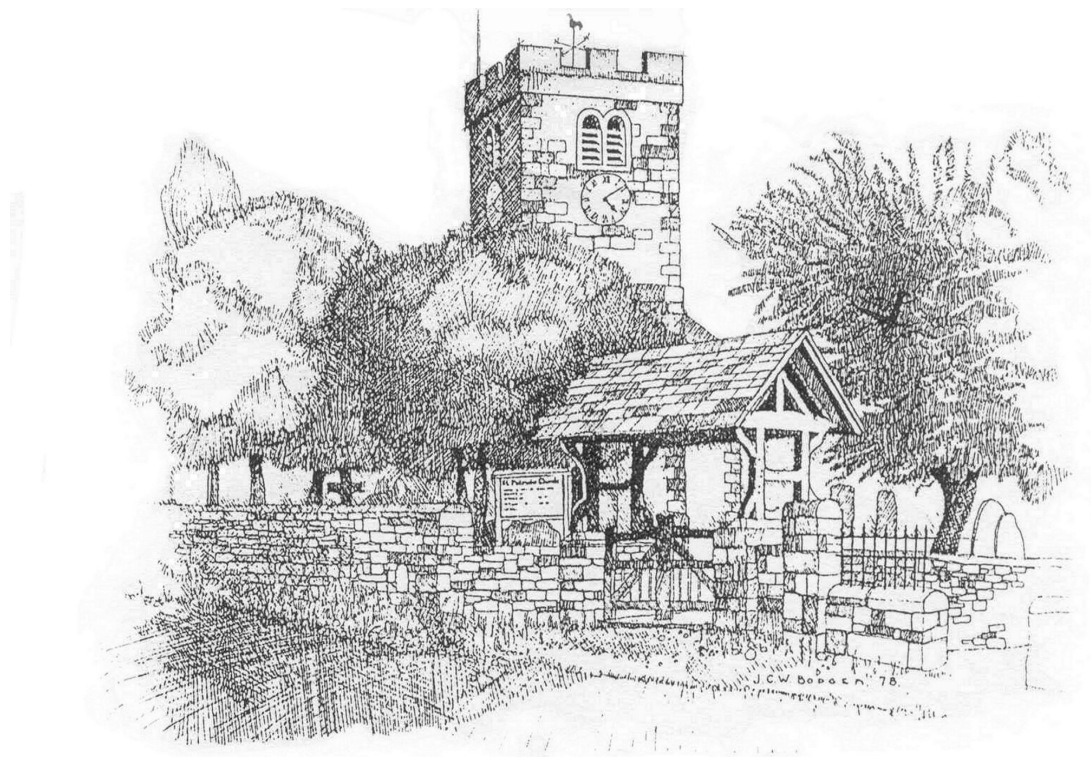


BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

JUNE - JULY 2017



Dear Friends

Over the past weekend, as I wrote this letter, there have been reports in some media of the state of the Church in the United Kingdom and of the Church of England in particular. It is no secret that there has been an ongoing decline and ageing of church membership for some years now. This, of course, is concerning for those at Diocesan level, and no less for those of us in the parishes, which are the heart of church life. The statistics produced by the British Social Attitudes Survey and the European Social Survey suggest that, in the United Kingdom, nearly 50% of people have no religion at all. Anglicans make up only 17.2% of the remaining 50+%.

A pressing problem is the ever-reducing numbers of stipendiary clergy. However, in spite of there now being large numbers of self-supporting and Lay ministers, for many church congregations church life today can seem a never-ending round of fundraising, coupled with the ever present problem of finding someone to conduct services.

This situation is one of the reasons why in Cumbria, and indeed other parts of the country, new strategies and approaches to ministry are being initiated. For Cumbria, this involves the formation of Mission Communities, with an emphasis

on Lay ministry and significantly increased cooperation with the Methodist and United Reform Churches and other denominations.

In Chapter 24 of St. Luke's Gospel the story is told of how Jesus accompanied two of his disciples on the road to Emmaus. They did not recognise him until he accepted their offer of hospitality and broke bread with them, when they said to each other '*Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the scriptures to us*'. From this event, they and the other disciples, declaring that the Lord has risen, then go out to the ends of the earth and share the Good News.

I mention all of this because when this Newsletter appears at the beginning of June, it will coincide with the Feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is one of the great festivals in the church because the events of that day are seen as the birth of the church.

At His ascension, 40 days after His resurrection, Jesus had promised his Apostles that the Holy Spirit would come and empower them to go out and preach the good news of the love of God to all the world. We accept that this promise is for all of those who believe, and so the celebration of the festival of Pentecost acts as a reminder, and encourages us not to lose heart or faith, either as individuals or as the body of the church.

It was the beginning of the church in which as members we too can be bold and strong and know that God is with us as we face the challenges before us.

So you who come often, and you who have not been to church for a long time, do come and join us for Pentecost on June 4th, and celebrate the Risen Lord.

Alun

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Production of the Newsletter

The newsletter is edited by Heather Pitt for the PCC and is distributed freely, every two months, to every household in the village. It is printed commercially and costs about £750 each year to produce. This cost is met by subscriptions from advertisers and generous donations, particularly from Bampton Parish Council who have helped to meet the shortfall in recent years. The PCC is determined that the newsletter remains available for free and will sustain any future loss. However, local groups who regularly report in the newsletter are asked to consider making a donation towards its production or, in the case of larger organisations, maybe even sponsor an edition in which they could describe their organisation, its origins, activities and future events. If you feel you are able to help, please contact Heather to discuss what you might do.

Café Church

Are you put off coming to church by your memories of cold churches, long sermons and the feeling that you were never given the chance to question or express your point of view?

Well, what about coming to our Café Church on the third Sunday of the month at **10am** in the Church Hall?

It is a relaxed service starting with coffee and cake and each month we either choose a theme for the service or celebrate a particular event. So far this year the themes have been homelessness and then justice and fairness and we have celebrated Mothering Sunday, St George's Day and Rogation Sunday when we thought of farmers as well as the environment and our misuse of it.

On **18th June** the theme will be slavery and in July Richard and Jenny Lendon will be giving a presentation on pilgrimage.

As well as Bible readings we have poems and other readings, there is time for discussion and there is never a sermon!

Do come and join us – we should love to see you.

Lent Lunches

During the five weeks of Lent, some 75 people attended the ever-popular Lent Lunches, even braving the inclement weather on one snowy Wednesday. Tasty homemade soups, bread and bread rolls, coffee and biscuits, provided by PCC members, supplied refreshment for these most sociable gatherings. As in previous years, these lunches were free of charge, but an impressive figure of £338 overall was donated which, with tax relief, has enabled us to send £422 to The Red Cross in support of their admirable work.

Thy Kingdom Come

Be Part of a Global Christian Movement. **Between 25th May and 11th June** communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours come to know Jesus Christ.

At its simplest, our prayer is “Thy Kingdom Come” – a prayer that God will establish his kingdom of justice and peace “on earth as it is in heaven” – in our families, in our communities, in our nations and in the whole earth. That kingdom is one that is established through individual souls coming to know Jesus for themselves, accept his love and forgiveness in their lives and begin to live in joyful obedience to his teachings and commands.

Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will take place across the period, including 24-7 prayer rooms, prayer days, prayer walks and half nights of prayer. Cathedrals, churches and other venues will host Beacon Events, gathering people across towns and cities to worship and to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effective witness.

During this event Bampton will be hosting Morning Prayer at **9.30am** on **Thursday 8th June**. Anybody who is interested in attending any of the events can obtain the dates and venues from the Churchwardens – details will also appear on the church notice board.

Morning Prayer

Alun and Sandra will be saying Morning Prayer in the parish churches within the High Westmorland Benefice. Services will start at **9.30am** and the first one at Bampton will be on **Tuesday 13th June**. They will be happy to see anyone who is able to join them. Future dates will feature in the diary section of the newsletter.

Church Bells – ‘Ding Dong Merrily On High’ Still On Track!

Another milestone was reached in our appeal when the Parochial Church Council wrote to the bell founders and converted the provisional booking made earlier in the year into a firm order. This may have been the trigger that has enabled the bell founders to write and say that “all being well” the installation will start in late November and that they “hope to have the bells ringing for Christmas.” No longer is it “IF” but “WHEN”!!

None of this would have been possible without the amazing support we have had from within the parish and from well-wishers further afield.

There are still opportunities for individuals, couples or families to commemorate their association with those communities within the parish after which five of the new bells have been named – Bampton, Bomby, Burnbanks, Butterwick and Knipe. For a more modest amount than that of sponsoring a bell, certain parts of the associated bell fittings can have names inscribed on them.

Anyone wishing for details is asked to contact David Pitt (Tel. 01931 716861) or by email at pathfinders2509@btinternet.com

Bampton PCC

Boon Days

Many thanks to everybody who has helped in the past – your assistance is always invaluable. There are two Boon Days coming up – **Tuesday 13th June from 10am** and **Wednesday 14th June from 1pm**. The first will take place in St. Patrick’s church yard where the Lych gate/church doors need to be treated with linseed oil and the paths/car park are to be cleared of weeds. The second will be at the Knipe Road cemetery where the main tasks are strimming and mowing the grass.

If you are available to come and join the group your help would be greatly appreciated.

Andrew Yates

Drop in for Coffee

Our drop-in mornings are continuing to be a great success, providing opportunities for a warm drink and a catch-up. Our drop-in dates for the next two months are **Wednesday 14th June** and **Wednesday 12th July**, any time between **10.30am** and **12 noon** in the Church Hall. As before, this is not a fund raising event; it is just an opportunity to get out and meet people. If you would like to come and need a lift, then please contact me. We look forward to seeing you.

Diana Nicholson 713194

Singing for Syrians Concert

Thank you to everyone who made the concert at the end of April a great success. It wouldn't have happened without the enthusiasm of the performers, the volunteers who took charge of the raffle, the bar, collecting donations at the door and, of course, the generosity of the audience. We must also thank the Hall Committee who waived the cost of hiring the hall. At the end of the evening we collected £708 to send to The Hands Up Foundation, to support their medical projects in Syria. With gift aid, the charity will benefit from £800 in total – an incredible amount.

The Village Choir

Green Waste

The Parish Council have paid for the provision of a skip on a regular basis to enable parishioners to dispose of green waste. However, when the skip is full, bags of green waste have been dumped at the side of the skip. This is unsightly and is a hazard for visitors to the Memorial Hall which has meant that the Memorial Hall Committee has had to clear the dumped bags. Please can all users ensure that they do not overfill the skip or dump bags at the side of it when it is full. If the provision of the skip continues to be abused, unfortunately the Parish Council will no longer be able to provide this service.

Bampton Memorial Hall Committee

Educational Grants: The Bampton Endowed Schools Endowment

Last year the Charity made 9 grants totalling £2,475 to local young people. These awards were mainly to help them financially while they took part in a variety of post-secondary school courses at college or university.

The Trustees now invite applications for financial support from those who will be undertaking courses at any University, college or institution of higher or further education in autumn 2017. Consideration will also be given to applications from those who will be taking part in other forms of post-secondary education (including the study of music or other arts) to prepare for entry into any occupation, trade or profession.

To be eligible the applicant must be:

- Under the age of 25 on 1st September 2017
- Resident in the civil parish of Bampton, Cumbria or to have attended Bampton Endowed School.

An application form can be obtained from: Nigel Eccles, Bryham Croft Barn, Knipe, Penrith CA10 2PU (01931 713311) or preferably by email from neccles@btinternet.com

Completed application forms must be received by **30th September 2017**.

Tincler's Library

The Library will be open in the Church Hall on **Monday 5th June** and **Monday 3rd July** from **7pm – 9.30pm**.

The Trustees

Bampton Amblers

Although we have had the usual range of spring weather over the past 2 months we have been lucky with our choice of walking days. Consequently good views were to be had from the summit of Place Fell on a day of clear blue skies and, in sunny weather, the valleys of Long Sleddale and Grisedale. These walks, coupled with an excursion to the Black Dub Monument and favourites such as Knipe Scar and the high route to Pooley Bridge, maintained the standard of our varied programme. We're a friendly bunch so why not dig out your boots and come along? As we sang at the recent concert 'These Boots Are Made For Walking'!

Sunday 11th June Meet at **10.00am** [See PO notice board]

Wednesday 14th June Meet at **7.00pm** Alison (713350)

[Easy: Small Water from Mardale Head – 2 miles – 700 feet of ascent]

Thursday 29th June Meet at **7.00pm** Alison (713350)

[Easy: Naddle Woods & Rawhead – 3½ miles – 525 feet of ascent – NB Meet at either the lay-by near Naddle Farm or for a 7pm departure from the MH]

Wednesday 5th July Meet at **9.30am** David & Heather (716861)

[Hard: Fleetwith Pike & Haystacks – 5½ miles – 2,665 feet of ascent]

Monday 10th July Meet at **7.00pm** [See PO notice board]

Tuesday 18th July Meet at **10.00am** Chris (712550)

[Mod: Mardale geology and geomorphology trip – 4¾ miles – 2,000 feet of ascent]

Wednesday 26th July Meet at **5.30pm** Andrew (713343)

[Easy: Shap to Bampton after food at the Chippy – 3¾ miles – 215 feet of ascent.

Please contact Andrew if you intend going on this walk]

Meet at the Memorial Hall in Bampton and bring a packed lunch for the day walks, unless advised otherwise. Please note that start times may vary from those quoted depending on the nature of the walk, so please see the notice board in Bampton Post Office for full details of/changes to all walks. In the event of bad weather please contact the above leaders.

Heather Pitt and Alison Jones

Bampton REMOTE Cinema: 2016-2017

The hills were well and truly alive for the finale film *The Sound of Music*; still got the wow factor after all these years. It rounded off a brilliant season with record audience numbers sharing a good night out. Bampton's certainly got talent when it comes to the pre-film meal. We can't thank you enough for all that delicious cooking. Thanks to Bampton Memorial Hall for the venue and the bar.

We are raring to go with our own cinema equipment from a successful application to the BFI equipment fund and we're looking forward to bringing you another varied programme of films for next season.

We'll keep you posted through the parish newsletter and Facebook (www.facebook.com/Bamptonvillagecinema).

Thanks for being a brilliant audience; have a lovely summer.

Hazel (713311), Katharine (713392), Mike (713555), Vickie (713466)

Bampton REMOTE cinema committee

Bowls

Our indoor bowling season ended on Wednesday 5th April when the outdoor "Summer" season got underway. Whilst our numbers have reduced and we were unable to play other clubs, we have maintained our friendly competitive spirit giving some entertaining evenings whilst at the same time welcoming new players. Indoor bowls will return in the Autumn hopefully with more new members! Details will be in the next newsletter.

Ken Armstrong

Bampton and District Local History Society

At our meeting on Tuesday April 4th members enjoyed a most interesting and informative talk by Joe Cann on 'The Ice Age in the Lowther Valley'. Joe has spent his working life exploring the impact of geology on the earth's landscape and resources and he brought his expertise directly to bear on the effects of glaciation in Bampton itself. He had a wealth of illustrations and opened our eyes to the presence of erratics, drumlins and glacial lakes and of the evidence of the ice age which still exists all around us. We hope to have Joe's talk available on our website soon.

We took a break in May, but I hope you have a note in your diary for the 'Bampton Walk' on **June 18th from 11am** starting from the Memorial Hall. Together with the Lowther and Askham Local History Society we have organised an historical walk around the ways and byways of Bampton. The guided walk, mostly on level, hard surfaces, will be followed by a picnic lunch at the Memorial Hall. **Please bring your own picnic.** We are providing tea, coffee and cake and look forward to seeing you there. There will be a very small cost for refreshments.

Pat Garside, Chair, BDLHS

May on Bomby Green

This is the time of year when green is the right word for Bomby – so much growth and the trees looking their best. Go and have a look for yourselves. Particularly enjoy the pink campion near the bridge. While this is probably not new it's certainly blooming more generously, thanks to the trim this area was given last back end. We plan to tackle the strong growing plants, which were smothering the smaller flowers, a bit earlier this year, **August 19th** to be precise. Watch out for details so you can come and help keep the green in good heart.

Katharine Cooke for the Bomby Green Management Committee

Bampton Sports

As the weather improves and the days get longer our thoughts turn to the summer sports on **Sunday 2nd July**. There will be the usual mix of fun and games including the fell race, children's races, bouncy castle, children's fancy dress, ice cream and not forgetting the tug of war. The fun starts at **12.30pm**.

We are still looking for people to help out with setup and on the day if you are available to help please speak to Vickie Haddock on 713466.

Bampton WI

Our April meeting was cancelled due to the sudden death of our president Elsie Mounsey. Elsie will be greatly missed as she was a caring, kind, lovely lady. She was a friend to us all, the heart and soul of our WI.

At our May meeting we had a film show entitled Lost Cumbria. We watched four films of the area; the earliest showed the Carlisle Pageant of 1928 up to a film about K shoes in the 1980's. The films were enjoyed by a record number of people including many WI members from other branches. A popular choice!

On **13th June** we are welcoming Steve Swithin who will talk about his time as a road/tour manager to many famous stars from Black Sabbath, Genesis, Spandau Ballet, Dire Straits and Level 42 to Sir George Martin, Mike Harding and Billy Connolly. Steve's fascinating and hilarious stories will provide you with a memorable insight into what goes on behind the scenes in this crazy business.

On **11th July** we are welcoming Alison Dear, a reflexologist from Crosby Ravensworth who will be talking about foot reading – a brilliant way to understand personality and emotions. Have you got a bunion? Come and find out why.

Come and join us at our meetings in Bampton Memorial Hall at 7.15pm

Admission £3.50 - Everyone welcome.

On **Sunday 2nd July** the W I will be doing their famous teas in the Memorial Hall for Bampton Sports Day. Come along and enjoy home made fare, including cakes, biscuits, sausage rolls, sandwiches and scones.

Lizzie Lindwall and Sue Bletcher

Bampton Parish Council

There is currently a vacancy for a councillor on Bampton Parish Council. If you would like to serve the community by becoming that councillor please contact Richard Carruthers, Council Chairman on 713280 or Marion Drinkwater on 716054 for further information. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 18th July**.

Marion Drinkwater (Clerk)

Bampton Community First Responders

This year's big breakfast was again a great success, with many old and new faces coming to eat. A huge thank you to all those that helped and supported the event in any way but a particular thank you must go to Petra Russell and her family, Jeannie Murray for her dedication to the dishes and also Francesca and Alexa Weymouth who helped on the day. The car wash and cake stall in aid of Hospice at Home did well too, so many thanks for all your support. See you again in 2018!

If you think you'd like to join the team and help provide essential emergency cover for the local community please feel free to get in contact with me for an informal chat or look at the NWS CFR page <http://www.nwas-responders.info/> All applications are submitted through the web page and are confidential.

If you feel unwell and think it is a medical emergency DIAL 999 or 112 and ask for AMBULANCE. Any on call CFR's will then be tasked by Ambulance control to attend if appropriate. CFR's will not be tasked to attend all 999 calls but will be asked to attend the following type of emergencies: abdominal

pain, severe allergic reaction, breathing problems, fitting, diabetic emergency, chest pain, stroke, loss of consciousness, collapse, cardiac arrest, respiratory arrest, some trauma. We will not normally be tasked to any incident involving children under 12.

*Christine Hill, Bampton CFR Team,
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The local bus

The bus is run by Fellrunner and operates every **Thursday**. It will leave **Burnbanks at 10.00am**, travelling via **Grange Bridge (10.07am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 1.30pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.02pm** and **Burnbanks at 2.16pm**. For those in the Rosgill area the bus reaches **Rosgill Head around 9.45am** and returns **around 2.30pm**. Fellrunner tell us it is a 'hail and ride' service i.e. the bus will stop if you flag it down. However, it would be better to ring 01768 88232 in advance so the driver has warning. Use it or lose it!

Bampton Village Website - www.bamptonlakedistrict.org.uk

Please send any updates for the website to Chris Cant on chris@phdcc.com or 713240. Any new photos very welcome.

PARISH DIARY (Note MH = Memorial Hall)

JUNE

Su 4th	Holy Communion with Alun, 9.15am
Mo 5th	No Pilates Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
Tu 6th	Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm
Th 8th	Morning prayer in the Church, 9.30am – Thy Kingdom Come
Sa 10th	Orton Farmers' Market, 9am-2pm
Su 11th	Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 10am Holy Communion with Alun, 6pm
Mo 12th	Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 13th	Morning prayer in the Church, 9.30am Boon Day, St. Patrick's church yard. From 10am - all welcome Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm WI meeting, MH, 7.15pm, 'My Years as Mike Harding's Road and Tour Manager' by Steve Swithin.
We 14th	Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30-12 noon Boon Day, Knipe Road cemetery. From 1pm - all welcome Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 7pm
Su 18th	'Café Church', Church Hall, 10am BDLHS, MH, 11am, 'Bampton Walk'
Mo 19th	Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 20th	Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm

Su 25th	Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin, 10am
Mo 26th	Pilates, MH 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 27th	Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm
Th 29th	Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 7pm
JULY	
Su 2nd	Holy Communion with Alun, 9.15am Bampton Sports. Gates open 12.30pm with official opening at 1pm
Mo 3rd	Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm Tinclar's Library Open Evening, Church Hall, 7-9.30pm
Tu 4th	Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm
We 5th	Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 9.30am
Sa 8th	Orton Farmers' Market, 9am-2pm
Su 9th	Holy Communion by Reservation with Neil, 6pm
Mo 10th	Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 7pm Pilates, MH. 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 11th	Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm WI Meeting, MH, 7.15pm, 'Reflexology' by Alison Dear
We 12th	Drop In For Coffee, Church Hall, 10.30am-12noon
Su 16th	Holy Communion by Reservation with Diana, 10am
Mo 17th	Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 18th	Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 10am Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm Bampton Parish Council Meeting, MH, 7.30pm. All welcome
Su 23rd	'Café Church', Church Hall, 10am
Mo 24th	Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm
Tu 25th	Yoga, Small Hall, 5-6.30pm
We 26th	Bampton Amblers. Meet MH, 5.30pm
Su 30th	Holy Communion joint service at Shap with Sandra 10.30am
Mo 31st	Pilates, MH, 7-8pm and 8-9pm

Copy deadline for the August/September issue is 5pm on Sunday 23rd July. Please send all items to Heather Pitt (Tel no: 01931 716861) pathfinders2509@btinternet.com; Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) roger_storey@btinternet.com; or leave at the Post Office. Thank you.

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