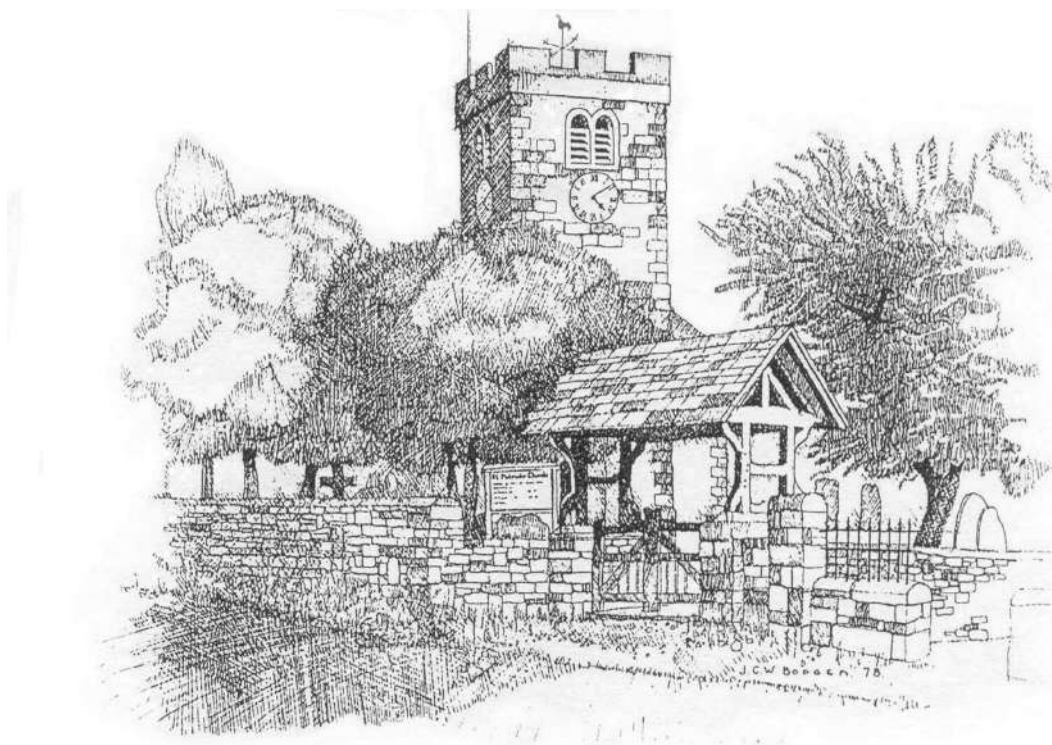


BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2021



Dear Friends

It is good to be back with you. I spent a couple of years in the benefice of Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere – a short vacation perhaps? I enjoyed the beautiful area and the people there. When I thought about the word vacation (apart from acknowledging that it would have to be a staycation this year) my mind thought of the word ‘vocation’. My vocation took me to Lorton and Loweswater with Buttermere and now I am ‘retired’ from parish ministry (if there is such a word) but I am assisting where I can and I am still Chaplain at Penrith Hospital.

By the time you read this we will have celebrated Petertide and this is ordination time. The weekend nearest the Feast of St Peter the Apostle on 29th June and the days between are the traditional time for men and women to be ordained to the diaconate or to the priesthood. The other traditional time to be ordained is Michaelmas, the season around the Feast of St Michael and All Angels on 29th September. On Saturday 26th June Bishop James will lay his hands on their heads with the words “*Send down the Holy Spirit on your servant N for the office and work of a Deacon/Priest in your Church*” and they will be sent out to begin their new ministry among us. We in the High Westmorland Benefice have been richly blessed with

ordained and authorised lay ministry. However, we now need more ministry and it is a great opportunity for those who feel called to spread the Gospel in many different ways. Christ said, “*You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit*” (John 15:16) and Isaiah responded to God’s call, “*Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?*” And Isaiah said, “*Here I am. Send me.*” (Isaiah 6:8)

But these men and women who are to be ordained this year are not being ordained to minister for us, they are being ordained to minister with us and to unlock, through their leadership and their example, the real ministry of the church – the ministry of all God’s people. Authentic ministry generates more ministry – it’s one of the ways we know when the Holy Spirit is at work among us. In some parts of the church, it’s the custom to send round ember cards: little cards giving the date of ordination, the name of the ordaining bishop and a request to pray for the candidate, their family, and the place in which they will serve. That custom isn’t so much known in the High Westmorland Benefice but please do pray for the candidates as they prepare not only for a special day but for a lifetime of service. You may like to use this prayer which is a special prayer for ordinands at their ordination:

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer God,
who you call your faithful people into a life of service,
help us to nurture and hold in love
all those who are ordained at this time in the life of your Church.
Teach us your ways,
that we might recognise your Mission in the world,
your compassion in caring for others,
and your love deep within every human heart.
We ask this in your Holy Name,
as one undivided Trinity of love,
now and for evermore. Amen
God bless,

Sandra

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From the Registers

Interment and Service of Thanksgiving for the life of

John Ronald (Ronnie) Gowling (who died 1st June) Thursday, 10th June

We also regret to report the passing of John Henry Pearson (who died 17th June) and whose service was held at Carlisle Crematorium on Thursday 1st July.

Latest Covid Guidance re Church services

You will be well aware that the Government has now moved into step 4 of its roadmap, and while all current legal requirements have been lifted, we are still being advised to proceed with caution. With that in mind, hand-sanitizing will still take place in our churches, some social distancing will continue (depending on the event, the numbers, and the space in each church) and mask-wearing will be down to personal preference. We will also still Test & Trace – record who is at our services.

The major changes are that singing will now be re-instated, and the churchwardens have met, discussed and agreed a consistent policy on Holy Communion which will apply across all the parishes in the benefice. Communicants will now be offered ‘communion in both kinds by simultaneous administration’ (intinction) as per the guidelines set out by the House of Bishops.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration for one another in these areas!

Fran Parkinson

Knipe Road Cemetery

On behalf of St. Patrick's PCC I should like to thank all those who work hard to maintain the cemetery in good condition, whether it is friends and relatives who tend family graves, or the volunteers who willingly give up their free time to mowing and strimming the grass, or trimming back the bushes. At this time of year vegetation grows quickly, and mowing needs to be carried out every two to three weeks.

Andrew Yates, PCC Secretary

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 24th September is the date for this event, **10am until 12.30pm** in the Village hall. I would be delighted if donations for the White Elephant stall could be brought one week before the event on **Saturday 18th between 10am until 12 noon** in the small hall. There will be a cake and produce stall; these can be brought on the day. Thanking you in advance for coming to this event. Any queries please ring Lesley on 713530.

Village Choir

The village choir sadly said goodbye to John and Pat Garside before they left the valley and headed to the South West. John and Pat led the choir over the last few years, generously offering us hospitality which soon proved to be an essential warm-up to our singing at our regular fortnightly practices. They introduced us to a wide range of music and expanded our repertoire considerably, though our efforts were not always up to the standard of John's accompaniment on piano! We wish them every happiness in their new home and hope music continues to bring them joy.

Village choir

Lowther Valley Community Pub (LVCP)

On July 22nd in Bampton Memorial Hall, a consultation exercise was kicked off to assess interest in buying a community pub to serve the Lowther Valley villages of Bampton, Bampton Grange, Burnbanks, Butterwick, Knipe and Rosgill – and all places in between.

Assuming interest is established, the pub purchase vehicle is anticipated to be a Community Benefit Society (CBS) which offers the opportunity for all of us to have a say in how our Lowther Valley pub operates. It demands differing scales of investment from 100's of individuals, as well as Grants & Loans from sources such as the just launched Community Ownership Fund, Coop, Plunkett, Councils and Community Foundations.

Local 2021 examples of community buyout successes include the Kirkoswald Shop (£200k across 600 Shareholders within 6 weeks) and Lowther Arms, Mawbray (£350k across 270 Shareholders in 8 months). Longer standing Cumbrian Community Pub successes include the Butchers Arms at Crosby Ravensworth and The Old Crown at Hesket Newmarket.

The ask from the consultation meeting is to complete a survey to assess the local needs. It is available on the Bampton Parish Website in PDF format together with button links to the online surveys. Alternatively paper surveys are available from Bampton Village Shop or by emailing lowthervalleycommunitypub@gmail.com.

Bampton Recreation Field (The Old School Field)

On **Sunday 8th August from 2pm** onwards there will be a family get-together. Bring your own chairs or blanket to sit on and also a picnic for yourselves. There will be football, rounders and other games to play – also some amusing races.

This event is for local people to meet after the lockdown. Here's hoping for a sunny day: looking forward to seeing everybody.

Maureen Barber 713314

Raft Race 2021

It is an awful long time since we had a raft race but hopefully this year we can do it. I trust that none of our community have lost their wild, fun side and will get raft building. This will be one of the first events that will be held after the lifting of restrictions so I hope that lots of you are up for it. Not much will have changed. You create a crazy raft, show up at **2pm on Sunday 29th August** at Bampton Grange Bridge, pay a small fee and get down river as fast as possible, unless of course you want a more relaxing journey. A bite to eat with a drink at the swing bridge and have a bit of craic while the duck race takes place. Of course, we need to think of safety so all adults are responsible for children and buoyancy aids should be worn as appropriate; (organisers are not responsible for any mishaps).

BUT, none of this will happen unless we have a few people willing to help out on the afternoon. You don't need to hold Michelin stars but if you can bar-b-que some burgers and sausages or sell drinks I would love to hear from you. If you can give up a few hours on a Sunday you can help contribute towards a fun afternoon – as well as see some folk you have maybe not seen for a while. I would really welcome your help to make this happen.

Should there be any changes due to Covid then we will have to implement them and, as ever, the event is totally dependent upon the river being in a safe state on the day. Look forward to seeing everyone.

Tim Ward 713127

Bampton & District Local History Society

The Bampton & District Local History Society (BDLHS) start the 2021/2022 programme of activities on **Tuesday 5th October, at 7.30pm**, with a meeting at Bampton Memorial Hall. The subject for the first meeting being the Border Reivers, their effects and influences on the lives of inhabitants of this area. The talk will be preceded by a short Annual General Meeting. The BDLHS will continue to meet throughout the Autumn and Winter at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of each month. The subjects for the meetings will be announced in the Parish Newsletter and on local notice boards.

Meetings of the BDLHS are open to members and visitors alike, and new members are always welcome to join. Those interested in joining should make contact with the Membership Secretary, Heather Pitt (716861).

Andrew Yates, Chair BDLHS

Tincler's Library

The library is now open as normal, **every Monday 12-2pm**

The Trustees

Educational Grants:

The Bampton Endowed Schools Endowment

This is just a reminder that the closing date for completed application forms for an educational grant this year is **30th September 2021**.

The Trustees 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 2021. The scheme is being extended this year to include those students undertaking courses at sixth-form level. Consideration will also be given to applications from those who will be taking part in other forms of post-16 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 2021
- Resident in the civil parish of Bampton, Cumbria or to have attended Bampton Endowed School.

An application form can be obtained from: David Cooke, Mill Craggs, Bampton, Penrith, CA10 2RQ (01931 713392) or by email from cooke856@btinternet.com

Margaret Pearson

French Group

The small group of Bampton Francophiles is now back into the routine of regular meetings once a fortnight. With the warm summer weather we have been able to meet outside, but the small village hall is there for us to use if it gets damp or chilly. We are enjoying each other's company again, after a year or more of isolation, but it is always nice to involve other people. If you are at all interested in joining us, please contact me and I'll be happy to tell you how we support each other in exploring the French language.

Marion Jones (713555)

Bonfire and Firework Night

Hope you are all still safe and well through this trying time.

We have had nobody coming forward yet to show an interest in taking over the bonfire and firework evening. We will be happy to pass our knowledge on to whoever wants to take it over. However, the planning of the evening starts now in July. It is fast approaching the eleventh hour if someone is serious about continuing the event. Please get in contact with either Maureen on 713314 or Trev on 713439. Thank you all for your kind words and letters that we have received. Take care.

Trev

Bampton Trust.

Earlier this year, Gillian Dickinson retired from the Trust. We would like to thank her for her hard work during many years of service. In her place, we welcomed Gill Smith of Burnbanks. We also said goodbye to Tim Ward, our secretary and thank him for his great help. We are now looking for a replacement secretary, so if anyone thinks they would be interested in helping out with this local charity, please contact me or any of the other Trustees. A full list of Trustees and more information about the Trust can be found on the village website.

Mike Jones 713555

Bampton REMOTE Cinema 2021

Keep watching this space in the next newsletter, October – November, for your autumn into winter 2021 to 2022 film programme and dates. Posters will be on the usual noticeboards. They may look a little different: orange border with CINE NORTH header but not to worry, it is still Bampton REMOTE cinema bringing cinema to your doorstep!

We will be looking at our list of chefs who have valiantly cooked for us all over the years. If you would like to volunteer as well, do get in touch as below. In the meantime enjoy this amazing weather and thank you for your continuing support.

Call Hazel (713311) or Dave (713586) for any questions about the cinema and Lesley (713530) for the hall.

Bampton REMOTE cinema committee: Hazel, Mike, Vickie, Sue and Dave

The Community Cookbook

Hopefully you will have seen it by now, but in case you haven't, our book entitled Lockdown Cooking Comforts is now in print and for sale. In addition to lots of varied recipes, sweet and savoury, it is full of photographs of places in the parish. It makes an ideal gift and could solve your search for things for months, including your Christmas pre planning! It is small enough to carry in your suitcase or send through the post.

Not only does it offer delicious recipes and souvenir photographs, it is aiming to raise money for two charities, our village hall and Hospice at Home. So the price, £10, reflects this wish to make contributions to our local community. All profits will be divided between the two.

We hope that you will enjoy having it yourself and sharing it with friends. The book is available from the shop, or I can supply them if that is easier for you.

Alison Jones and the Community Support Group



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**WE ARE NOW OPEN FOR
BUSINESS**

**CAFÉ
TAKEAWAY
GIFTS**

**JENNY AND THE TEAM LOOK FORWARD TO
SERVING YOU**

The local bus

Face masks are now optional on the Fellrunner bus weekly **Thursday** service. The bus will go down **Rosgill Hill at 9.47am**, then travel via **Bampton Grange (9.53am)** to **Burnbanks (10.00 am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.14am** to arrive (via Morrisons) at **Penrith Bus Station at 10.48 am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 2.00pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 2.32pm**, **Burnbanks at 2.46pm** and **Rosgill at 3.00pm** (subject to passenger requirements). Bus passes can be used and children under 16 years travel free.

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.

Copy deadline for the October/November issue is 5pm on Thursday 23rd September. Please send all items to Heather Pitt (Tel no: 01931 716861) pathfinders2728@gmail.com; Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) roger_storey@btinternet.com; or leave at the Post Office. Thank you.



PARISH DIARY

(Note MH = Memorial Hall)

AUGUST

- Su 1st** Holy Communion with Fran, **10am**
Mo 2nd Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
Su 8th 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10am**
Recreation Field Get-Together from 2pm
Mo 9th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
Su 15th Holy Communion by Extension with Neil, **10am**
Mo 16th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
Su 22nd Service of the Word with Diana, **10am**
Mo 23rd Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
Su 29th United Zoom service from Ravenstonedale led by Fran,
10.30am
Raft Race, 2pm followed by Duck Race. Water permitting!
Mo 30th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm

SEPTEMBER

- Su 5th** Holy Communion with Chris Jenkin, **10am**
Mo 6th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 2-3pm
Su 12th 'Café Church', Church Hall, **10am**
Mo 13th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
Su 19th Service of the Word with Diana, **10am**
Mo 20th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm
French Group, Small Hall, 10.30-11.30am
Fr 24th Macmillan Coffee Morning 10am – 12.30pm, MH
Su 26th United Zoom service from Tebay led by Fran, **10.30am**
Mo 27th Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm