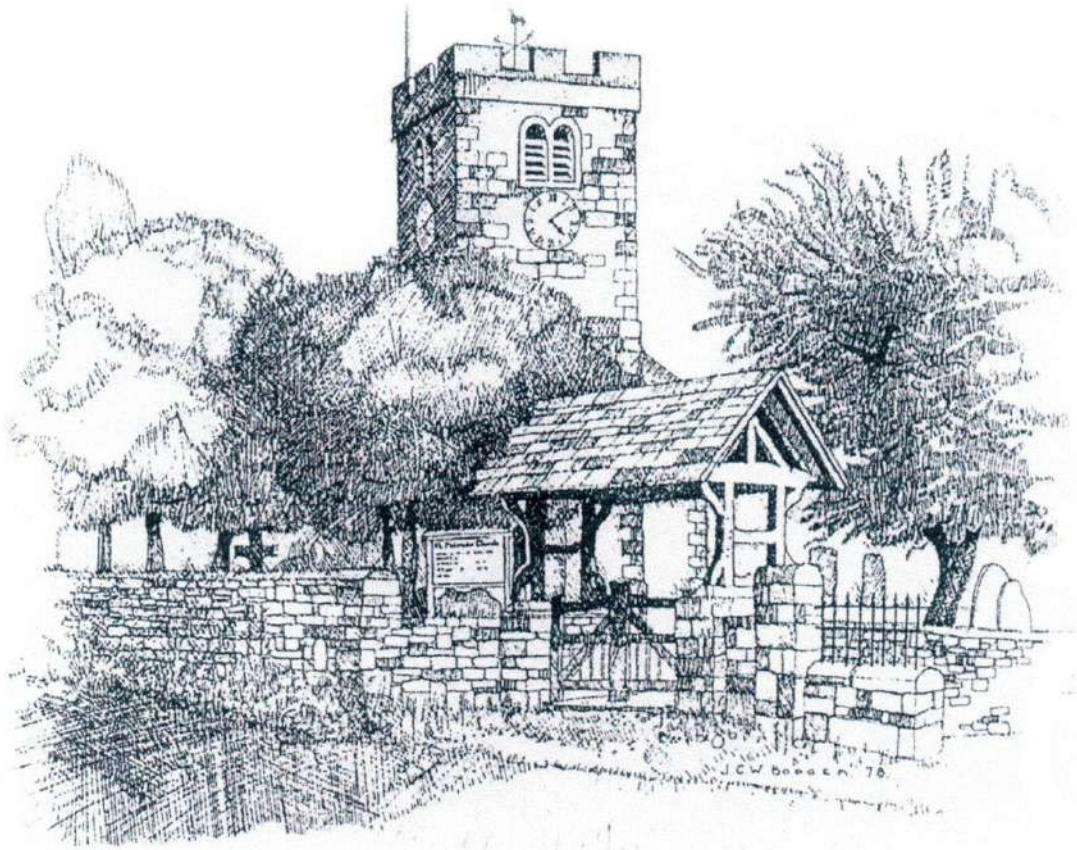


BAMPTON PARISH NEWSLETTER JUNE – JULY 2024



Hello,

One of the privileges of my job is to receive enquiries from all parts of the community interested in the Christian or church perspective. Occasionally people are trying to be provocative but, most of the time, they have a genuine question.

Recently, connected with events in Gaza, I was asked whether the Gospels hold Jews responsible for the death of Jesus. The answer is an emphatic ‘no’ – this is antisemitism. In the past, it was sometimes believed otherwise: so we need to learn the lessons of history. This is a complex and sensitive question, but let me say what I can in 600 words.

Matthew’s Gospel says: *“when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, ‘I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.’ Then the people as a whole answered, ‘His blood be on us and on our children!’ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.”* (Matthew 27:24-26). You can see how some of these words might be (mis)interpreted. We need to understand the whole background.

Jesus seems to have faced three hearings: before the Jewish Sanhedrin; before King Herod Antipas (who Jesus said was a poor example to the Jewish nation: Luke 13:32); and finally before the Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate (a pagan). Of these,

it is very likely that only Pilate had legal authority to condemn someone to death. So his weasel words “*see to it yourselves*” could not be addressed literally to Jewish listeners. Jesus was executed by crucifixion, a Roman punishment. We know well that the Biblical penalty for blasphemy in Jesus’ day was stoning. The first Christian martyr, St Stephen, was lynched a short time after Jesus died, by stoning.

We don’t know who made up the “*crowd*” whose potential to riot terrified Pilate. Society then was diverse, as it is today. Its motivations were not confined to religion. Many clearly welcomed Jesus, as the Palm Sunday story shows. However, nationalist zealots, determined to eject the Romans, may have been disillusioned because Jesus did not incite insurrection. Others may have been supporters of the rebel Barrabas. Others still may have been supporters of the aristocracy who dominated the Sanhedrin and opposed Jesus because he criticised them for corrupting the Jewish faith. Jesus was himself a faithful Jew, as were most of his early followers. St Paul, a dominant figure in early Christianity and Biblical author, takes pride in his strong Jewish credentials.

What of the crowd’s claim to responsibility? If a stranger in another country committed murder, shouting (without any justification) that they did it in your name, would you expect to be held responsible? Even if the crowd said this, and even if it was an exclusively Jewish crowd, and even if the crowd was exclusively motivated by religion (which is highly unlikely), a crowd cannot logically claim or take responsibility on behalf of others who are alive at that time, let alone those who will live in centuries to come.

We may conclude that Jesus was condemned by politicians and vested interests who opposed his message, not by one faith group acting against another. Among those ‘responsible’ for his death there were clearly Romans and other pagans, as well as Jews and people who claimed to be Jews. And there was at least one ‘Christian’ too: Judas Iscariot was a disciple of Jesus. So Christians believe that Jesus died because of, and for, the sins of all *humanity*, and died to redeem them all, not just those who happened to be around at the time.

Stephen

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COME AND JOIN US

for

ST PATRICK'S CAFE CHURCH

at 9.45am on Sunday, **9th June** when Ruth Hutchings will talk to us about her youth work. Come along and meet the new member of our ministry team.

On Sunday, **14th July at 9.45am** we will discuss Nelson Mandela and Justice.

Services for June and July

2nd June – Holy Communion by extension **9.45am**.

9th June – Café church **9.45am**.

16th June – No service at Bampton this week, but services are available at Askham – Holy Communion at **11.15am**; Shap – family service at **10.30am**; and Morland – Morning Prayer at **11am**.

23rd June – Holy Communion **9.45am**

30th June – Joint benefice service of Holy Communion at Morland at 11.am.

7th July – Holy Communion **9.45am**.

14th July – Café church **9.45am**.

21st July – No service at Bampton this week, but services are available at Askham – Holy Communion at **11.15am**; Shap – family service at **10.30am**; and Morland – Morning Prayer at **11am**.

28th July – Morning Worship **9.45am**

Advance notice of our Garden Service at Aragon, Burnbanks, on **1st September** at **6pm**. The outdoor service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome to come along and enjoy the lovely setting of Chizzer's garden.

Growing Younger Minister

We are pleased to tell you that from 3rd June we shall have the benefit of the services of Ruth Hutchings. Her brief is growing a younger church, but she will be integrated into the life of all our churches, because we know that all our churches would like to be inclusive of people of every age. Her brief includes, but is not limited to, children, families, youth and schools. Ruth comes to the Benefice from Ulverston Parish Church and Furness Deanery, where she has served as Network Youth Church minister for about five years. Below is Ruth's personal introduction.

Hello! My name is Ruth and I'm the new Growing Younger Minister in the North Westmorland Benefice.

I wondered where to start in introducing myself so, with a bit of help from friends and family, here are just 6 things you should know about me.

1. I love Jesus, young people and community. Hopefully this is a given as I'm starting this job but it is true and it's important and a big part of what makes me who I am.
2. Ice cream and cheesecake are the way to my heart. Yes, I definitely have a sweet tooth but ice cream (as long as it's not mint choc chip!) and cheesecake are always absolute winners!
3. A little bit of mischief can bring a lot of joy. I'm not talking about big or mean or nasty things here. Just a little, cheeky, playful moment that brings some silliness and laughter.
4. Dogs are great but I don't have one of my own so try and borrow them from other people for a little while. Although I love cats too before anyone gets upset! But I am really a dog person.
5. I really enjoy learning. I've always been like it. There is a curiosity in me that likes to explore and learn and find out more.

6. I believe a brew makes everything better. I am by no means saying it will make everything right or perfect, but I do believe putting the kettle on and having a brew can help everything.

There are so many more things I look forward to sharing with you as we get to know each other and build a community together with God's love at the centre.

Newsletter sponsorship

The PCC would like to thank the Memorial Hall Committee whose generous donation enabled the production of this edition of the newsletter.

Bell Ringing

Visiting ringers and anyone who might be interested in learning how to ring are always welcome. Practice dates (see Diary Dates) are subject to change. Please contact the Tower Captain in advance on Tel: 01931 716822 in order to confirm a date and time before your visit. Thank you.

Bampton PCC

The Mardale Inn – Summer Update

We're famous – in a small way!

The Mardale Inn, and Head Chef Nick in particular, is featured on BBC iPlayer from **Monday 29th May** in the film, "Cumbria's Red Squirrels". Bampton Valley is obviously a stronghold for one of the British Isles' iconic native mammals. Terry Abraham's film reveals how Lakeland charities, volunteers, businesses and scientists are pulling together to protect these rare animals.

Nick's also been working hard designing a new Summer Menu which is available from Whit Bank Holiday Weekend. In response to customer feedback and given investment in more fridge space, we've been able to add Sharing Plates, as well as extending and revising the list of Main dishes permanently on the Summer Menu. Nick and his team will continue to offer specials as well. The dish referred to in the BBC film is however not on our current menu until the supply chain for that particular 'ingredient' is regularised. As always, we recommend making bookings online or call the pub on 01931 719202.

In late April we welcomed Viktoria to The Mardale as our new Bar Manager. She's proven to be a great addition to the team, maintaining our approach of a friendly and inclusive welcome to all. Vik's also proved to be a quick learner of names enabling drinks etc to be logged against the Mardale Inn Loyalty Card to ensure our continuing 10% discount for locals. Have you got your card yet? If not ask for a form at the pub or visit www.themardaleinn.com/loyalty

As we head into a busy Summer, and with some of our colleagues undertaking exams etc, we are also keen to hear from anybody who would like to join the Mardale Inn team for part-time work in the bar, cleaning of rooms or pot wash. We offer rates of pay recommended by the 'Real Living Wage Foundation', i.e. better than minimum wage, an easy rota system for selecting shifts, weekly pay and to work alongside a really friendly team. Please contact Sue on 07787 177849 or send an email to commercial@bvcp.info if interested.

Finally, congratulations to one of the Mardale's Winter Darts Teams, comprising Aaron, Paddy, Pete, Sam, Steve and Tom, (inappropriately?) named the 'Mardy Arses'. They've just won the Shield (it's big!) for the 2023/24 season from the Shap & District Darts League and various other individual trophies. We're looking forward already to next Winter's season.

See you all before then at your local community owned & run pub.

The Mardale Inn Team

News from the RSPB at Wild Haweswater

Hi Bampton newsletter readers.

I'm Annabel, the RSPB's Visitor Experience Manager at Wild Haweswater. I'm going to be bringing updates from the RSPB's work at the site, in partnership with our landlord United Utilities.

June and July is a busy time here. Our wildflower hay meadows in Swindale Valley are looking at their absolute best – full of colour and a stunning range of insects – from Golden Ringed dragonflies, to recently re-colonised Marsh Fritillary butterflies. The woods of Naddle Forest are alive with the songs of Pied Flycatchers, Redstarts, Cuckoos and more. Our hardworking livestock team are caring for our flock of Cheviot sheep, hairy, hardy Scottish-breed cattle and native Cumbrian Fell Ponies – all of which have an important role to play in our regenerative farming operation. Our wardens and nursery staff are tending to the various needs of the site, supported by our fantastic team of volunteers.

For visitors, our Badger Hide season is in full swing with lots of lovely guests and Fell Pony Adventures – one of our partners – are taking folk out on wild camping experiences with native Cumbria Fell Ponies. Another of our partners, Wild Intrigue, are winding down their Woodland Hide for the summer, but there's still a few slots available until they close for the season at the end of June.

For more information on our work, to get in touch, or to book one of our exciting events and experiences, visit www.wildhaweswater.co.uk. And if you're on social media, don't forget to follow us @WildHaweswater on Facebook, X and Instagram. See you next time!



Annabel

Bampton & District Local History Society

An interesting and varied programme of meetings of the Bampton & District Local History Society, (BDLHS), for 2023/2024 concluded on Tuesday 7th May with a walk from Burnbanks along the Haweswater lakeside path. The walk was led by John Hinchliffe and Ormonde Joel, exploring evidence of pre-historic settlements, and remains of mineral extraction in the area. 22 members enjoyed a very interesting evening, which concluded with welcome refreshments. Meetings of the BDLHS are held on the evenings of the first Tuesday of each month in Bampton Memorial Hall and will resume in October.

Meetings are open to members and visitors alike and anyone interested in joining the Society should make contact with the Membership Secretary, Heather Pitt (01931 719187 or pathfinders2728@gmail.com).

Andrew Yates, Chair BDLHS

Bampton Community First Responder Team

The team training this month comprised of a webinar on Trauma Risk Management (TRiM). All NWAS clinicians, including CFR team members, can access mental health support services if they are adversely affected by anything they have dealt with in their role. TRiM is a peer assessment model designed to help identify a person who may require further support and ensure that they are referred correctly. It is widely used in healthcare, Police and Fire and Rescue services as well as organisations such as Mountain Rescue.

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.

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 Gillespie, Bampton CFR Team 07771934996 christinehillski@gmail.com

Future Landscapes Workshops

We are inviting the community to attend our series of drop-in workshops and share your views and opinions about the changes facing our local landscape. We want to hear what you value about it and your thoughts on creating a nature-rich future for our countryside where people live and work.

Each of us values the character and qualities of places for various reasons. Whether it's for wildlife, heritage features, farming or simply a beautiful view, we're interested in what makes this area special to you. Do you cherish places for family connections, farming traditions, the opportunity to experience nature, for recreation or for the sense of tranquillity? If you do, we would love to hear from you. This is an opportunity to find out more and have your say.

The information we gather from these workshops will help us to build a picture about what you value and help us work together to shape projects whilst supporting you, your businesses and our community. Tea, coffee and cake will be provided.

Shap Old Court House	Tuesday 25th June	3pm – 8pm
Orton Market Hall	Thursday 27th June	3pm – 8pm
Bampton Memorial Hall	Tuesday 2nd July	3pm – 8pm
Askham Village Hall	Thursday 4th July	3pm – 8pm

Please contact **Nicola Estill** for further information

Nicola.estill@rspb.org.uk www.connectfornature.org.uk



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Le groupe français

Même si l'été approche et que de nombreuses personnes sont en vacances, le groupe français continue de se réunir une heure tous les quinze jours. Nous nous concentrons pour l'instant sur l'écoute des francophones, difficile parfois car le sens se perd souvent dans la traduction! Si vous pouvez nous aider, nous serions très heureux de vous voir. Les dates de nos rencontres sont dans la section agenda de la newsletter.

Marion Jones (713555) mjoneskili@gmail.com

Bampton Sports Day

Sunday 16th June – during the afternoon on the field behind the village hall – keep a look out for posters to confirm the start time.

Building on last year's successful relaunch the day goes ahead again and sees the return of the fell race (adults only)! There will be the usual children's races on the field and some special Father's Day related events too.

There will be a fun dog show with the classes being 1) Owner dressed most like their dog 2) Waggiest tail 3) Dog the judge would most like to take home. Other classes in the tent will be Photo – local landscape/animal; Best decorated cup cake; Flower arrangement – best jam jar arrangement – junior and senior classes. The bouncy castle will be back and cakes and teas in the village hall, as well as a licensed bar and BBQ on the field.

Please come along and join in the fun. If you would be available to help on the day please get in touch.

Anna Cooke – Bampton Sports Committee – 01931 713392

Tinclar's Library

The library will be open **every Monday from 12 noon until 2pm** during June and July. In case of any queries, please contact Tinclarslibrary@icloud.com.

Sue Bletcher, Trustee

Bampton REMOTE cinema

Thank you for doing all the things you have done to show your support as audience, cooks, ticket point and helpers, making it such a pleasure to run our cinema on the doorstep at Bampton Memorial Hall. We like seeing familiar faces at cinema, we know who our loyal audience is and we would equally like to welcome new faces.

Here are the dates for 2024 to 2025: September 14th; October 19th; November 16th; December 14th; January 18th; February 15th; March 15th; April 12th, all Saturday evenings, supper at 6pm and the film starts at 7:30pm. We look forward to preparing an exciting programme of films ready (hopefully) for the August – September newsletter. Keep watching this space, looking out for posters and on our facebook page.

We are looking for an enthusiastic person to join our film committee. Please contact Hazel on 01931 713311 or email hecclles@btopenworld.com for details.

Happy viewing whatever you're watching and have a great summer.

Call Hazel (713311) for any enquiries.

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

Bampton Pilates



Pilates is continuing in Bampton Memorial Hall at **5.30pm and 6.30pm on Monday evenings**. Every class has a different focus, and we use different equipment to facilitate improving our strength, mobility and flexibility. All equipment is provided. Please contact Alexis on 07411 902674 or penrithpilates@gmail.com

Educational Grants: The Bampton Endowed Schools Endowment

Last year the Charity made 11 grants totalling £3,696 to local young people. These awards were mainly to help them financially while they took part in a variety of post-16 educational courses at college, university, and sixth-form or while undertaking apprenticeships.

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 or at sixth-form level, in autumn 2024. 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, 2024
- Resident in the civil parish of Bampton, Cumbria or to have attended Bampton Endowed School.

An application form can be obtained from (and returned to) Hazel Eccles by email: heccles@btopenworld.com

Completed application forms must be received by **30th September 2024**.

Bampton Valley Stores

We'd like to firstly thank everybody who has supported Bampton Valley Stores operating in its new format since early April as a partnership between Askham Stores, Bampton Trust and Bampton Valley Community Pub.

Given the great work of our fabulous team of volunteers, the Stores have been reliably open **7 days a week from 9am to 1pm** to serve walkers, cyclists, workers and locals etc. With new flowers, bunting and sun shades outside, more passers by are understanding that a coffee, cake, pasty and friendly welcome are readily available – in addition to household basics or specialty items.

As we head into Summer, we're hoping to be able to extend opening hours for the Stores. This could enable an overlap with the pub afternoon opening, giving us all locally more opportunity to pop by for things and ensuring visitors have a guaranteed open destination in Bampton.

New Summer hours aren't set yet, but to explore the possibility further, we need a couple of additional volunteers who have a few hours to spare on an occasional and flexible basis. If interested in this fun and sociable role, please have a brief chat with one of our team listed below or email stores@bamptontrust.org.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you in the new Bampton Valley Stores again soon.

Alison, David, Felicity, Jane, Janet, Jacqui, Kerry, Lee, Phil, Shanna, Sue

Bampton Mobile Post Office

Bampton Post Office operates from the Memorial Hall on **Wednesdays between 9.00 – 10.30am**: most postal services continue to be available from this mobile unit.

The local bus

Face masks are now optional on the Fellrunner bus weekly **Thursday** service. The bus will go down **Rosgill Hill at 10.10am**, then travel via **Bampton Grange (10.18am)** to **Burnbanks (10.25am)** and leave **Bampton at 10.34am** to arrive (via Morrisons) at **Penrith Bus Station at 11.05am**. The return bus will leave **Penrith Bus Station at 1.15pm** to arrive back in **Bampton at 1.42pm**, **Burnbanks at 1.53pm** and **Rosgill at 2.08pm** (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 August/September issue is 5pm on Tuesday 23rd July.

Please send all items to:

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Jane Storey (Tel no: 01931 713490) Jane_storey@btinternet.com

PARISH DIARY

(Note MH = Memorial Hall)

JUNE

Su 2nd	Holy Communion by Extension, 9.45am
Mo 3rd	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
Th 6th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 9th	'Café Church', Church Hall, 9.45am
Mo 10th	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
We 12th	French Group, Small Hall, 2.30-3.30pm
Th 13th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 16th	No service Bampton Sports Day. Look out for timings on posters
Mo 17th	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
Th 20th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 23rd	Holy Communion, 9.45am
Mo 24th	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
We 26th	French Group, Small Hall, 2.30-3.30pm
Th 27th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 30th	Joint Benefice service of Holy Communion at Morland, 11am

JULY

Mo 1 st	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
Tu 2 nd	Future Landscapes Workshops, MH, 3-8pm
Th 4 th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 7th	Holy Communion, 9.45am
Mo 8 th	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
We 10 th	French Group, Small Hall, 2.30-3.30pm
Th 11 th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 14th	'Café Church', Church Hall, 9.45am
Mo 15 th	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
Th 18 th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 21st	No service
Mo 22 nd	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm
We 24 th	French Group, Small Hall, 2.30-3.30pm
Th 25 th	Bell Ringing practice, from 2pm
Su 28th	Morning Worship, 9.45am
Mo 29 th	Tinclar's Library, Church Hall, 12-2pm Pilates, MH, 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Music Lessons

Face-to-face or online tuition in percussion, drums, piano, brass and theory. 20 years experience teaching (Guildhall, Royal College of Music, Trinity/Laban) and performing (London Symphony Orchestra, Philharmonia, Adele, Kanye West and the Kings Consort). Beginners, advanced students and those who want to brush up their skills are all welcome!

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Wild Haweswater

A rugged Lake District landscape where nature restoration works alongside hill farming, to benefit wildlife, water and people.

Visit our website for events and experiences in nature:

wildhaweswater.co.uk