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Let the children come

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." (Mark 10:14 & 15)

Sunday 15 March is Mothering Sunday. The ancient tradition of going 'amothering' focuses on children travelling to see their mothers and all generations visiting their mother Church. Few of us observe the second tradition, (going to the place where we are baptised), but of course the first part is still widely observed. Our mothers might not receive a simnel cake, but plenty of flowers and chocolates are bought for Mothering Sunday.

UNICEF have published a report, "The State of the World's Children" and the comments about children in Britain rightly received a great deal of attention in the media. The picture painted of life for our young people was very bleak, although rich in material terms most were poor in all other measurable statistics. The quality of life experienced by our children was shamefully pictured as the worse in Europe. This though should come as no surprise to us, children do not live in isolation and the break up of family life is the most serious threat to our society. All of those problems which are often looked at separately: antisocial behaviour; drug addiction and crime; binge drinking; street violence and truancy – all these have their root in the break up of family life. However, before we start accusing the parents of being the problem or even schools, perhaps we need to look at the bigger picture. How well are families supported by our communities? Do teachers have the respect to teach social values? Do adults in general provide good role models?

Mothering Sunday provides us with an opportunity to state our core values again. To demonstrate that those 'mothering gifts' are at the heart of the society we wish to live in. New Zealand as a society has shown the way that a community can change in caring for its children. We can make a difference in the way we live and act, in the example we provide the young and the support we are prepared to give parents and teachers. Jesus told us that we should learn from our children. Let the happiness of our children and our children's children be the benchmark for our society. Their future is our legacy. *Cameron*

Churches Together in Grasmere & Rydal

*Grasmere & Rydal churches together with all Christians living
in our villages.*

HOLY WEEK

29th March Palm Sunday

4pm Passion Service for Holy Week in
Grasmere

1st April Holy Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion, BCP in Grasmere

2nd April Maundy Thursday

10am *Maundy Thursday Service at Carlisle
Cathedral*

7.30pm Mass at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

3rd April Good Friday

12-3pm Three Hours Service of Devotion in
Grasmere,

5th April EASTER DAY

**5.30am Sunrise Eucharist at St
Mary's, Rydal** *followed by breakfast
at Rydal Hall*

8am BCP Holy Communion at St Oswald's, Grasmere,
traditional said BCP Communion

9.30am Sung Eucharist at St Mary, Rydal
at this service Easter eggs are distributed

9.30am Easter Mass at Mater Amabilis, Ambleside

**11am Sung Holy Communion at St Oswald's,
Grasmere** *at this service Easter eggs are distributed*

7pm Easter Taize Service at St Mary's Rydal
a quiet service to celebrate Easter evening



Palm Sunday Service of Readings & Music

This service of reflection begins at 4pm on 29th March for Holy Week. This service includes traditional Passiontide hymns and readings, it is open to all.

Easter Sunrise Service

The Sunrise Service this year begins at 5.30am. The service begins in the darkness of Rydal Church and as light dawns the congregation moves outside for the ancient ritual of lighting the Easter candle. The service of celebration then follows and afterwards everyone is invited to Rydal hall for refreshments.

Easter Vestry and APCM

The annual meetings take place on Sunday 19th April after the morning service. The annual meetings are an opportunity to hear about the life of the church and the developments in the Diocese, as well as conducting the formal business of an AGM. All welcome

Car Parking

There is reserved parking of ten spaces alongside the Garden Centre wall has now been given over to those using the Church and Tithe Barn. Each space has a metal bollard with its own lock. The key is obtainable either from the church at the time of a service or from the person organizing a meeting in the Tithe Barn. As a result of this extra provision there will be no parking available at the Rectory. The school playground is now used by the LDNPA to extend its parking provision in the village. Anyone parking in the school playground will need to purchase a ticket from the LDNPA machine.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week begins on 10th May. In the May magazine there will be envelopes for contributions to be married. Envelopes can be picked up from St Oswald's from the beginning of May.

School News

What is the curriculum?

Sometimes it is taken to mean ‘academic subjects covered’.

Sometimes people include ‘additional activities such as extra sport, music or drama’.

But there is even more to it than this:

“Some educators would say that the curriculum consists of all the planned experiences that the school offers as part of its educational responsibility. Then there are those who contend that the curriculum includes not only the planned, but also the unplanned experiences as well. For example, incidents of violence are hardly a planned component of the curriculum. However, the manner in which violence is addressed before, during, and after an actual event sends a very definite message about how people in our culture interact and how the laws of our nation are applied.” Edward S. Ebert II, Christine Ebert, Michael L. Bentley July 2013

So the curriculum should also epitomise our values. But it is not just a statement of our values; it is a collection of experiences which directly affect the children. Educational wishes which don’t translate into actual experiences are not the curriculum.

So, what should curriculum do our children need? What will prepare them for the world of 2020 and beyond?

If you wish to see what we have to cover, please visit the DfE website. We can embed this learning in whatever experiences we wish. We would very much like your help with this. There was a curriculum day in the Tithe Barn on Friday 13th February. Several community members attended and suggested some great ideas for real experiences which will enrich our children’s learning. Please could we ask you all to look at the list below?

Climb a mountain; day walk; sail / canoe on a lake; river from source to sea; local residential; shelter building; wild daffodils; see the moonrise over local fells; meet an astronomer; see the dawn; challenge walk; Langdale boulders + stone axe factory; Castlerigg stone circle; Galava & Hardknott & Hadrian’s Wall; St Patrick’s chapel, Old Heysham, The Thing Mound in Little Langdale; Sunderland Point; St Oswald’s including tower; St Herbert’s Island; Dunmail Raise; Holy Isle; Levens Hall; Sizergh Castle; Ulverston Buddhist centre; Quaker tapestry; Townend; Beatrix

Potter – Hill Top; Wordsworth – Dove Cottage; Ransome – Swallows and Amazons; Geoffrey Trease – Cue for Treason; sheep farming; café trade; gingerbread shop; chocolate making; mountain rescue / fire / ambulance; slate quarrying; conservation / environmental work; art gallery / exhibition; theatre visit; concert visit; dance visit; work with an author; work with an artist; visit cities...

If you know anyone, anything, or anywhere which you think should be added, please get in touch. Email head@grasmere.cumbria.sch.uk or drop a letter in at school. Thank you!

Jo Goode

WI News

If you missed the **Great Northern Air Ambulance** “Gather Day” on Tuesday 24th February, the WI will still accept unwanted clean clothes, bedlinen etc and pass them on to the GNAA.

The speaker at the February meeting was Andrew Lowe, a former Conservation Officer for the National Park Authority, who gave an illustrated talk to the WI on the architectural history of Lakeland villages. Enthusiastically sharing a wealth of knowledge and experience, Andrew encouraged his audience to observe the features of old buildings which give clues to their past. Afterwards, President Pat Taylor invited members and friends to share a cake, made by Jan Perritt, celebrating the 96th anniversary of Grasmere WI.

The next WI meeting takes place in the Tithe Barn at 2pm on Thursday 12th March, when Sue Tyldesley will demonstrate the art of Encaustic Wax.

Using an iron to melt bees’ wax with vegetable dyes added, an image in wax is transferred on to Encaustic Art Paper. Sue will bring examples displaying the variety of her work, which can be embellished with beads, sequins and stitching, as well as greetings cards and items for sale. There should also be time for members to have a go at creating their own encaustic art. Non-members are welcome, £3 including tea and raffle.

On Friday 20th March, a group of Grasmere members and friends will join WIs from all over Cumbria at the Brewery Arts Centre, Kendal. They will be joining in a special “Singalong” screening of *Mamma Mia*, and are encouraged to enter the spirit by wearing ABBA themed costumes. Look out for ladies in satin bellbottoms, feather boas and floppy hats!

Myra McCraith



RUSHBEARING

Saturday 11th July 2015

Rushbearing is an ancient celebration and predates the modern form of the ceremonies. The earliest mention is post Reformation but almost certainly it goes back much further in time. Originally the procession began from the well by St Oswald's House, the ancient holy well. This again points to its origin as being very old. Rushbearing though has always changed through the past few hundred years to be appropriate to each generation. At a time when there was little other competition the whole village came together to have a community party. Now Rushbearing flourishes as a reflection of the modern face of Grasmere, a tourist village and welcomes those who come to join in. Look out for more details about Rushbearing over the coming months.

Cameron

The Hotels of Grasmere Raffle was drawn on 1st Feb

here is a list of the lucky winners.

1. Dinner for two with wine at Dale Lodge - Keith Byrne, Switzerland.
 2. Bottle of Malt Whiskey from Bridge House - R Walker, Northumberland
 3. 1 night B&B at The Daffodil Hotel with Lake View and spa treatments - Mrs F Wren, Liverpool
 4. 3 nights mid week break, Riverside Suite, Rothay Garden Hotel - Barbara Bidolph.
 5. 2 nights in a junior suite with champagne at the Wordsworth Hotel – M Chorlton Manchester
 6. 2 nights break, Dinner Bed and Breakfast at the Gold Rill Hotel – R. Carr
 7. Overnight Stay with dinner at the Lancrigg Vegetarian Country Guest House – Mrs Chadwick, Goosnargh
 8. Dinner for 2 at the Grasmere Hotel. Mrs Hagart, Edinburgh
- We thank you all for your support *Carrie Taylor*

Book Group 2015

I do not write this sitting in the kitchen sink, unlike Cassandra in the famous opening to February's book group read Dodie Smith's 1949 novel *I Capture The Castle*. Nor am I a seventeen-year old girl sitting in a decrepit castle in rural Suffolk. But this did not hold any of the group back from a wonderful start to Grasmere book group's reading year. Taking the form of Cassandra's various diary entries, the novel prompted us to discuss why we write diaries and how diaries tell stories. Other topics considered included sisters in literature, Smith's writing about England from America and the portrayals of a dramatic cast of characters. For those familiar with *101 Dalmations*, there are no spotted dogs here, but Heloise the bull-terrier and Abelard the pale ginger cat provided much entertainment for the animal lovers amongst us. All were in agreement that the book was both a heartwarming read but had a lot going on under the surface.

Next month, we're back to meeting in our regular slot at 8pm on Thursday 12th March in the Dale Lodge Resident's Lounge. The book will be James Joyce's *Dubliners* (1913). *Will & Polly*

Knit and Nat

Dates for Meeting in March are Friday 13th at 2pm and Tuesday 24th at 10am in the Reading Rooms. In February, the group, shared knowledge of patterns, techniques and crafts, Thank you to Shirley for the crotchet lesson, Jennifer for the new blanket pattern and Mary for the gems of wisdom! Our numbers depend on what else is happening in the village; on Tuesday 24th February and saw us convene in the Church so we could support the WI and Air Ambulance and knit all at once! We welcomed new members too, lovely to see varied age groups and abilities come together for a good 'crack'. The community project of the knitted mini safari with playmat is coming along nicely with lions, tigers, giraffe and elephants, hippos and bears all finished. Do come and join us if you are interested in knitting, crafting or Natting! Bring your own mug for refreshment and 50p towards the upkeep of the Reading Rooms. Don't forget if you need to there are three places roadside of the school gate for access, please car share whenever possible. If you have any scraps of wool spare we would be delighted to receive them for further community projects. *Carrie & Christine*

Encountering Scripture: a quiet day with the Ven. Penny Driver

Thursday 5th March

This day seeks to encounter scripture in a different way so that we might not only engage with those for whom it is written but also consider how it impinges on our lives today. We will consider three different biblical passages and will have personal time and space for reflection, including silent reflection.

The day is the second in a series of six quiet days throughout the year reflecting the Christian journey. They offer individuals a brief oasis of space in their busy lives to reflect upon the spiritual life and to pray in the peace and beauty of Rydal. The day will commence with coffee at 9.30am and conclude with tea at 4.00pm. The cost per person, including a simple lunch and refreshments, is £20.

Penny has been in the Diocese of Carlisle for two and a half years and is currently the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, with a brief for ministry strategy. She was born in Yorkshire and worked as a teacher before moving to serve the church as an adviser for children and young people, a Diocesan Director of Ordinands, a priest of three rural parishes in North Yorkshire and Archdeacon of Exeter. In her spare time she loves to cook and entertain, sing in choirs and walk her dog, Jess, on the fells.

Jonathon S.M. Green. (Revd). - General Manager.

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Applications for banns and common licences from 2nd March

When making an application for the publication of banns, or for a common licence, on or after 2nd March to establish that they are both relevant nationals. Matters will be straightforward if each party has a valid passport showing him or her to be a British, EEA or Swiss national or a valid EEA identity card. Nothing further needs to be produced.

If a party cannot produce a passport or identity card, there are various other documents that can be used instead. In particular, where the party

was born in the UK before 1st January 1983, he or she will be able to rely on a UK birth certificate together with another document such as a recent utility bill, bank statement, driving licence etc. to provide evidence of party's current use of the name on the birth certificate (or provide evidence of the change of name). If a party was born on or after 1st January 1983 and cannot provide a passport or identity card things will be rather more complicated because a person born in the UK after that date is not automatically a British citizen. The party will therefore have to provide a UK birth certificate showing his or her parents' details, a bank statement or utility bill etc. to show current use of name (or evidence of change of name), evidence of his or her parents' British citizenship or settled status at the time of his or her birth, and their marriage certificate. In the case of a person born on or after 1st January 1983 who does not have a passport, it may be more convenient for that person simply to obtain one.

The Reverend Alexander McGregor Deputy Legal Adviser to the Archbishops' Council and the General Synod



Settled and safe: a renter's right

Citizens Advice has launched a new campaign calling for improvements in the private rental sector. Last year, more than 80,000 people came to us **experiencing** a problem with a privately rented home. That's 230 people every day, hit by issues including illegal eviction, harassment, lost deposits and struggles to secure the most basic repairs. Our experience tells us the problems are getting worse. We are campaigning for better protections for private renters including:

- an end to extortionate fees levied on renters by letting agents.
- all local authorities in England to set up a register of landlords that tackles the specific problems in their area.
- tenants to be entitled to rent refunds where the property they're living in is dangerous or not fit to live in.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice Bureau on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment and any other problems. We have various outlets across South Lakeland and can also give advice over the phone – telephone 015394 46464 for an appointment and help.

If you don't need us for advice, how about helping us by becoming a volunteer or making a donation? Not many people realize that we are a charity - see our website for details www.southlakescab.org.uk.

House of Bishops' Pastoral Letter

17 February 2015

The House of Bishops of the Church of England have today expressed the hope for political parties to discern "a fresh moral vision of the kind of country we want to be" ahead of the General Election in May of this year.

In a pastoral letter from the House of Bishops to the people and parishes of the Church of England, the Bishops urge Christians to consider the question how can we "build the kind of society which many people say they want but which is not yet being expressed in the vision of any of the parties?"

The letter also encourages church members to engage in the political process ahead of the General Election and to put aside self-interest and vote for 'the common good': "The privileges of living in a democracy mean that we should use our votes thoughtfully, prayerfully and with the good of others in mind, not just our own interests."

The letter also states that: "In Britain, we have become so used to believing that self-interest drives every decision, that it takes a leap of imagination to argue that there should be stronger institutions for those

we disagree with as well as for those 'on our side.' Breaking free of self-interest and welcoming our opponents as well as our supporters into a messy, noisy, yet rich and creative community of communities is, perhaps, the only way we will enrich our almost-moribund political culture."

The letter defends the right of the Church to enter into the political arena: "It is not possible to separate the way a person perceives his or her place in the created order from their beliefs, religious or otherwise, about how the world's affairs ought to be arranged. The claim that religion and political life must be kept separate is, in any case, frequently disingenuous - most politicians and pundits are happy enough for the churches to speak on political issues so long as the church agrees with their particular line."

The pastoral letter draws on the experience of the Church of England as a Christian presence in every community to warn of the disengagement between politicians and the people. They note that "with few exceptions, politicians are not driven merely by cynicism or self-interest" but nevertheless, "the different parties have failed to offer attractive visions of the kind of society and culture they wish to see.... There is no idealism in this prospectus".

The letter encourages political parties across the spectrum to seek bold new visions of hope and idealism rather than "sterile arguments about who might manage the existing system best."

The bishops also argue Britain is in need of a stronger politics of community to boost solidarity between people and reverse a drift towards social isolation: "The extent of loneliness in society today, with the attendant problems of mental and physical health, is one indication of how far we have drifted into a society of strangers. But that drift is far from complete - and few people, if asked, would say that a society of strangers represents a vision of society which they desire."

The letter specifically avoids advocacy for one any political party but instead encourages those in the Church to seek from political candidates a commitment to building a society of common bonds over individual

consumerism. The bishops say Britain is hungry for a new approach to political life which reaffirms our ties at a national, regional, community and neighbourhood level. There is a need for a strong corrective to halt the move towards increasing social isolation, they say, through strengthening the idea that that Britain is still a "community of communities." This, they say, is a theme which has roots in the historic traditions of different parties: "We are seeking, not a string of policy offers, but a way of conceiving and ordering our political and economic life which can be pursued in a conservative idiom, a socialist idiom, a liberal idiom - and by others not aligned to party."

The pastoral letter argues that the Church of England finds its voice through being a presence in every community with churches remaining one of the primary agents of social action and social care in parishes across the country. The letter argues that Intermediate institutions such as housing associations, credit unions and churches are needed for their role in building stronger communities. A thriving society needs many intermediate institutions, they say, including those who disagree with each other.

The letter also recognises the inherent danger in the current situation where people are disengaging from politics, arguing that restoring faith in both politicians and the political process requires a new politics that engages at both a deeper more local level within a wider, broader vision for the country as a whole.

In the letter, the bishops warn against despair and urge people to vote in the General Election: "Unless we exercise the democratic rights that our ancestors struggled for, we will share responsibility for the failures of the political classes. It is the duty of every Christian adult to vote, even though it may have to be a vote for something less than a vision that inspires us."

For the full text and more information please visit the Church of England website www.churchofengland.org

Rotas for St Oswald's 2015

	Sides man/women	Coffee	Flowers
1 Mar	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	June Maddison	<i>NO FLOWERS</i>
8 Mar	Bob Allen June Maddison	Kay Adkins	<i>NO FLOWERS</i>
15 Mar	Kay Adkins Rosalind de Wesselow	Alison	<i>NO FLOWERS</i>
22 Mar	Trevor Eastes Ella Footit	Tonia Wainwright	<i>NO FLOWERS</i>
29 Mar	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Ann Jackman	<i>NO FLOWERS</i>
5 Apr	Sonia & John Rickman	Rosalind de Wesselow Ann Fawthrop	<i>EASTER FLOWERS</i>
12 Apr	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	Ann Jackman	<i>Refresh</i>
19 Apr	Bob Allen June Maddison	Rosalind de Wesselow	Pat Taylor
26 Apr	Trevor Eastes Ella Footit	Ann Fawthrop	<i>Refresh</i>
3 May	Rosalind de Wesselow Kay Adkins	Shirley Hill	Sonia Rickman
10 May	Sonia & John Rickman	Kay Maddison	<i>Refresh</i>

CHURCHES CALENDAR



*Keeping
a Holy Lent*

MARCH

1st Second Sunday of Lent

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Mattins, BCP

7pm Taizé Style Prayer at St Mary's

Rydal

4th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

11.30am CTGR Lent Group Meeting in the Tithe Barn

5th *10am Lent Quiet Day at Rydal Hall led by the Venerable Penny Driver*

2.30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Tithe Barn

8th Third Sunday of Lent

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

11th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

11.30am CTGR Lent Group Meeting in the Tithe Barn

12th 2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

15th Mothering Sunday - Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Mothering Sunday Service with members of Grasmere School

18th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

11.30am CTGR Lent Group Meeting in the Tithe Barn

19th 2.30pm Fellowship Meeting in the Tithe Barn

22nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

25th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

11.30am CTGR Lent Group Meeting in the Tithe Barn

27th 9.30am School Easter Service

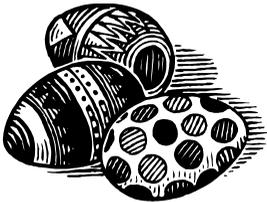
29th Palm Sunday

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

4pm Come and Sing Passiontide Service

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES are detailed on page 2



APRIL

8th 10.30am Holy Communion, BCP

9th 2pm WI Meeting in the Tithe Barn

11th *10am Celtic Spirituality Day led by J P Newell at the Bishop Bulley Barn, Rydal Hall. Philip Newell is author of the best selling book, 'Listening to the heartbeat of God'. To book please phone Rydal Hall 015394 32050*

5.30pm Organ Recital by Ian Hare at St Mary's Rydal

12th Easter 2

9.30am Eucharist at Rydal Church

11am Holy Communion, CW

On The Death Of The Beloved by John O'Donohue

Though we need to weep your loss,
You dwell in that safe place in our hearts,
Where no storm or night or pain can reach you.
Your love was like the dawn
Brightening over our lives
Awakening beneath the dark
A further adventure of colour.
The sound of your voice
Found for us
A new music
That brightened everything.
Whatever you enfolded in your gaze
Quickened in the joy of its being;
You placed smiles like flowers
On the altar of the heart.
Your mind always sparkled
With wonder at things.
Though your days here were brief,
Your spirit was live, awake, complete.
We look towards each other no longer
From the old distance of our names;
Now you dwell inside the rhythm of breath,
As close to us as we are to ourselves.
Though we cannot see you with outward eyes,
We know our soul's gaze is upon your face,
Smiling back at us from within everything
To which we bring our best refinement.
Let us not look for you only in memory,
Where we would grow lonely without you.
You would want us to find you in presence,
Beside us when beauty brightens,