

Solway Plain Magazine



April 25

CHURCHES - INFORMATION

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Midweek Services in the Solway Plain :

Silloth **Thursday** 10am Said Communion.

Roman Catholic Services:

Saturday; Silloth:6pm

Sunday; Wigton: 9.00am

Maryport: 11am

Enquiries: Maryport: 01900 812157

Cornerstone Methodist Church

Meets in homes on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 7.00pm Contact Phil Jackson 07949 881698

Pentecostal Church

Greenrow, Silloth 10.45am & 6pm

Enquiries 016973 32248

Evangelical Free Church

Silloth **Thursday** 7.30pm

Sunday 10.45am & 6.30pm

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LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY TEAM

New Life

The first hint of warm air has already changed my energy. I feel like a new bud emerging from the soil and extending towards the Sun. Inside I have the desire to dust my house, to open the windows and let the Sun in. And I am not the only one who feels in this way. The birds through their beautiful songs, the flowers: snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses, which came out from the soil after a long and cold winter, tell me that something is changing. The trees are decorating their branches with brightly coloured flowers. The whole nature is preparing to celebrate and invite us too. But what do we celebrate? The great mystery of Easter. What does Easter mean to you? Christ has risen from death. How do you feel? Is your heart rejoicing again? Does Jesus' resurrection give you hope? Are you surrounded by new beginnings and a fresh sense of optimism? Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal, gives us the opportunity to see the world through new eyes – God's eyes. Easter spirit invites us to work with a positive attitude and to express appreciation and affection to those close to us. Easter spirit speaks about love, forgiveness and salvation. Are you ready to receive these precious gifts from our Saviour Jesus Christ...?

What are your favorite Easter memories as a child? There are two stories which come into my mind: The Easter egg, and The Easter candle. In my Country, Romania, there is a tradition to paint the eggs in red. On Easter day we make a competition, the strongest egg wins. We break each other's eggs and say, "Christ is risen!". The other participants of the competition answer "He is risen indeed!". After that we eat the eggs. One year, my father brought a wooden egg and won the competition. I was jealous of him. I asked him to show me the egg, then I discovered the truth. We had a good laugh.

The place I come from; the Celebration starts after the midnight service at the church. We put on the best clothes and go to the church to take the light of Christ. I remember one particular Easter service when me and other children found a secret place behind the altar. We decided to play a game. We were soldiers with candles as swords. We were fighting and making a terrible noise. The priest had to stop the service and to send a churchwarden to bring us in the church. As a punishment we had to sit in the first pews and answer the vicar's questions about Easter. That was the longest service from my childhood, but I miss that time.

How do you celebrate Easter? In my country the Easter preparations begin several days in advance. Food plays a central role on the celebration, as families and friends gather for Sunday meals, commemorating Christ's resurrection. It is a great opportunity for us to spend precious time with our loved ones.

My dear friends, as we celebrate Easter, may the resurrected Christ fill your home with happiness and blessings. Easter is a good time of reflection, gratitude and joy. Open your heart and receive the peace that comes from the love of Christ.

Happy Easter to you and your family!

Christ is risen!

Rev. Cornelia Noghiu

SOLWAY PLAIN PARISH SERVICES

Date	Time	Service	Church	Leader	Readings
6 th April Lent 5	8.00am 9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.45am 11.00am 5.00pm	HC FS HC FS HC FS HC FS Evensong	Silloth Westnewton Holme St Cuthbert Bromfield Kirkbride Holme Cultram Newton Arlosh Silloth Silloth	BR BR GR TB CN BR CN TB TB	Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8 Purple
13 th April Palm Sunday	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.45am 11.00am	HC FS HC MP HC MP HC	Westnewton Holme St Cuthbert Bromfield Kirkbride Holme Cultram Newton Arlosh Silloth	MS TB GR BR MS BR GR	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Luke 19: 28-40 Red
17 th April Maundy Thursday	10.00am 6.30pm	HC HC with Supper	Silloth Holme Cultram	BR BR	1 Corinthians 11:23-36 John 13: 1-17,31b-35
18 th April Good Friday	10.00am 2.00pm 7.00pm	Silloth Churches Good Friday Services	Greenrow Pentecostal Church Walk of witness & Stations of the Cross at RC Church Kirkbride Holme St Cuthbert	 BR BR	
20 th April Easter Day	5.45am 9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 10.45am 11.00am	Sunrise HC HC HC HC ext HC HC ext HC	Silloth Green Westnewton Holme St Cuthbert Bromfield Kirkbride Holme Cultram Newton Arlosh Silloth	BR GR MS BR TB GR TB BR	Acts 10: 34-43 Luke 24: 1-12 White
27 th April Easter2	9.00am 9.30am 9.30am 9.30am 10.30am 11.00am	HC MP HC MP HC HC	Westnewton Holme St Cuthbert Bromfield Kirkbride Holme Cultram Silloth	CN TB MS BR CN MS	Philippians 2: 5-11 John 12: 12-16 White

For Clergy names see Churches information at front of magazine

CHURCH ROTAS

Bromfield

Date	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
06	Miss Wilson		PCC TEAM
13			
20			
27			

Holme Cultram Abbey

Date	Reader	Sidesperson
06	Jane	Margaret
13	Anita	Elaine
20	Bill	Margaret
27	Norman	Elaine

Holme St Cuthbert

Date	Reader
02	Helen
09	Lynda
16	Rosie
23	Brian

Kirkbride

Date	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
06	S Sowerby	LENT	Mrs A Kirk
13	L Beattie		
20	S Harrop	EASTER	Mrs L Beattie
27	J Jefferson	L Beattie	

Newton Arlosh

Date	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
06	S King	LENT	H Graham
13	I King		
20	R Pinguey	R Pinguey	

CHURCH ROTAS


Silloth

Date	Sidesperson	Reader	Flowers
06	J Oliver	J Oliver	
13	M Graham	M Graham & M Kent	
20	F Jackson	M Harrison & A Rothwell	
27	J Oliver	M Kent & M Graham	

Westnewton

Date	Warden	Sidesperson	Flowers	Church Cleaning
06	Mrs Young	Mrs Szandurski	LENT	Church Committee Members
13	Mrs Hodgson	Mrs Walker		
20	Mrs Young	Mr Wardle	Committee	
27	Mrs Hodgson	Mrs Launchbury	EASTER	

PARISH REGISTER

<u>Baptism</u>			
<u>Bromfield</u>			
Beau William Biggane	23/02/25	Canon B Rothwell	
<u>Funeral</u>			
<u>Silloth</u>			
Graham Wilkinson	27/02/25	Canon B Rothwell & M Gate	

SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS

Lent Bible Studies

Throughout Lent, we are holding a Lent Study Course for Christians from across all our Churches to come together in fellowship and prayer, worship and learning.

The Bible Studies, focusing on the Lord's Prayer continue on Monday evenings at 7.30pm at Midtown, Westnewton and on Tuesdays at 10.00am in Christ Church, Silloth

30th Mary/1st April – Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

7/8th April – Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS

Maundy Thursday

There will be services of Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, 17th April to remember the "Last Supper" Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion in Christ Church, Silloth at 10am and at 6.30pm in Holme Cultram Abbey, there will be a Communion Service within the context of a simple meal together please let us know if you are planning to attend, phone Brenda 016973 61224 or Frances 016973 44756

Good Friday

Churches Together in Silloth will hold a service at Greenrow Pentecostal Church at 10am followed by a walk of witness and planting of the Cross on The Green. We conclude with the Stations of the Cross at the Catholic Church at 11.15am.

Good Friday services of Reflection & Prayer will be held in St Bride's, Kirkbride at 2pm and in Holme St Cuthbert at 7pm

Easter Day

A Sunrise Service will be held at the Bee Garden on Silloth Green to mark the dawn of Easter Day at 5.45am (sunrise 5.58am), followed by Tea/Coffee & Bacon Rolls in Christ Church.

Easter Sunday Services will be held across the parish at the usual times.

Annual Meetings

The **Annual Meetings** for the Parish of the Solway Plain will take place on **Sunday 18th May**. We will be holding a United Service at 10.00am in **Holme St Cuthbert Church**. The Annual Meetings will take place in the Church following the service at 11.00am.

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners will elect churchwardens for the parish churches of Christ Church Silloth, Holme St Cuthbert, Holme Cultram Abbey, St Matthew's Church Westnewton, St John's Newton Arlosh & St Bride's Kirkbride, and deputy churchwardens for St Mungo's Bromfield. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will elect the Parochial Church Council. There will be up to three members elected to the PCC from each church – which will include at least one churchwarden (or deputy) from each church to serve on the PCC alongside clergy, reader and licensed lay workers.

The seven churches of the Solway Plain parish each have their own local committee which looks after the day-to-day aspects of the church's life.

If you would be interested in joining one of the committees, please have a word with us.

Electoral Roll.

The Electoral Roll will be renewed in preparation for the Annual Meetings. You need to complete a new form this year, there were forms in last month's magazine, or are available in the churches and from electoral roll officers. The roll needs to be updated by **30th April**, so please ensure any new forms are returned as soon as possible, the updated roll will be published by 3rd May.

SOLWAY PLAIN NEWS

Men's Breakfast

First Saturday of every month

9.00 - 10.15

Christ Church Silloth

Cooked breakfast

and speaker

suggested donation £5

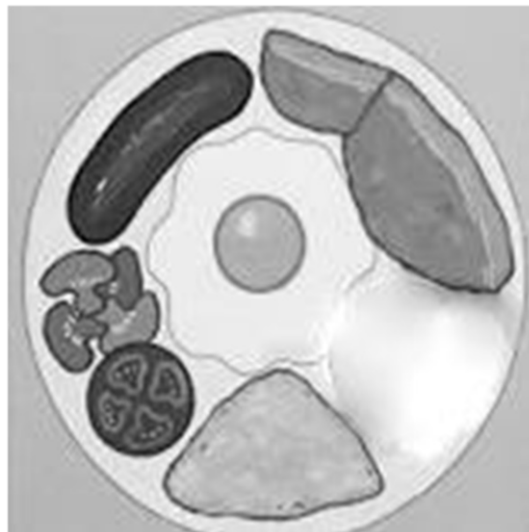
(no obligation)

For booking;

message Frances on

07967376356

or frannymac55@gmail.com



MISSION COMMUNITY PRAYER

Members of all churches in the Wigton, Silloth, Aspatria area are invited to share in times of united prayer - for the world, for our neighbours, for anything God has laid on our hearts.

We aim to meet about once a month visiting a different church of the Mission Community each time. Dates and venue are flexible so please look out for details or call Alan Fearon 016973 42454 or Tim Barker 07825 954611

SOULWAY - THE GATHERING

in Aspatria Rugby Club

Fourth Sunday of each month at 4pm

informal worship time with contemporary music,

For the next few months we will be looking at

different approaches to PRAYER

but before that

EASTER CURRY NIGHT

April 11th 6pm at the Rugby Club.

£5 per person

For more information contact Rev Matt Richards 07937041517.

ABBEYTOWN NEWS

Holme Cultram Abbey Events in 2025

Strawberry Teas – Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th July 2025

Brampton Chamber Choir – Sunday 20th July at 7.30pm 2025

Christmas Fayre – 15th & 16th November 2025

Christmas Dinner – Takeaway's Wednesday 3rd December and Eat in Thursday 4th December 2025



LENT LUNCH

Holme Cultram Abbey

On Thursday 3rd
April 2025

Eat in between 12.00pm - 1.00pm

£8.00 (Includes Soup, Bread, Pudding and Tea/Coffee)

Takeaways collection from 11.30am

£7.00 (Includes Soup, Bread & a Pudding)

Please come and join us for a selection
of delicious homemade Soups and
Puddings.

Proceeds raised will be shared equally between
the Abbey and a charity of our choice.

To book/order or for more information
please contact: Brenda - 016973 61224
or Anita - 016973 61113 by Wednesday
2nd April. Thank you



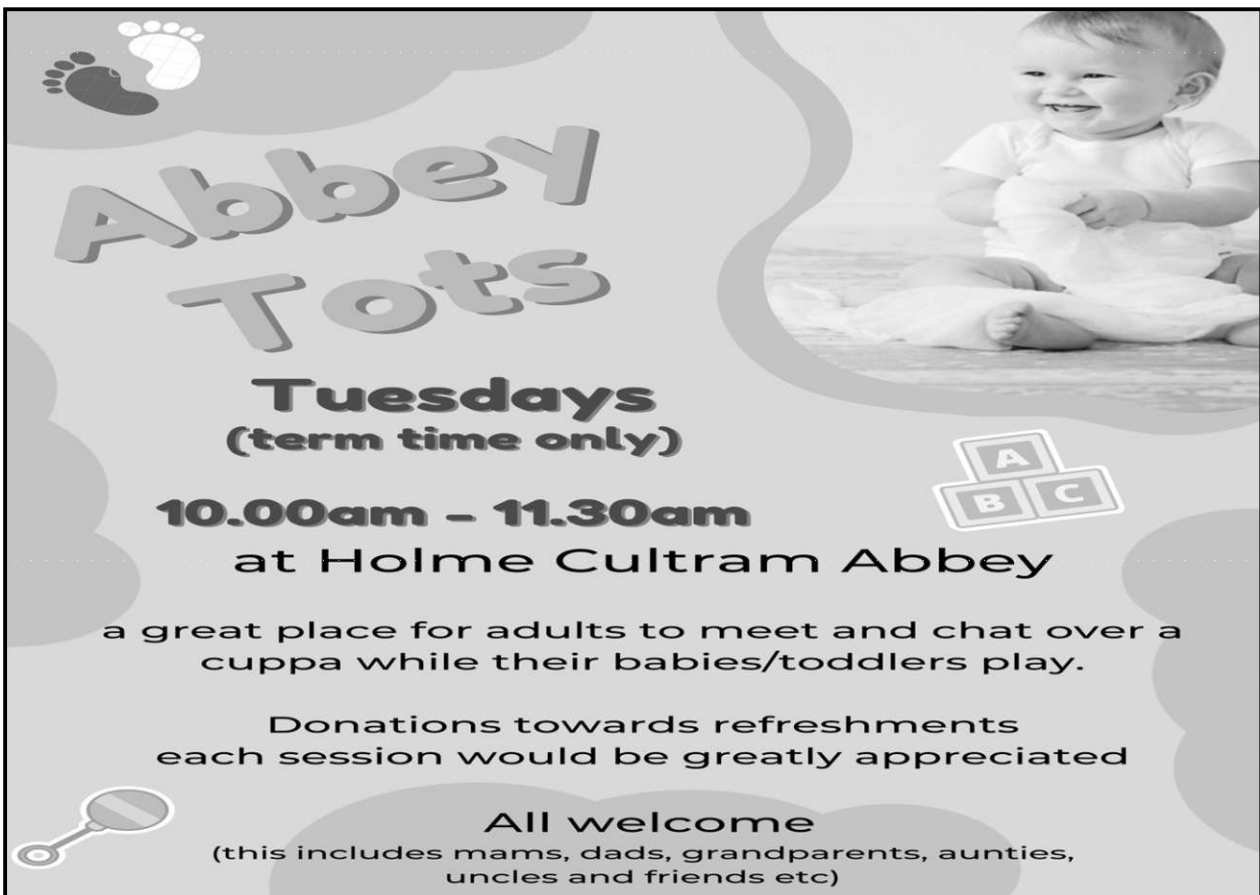
ABBEYTOWN NEWS

A festive Easter-themed illustration featuring two rabbits, several decorated Easter eggs, and a central text box. The background includes bunting flags at the top and stylized clouds. The text is centered and reads:

**EASTER
EGG HUNT
HOLME CULTRAM
ABBEY**

**SATURDAY 19TH APRIL
2PM- 4PM
JOIN US FOR SOME TRADITIONAL
FAMILY FUN
EGG HUNT
REFRESHMENTS**

**RUN BY
ABBETOWN PARISH COUNCIL
AND ECO CHURCH**

A poster for 'Abbey Tots' featuring a baby playing with alphabet blocks and a rattle. The background has a soft, wavy pattern. The text is arranged as follows:

**Abbey
Tots**

**Tuesdays
(term time only)**


10.00am - 11.30am
at Holme Cultram Abbey

a great place for adults to meet and chat over a
cuppa while their babies/toddlers play.

Donations towards refreshments
each session would be greatly appreciated

All welcome
(this includes mams, dads, grandparents, aunties,
uncles and friends etc)

ABBEYTOWN NEWS



Join us for an afternoon
of music with the
Dalston Male Voice Choir
and The Gala Trio
at Holme Cultram Abbey, Abbeytown
on Sunday 27th April
at 2.30pm

Tickets £10.00
(includes refreshments)

For more information please contact
Brenda - 016973 61224 or Anita - 016973 61113

BROMFIELD NEWS

Bromfield News

Thanks to everyone who subscribes to our weekly Bonus ball and paid so promptly. All our numbers have been taken, but if you wish to subscribe just let a committee member know and as soon as a number is available we will let you know. Thanks also for your speedy payments for our magazine with special thanks to our delivery agents who drop off your magazines.

We were due to hold our Big Breakfast event in March but due to insufficient numbers we reluctantly had to cancel. We will reschedule a date and please if you are interested then book in advance as we only cater for those who have booked and cannot take any who drop in.

A quiz is being organised with sheets costing £1 and a prize of £20.

These will be on offer in local retailers and from committee members.

Please complete and return to Mary Douglas. The winner will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

A reminder that if you wish to be registered on the Church Electoral roll then please complete your forms and return to any committee member or member of the congregation.

BROMFIELS NEWS

Bonus Ball Winners February

DATE	NUMBER	WINNER	AMOUNT
2	2	L. Brown	£30
9	51	T. Brockbank	£30
16	1	J. Wood	£30
23	5	R. Jackson	£30

Blencogo Village Hall

Blencogo Village Hall Chairman's update.

We've had another good month at the hall with usage being high. Harry's Memorial Quiz in February saw a great turn out and as I write preparations are well under way for the March Pub night. Coming up in April we've got an exciting new event in the form of a murder mystery night which includes a two course meal, a bargain at £10 per head! You can find more details elsewhere in the parish magazine.

May sees us joining in the National celebrations of Victory in Europe day with a fun filled day and a BBQ for all on the 10th May.

Other events are being planned so watch this space and check out our socials, we're on Facebook and Instagram as well as our website blencogo.com"

Gary

Save the Dates

21st June Strawberry Teas.

6th September Annual Produce Show.

October tbc Curry Night.

25th-31 October Blen Scare-crow trail.

29th November Christmas Market



Do you like a good 'Who-dunnit'?

Can you solve the Crime?

Then why not come down to Blencogo Village Hall

Friday 25th April at 7:30pm

Cost is £10 per head for a two course meal
(Cottage pie and veg followed by apple crumble)
and an exciting Murder Mystery adventure.

Bring your own drink

Call Becky on 07443 603449 to book tickets,
deadline is 20/04/2

BROMFIELD NEWS



craft stalls

At
Blencogo Village Hall

Spring fair

Raising funds for
Denmark Camp
1182790

on the 26th of
April 25
from 11 till 3

Soup, bacon
sarnies, hot and
cold drinks
available to buy,
cash payments
only

Free entry

Raffle! £1
per ticket



80TH
ANNIVERSARY

BLENCOGO VILLAGE HALL

VE DAY
CELEBRATIONS

10TH MAY 2025

1PM - 6PM

BBQ AND TRADITIONAL GAMES

1940s dressing up competition

RAFFLE

Face Painting

AND LOTS MORE!

HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS

MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL



Thursday 24th April at 7.30pm

Entrance £2 per person

Prize for the winning team

Bring your own refreshments and glasses

Contact Lynda: 01900 881737

Club Dates

Pool

1st, 15th & 29th April

7pm—9pm



Craft & Chat

9th & 23rd April

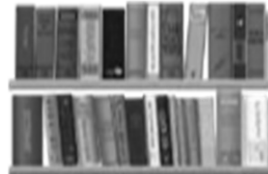
2pm—4 pm



Book & Jigsaw Exchange

3rd & 17th April

3.30 pm —4.30 pm



100 Club

The winning numbers for

February 2025

1st Prize No. 16

2nd Prize No. 45

3rd Prize No. 69

4th Prize No. 20

Joanne Hodgson

Robin Boswell

Marie Thompson

Jill Chester

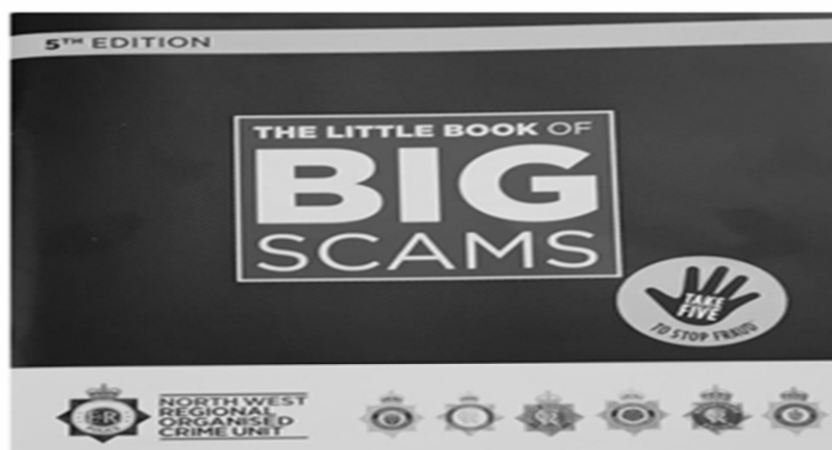
Just £12 per year to help church funds

**Come on support your local church,
with a chance to win, buy a number.**

Contact Brian Bailey on: -01900 881 737 / 07542781234

HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS

MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL



Thursday 27th March 3pm

**You are invited to a talk given by Claire Keyes
Detective Constable in the Economic Crime Unit,
on how to avoid scams in our modern society.**

This is one not to miss, scams can affect us all

Holme St Cuthbert Church, Mawbray



Lent Lunch

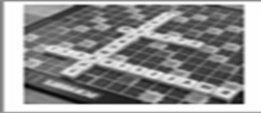
**Tuesday 1st April
12pm – 2pm**

**At
Mawbray Village Hall**

**£5 .00
&
Raffle**

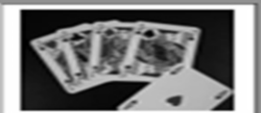


HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS



MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL

**Come and Join us to enjoy an
afternoon of fun playing
popular board games
Sunday 6th April 2025
2pm – 4pm**



Tea & Biscuits * Free Entry *

MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL **FILM CLUB**

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Saturday 19th April
The film starts at 7pm

The Village Hall invites you to join them at this month's feature film.

You can bring your own drinks & snacks.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Everyone must be a member
Lifetime Membership – Adult £5, Couple £8, Family £10

Entrance on the night Adult £3, Child £1.50
Contact Lynda - 01900 881 737 / 07926810074

HOLME ST CUTHBERT NEWS

MAWBRAY VILLAGE HALL

PLANTS and CRAFT FAIR



Sunday 11th May - 10am till 4pm

Lots of Plants

Also an assortment of crafts, gifts, jewellery, cards, jams and chutneys.

Tea room with delicious home cooked light lunches, a selection of home baked cakes, teas and coffees.

Take away available.

KIRKBRIDE NEWS

Monthly Draw

£20 Sophia Rose Cowley

£10 Gail Jones

£5 Sheila Lacey

Kirkbride village/church hall CRAFT CLUB

Every Wednesday 1.30-3.30.

If you don't feel like crafting then come for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat. A chance to meet new friends and share craft ideas, we'd love to see you. For more information please ring Christine Smithson 016973 51686 or Josephine Jefferson 016973 51843

COFFEE MORNING

Every Friday 10.30-12.00

Come along for a chat and catch up with what's on across the Solway Plain. A small friendly group are ready to make you welcome —just come along. For more information please ring Christine Smithson 016973 51686 or Josephine Jefferson 016973 51843

All Abilities

Kirkbride Bowling Club

Green Open from Saturday 5th April

**Opening Day Event
Sunday 13th April @ 2pm**

All
Ages

Secretary - Richard Peart 07595 284121

League & Social Bowls

kirkbridebowling@gmail.com



SATURDAY 10TH MAY

10 AM

COFFEE MORNING

KIRKBRIDE BOWLING CLUB EXTENDS A WARM WELCOME

KIRKBRIDE NEWS

Hot Cross Bun Coffee Morning

on Saturday 12th April at 10.30 to 12pm

Kirkbride Institute Hall

Entry £5.00 Drink & Hot Cross Bun

Raffle

All Welcome, in aid of St Brides Church

NEWTON ARLOSH NEWS

St John's Church Draw

March

£20	No 179	Bruce Stockdale
£10	No 192	Vince Gilroy
£5	No 188	Vaughan Hodgson

Newton Arlosh Parish Hall

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 29th April 2025

7pm held in parish hall

You will be most welcome to come to this meeting.

EASTER BINGO & RAFFLE

FRIDAY 11th APRIL 2025

Held in Newton Arlosh Parish Hall

Starting Time 7.30pm

Anyone who would like to donate prizes for the bingo and raffle will be much appreciated. Please leave prizes at the parish hall 1pm onwards on Friday 11th April 2025, we will be setting up in the hall or you can leave with anyone from the parish hall committee or contact Ruth Tel 61649 or Carol Tel 51479 or John Tel 61250

Thank you for your support & Everyone is Welcome to all events

COFFEE MORNING

Monday 28th April 2025

10am till Noon

Please come along and meet new friends

Tea Coffee scones and cakes will be served

We do ask for a donation to help with our cost

Thank You Everyone Welcome

Port Carlisle Bowling Club

Open again for outdoor bowling .

Welcome to new and old members or just come and try.

Saturday afternoons and Wednesday mornings

Find us on Facebook

www.portcarlislebowlingclub.co.uk

Telephone 01228 576398

NEWTON ARLOSH NEWS

Solway Gardening Society

April 17th 19:30: Plants with Altitude (sic) at Port Carlisle Bowling Club

A welcome return visit from Neil and Sue Huntley of Hartside Nursery. They will bring top quality Alpines and show us how to keep them happy and display them to their best advantage which will enhance your garden.

Admission £5, Solway Gardening Society members are FREE, membership only £10 for a full year. Contact the Secretary, Fiona Watson at solwaygardeningociety@gmail.com or 07896018568 for more details



SILLOTH NEWS

EVENSONG IN CHRIST CHURCH

Traditional Book of Common Prayer Evensong
will be celebrated at Christ Church
on Sunday April 6th at 4 pm.
Sung responses, psalms and canticles.

All are welcome.

Churches Together in Silloth

Throughout Lent, we are holding a Lent Study Course for Christians from across all our Churches to come together in fellowship and prayer, worship and learning.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer has been used by every generation of Christians since Christ first taught his followers to pray. There probably isn't a moment, day or night, when there isn't someone on earth praying the Lord's Prayer.

There probably isn't a language on earth that doesn't contain a version of the Lord's Prayer.

These words may be very familiar, perhaps we learned them as children, but perhaps we have never thought about what they mean for us as adults.

Over the course of the season of Lent, we will be exploring this prayer together, as a guide for our own prayers and as a way of deepening our relationship with God.

Lent 2025

Study sessions Tuesdays at 10.00am

1st April – Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

8th April – Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil

Thurs 17th Apr – Maundy Thursday 10.00am – Communion Service in Christ Church – For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.

WAVERTON NEWS

Dundraw W.I

4th February 2025

Our regular monthly get together on February 4th saw the Dundraw ladies competing for prizes and trying their luck with a fun game of Bingo!

The first prize in the flower competition went to Mary Howe's dwarf iris which managed to survive storm Eowyn. Mona Kent came second with a hellebore. The monthly competition challenge was to find an unusual or entertaining mechanical device and was won by Lesley Evan's beautifully crafted and decorated 'scrap book' with a surprise musical movement within its back cover. Helen Daly came second with a wind-up radio.

Barbara Myers and Lesley Evans were raffle winners.

Tea was served by Mona and Christine.

Our next get together at Blencogo Village Hall will be our centenary celebration lunch on Wednesday 12th February

Centenary Celebration February 12th 2025

On February 12th, 1925, Mrs Court-Brown and Mrs Mitton formed a WI group in Dundraw, Cumberland. Their early meetings were held in the Reading Room, opposite the church hall, on the third Tuesday of each month and presided over by Miss Russell the headmistress at Waverbridge school. From their earliest days the women of Dundraw WI enjoyed outings to places such as Southport, Glenridding, Whitley Bay, Castle Howard and later Leith to tour the Royal yacht Britannia.

They participated in music festivals and local carnivals becoming an integral part of the community and connecting with other WI groups across Cumbria.

And so back to February 12th 2025 when today's Dundraw WI gathered to celebrate this landmark centenary of our still thriving group. We were joined by the chair of CCFWI, Kathleen Bowron and the vice-chair Penny Coulthard, for a delicious lunch provided by Liz Brough and her staff. Entertainment was provided by our in house 'Dundraw players' and (comic) madrigal singers. The centenary cake was cut and a toast made to the future of Dundraw WI.

Our next meeting will be in Blencogo village hall on 4th March at 1.30pm. There will be a talk on jewellery making and of course cake.

New members very welcome!

WAVERTON NEWS

Dundraw W.I

March 2025

Our March meeting saw the ladies of Dundraw WI eyeing up a wonderful array of beautiful jewellery all made by our guest speaker Lesley Connolly. In a fascinating talk, Lesley described some of the techniques she uses to craft her unique artisan jewellery. We learned about the types of stones, such as hematite, malachite and the wonderful exotic cinnabar as well as pearls, amethyst and jade. Of course we would need beautiful boxes for our jewels and Lesley described how she covered the lids in sheet pewter with art and craft type designs. Lesley had sourced her stones from as far afield as China and Vietnam but also finds antique fairs and charity shops have recyclable 'gems'. She has made silver necklaces and earrings from spoons and sugar tongs! Our Dundraw WI knows just how special artisan jewellery can be... and have some wonderful inspiration for accessorising those special occasion outfits. Glynis Aspin thanked Lesley for excellent presentation. Lesley used her expertise to judge the monthly competition for an unusual or unique necklace. Mona Kent was the winner and Lesley Evans came second. The flower competition was won by Glynis Aspin, Mona Kent was second. Jean Graham won the raffle. Tea was served by Irene Johnstone and Jan Grant and we managed to finish off the remainder of our delicious centenary birthday cake.

WESTNEWTON NEWS

**St Matthews Church
wish everyone a
HAPPY EASTER**

VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB

February Winners

£20 J Allen, £10 L Barry, £5 B Sin

A few numbers are available. Please contact Sheila Szandurski 016973 21073 if you would like one.

Weekly Dominos
in the Village Hall
Saturdays @ 1-30.

£3 entry with funds raised for St Matthews Church
No booking needed,
just turn up and enjoy a game.
Everyone Welcome

WESTNEWTON NEWS

Bible Crack

Led by Rev Malcolm Stillwell
Monday 28th April
@ Midtown House Westnewton
7-30pm

Sales table @ Midtown House

£100 to the Seafarers Mission.

Also, twenty wool hats sent which are passed on to seafarers when they are in port. A letter of thanks has been received. The mission has a building in ports around the world where there is facilities such as WiFi and a games room and also a chaplain and volunteers who the seafarers can talk to if they have any problems. The seafarers have a hard time, sometimes not being paid.

Anyone willing to fundraise or knit hats and scarves would be much appreciated. Contact Martha Walker.016973 20944

From the Library

'A knock at the door,' by Dr Rob Parsons is a Sunday Times bestseller. One of the best books i have ever read. He is the author of twenty five books. It is an incredible story of hope and kindness. Rob Parsons is a lawyer and came from a humble family, he wasn't a very good scholar but was encouraged by a Christian club leader to study and this is the story of his family and a homeless man. Well worth reading.

Easy Fundraising

St Matthews Church are registered with easy fundraising. An online way of raising funds for your favourite charity.

If you would like to raise funds for St Matthews Church, you can find us by typing easy fundraising in your search bar or by downloading the app.

There is a link to easy fundraising via a pinned post on St Matthews Church Facebook page. We would be very grateful for new supporters to sign up and start raising money for us. There are thousands of retailers, you can even raise money if you do your weekly grocery shopping online.

Date for the Diary
Saturday 5th July
SUMMER SALE and TEAS

Diocese Awarded £6.8 Million



The Diocese of Carlisle has been awarded £6.8 million by the Church of England to help Cumbrian churches grow missional, younger and more diverse faith communities.

Over the next five years the funding will support the creation of nearly 90 new Christian communities across the county. There will be a particular focus on helping local established churches to plant new Christian congregations in Barrow, Carlisle and in rural Derwent Deanery and there will be investment to help train over 200 new leaders. Collaborative working and extra support will also be offered to young Christians (from babies to 25-year-olds) to help them spiritually flourish, grow in faith and become adult disciples.

It follows a successful bid made to the national church's Strategic Mission and Ministry Investment Board which distributes and monitors funds made available by the Church Commissioners and the Archbishops' Council to help churches reach more people with the good news of the gospel.

The Acting Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh, said: "I am delighted that our bid has been successful, and I want to thank the board for its very generous support for our mission and ministry here in Cumbria.

"This award will fund frontline ministry, particularly in Barrow, Carlisle and Derwent Deanery, adding to the fantastic, faithful work which our local churches, clergy and other ministers do each and every day across the county. I also want to thank our brilliant colleagues across the diocese who have worked so hard and skillfully over a long period of time to make this bid a success."

The multi-million-pound award will further support the county's God for All vision and strategy, helping the growth and flourishing of 34 mission communities - local groups of mutually supportive and collaborative churches with mission at their heart.

A three-year pilot will support parish growth and leadership development in three designated deeply rural mission communities with further dedicated assistance also being offered to all mission community leaders to help support them in leading the collaborative planning and delivery of mission, sharing the love of God and bringing new people to faith through new and traditional ways.

Rachel Head, Diocesan Director of Mission and Ministry, Support and Innovation, co-led the work with Kerry Roughton, Head of Programme Management, to submit this successful bid.

Rachel said: "As the Programme Director, I am delighted we have received such a positive mandate from the Church Commissioners who have unconditionally awarded us the full grant.

"We have spent nearly two years developing and honing our vision for this bid - 'The Cumbria Way' - and for many months colleagues have worked intensively with local leaders and churches across the county to develop the detail of our locally owned plans for mission and growth.

Excitingly, it's now time to put these plans into action!

"Of course, as we do so we must continue to pray and be guided by the Holy Spirit, as we seek to do God's work in each place. Our commitment to listening and working together will be an integral and vital part of our approach, as well as regularly communicating with people across the diocese about what's happening.

"It is our intention to share both what goes well and what we learn along the way, as together we strive to reach new people in a breadth of different ways. It is imperative that the new resources available to the diocese through this award are put to best use in the service of God's work here in this distinctive and beautiful county."

Bishop Rob added: "Let us pray that God will bless and grow this work so that people will come to know the love and hope of Jesus and so that we can do more to bless the communities we are called to serve."

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