

Grasmere Parish Magazine

A winter landscape with snow-covered hills, bare trees, and a field in the foreground. The sky is overcast and grey. The hills in the background are covered in a light layer of snow, with some evergreen trees scattered across them. In the middle ground, several large, leafless trees stand in a field. The foreground is a flat, snow-covered field with a dark fence line visible at the bottom.

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New Life

Dear Friends,

In February and March one of the highlights around us is watching the slow but steady progress of spring bulbs coming into flower. Already snowdrops are showing their white pearl buds, opening to ballerina tutu flowers with grey green leaves setting off their pure beauty. Wild daffodils are showing their needle sharp, fine leaves, spearing upward through the woodland floor into the low sunlight and promise of warmer days.

February 1st is the ancient beginning of Spring, Imbolc in the pre-Christian world, overlaid by the festival of St Bridget, whose flower is a snowdrop. On 2nd February, forty days after Christmas, the church keeps the major festival of Candlemas, recalling the occasion when Mary and Joseph brought their baby for dedication and blessing to the Jerusalem Temple. Simeon recognised the promise in the Christ-child, with a canticle in Luke's gospel that's sung or said at Evensong in the Church of England (and beyond) every day, the Nunc Dimittis. He foresees that this baby will be 'a light to lighten the nations', the Light overlaying the celebration of the first days of Spring and the coming once more of sunlight and warmth to the northern world.

Candlemas ends the festive Christmas season of forty days (an ancient measure of sacred time), and we have only two Sundays before the next forty day period begins, of Lenten austerity preparing for Easter. In rural times, Lent coincided with the ending of conserved food stocks from the previous harvest and the beginning preparations for the new growing season. Lent is indeed a time of preparation, not only for the rural year but in our hearts and lives.

What are we preparing for? We have celebrated the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World and, at Easter, in the mystery of the darkness of night and mist of the new dawn, we rediscover the meaning of resurrection. When Jesus encounters his closest followers on the third day after his crucifixion, it's the beginning of a new hope for the world: that love is stronger than death; that God's creating power overcomes injustice and violence; that reconciliation and peace is possible, for all nations.

May the Lenten season this year bring us the glory of the 'Lent lilies', the wild pseudonarcissus daffodils, celebrated in Grasmere and Rydal worldwide – and bring us hearts full of hope and joy that the Light of the World is among

us still, guiding us, enlightening us, loving us into life united with God and one another. May God be with you this Lent as we journey together to the joy of Easter. Blessings,
Gill.

Candlemas Eve Carol

Down with the rosemary and bays,
Down with the mistletoe;
Instead of holly, now upraise
The greener box, for show.

*Thus times and seasons oft do shift;
Each thing his turn doth hold;
New thoughts and things now do succeed,
As former things grow old.*

The holly hitherto did sway:
Let box now domineer
Until the dancing Easter day,
Or Easter's eve appear.

Then youthful box, which now hath grace
Your houses to renew,
Grown old, surrender must his place
Unto the crisped yew.

When yew is out, then birch comes in.
And many flowers beside,
Both of a fresh and fragrant kin,
To honour Whitsuntide.

Green rushes then, and sweetest bents,
With cooler oaken boughs,
Come in for comely ornaments,
To readorn the house.

Robert Herrick, 1591-1674

University Carol Book, Freeman, Brighton 1961

Music Notes

The Church Choir enjoyed a Twelfth Night lunch on 5th January at the home of Lin and Bob Allen, together with our two Churchwardens, and ending with some carol singing.

Choir members Adrian and Hilary Eddleston who travel over from Threlkeld, will be leaving us later this term, as they are planning to move to the Midlands in order to be nearer their grandchildren.

On Sunday 4th March at 4.00 p.m. there will be a Choral Evensong in church, given by the Keswick Choral Society, including the canticles by Noble in B minor and Haydn's 'The Heavens are telling' from The Creation. They will be singing this work in the Theatre by the Lake on Saturday 28th April at 7.30 p.m. and tickets are already on sale.

The first of the Music at Grasmere concerts will take place on Friday 6th April at 7.30 p.m., featuring the King's Men, a group of current choral scholars from King's College, Cambridge, who will be on tour in the region. This will be an opportunity to hear members of the world-famous choir at close quarters. Booking details will be published shortly.

Ian Hare

The Proposed Mission Community – Open Meeting Note

Brathay Church Hall was full on a dark, wet Monday in mid-January to hear representatives from Binsey talk about their experience of forming a mission community of 11 parishes and 12 churches. Tricia Rogers, leader (Anglican priest), gave a brief history of their gradual movement together:

- They knew the direction they were heading towards
- The key was how to put the grouping together, with different stages over years
- They couldn't 'jump' straight to the goal but needed to get to know each other over quite an extended period and find out whether they could work together
- Decisions were taken by all the churches about who joined up.

Their solution was to always act 'bottom up', resulting in the churches delegating upwards to a single PCC which was the legal body for the whole

group. Each church remained a parish and had its own 'DCC', but all the DCCs gave up some responsibilities, so they weren't duplicating. The focus was meeting people where they are, not getting more people into the pews necessarily but going out into the community. There were creative ideas shared by Hilary and Don, churchwardens, including a library in one church used by the community, training a team of lay pastoral visitors, training a team of lay worship leaders and sharing in each other's events and worship around the group.

There were various questions teasing out practical matters, one of which was the use of Mission Action Planning (MAP) to work out what the different churches were not able to do due to lack of people, resources, etc, but could do if they cut duplication and focused more on looking outward and training lay leaders. There were two Anglican clergy for the group and limited ecumenical church presence, so lay leadership was essential for flourishing.

Giles Wingate-Saul, treasurer and churchwarden of Rusland and a lawyer by background, gave an illustrated presentation on 'What may be needed in law' to set up strong foundations for the proposed mission community in our area. Legally, the mission community will need to be an entity that can act as traditional PCCs in parishes have acted: to employ, insure, enter contracts, manage data protection, safeguarding and other requirements, as well as banking and charity equivalence. We could choose: to become one parish and PCC (with each church having a DCC), as Binsey have; become a limited company (by guarantee); become a trust with trustees; become a partnership of churches by deed; or possibly explore becoming a voluntary association of churches working together, with a Memorandum Of Understanding. This last (MOU) route would mean we could co-ordinate our activities but none would be carried out by the mission community itself as it would not be the legal entity.

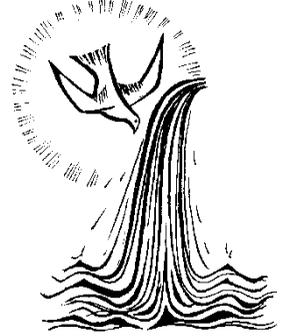
Beverley Lock, chairing the meeting, thanked all the speakers for their very detailed presentations which gave everyone a great deal to think about and discuss. It was an inspiring and encouraging evening – now we need to make and take time to get to know each other by talking, sharing and honestly working from the grass roots to discern God's way forward for our parishes, churches and communities.

May God's Spirit be with us and guide us as we seek to share the love of 'God for all' in Jesus Christ. *Gill Henwood (Grasmere & Rydal)*

From the Registers of St Oswald's Grasmere in 2017

Welcoming: in Baptism

5th February	Freya Rosie Jones
26th February	Emma Helen Pugh
6th October	Leah Rebecca Mountford
8th October	Alice Isabelle Riley

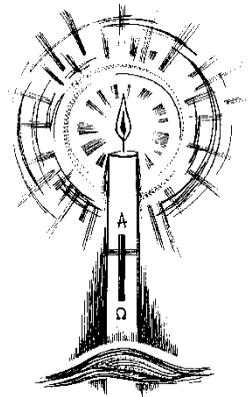


Celebrating: in Marriage & Blessing

4th February	Richard David Street & Joanna Chislett
17th March	David Paul O'Mara & Lynda Anne Chiocchi
7th April	Aaron David Love & Sarah Victoria Knibbs
3rd June	Martin Andrew Buckle & Anna Louise Moorhouse
16th June	Thomas Rowen & Nikki Ann Hunt
15th July	Jamie Michael Trotter & Jacqueline Demaine Ollett
17th August	Rogelio Narito & Rebecca Marie Jones
23rd September	Paul & Julie Stretton (Blessing)
7th October	Kyle Ashley Lynch & Leah Rebecca Mountford

Bidding Farewell: Funerals & Memorials

12th March	Jeanette Le Saint (Memorial)
12th April	Roy Formby
20th July	Robert Charles Dixon
17th November	Kenneth Bunting
1st December	Kenneth Hodgkinson (Memorial)



Grasmere Parish Magazine

The future of the magazine has been discussed at recent PCC meetings, and the decision has been taken to move to bi-monthly production. The main reasons for this are -

- to reduce the workload on the editors, contributors and distribution teams;
- to reduce the production costs from 10 to 6 issues per year.

Production of the magazine is supported by our faithful body of local advertisers, and with the additional support of our new sponsors the Cumberland Building Society it is hoped that the magazine will approach break-even. We hope you will appreciate the new format. Copy date for the next issue is 18th March for the April - May edition.

Editors

Ross's Fundraising

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has been so generous in sponsoring me for my charity walk up Snowdon.

I have been raising money for climbing out which is a charity which runs outdoor activity programs that aim to help young people to regain their confidence and self esteem after life changing injury and illness.

The charity runs a 5 day outdoor program which I have taken part in and it helped me realise that anything can be achieved....

I have done the walk on 14th October and I have raised just over £1,000.

If you would like to make a donation for this charity my justgiving page is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Ross-brood

Many Thanks,

Ross Brood

The Editors would like to add our congratulations to Ross for this outstanding achievement. We are very sorry that this item did not appear in the November magazine, due to problems with email. Ross's fundraising page is still open, if anyone would like to add to this amazing total.

Grasmere School News

Some writing for you!

Winter Haikus by Year 6:

The winter snowflakes
Bitter winter winds howling
Twisted cold branches

Snowflakes are falling
On the cold sparkly grass
Whilst the children talk

Bitter winter winds whip me
Naked trees dance around me
When will summer be?

Feeling of winter
Despair winning me over
Hoping for the best

Frosty ground crunches
Frozen rain slapping my skin
When will the cold end?

Frosty window marks
Stretch slowly across the glass
Crispy at the edge

Icy cold mountains
Some sugar-coated branches
The frosted rooftops

Slowly snowflakes land
As the children are watching
Icicles hanging

Bitter winter wind
Gnarled limbs of trees reaching out
Spring will be relief

Open empty sky
The silent moon pinned in place
Desolate valley

A frost streaked mountain
Climbing up unto the sky
Seemingly watching

Travelling water
The drops of isolation
Breaking my eyelids

And some descriptions of being lost in a blizzard by Class 2:

Robert's:

I hear the wind howling, tossing, roaring, raging, like an arctic wolf. I can feel the snow crunch in my stumpy boots. My feet are cold. The wind surrounds me. "Help!" I cry, but the wind blocks its path.

Oliver's:

I feel the wind tossing and blowing my hair. Crunching. I put my feet in the snow. I can feel the snow going down my neck. My feet are deep, deep in the snow. I do not stop. The river is near. I go on and it is gushing.

Teddy's:

Lost in the blizzard. I hear the wind roaring. I walked through the snow, leaning on the wind. It is crunching while I walk. I can feel the snow falling. I shiver, my feet crunching in the snow. I struggle on. The river is cold and fast.

Isla C:

The wind is like a dog lost in the blizzard. It is clattering and shattering. The snow is dancing. I can feel the snow blinding my eyes. My feet are stomping like a polar bear.

Mothering Sunday - March 11th

On Mothering Sunday the children will be performing poems and songs at the 11.00 service in St. Oswald's.

Jo Goode Head Teacher

WI "GATHER DAY"

Tues 13th Feb, St Oswald's Church 9.30am - 3pm

Please bring along – in any collection bags - your unwanted Clothing, Household Textiles, Pictures, Bric-a-brac, Working Small Electrical Items, Books, CDs, DVDs, Used Ink Cartridges, Jigsaws, Games, Toys.

Please, **NO** pillows or duvets.

Refreshments, Tombola and an opportunity to find out more about the North West Air Ambulance.

WI NEWS

The Rothay Garden Hotel once again provided an excellent Christmas lunch enjoyed by 37 members and friends. Entertainment was provided by some very talented men: Don Perritt played guitar and sang traditional songs, then Richard Hardisty, with Paul Nelson, gave a hilarious account in old Grasmerian dialect of life as the WI President's consort. When everyone had recovered from the description of Pat Taylor suspended from the church tower (!) the event concluded with a hearty rendering of "O Come All Ye Faithful".

At the January meeting Garry Webster, who recently retired after a long career as a pharmacist at Boots, gave a very informative talk entitled "Pharmacology: what drugs do". This open meeting attracted a large audience of members and friends. Garry succeeded in explaining, in simplified terms, the complicated scientific effects of drugs on the body. Side effects and accidental discoveries were discussed, and Garry clarified the reasons why antibiotics – developed to kill bacteria – will not destroy a virus. An excellent tea was provided afterwards by Pat and Sonia, together with the quirky wedding cake of Jonathan Lagoe and his new Chinese wife Jane. This featured, in icing, the happy couple in a mountaineering scene, surrounded by pandas and many symbols of their international lifestyle.

The next meeting will be held at the Jerwood Centre at 2pm on Thursday 8th February, when Wordsworth Trust curator Jeff Cowton will give members rare access to many of the priceless art and literary artefacts in the collection and discuss these "Treasures on our Doorstep".

The annual Gather Day in aid of the Air Ambulance is on Tuesday 13th February. Please bring all your unwanted items to church, and stay for refreshments.

Friday 2nd March is our annual Pamper Day at Kendal College's spa "The Retreat", with a massage, facial, manicure and pedicure as well as a 3 course lunch, all for the bargain price of £50: a real treat!

Jane Mallinson creates unique bags and clothes from felt and silk, incorporating stunning colours and textures. At the meeting in the Tithe Barn on Thursday 8th March at 2pm she will demonstrate her skills. She will follow up this visit with a hands-on workshop if requested.

Visitors and non-members are always welcome at meetings, £4 including refreshments.

Grasmere representatives will attend the regional Spring Meeting at Kendal Town Hall on Monday 26th March, featuring the one act comedy “Arrows of Desire” created for the WI’s centenary.

Myra McCraith

Grasmere Book Group

We had a wonderful January meeting and a good chat about the books we’d like to read this year. For February’s group, we’ve confirmed Kazuo Ishiguro’s short stories **Nocturnes**, and March will be tackling the most recent winner of the Booker Prize, George Saunders’ **Lincoln in the Bardo**. The rest of the year’s reading choices are also outlined below but we’ve yet to fix exact months for the subsequent books. Book group will take place on the second Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Foyle Room at the Wordsworth Trust. New members are always welcome. There’s no pressure to attend every meeting. If you’d like more information or to be put on our mailing list, please email Will.

A digest of last year’s book group discussions are collected on the Sam Read Bookseller blog at: tinyurl.com/grasmere-book-group-2017

Thanks, and looking forward to another year of excellent discussion,
Will and Polly

February - Kazuo Ishiguro, *Nocturnes* (Winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature, 2017)

March - George Saunders, *Lincoln in the Bardo* (Booker Prize, 2017)

For the rest of the year, months to be decided:

- Zadie Smith, **Swing Time** (2016)
- Tove Jansson, **Letters From Klara** (1991, trans. Thomas Teal 2017)
- Emile Zola, **Thérèse Raquin** (1867, trans. Adam Thorpe 2013)
- Jackie Kay, **Red Dust Road** (2010)
- Kamila Shamsie, **Burnt Shadows** (2009)
- William Faulkner, **Absalom, Absalom!** (1936)
- Malcolm Thorogood’s memoir (2018)
- Pajtim Statovci, **My Cat Yugoslavia** (2014, trans. David Hackston 2017)
- Robert Barr, **The Triumphs of Eugene Valmont** (1906)

Grasmere Fellowship

After our successful January lunch, it is now time to tell you about the rest of the season for Fellowship.

On **February 1st**, well-known speaker **Andy Lowe** will be taking us on a tour of Lakeland Churches. Andy is an excellent presenter and I am sure you would not wish to miss him.

On **February 15th Jolyon Dodgson**, whom many of you will know as conductor of Ambleside Choral Society, will give you a run-down of his life and times with the subtitle "If you are busy say yes". He has had a very varied career and it should be fascinating. He took some persuading to do this talk, so please give him a good audience.

On **March 1st John Sheard**, who has spoken to us before, recounts Churchill's early life. I believe this talk will be a double act with John co-opting a well-known local performer.

For our final talk on **March 15th, Paul Lusted** who should be a familiar face from Grasmere Farmers' Market will talk about his many years in the fish trade. You may even get some cooking tips if you ask nicely.

Paul's talk will be preceded by the AGM. We usually get through the agenda in about 5 minutes so do not let this put you off coming. We would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in helping us run this programme and if any of you have any ideas of subjects or possible speakers please let one of the committee know.

All events will take place in the Tithe Barn at 2.30. Visitors are very welcome at a small charge.

David Dodgson

Knit and Nat

Just before Christmas we received first-hand information on the shoe box distribution; Judith Myers from Hawkshead went out with Teams4U to help with the delivery and she sent an email to Ann Dixon. The boxes were sent to Belarus, Croatia, Romania and the Ukraine where the conditions were found to be even worse than in Romania. Not only were distributions difficult because of the distances involved, but also because of the time taken to cross the border into a war zone. Judith described the conditions for one family

who were living in a wooden shed with no electricity or running water. The father was tending a farmer's sheep in return for their accommodation but no wages. She thanked everyone for their contributions: 'a shoebox may seem a small insignificant thing to give, but the excitement and joy it brings to one of these children is a joy to see'.

At our first meeting of the year several of us were busy with items for this year's shoeboxes, but only after we had indulged in a delicious chocolate cake provided by Carrie to celebrate the third birthday of Knit and Nat.

In February we will meet on Friday 9th and Tuesday 27th and March dates will be the same: Friday 9th and Tuesday 27th. The dates are on the noticeboard outside Barneys. The Reading Room is open by 2pm and we stay until 4pm. As usual, we welcome anyone, any age, to join us for the afternoon, or any part of it.

Christine Batey

Grasmere Pharmacy

We have now been open over 16 years, and the pharmacy is busier than ever. This includes rising prescription numbers, increased flu vaccinations, and greater uptake of a variety of other services.

Our current NHS contract finishes on 31st March 2018. To date, we have not received any news of an extension to this contract, from NHS England (Lancashire and South Cumbria), our Area Team. However, we remain hopeful.

Thank-you to everyone who made comments on Cumbria County Council's Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation, highlighting our uncertain future.

The NHS values patients' views on the services they receive. One way is to place a review on the NHS Choices website. There is a section to comment on various services, including local pharmacies. This was very helpful when we were last under threat, but unfortunately the previous reviews have expired!

We should know our future by the time this Parish Magazine is published. Please check with the pharmacy whether it's time to e-mail the NHS Area Team, or our MP, Tim Farron. *Trevor Eastes*

Events at the Wordsworth Trust

After a quiet January, spent cleaning and refreshing Dove Cottage for the year ahead, we are really looking forward to getting back to normal in February and March. As ever, we have a great range of events going on and hope that you'll come along to some.

Discover Poetry with Polly Atkin starts the new season at 7.30pm on Thursday 1st February with a shared reading and discussion of some seasonal poems. We'll be moving on from winter towards spring, ready for the final session on Thursday 1st March.

Grasmere History Group meetings resume on Tuesday 6th February with an illustrated talk about Moses Bowness, a Victorian photographer from Ambleside, and the opportunity to hear about plans for a sensory garden in Town End as part of the Reimagining Wordsworth project. We will also decide the topic for our March meeting.

The next instalments of Pamela Woof's literature classes on *The Prelude 1805* take place on Wednesdays 14th February and March. The group are now midway through the poem, sometimes described as one of the first autobiographies in the English language. No prior knowledge or reading is necessary and the classes are open to all.

There are three Saturday afternoon talks to enjoy in the next few weeks. At **Remarkable Lives** on Saturday 17th February we will hear about three important but often overlooked members of the Wordsworth circle from three speakers: Mary Wordsworth by Kay Adkins, Edward de Quillinan with Marion Watts and Hartley Coleridge from Joanna Taylor. Nicholas Roe is giving the Jonathan Wordsworth Memorial Lecture this year, titled **Wordsworth and Coleridge: The Radical Years Revisited**, at 11.00am on Saturday 24th February. On Saturday 24th March we are delighted to welcome Philippa Turnbull of the Crewel Work Company to talk about a new exhibition of 19th-century needlework titled **Dorothy Wordsworth, a Stitch in her Time**. This exhibition also features pieces newly-created in response to items from our collection and will be on display until the end of April.

Finally, February features the second instalment of the very popular Dove Cottage Tuesday series of talks. On Tuesday 6th we will hear from Melissa Mitchell about **Women's Lives through Letters** and Marian Veivers on **The Lives of Jane Austen and Dorothy Wordsworth**. Hazel Clarke will tell us

more about the stories lining the walls of the newspaper room in **Wordsworth's Times** on the morning of Tuesday 20th, followed by **The Romantics in Parody: 'an everyday story of towering genius'** by Catherine Kay in the afternoon. On Tuesday 27th Jaclyn Bradley will explain her work in digitising a collection of letters by engraver Thomas Bewick in **Bewick through a Camera Lens** at 11.00am and Tom Langridge will discuss **Wordsworth for the 21st Century** at 2.00pm. There will be tea, toast, a roaring fire and lively conversation on all three days, do join us if that sounds appealing.

As always, please visit our website or contact us on 015394 35544 for more information about any events or activities. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Alice Carthy Events Officer Wordsworth Trust

New Trustees for Rydal Hall

Carlisle Diocese are looking for new Trustees for Rydal Hall, the Diocesan Retreat House and Conference Centre.

They are particularly keen to recruit people with experience in Finance, Estate Management or Hospitality, as well as others with relevant skills and a commitment to the purpose of the Hall.

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If you think you are able to help, for more details please contact one of the following with your details and they'll be in touch.

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Derek Hurton: diocesan.secretary@carlisle-diocese.org.uk – 01768 807760

Grasmere Village Society

Another busy year!

After a busy 2017 we can look forward to what promises to be an even busier 2018. The success of the installation of adult outdoor activity equipment in Broadgate Meadow is merely the beginning of a wholesale upgrading of the activity areas. Improved drainage and surfaces for the different areas, including the existing area for younger children, are already planned.

So far only half of the £20,000 grant by SLDC for this Locally Important Project has been spent. Another £10,000 has been donated by a generous local philanthropist, £3000 by the GVS, £2,000 from your chairman's locality money, £265 from the Wordsworth Hotel. Nick McCraith has also applied to the Cumbria Foundation for £4,000 and the cooperative has been asked to make this one of their Local projects.

We hope that all those who use the Co-op will vote for this project, which really will make a great difference for all ages in our community.

Any donation which you would be able to give, however small, would help us with this project. It is bound to take time and effort to do all we would wish, but a great beginning has been made. Our treasurer, Marguerite Jenkinson, is in charge of safeguarding the fund and would be delighted with any contribution you could make.

The Lakeshore

The margins of the lake have been getting steadily more covered with litter. The area under the wall beside the A591 is particularly unsightly and a poor introduction to our lovely village. The footpaths on the other side of the lake also need attention. Paul and Anne Truelove have been doing sterling work trying to cope with this, but need help.

We have been attempting to involve the landowners, who have a legal responsibility, but it has not been easy to track them all down and ensure they take appropriate action. We are therefore considering having a work party and would very much appreciate volunteers with the strength needed for what is a more demanding job than our usual litter picks. Please do get in touch with Paul Truelove, Tony Lawrence or Nick McCraith if you would be prepared to help us with this essential task.

Red Squirrels

GVS has given a further £500 to help with the re-establishment of this wonderful animal in our valley. It is a real delight to see how well they have been doing in recent years. Concern for their welfare in Thirlmere was one of the reasons mentioned by Paul Truelove in the letter of objection to the proposed Thirlmere zipwire he wrote on behalf of GVS. The committee were also concerned with the safety of those using the A591 as well as those travelling on the zipwire across the lake and the road. It is interesting to note that the Highways Agency is also opposing the project on safety grounds.

The effect on the iconic scenery in what is still one of the less built up areas of the Lake District, at a time when it has recently been granted World Heritage site status, was another point in Paul's detailed and well-argued letter.

Annual GVS Dinner

This will take place on at 7.00 for 7.30pm on **Thursday 1st March at the Daffodil Hotel**. Members will receive a menu so they can make a choice. The cost, including a staff gratuity, will be £23.50p. Last year's dinner was a very successful, well run affair and we hope to see as many as possible of you this year.

GVS AGM: 19th April in Grasmere Village Hall

Why don't you volunteer yourself or nominate someone else for the committee? We want to have some new blood with new ideas to shake us all up. There are still areas of the community which are not as well represented as they should be. Don't be backward in coming forward!

Vivienne Rees

Flood risk management in Grasmere and Ambleside

The Environment Agency (EA) has been assessing the viability of various proposals for Flood Risk Management, and now has a short list of options for Grasmere and Ambleside which they would like to share with local communities.

You would be very welcome to attend a drop-in event on **Tues 27th February at Ambleside library, any time between 2pm and 7pm**, to speak with officers about future plans and next steps.

They would particularly like to hear from anyone who has been affected by flooding. For more information, please contact Debbie Binch, debbie.binch@environment-agency.gov.uk or 07917 263789.

CALENDAR

February 2018

1 Thu	14:30	Tithe Barn	Fellowship
1 Thu	19:30	Dove Cottage	Discover Poetry
4 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - 2nd before Lent
6 Tue	11:00	Dove Cottage	Women's lives through letters
6 Tue	14:00	Dove Cottage	Jane Austen and Dorothy Wordsworth
6 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Grasmere History Group
8 Thu	14:00	Jerwood Centre	WI
8 Thu	19:30	Ambleside Campus	Ambleside Natural History Soc
8 Thu	20:00	Foyle Room	Book Group
9 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
11 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - next before Lent
13 Tue	9:30	St. Oswald's	WI Gather Day - Air Ambulance
14 Wed	10:00	St. Oswald's	Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion
14 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	The Prelude 1805
14 Wed	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Meet the Curator
15 Thu	14:00	Foyle Room	In the Frosty Season
15 Thu	14:30	Tithe Barn	Fellowship
17 Sat	14:30	Jerwood Centre	Remarkable Lives
18 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Methodist Service - Lent 1
20 Tue	11:00	Dove Cottage	Wordsworth's Times - Read all about it
20 Tue	14:00	Dove Cottage	The Romantics in Parody
21 Wed	11:00	Tithe Barn	Lent Group
24 Sat	11:00	Jerwood Centre	Wordsworth and Coleridge - Radical Years
25 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - Lent 2
27 Tue	11:00	Dove Cottage	Bewick through a camera lens
27 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat

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27 Tue	14:00	Ambleside Library	Flood management drop-in
28 Wed	11:00	Tithe Barn	Lent Group

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1 Thu	14:30	Tithe Barn	Fellowship
1 Thu	19:00	Daffodil Hotel	GVS Annual Dinner
1 Thu	19:30	Dove Cottage	Discover Poetry
2 Fri		Kendal College	WI Pamper Day
4 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - Lent 3
4 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Keswick Choral Society Evensong
6 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Grasmere History Group
7 Wed	11:00	Tithe Barn	Lent Group
8 Thu			Moving Mountains Mission -> 11th
8 Thu	14:00	Tithe Barn	WI
8 Thu	20:00	Foyle Room	Book Group
9 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antiques Fair -> 11th
9 Fri	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
10 Sat	12:30	St. Oswald's	Wedding
11 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Mothering Sunday - with School
14 Wed	11:00	Tithe Barn	Lent Group
14 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	The Prelude 1805
14 Wed	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Meet the Curator
15 Thu	14:30	Tithe Barn	Fellowship
18 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - Passiontide
21 Wed	11:00	Tithe Barn	Lent Group
23 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antiques Fair -> 25th
24 Sat	15:00	Jerwood Centre	19th century needlework
25 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - Palm Sunday
26 Mon		Kendal Town Hall	WI Regional Spring Meeting

27 Tue	14:00	Reading Room	Knit & Nat
30 Fri	10:00	Bufs Club	Antiques Fair -> 2nd

April 2018

1 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - Easter Day
6 Fri	19:30	St. Oswald's	The King's Men Concert
7 Sat	12:00	St. Oswald's	Wedding
8 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Parish Communion - Easter 1

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	<i>Coffee</i>
4th Feb	June Maddison Bob Allen	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
11th Feb	Kay Adkins John Rickman	<i>Shirley Hill</i>
18th Feb	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Kay Adkins</i>
25th Feb	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Tonia Wainwright</i>
4th Mar	June Maddison Bob Allen	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>
11th Mar	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor</i>
18th Mar	Kay Adkins John Rickman	<i>June Maddison</i>
25th Mar	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Kay Adkins</i>

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion

There will be Holy Communion at St. Oswald's at **10.00 a.m** on Ash Wednesday, **14th Feb**. This will be followed by coffee and hot cross buns.

Lent Group

This year's Lent group will be using the 'Moving Mountains 'Telling Stories' course, which follows Moses' story as the basis for our discussions.

Meetings will be in the Tithe Barn, Grasmere every Wednesday morning from 11am to 12:30pm from Feb 21st to 21st March (5 weeks).

Leaders: Deacon Maggie Patchett and Tony Champion. All are very welcome.

Deacon Maggie Patchett tel 015394 42971

Methodist Minister, South Lakes Circuit

Services for Holy Week 29th - 31st March

Times of services are still to be decided at the time of going to print. Please check the weekly service sheets or the website achurchnearyou.com where details of all our services are given.

Carlisle Diocese 'Moving Mountains' Mission

This will run from **Thursday 8th - Sunday 11th March**. Please watch for further details or check the Carlisle Diocese website.

Older Person's Co-ordinator

Juliet Cunningham will be available in Ambleside Library on the first and the third Wednesday of the month, between 10am and 12.45 pm to offer free information, advice and referral where necessary for the over 50's.

She starts on the 7th Feb, 2017.

Do come along to say hello and encourage others to do the same!

Allison Peak

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At university Tuesday and Thursday.

Wardens: Mrs Sonia Rickman, 015394 35603 Mrs Helen Bunfield
Secretary: Vacancy
Treasurer: Mr John Rickman
Organist: Mr Ian C. Hare MA MusB 017684 83886

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URC Minister:

The Revd. Martyn Coe, Carver Church, Windermere, LA23 2BY
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Home Visiting and Communions

Please contact the appropriate Church and member of the clergy or minister in case of need and at times of sickness for Home Communion. Any of the churches would be happy to pray for any individual, please simply let any of us know the name of the person to be prayed for and that they are agreeable to being prayed for in public.

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