hatch ARWS entitled 'Of Truth and Water' continues until 14<sup>th</sup> July. The works in the show speak of specific encounters and accumulations of experience in the steep Brantwood gardens, lakeside, Coppermines Valley and White Lady Falls between 2019 and 2023. In the Severn Studio we have 'Wisteria in Bloom', an exhibition celebrating Brantwood's Wisteria Collection. Cumbria Wisteria is a Plant Heritage National Plant Collection of species and cultivars of Wisteria started in 1999. It includes representations of four species, 6 hybrids and many cultivars. The collection as of 2022 was split between two locations; the original private garden and Brantwood. On display until 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Our First food & folk night in The Terrace was a huge success, selling out of tickets after just 3 weeks so we've decided to host Food & Folk #2 on 22<sup>nd</sup> June from 6.30pm. We invite you to another evening full of Food & Folk. For just £35 per person and including Chef's snack & welcome drink on arrival, a 4 course tasting menu & live folk music all night! For our second night we needed to up the ante so we have a big name in the folk community... Chuck Fish! Chuck is an American folk singer with some Irish influences, he really knows how to rock. Also playing will be Cold Harbour Road & Christian Stretton. We decided to put a slight American twist on the 4 course tasting menu; we have a Scavengers menu packed with hearty meat options influenced by local ingredients & our Herbalists menu for the vegetarians, this one is bursting with unique flavour combinations and great textures! Head to our website for more info or to book now! <https://www.brantwood.org.uk/theterrace>

For full details of all our exhibitions and events, please visit our website [www.brantwood.org.uk](http://www.brantwood.org.uk). Box office: [enquiries@brantwood.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@brantwood.org.uk) or call **015394 41396**.

## Local history and memories

We get quite a few requests from readers for more local history items to be included in the Magazine. If you would feel able to jot a few notes down about bygone times please do get in touch with the Editor - handwritten, note format or even oral recollections can be typed up and edited very easily, so get your thinking caps on - we'd all be really interested.

**Juliet, Editor: 07884 232281, [editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk](mailto:editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk)**

### From the Editor – your help needed!

To keep this magazine operational and free to all households there is a need to obtain funding to bridge the gap between advertising income and the cost of printing.

If anyone would be able to help with researching and applying for grants from local grant-giving bodies this would be very much appreciated. This would take no more than a couple of hours each month and could be done at any time to suit.

If this is something you might be able to help with, please contact

Juliet on [editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk](mailto:editor@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk) or

Brian on [vicar@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk](mailto:vicar@conistonandcrakechurches.co.uk)

## Rush hat making Course Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

This is a one day course, open to all, no prior skills or experience necessary.

So, if you would like to make your own summer sun hat from lovely rush then you will be most welcome. It makes a very light weight yet durable hat: Round top or Boater style.

Venue: Water Yeat Village Hall, 9.30 - 5.30pm; Cost £85 (includes a simple vege lunch)

More details and how to book please go to my website [www.oakswills.co.uk](http://www.oakswills.co.uk)

For any queries contact me on [Owenjones2008@btinternet.com](mailto:Owenjones2008@btinternet.com) or **07787 712434**

## **ROOKHOW NEWS**

### **Lanequest cycle event Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Rookhow will again be hosting one of the local charitable cycle orienteering evenings on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, starting from 5pm at Rookhow. Last time over 100 cyclists took part and helped raise money for local charities, including Rookhow's Retreat Away Fund. A local caterer will be providing some yummy food! If you would like to take part, just turn up. More info on Facebook: Lakeland Lanequests Riders Forum.

For more details, email: **Sue Nicholls**, Rookhow Development Manager.

Email: [contactrookhow@gmail.com](mailto:contactrookhow@gmail.com) Tel. **07377 971783**

Website: [rookhow.org.uk](http://rookhow.org.uk)

**A THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH by Rev. David Gregg**  
**JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> : D-DAY (80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)**

This poem appeared in our Gosport Grammar School magazine in the late 1940's.

Last Sunday we went sailing and we saw a submarine,  
It surfaced just ahead of us and didn't look too clean.  
It was battered and bedraggled, and it looked a proper crate,  
And the barnacles and seaweed must have added to its weight.  
The conning tower opened and we heard her captain roar,  
"Surrender, British dogs, for you are prisoners of war!"  
Our skipper told the Jerry, "The War is over, son."  
"it's over?" said the German, "Vell, for pity's sake, who won?"  
Our patriotic skipper said, "The British did, my lad!"  
At first their captain looked surprised, and then he looked quite  
sad.  
He leaned down in the conning tower, and shouted with a frown,  
"Send Wilhelm to the mess, und take the Kaiser's portrait down!"

In 1947 my family moved to Lee-on-the-Solent, where the reminders of World War 2, and particularly D-Day, were everywhere around. (We were told that our eight-bedroomed hotel had had 200 troops billeted there on the days before D-Day.) During the War we had lived on the outskirts of Birmingham. The first *dateable* memory of my life was 14<sup>th</sup> November 1940, when I was just short of three years old, and witnessed the horrific blitz on Coventry, just 20 miles away. To people of my generation "The War" is still the pivotal point of our lives. Even today, if you look at any magazine of TV programmes, you will find films or documentaries or discussions about World War 2 advertised on practically every page! The significance of D-Day is that it marked the definitive *Victory* of the War. It took nearly another year to complete the rout of the Nazis (with a number of notable counter-attacks and setbacks like Arnhem, the Battle of the Bulge, the flying bombs etc.) but eventually the enemy surrendered, and Peace in Europe was achieved.

For Christians, the "War" between Good and Evil is the overarching theme of the Bible from cover to cover – the Garden of Eden in Genesis to the Garden of Paradise in Revelation. The decisive event is the Victory of Jesus Christ over Satan on the Cross of Calvary, confirmed by His Resurrection. His cry, "It is finished!" signifies the personal perception of Jesus Himself of the moment of Victory. Ultimate peace will come at His return, and meanwhile we are living in the 'mopping up' period. Satan is defeated but still active and we are called to complete the Victory with our faith and witness and steadfastness, and the proof of 'good works', as evidence of the reality of which 'side' we are on.

## Parish Prayer Diary June 2024

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Pray for the troubled areas of our world.

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** **Sunday, the first day of the week:** May our God of truth help us to keep his law of love, and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may know the true life of peace and joy Jesus alone brings.

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Pray for the King and members of the Royal Family.

**4<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for teenagers sitting exams whilst caring for a dependent parent.

**5<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the Benefice Staff team meeting this afternoon.

**6<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Landings in Normandy as the Nation honours the bravery and sacrifice of those who participated in the operation that impacted the course of the Second World War.

**7<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for Midwives working in hospital and home settings.

**8<sup>th</sup>:** On World Oceans Day pray for wisdom to reverse the effects on oceans and waterways of overfishing, chemical pollution, ocean mining and plastic waste.

**9<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday, the first day of the week:** May our faithful creator God deepen our faithfulness to Him and help us grow in the knowledge of his living Word, Jesus.

**10<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for Chris Clarke our Children, Youth and Community Worker.

**11<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for food banks, the organisers and the volunteers.

**12<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for all who need the Lord's comfort and healing.

**13<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the G7 Summit in Apulia, Italy.

**14<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the Salt & Light festival of faith for rural mission, as church leaders and workers gather in Hexham to explore the joys and opportunities of northern rural contexts.

**15<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for fathers everywhere as they strive to provide for their families and be good role models to their children.

**16<sup>th</sup>:** **Sunday, the first day of the week:** Pray that God our Saviour look on this wounded world in pity and power and hold us fast to His promise of peace that passes all understanding won for us at Calvary.

**17<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the charity Mencap as it campaigns for people with a learning disability to live happy and healthy lives.

**18<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for Bishop Rob Saner-Haigh, acting Bishop of Carlisle.

**19<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for people rebuilding their homes, businesses and communities following a natural disaster of flood or tornado.

**20<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for people fleeing their homes and facing life-threatening danger to try and find a better place for their families.

**21<sup>st</sup>:** Pray for Victim Support charity providing specialist support to individuals of all ages affected by crime and traumatic events.

**22<sup>nd</sup>:** Pray for the global nonprofit Rainforest Partnership working directly with indigenous and local communities to support sustainable livelihoods, thriving biodiversity and long-term rainforest protection.

**23<sup>rd</sup>:** **Sunday, the first day of the week:** May our loving God, who is the comforter and healer of the broken, teach us his ways of gentleness and peace, that through our prayers and witness the world may experience his Kingdom Life.

**24<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for Christians in Yemen who despite oppression and persecution, have set up secret house churches and courageously spread the Word of God.

- 25<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for Tearfund charity, partnering with local Christian churches abroad tackling poverty, responding to disasters and challenging injustice.
- 26<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for work of The Gideons International, that many people come to know the Lord Jesus through reading Gideon-placed Bibles and New Testaments.
- 27<sup>th</sup>:** Pray those exposed to traumatic events that result in Post Traumatic Stress Disorder will receive the treatments and support that help them on the path of recovery.
- 28<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for UN Peacekeepers protecting civilians, preventing conflicts and promote Human Rights.
- 29<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for today's Ordination service at Carlisle Cathedral.
- 30<sup>th</sup>: Sunday, the first day of the week:** Pray our Heavenly Father will send upon his Church the riches of the Spirit that all who profess Jesus as Lord may serve in holiness and truth, to the glory of His name.

### Readings for June 2024

<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Jonah 2.1 - 10	Mark 2.23 - 3.6
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Joel 2.1 - 3, 28 - 32	Mark 3.20 - 35
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Amos 5.18 - 27	Mark 4.26 - 34
<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Hosea 6.1 - 6	Mark 4.35 - 41
<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	Isaiah 53.1 - 12	Mark 5.21 - 43

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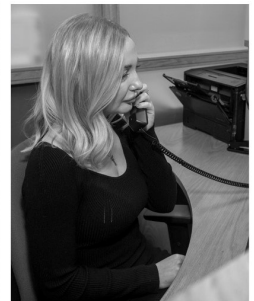
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Monday	Short Mat Indoor Bowling, 7 - 9pm, no experience needed	Greenodd Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Tottle-Art: Art Group 10.30am - 12.30	Tottlebank Baptist Church
Tuesday	Coffee and Chat, 9.45 - 10.45am	Greenodd Village Hall
Tuesday	Coniston CAMEO 2 - 4pm	Coniston Institute
Tuesday	Youth Club age 11 & over 7 - 9pm	Coniston S & S Centre
Wednesday	Parent and Toddler Group 9.30 - 11.30am (term time only)	Coniston S & S Centre
Wednesday	Beginners Pilates, 4.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
Wednesday	Lowick Parent & Toddler Group 9.30 - 11.30am (term time only) £1.50	Lowick Community Hall
Wednesday	Community Lunch, 1pm sharp, £7.50	Farmers Arms, Lowick
Thursday	"Young at Heart" exercise and lunch, 11am £5 (term time only) or just come for lunch at 12 noon.	Coniston S&S Centre
Thursday	Volunteer Day 9.30 - 3.30pm	Brantwood Gardens
Thursday	Zumba 6.30pm with Valentyna see <b>p xx</b>	Coniston Primary School
Thursday	Netball Skills 6.30 - 7.30pm	Coniston S & S Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Egton WI, 7.30pm	Greenodd Village Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday	Ulverston Repair Café 6.30-8.30pm	Croftlands Community Centre
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	Coniston WI, 7.30pm,	Coniston Institute
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Charity Quiz, 8pm, £3 per person	Coniston S & S Centre
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday	Bouth WI, 7.30pm	Bouth Village Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday	Prayer Hour - 10 - 11am	St Mary's, Penny Bridge
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	Coffee Morning 10.30am - 12.30pm	Bouth Village Hall

## What's On Guide - June

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Community Catalyst drop-in event 9am - 5pm	Coniston Institute
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	Women's Woodwork Weekend	Farmers Arms, Lowick
7 <sup>th</sup>	Choir Concert for St Mary's Hospice, 7.30pm	St. Andrews, Coniston
10 <sup>th</sup>	Rush Hat Making Workshop, see page 13	Water Yeat Village Hall
15 <sup>th</sup>	Coniston Primary School Summer Fair	Coniston CE School
17 <sup>th</sup>	Local History Group talk - Faye Morrissey, the Armitt Collection, 2.30pm	Coniston Institute Reading Room
18 <sup>th</sup>	Lanequest Cycle event, 5pm see page 13	Rookhow
19 <sup>th</sup>	Bouth Coffee Morning, 10.30am	Bouth Village Hall
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Food & Folk, 6.30pm see page 12	Brantwood
24 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Parish Council meeting 7pm	Colton Schoolroom (at church)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Oxen Park Cinema Club AGM 7.30pm	Carthouse Cinema

### Lambing Service 2024

A Lambing Service was held on Sunday 12th May at Abbot Park Farm up on the top of Bandrake Head, and even the weather behaved itself with sunshine allowing the Lake District countryside to show itself in all its glory.

We have run this lambing service for a number of years and each year the attendance has increased and there were well in excess of 30 people including children who came to see the young lambs and give thanks. The service is an opportunity to bless the lambs, bless the land, bless the farmers, and to give thanks for God's yearly provision.

The Revd. Brian Streeter, the congregation of Holy Trinity, Colton and others would like to extend our gratitude to Carol Dickinson, Steven, Carron and of course, Rosie and Holly for hosting us on their farm and providing tea/coffee and a superb range of cakes in their farm café after the service!

Each year, we like to have a theme for the service based around the agricultural pictures that are often used in the Bible, e.g. Jesus as the Good Shepherd, and this year we thought about Jesus being described as both the Lion and the Lamb.

And as part of that I would like to share a poem that was read:

*As Lamb he came us seeking,  
he called us to believe.  
As Lion, comes collecting,  
his jewels to retrieve.*

*As Lamb he was rejected,  
Scorned unto the grave.  
As Lion we'll receive him,  
As him who sought to save.*



*As Lamb he let us question,  
His true identity.  
As Lion we will ponder,  
Our own eternity.*

*As Lamb he stood in silence,  
Before his enemies.  
As Lion, he the victor  
And they on bended knees.*

*As Lamb we should receive him,  
And harden not our heart.  
As Lion he will judge us,  
And doubters must depart.*

*As Lamb he came in meekness,  
As Lion he returns.  
His wheat he always gathers,  
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(J. Janzen)*

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## Wildflower Plug Planting at Boon Crag this August and September

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**Activity:** Wildflower Plug Planting

**Location:** Boon Crag, Coniston.

**Date:** 14<sup>th</sup> August: Boon Crag 1

20<sup>th</sup> August: Boon Crag 3

12<sup>th</sup> September: Boon Crag 2

13<sup>th</sup> September: Boon Crag 2

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