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Asking Questions

Many years ago, I introduced a group of teenagers to a local Nun. It was an incredible evening. The young people were amazed at her commitment. Putting it simply, she was living a life that made them ask questions.

I used to meet regularly with a man who struggled with alcoholism. He told me how he'd seen the recent Church parade through the Village. He was struck by the happy children and the genuine community spirit. He told me, "I want what they've got". They were living lives that made him ask questions.

In the third century a devastating plague swept over the ancient world. While pagans were throwing infected members of their family into the streets even before they died so as to protect themselves, Christians were caring for the sick; and people wondered why?

The Pharisees once asked Jesus, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" He told them that it's the sick that need the doctor not the healthy. He had, He said, come to call sinners, not the righteous.

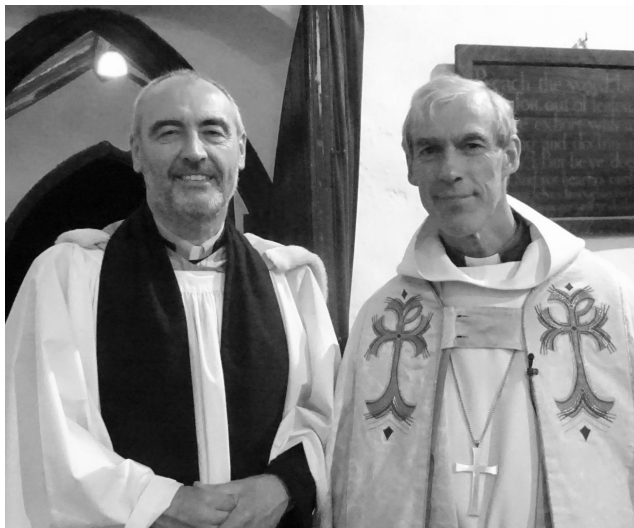
Jesus said and did things that made people ask questions. Firstly, He was revealing the compassionate heart of God - the God who helps those who cannot help themselves. Secondly, He was doing what the people of Israel had failed to do; shine a light that would draw everyone to God's love. Thirdly, He was announcing that a new regime was in place; what He called, 'The Kingdom of God'.

But Jesus not only made the people ask questions. He angered them because in eating with all the riff-raff, in having parties with all the 'wrong' people, He showed them that there was a different way of being God from the one they expected, and as a result, there would be a different way of being human and a different way of being a world.

My friend the Nun gave her life and way of living to Jesus because she had been captivated by Jesus's sense of mission. That joyful Church community was enlivened by Jesus's sense of fun. Those third century Christians were moved to care by Jesus's depth of compassion. I wonder, how has Jesus inspired or touched you? and what is he calling you to do today that will make others ask questions?

Every blessing, *David*

A note from David and Margaret Wilmot



David with the Bishop of Carlisle

Thank you so much for the warmth of your welcome, especially to those who made the Licensing Service on 8th September such a memorable occasion. We look forward very much indeed to getting to know you and sharing in the life of the Village.

For the time being we shall be living in the Vicarage in Windermere – with probably the most beautiful commute in England to enjoy! The Diocese of Carlisle are actively seeking a replacement Rectory - your prayers and suggestions will be welcome.

David's youth was spent in Matlock, Derbyshire, in Hitchin, Hertfordshire and at Liverpool University, where he and Margaret met. They then lived in Salisbury, where David trained for Ordination and subsequently in Penrith where David was Curate.

Following a further Curacy in St. Albans, David became Vicar of Milton in Stoke-on-Trent and Rural Dean of Leek. In 2001 they moved to Windermere and Troutbeck where they have been for the past 18 years.

Margaret is an Artist who specialises in Painting on Silk. She and David have three grown-up offspring who each work in the performing arts. They greatly enjoy fell-walking and in recent years have made several Treks in the Nepal Himalayas.

Photo: Kay Adkins

Grasmere Church picture returns after 120 years

This issue's front cover features a sketch of St. Oswald's church drawn in 1899 by Florence Wheatley.

Earlier this year we were contacted by Connie Follis from America, saying that she had this drawing and she would like to give to us.



Florence was one of Connie's ancestors. She was born in 1885 in South Shields, Co. Durham. The family would holiday in Embleton, and in 1899 Florence drew a lovely picture of Grasmere Church.

The family moved to Canada in the early 1900's taking the picture with them. Florence went on to be a nurse at a mission in the Krishna district of India and later at Kodaikanal in South India. The photo shows her on the veranda at one of these stations.

The Grasmere Church picture stayed with the family in Canada and came down through the generations, ending up with Connie in San Diego, USA. Connie's grandmother was Florence's cousin.

Connie decided the time had come for the picture to return home, and has very kindly sent it for the village and the Church to enjoy and to keep safe for the future. It is now hanging in the Langdale aisle. *Editors*



Connie Follis

Music Notes

Although music plays a part in all our main Sunday worship, there are two specific events coming up in which music plays a more prominent role.

Sunday 6th October at 4.00 p.m. Harvest Festival Evensong will be led by the church choir (augmented), including 'For the beauty of the earth' by John Rutter and a setting of the canticles by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Saturday 2nd November at 5.30 p.m. Mozart Requiem, sung by 120 singers who are taking part in a Come and Sing event. The four soloists will be Fiona

Weakley, Anne-Marie Kerr, Ian Wright and Jonathan Millican, and the organ will be played by Mike Town. All are well known locally and donating their services to the Organ Renovation Appeal.

Looking further ahead, there are plans for an Advent Carol Service on Sunday 1st December at 11.00 a.m. and for the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday 22nd December at 4.00 p.m. I would be pleased to hear from any additional singers who would like to take part in these services.

Ian Hare

Grasmere Fellowship

Our winter season gets under way on October 3rd when we have our opening service in St Oswald's taken by John Biggs who will also give a talk with the intriguing title "Deserts and Dams".

You will then be able to part with your money for the annual subscription which remains astonishing value at £10.00. Worth it for Jan's tea alone!

On October 17th Gordon Fletcher will be giving his talk on an underwater safari in Morecambe Bay. He gave this talk to U3A recently where it attracted rave reviews so do not miss this one.

November 7th enables us to remember our late lamented stalwart member Shelagh Griffin. A few years ago she recorded a conversation with Laurence Harwood and we will show that recording.

On November 21st Chris Bibby of Bibby's Tours will come and give us the story of Bibby's plus many anecdotes of happenings on tours. We had to book this talk 2 years in advance as he is such a popular speaker. He gives us this talk in aid of Alzheimer's and we would like raise some extra funds for this cause as well. Chris asks for a minimum audience size which we can just about muster but it would be nice to have a big audience so please invite friends along to support this good cause.

All meetings apart from the opening service will be in the Village Hall at the usual time of 2.30. *David Dodgson*

WI News

Our August meeting was held at the Wordsworth Trust. Jeff Cowton talked to us about the work to upgrade the site that is currently in progress. We also walked round the site looking at the changes being made. We had a thoroughly interesting and informative afternoon.

In September we met at Brantwood, Ruskin's home on Coniston. We started with our meeting over coffee, then toured the gardens. After returning to the café for lunch, we looked around the house. We all agreed it had been a great day out.

We are not able to meet in the Village Hall in August and September due to the Lakes Artists Exhibition, but we are very fortunate to be able to move our meetings to such wonderful places as The Wordsworth Trust and Brantwood. Thanks to everyone who made these meetings so successful and enjoyable.

Our next meeting takes place on Thursday, 10 October at 2pm in the Village Hall. The popular speaker Patricia Howell is giving an illustrated talk about "Springtime in the Isles of Scilly".

Our November meeting in the Village Hall at 2pm on Thursday 14 November is our AGM. We will have the usual election of Committee members and Officers, and our annual reports. We hope that all members will attend.

Following the business part of the meeting, which will last about 30 minutes, we will be treated to one of Joan Bentley's wonderful talks and demonstrations. Joan will be showing us "Christmas foliage decorations". This will start around 2.30 pm.

We have welcomed many new members this year. If you would like to join us please come along to one of our meetings. Your "taster" meeting is free!

Non members can attend up to three meetings a year and are welcome attend to the above meetings at £4 charge.

By the time the next magazine is published it will be nearly Christmas, so put the date of our Christmas lunch in your diary now! Thursday 12 December at Tweedies Lodge. *Sue Dixon*

Knit and Nat

Update on the Quiz, which ended 1st August, too late for the last magazine, so no apologies for this late news. Well received; bought at the WI Indoor Car Boot Sale, and outlets in the village including the Pharmacy, Barney's News box, Sam Read's Book shop and Goody Blake's. Thank you.

No one got all 40 correct, and there was one typo that may have misled some. Apologies to everyone concerned. Both winners were from away; first was Mrs Pippard of Rufford, and second was Mrs Read from Bromley. Congratulations to them. Their prizes were posted after the post arrived on 1st August, in case there were any last minute entries.

Together with Name the Bear and Sale items we netted around £200. It will be spent on yarn for the daffodils for 2020's celebration of W. W.'s 250th birthday. We welcome two new knitters to our band of craftspeople, Kim from Sam Read's and Amanda from Trespass.

Thank you too, to all those ladies who knit at home for our various projects. Always welcome at the Reading Rooms if you fancy a cuppa and a chat. There has been talk of changing our days. Originally chosen to attract as many people as possible who had varying commitments, but as the passage of time hits us all it might be best to consolidate and enshrine it in stone! From October 2019 we will meet on Tuesdays only, the second and fourth of each month, at 2pm in the Reading Rooms, located by the Millennium Bridge accessed by the riverside walk path from the Stock Lane car park.

Meeting dates till 2020 will be Tuesday 8th and 22nd October, Tuesday 12th and 26th November and 10th of December – the fourth Tuesday is Christmas Eve, we will give that one a miss.

If you would like something to do over the winter, the long stitch tapestry idea is moving forward from a complete tapestry to what I have named the Prelude Panels; again commemorating W.W.'s birthday but converting them into bearings for Rushbearing next July, double purpose with longevity built in for their use. The patterns will not be hard – so come and give it a go!

This edition gives me the opportunity of thanking Christine publicly for the terrific job she does throughout the year. Thanks Christine!

Carrie Taylor

Events at the Wordsworth Trust

The mornings may just be gaining back their snap, and the leaves slowly changing from green to gold, but we are already looking forward to using the colder seasons as an enjoyable period of reflection, learning, and creativity.

Our workshops are the perfect opportunity to learn and be creative in good company – and include great coffee and cake, too! On 20 October, Esther Rutter takes you on a journey through her new book **This Golden Fleece**, invites you to examine historic knitted items, and guides you through beginning your own stranded colourwork patterns. On 9 November, **Hedgerow Herbalist** Lesley Hoyle shows you how to find the beauty in winter, identify seasonal plants in their natural habitats, and create your own items to take home.

Our lecture programme kicks off on Halloween with journalist Richard Stanton as he explores modern reinterpretations of *Frankenstein* in **From the Charnel-House to the Future of Law Enforcement – It's Franken Time!** On 2 November Dr Jo Taylor explores how anxiety and depression can be – sometimes simultaneously – a personal curse and a creative blessing, in **'A Creature Doomed to Despair': Anxiety, Depression and Feeling with Sara Coleridge** (daughter of Samuel Taylor Coleridge). On 23 November Professor Mike Bradshaw looks afresh at **Poetry and Blindness** through the lives and writings of Ann Batten Cristall, William Wordsworth and other Romantic-era writers, and drawing upon the real experience of visual impairment.

Our Dove Cottage Tuesdays have returned this year as **Wintertide Reflections**, short informal talks by staff and trainees in our new Café which include a hot drink and a seasonal bake – and yes, still on a Tuesday! On 5 November we explore **The Hidden Life of Sara Coleridge** (wife of Samuel Taylor Coleridge), on 12 November our topic is **The Wordsworths and Food**, on 19 November we discuss **The Romantics and Ancient Art**, and on 26 November we learn about **The Wordsworths and Windermere Ferry**. Looking further ahead, on 3 December our topic is **Wordsworth and the Grasmere Volunteers**.

If you're looking something to do with the kids during half-term, why not spend the afternoon outdoors and be creative as a family? **Outdoor Eco-art** on 22 October is perfect for older children (and grown-ups too): What beautiful art can be created from found natural objects, and what can we learn from viewing nature and poetry differently? On 23 October you will find us at

Brockhole on Windermere for Rucksack of Rhymes: Autumn, with songs and crafts for children aged 0-5 years.

Our regular groups will continue to meet as usual: **Grasmere History Group** on 9 October and 5 November; **Dove Cottage Poets** on 3 October and 7 November, and **Discover Poetry** with Polly Atkin on 17 October and 21 November. Pamela Woof continues her literature classes with **Finishing The Prelude**, taking place on 2 October, 30 October and 27 November in the Jerwood Centre.

On 3 October we are throwing a **Poetry Party for National Poetry Day** with poets Kim Moore and Ruby Robinson, including an open mic session. Watch out, too, for our announcements about our forthcoming Poets in Residence and their public readings and activities.

To find out more about any of these events take a look at our brochure, visit www.wordsworth.org.uk to book online, or call us on 015394 35544.

Hannah Catterall, Events Officer, Wordsworth Trust

Reimagining Wordsworth - Progress

Here at the Wordsworth Trust, work on our Reimagining Wordsworth project is moving along well. The new **Learning Space**, formerly Dove Cottage Tearoom, is now a fetching shade of grey (hopefully this will stop people confusing it with Dove Cottage!) and will soon be open to welcome schools and community groups. We are also looking forward to offering locals another wonderful place in the village to come and warm up with a coffee and a good book in our new **Café**, set to open by November. The foundations for the Museum extension are being laid, and green spaces across the site are full of exciting possibilities.

Careful conservation work is well underway in **Dove Cottage**, and we would like to invite Grasmere residents to take advantage of your free entry and enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to explore the cottage completely empty. With all the furniture and personal possessions safely in storage, you can see the bones of this remarkable Grade I listed building. This is only being offered until the end of October, as soon we will be busy working to recreate

the home that the Wordsworths would have known, in time to celebrate Wordsworth's 250th birthday in April 2020.

If you'd like to get even more involved in these exciting developments, we're looking for people to join our team of friendly local volunteers. If you've got green fingers you could help in creating a beautiful new **sensory garden**, capturing the spirit of Wordsworth's poetry for everyone to enjoy, or by building trails in our new Woodland. If you enjoy reading poetry aloud we'd love you to become one of our Poetry Performers, sharing the Wordsworth's poems and writings with our visitors in Dove Cottage garden. Give us a call (015394 35544) or pop in for a chat to find out more.

Emily Burnham Marketing & Communications The Wordsworth Trust

Grasmere Book Group

August's book group met to discuss Salley Vickers' *The Librarian* (2018), the story of a young children's librarian in the 1950s in the well-drawn English village of East Mole. There were a mix of members who had read Vickers before and those who were new to her, but all felt a good deal of fondness for this tale of nostalgia, children's books and the love of reading. Some harrowing drama lay under the surface of the apparently cosy premise, but like all of our book group meetings, readers finished up surprised and contented.

In September, Isabel Allende's *In The Midst of Winter* (2017) was the chosen book. Translated from the Spanish by Nick Caistor and Amanda Hopkinson, Allende's novel is a tale told through three people with very different backgrounds and backstories. These characters are all linked through connections to South America, and happen to be drawn together by an accident on a freezing night in Brooklyn in the winter of 2015. The group found the book to be an easy, engaging read but some questions were raised about didactic passages. Balancing dark comedy with searing accounts of human trafficking, there was lots to talk about!

Our next book group meeting is on Thursday October 10th at 8pm, at the Wordsworth Trust, when we'll discuss Stevie Smith's *Novel on Yellow Paper* (1936). For those reading ahead, November 14th's meeting will be on Olga Tokarczuk's *Flights* (2018), winner of the Man Booker International Prize 2018. Both upcoming book group books are available

at Sam Read's in Grasmere at the usual 10% discount for book group titles.

Free upcoming literary events to mention in collaboration with Sam Read Bookseller:

Scottish wildlife photographer Andy Howard shares insights into his work on the publication of his new book *The Secret Life of the Cairngorms* (Sandstone Press). Hugely recommended for those who enjoy images of red tufty squirrels and mountain hares with tongues sticking out. Friday October 11th at 7.30pm (doors 7.15pm), Jerwood Centre, Wordsworth Trust.

Cumbria-based poets Lucy Burnett and Amelia Loulli will be reading at Emma's Dell on Tuesday October 15th at 7.30pm (doors 7pm).

Ella Risbridger and guests celebrate the launch of new poetry anthology *Set Me On Fire: A Poem For Every Feeling* (Transworld). Exact date and venue TBC... ask at the bookshop, or look out for posters in the village!

On December 11th, Helen Jukes will be reading from her nature memoir *A Honeybee Heart Has Five Openings* (Simon and Schuster). Time and venue TBC.

We look forward to catching up with friends old and new at the coming events. All are welcome! *Polly Atkin and Will Smith*



Ambleside & District Choral Society
CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2019
Saturday, 14th December
Ambleside Parish Church, 7.30 pm
Puccini: Messa Di Gloria and
Christmas Music & Carols

Tickets £12 on the door or via choir members.

www.amblesidechoralsociety.org.uk for more details

Carole Drury

Grasmere Village Society

In some ways this is a sad moment for me as it is the last time I will be writing regularly on behalf of Grasmere Village Society. In future Nick McCraith, GVS vice-chairman, will be the correspondent.

It is now nearly 20 years since I became Secretary of GVS. I decided then that it would be useful to have a regular slot in the parish magazine for informing the community about the work of GVS and any important local issues likely to affect them.

After I became Chairman it seemed sensible to continue with my local report as by then Mary Bass had taken over as GVS General Secretary and was fully occupied with her sterling work writing splendidly effective letters to various authorities who have responsibility for the welfare of the community.

Her latest one concerns the problem caused by 4 by 4s in our countryside. The National Park Authority responded negatively to complaints made by local farmers and communities about the noise and disruption caused by 4x4s, arguing that the economic benefits outweigh any problems. Mary's letter to the Rights of Way committee on behalf of GVS is based on discussion by the committee and also advice from Paul Truelove who acts as our planning guru.

The whole issue of the tension between the benefits arising from marketing the Lake District as "the Adventure Capital of Britain" and the responsibility of preserving the spectacular landscape of the National Park is a vital one. GVS supports the view that where there is a conflict the landscape must come first.

The economy, however, is also important. Better paid jobs with real opportunities for the future are also vital. Sharon Savasi and Vicky Hughes deserve our support in their efforts to build up the Grasmere Business group.

This is such a lovely place to live. Wouldn't it be great if somehow we could provide more opportunities for young people to live and work here? Easy for me to ask and it may take time but I hope that the great people who live here will find ways in future to solve the problems.

The next meeting of the committee is **Tuesday 8th October**.

Please pass on to us any bright ideas or concerns you may have. We value your input. *Vivienne Rees GVS chairman*

Grasmere Sports 2019

What a difference a year makes. From the horrendous rain in 2018 to a scorching hot day in 2019, the weather was certainly in our favour this year. As our Chairman Hal Bagot said "It was so good to see the crowds enjoying all the traditional sports, culminating in the Blue Riband event, the Senior Guides Race, which had 174 competitors!".

We would like to thank everyone who came, locals and visitors alike who made it such an enjoyable day, and a special thanks to the helpers and volunteers who kept things running smoothly.

It was our new manager Deborah Black's first year running the event, which she did with admirable style. She made a few changes which seemed to meet with the approval of all the crowds.

Christine Shaw Director Grasmere Sports Committee



Rob Jebb, Simon Bailey, Nick Swinburn, Senior Guides Race winners

Correction - Rushbearing 2019

Our last edition incorrectly reported one result for the Children's Sports on the day after the Rushbearing. The first female under 11 in the fell race was Ellen Dickson - she was also a rushmaiden at the Rushbearing. Our apologies for this error, and congratulations to Ellen. *Editors*

Hospital Transport Grants

A new grant to help patients meet the cost of local travel for hospital treatment is being trialled until January 2020.

Research carried out by the Community Wellbeing Group found a need for funding towards hospital travel costs. A limited amount of non means-tested funding is now available through the Wellness Group. Anyone living in Grasmere and the Lakes electoral division is eligible to apply, with a sliding scale of funding depending on distance of travel.

Applications can be made by patients, or by their parents or carers.

For further details or to make an application contact Ambleside Parish Centre, telephone 015394 34172 or email admin@amblesidepc.org.uk, or you can contact Will on 015394 35070. *Will Clarke*

Grasmere Players

Grasmere Players are appealing for new members.

For many years Grasmere has had an amateur theatre group which has served the community well. We put on good plays and perform them to a high standard in the village's own, purpose built theatre. We look back on some brilliant people who served the community well: Jim Hildrew, the headmaster of the village school after the war and his wife Flo; the wonderful actress Joyce Withers, who did so much in many ways for her village; Jim and Vivienne Rees, Percy Jacobs, Margaret Hughes, Wilf Hunter and many others over recent years. We can look back even further to Mrs Rawnsley, wife of the good canon, who was instrumental in building the Hall as a proper theatre in which she could put on her world famous Grasmere dialect plays.

It has been a bright past, but things are looking less bright for the future.

The community is now much smaller than it was and is no longer supporting us as it did. Over recent years we have steadily lost membership until last year we had a mere 28 paid up members and only 10 at this year's AGM.

We need membership and we need workers – set builders and painters, costume makers, front of house, publicity, electricians and of course actors. Please come forward and join us. We ask a mere £5 sub and £1 for students. Please contact Trevor Eastes.

Hugh Wright

Ambleside College - Free Open Public Lectures

Writers and Artists in the Lakes

‘Wet through...and a hell of a way from London!’ - Writing a Literacy Guide to The Lake District.

Grevel Lindor, Poet, Biographer, Critic

Mon 7 October 6.30pm – 7.30pm Percival Lecture Theatre

‘The Great Enchantress’: Ann Radcliffe’s 1794 tour of the Lakes.

Dr Penny Bradshaw.

Mon 4 November 6.30pm – 7.30pm Percival Lecture Theatre

Professorial Lecture Series

Illegal wildlife trade as crime against humanity

Dr Nicoletta Policek, Associate Professor in Policing and Criminology, University of Cumbria

Wed 13 November 6.00pm – 7.30pm Percival Lecture Theatre

Further information and booking for all these events at the website:

cumbria.ac.uk *University of Cumbria.*

Girlguiding

Ambleside Friends of Guiding are having a **Christmas Coffee morning and Craft Fair** at the Kelsick Centre in Ambleside on **Saturday 23rd November** from 10am till 2pm. with raffle, tombola, cakes etc.

If anyone is interested in having a stall the cost is £6.00 and they can contact me on: amblesidefriendsofguiding@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 07792861020

Kath Travis

Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea

Rotary Ambleside Kirkstone invites older people living alone in the Lakes Parish to a **Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea** on **Sunday 6th October 2019** at the Kelsick Centre, Ambleside from 2.30 to 4.00pm.

Transport may be available if requested.

Margaret Burford

Churchwarden's Notices

I would like to thank Bruce Mumford for putting the Church forward for the John Betjeman award, and Richard Beskeen & Paul Adkins for their help.

I would also like to thank everyone for their help during the interregnum.

Sonia Rickman



Dorian Crone and Britt Harwood of the SPAB, with Sonia Rickman, Rev. Penny Driver, architect Chloe Granger and Richard Beskeen

Tourism Chaplaincy Update

The chaplaincy to those working in the tourism industry, supported by all the churches in the area, continues to develop its coverage, building relationships with staff, owners and managers in a variety of establishments. Our volunteer chaplains each call on a few B&Bs, cafes or hotels, getting to know the people working in these places.

Volunteers are trained and supported, and can offer as many hours a week as they are comfortable with. It's about getting to know people, being willing to listen and providing an independent ear, when others need to share their joys and concerns – about family, work, life, anything!

If you would like us to call, want to talk in confidence to a chaplain, or feel you could be part of the team, please contact Deacon Maggie deaconmaggie@slakesmethodist.org.uk 07753 110388 or find us on [facebook.com/lakeschaplain](https://www.facebook.com/lakeschaplain). *Maggie Patchett*



St Mary's Rydal CELEBRATION PATH

In the Millennium Garden at Rydal

Many people visit this place, to walk in the Garden or spend a quiet moment in the church.

The Rydal Celebration Path offers you the chance to have a stone celebrating an event or someone special.

It could be a birth, a wedding, or a remembrance of someone who has died.

It could simply be the name or names of those who wish to be part of this lovely garden.

*More information and application form at
oswaldparish.news/media/docs/rydal_path_leaflet.pdf
or pick up a leaflet from St Mary's Rydal*

St Oswald's Flower Festival

It is over ten years since we have had a flower festival in St Oswald's Church and feel that it is time to have another. Such events take time to organise and we would like as many local people as possible to be involved. At this stage we are looking for people who would like to do an arrangement or to sponsor the event.

The theme for the event is "A Celebration of Music". It will be held on August 1st- 5th 2020. Anyone interested please contact Helen or Dee.

Many thanks, *Helen Bunfield*

CALENDAR

October 2019

1 Tue	19:00	Windermere	Deanery Synod
2 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	Finishing The Prelude
3 Thu	14:30	St. Oswald's	Fellowship
3 Thu	14:30	Jerwood Centre	Dove Cottage Poets
3 Thu	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Poetry Party
6 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 16 Harvest Thanksgiving
6 Sun	14:30	Kelsick Centre	Silver Sunday Afternoon Tea
6 Sun	16:00	St. Oswald's	Choral Evensong
7 Mon	18:30	Ambleside College	Writing a guide to the Lakes
8 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
8 Tue			GVS committee
9 Wed	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
10 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
10 Thu	20:00	Wordsworth Trust	Book Group
11 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
11 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 13th
11 Fri	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Book discussion - Andy Howard
13 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 17 - Holy Communion
15 Tue	19:30	Emma's Dell	Book reading
16 Wed	09:10	St. Oswald's	School Harvest Service
17 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
17 Thu	19:30	Learning Space	Discover Poetry
20 Sun	10:00	Learning Space	This Golden Fleece
20 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 18 - Holy Communion
22 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
22 Tue	14:00	Learning Space	Outdoor Eco-art

23 Wed	10:30	Brockhole	Rucksack of Rhymes
24 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	Grasmere Rambles
25 Fri	10:00	Village Hall	Antique & Artisan Fair -> 27th
27 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Trinity 19 - Holy Communion
30 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	Finishing The Prelude
31 Thu	19:30	Jerwood Centre	Franken Time!

November 2019

2 Sat	14:30	Jerwood Centre	Feeling with Sara Coleridge
2 Sat	17:30	St. Oswald's	Mozart Requiem
3 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	All Saints - Holy Communion
4 Mon	18:30	Ambleside College	The Great Enchantress
5 Tue	15:30	WWT Café	Hidden life of Sara Coleridge
5 Tue	19:30	Jerwood Centre	History Group
7 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
7 Thu	14:30	Learning Space	Dove Cottage Poets
8 Fri		College Street	Farmers' Market
9 Sat	14:00	Learning Space	Hedgerow Herbalist
10 Sun	10:50	St. Oswald's	Remembrance Sunday (note time)
10 Sun	12:15	War memorial	Laying of wreaths
12 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
12 Tue	15:30	WWT Café	Wordsworths and Food
13 Wed	18:00	Ambleside College	Illegal wildlife trading
14 Thu	14:00	Village Hall	WI
14 Thu	20:00	Wordsworth Trust	Book Group
17 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Anglican & Methodist Worship
19 Tue	15:30	WWT Café	Romantics and Ancient Art
21 Thu	14:30	Village Hall	Fellowship
21 Thu	16:00	Bufs club	National Trust drop-in
21 Thu	19:30	Learning Space	Discover Poetry

23 Sat	10:00	Kelsick Centre	Guides Coffee Morning
23 Sat	14:30	Jerwood Centre	Poetry and Blindness
24 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Christ the King - Holy Communion
26 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
26 Tue	15:30	WWT Café	Wordsworths and Windermere Ferry
27 Wed	14:15	Jerwood Centre	Finishing The Prelude
28 Thu	13:30	Moss Parrock	Grasmere Rambles

December 2019

1 Sun	11:00	St. Oswald's	Advent Carol Service
1 Sun	13:30	St. Oswald's	Wedding
3 Tue	15:30	WWT Café	Wordsworth & Grasmere Volunteers
10 Tue	14:00	Reading Rooms	Knit & Nat
12 Thu		Tweedies	WI Christmas lunch
12 Thu	20:00		Book Group
14 Sat	19:30	Ambleside Church	Ambleside Choral Soc Concert

National Trust Community Drop-In Evening

Grasmere Buff Club, Thursday 21st November, 4-7pm

Come along to our community drop-in to meet your local National Trust team. We'd like to meet you for a cup of tea and a chat, to tell you about our work around Grasmere and to answer any questions you might have.

Jenny Sutton Community Involvement Manager National Trust

Farmers' Markets

Farmers' Markets on the second Friday of October and November as usual. We are looking at introducing some more stalls, if anyone is interested in having a stall please contact Vicky on 07960 590531.

Vicky Hughes

ROTAS FOR ST.OSWALD'S CHURCH

	Sidesmen / women	Coffee	Elements
6th Oct	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
4 pm	<i>Evensong</i> <i>Tea/coffee</i>	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	
13th Oct	June Maddison David Dodgson	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
20th Oct	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
27th Oct	John Rickman Kay Adkins	<i>Pat Taylor</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
3rd Nov	Ann Fawthrop Pat Taylor	<i>June Maddison</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>
10th Nov	Sonia Rickman John Rickman	<i>Coffee in Village Hall</i>	
17th Nov	John Rickman Kay Adkins	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>	<i>Pat Taylor</i>
24th Nov	June Maddison David Dodgson	<i>Helen Bunfield</i>	<i>Ann Fawthrop</i>
1st Dec	John Rickman Trevor Eastes	<i>Shirley Hill</i>	<i>John Rickman</i>

Harvest Festival Sunday 6th October

Your help in decorating the Church for Harvest Festival will be much appreciated. Colours for Harvest are orange, deep red and purple.

Donations for the Food Bank would be appreciated in the Hampers at the back of the Church. Items such as Breakfast Cereals, Pasta, Rice, Sauces and cans with a long life.

Sonia



My mum has a non-visible disability, which causes her walking difficulties. I heard something on the news about how she may now be eligible for a blue badge. How can I find out about this and help her apply?

On 30 August, the Blue Badge scheme was extended to people who live in England and have non-visible disabilities or conditions which affect their ability to walk. As a result, your mother may now qualify for a badge.

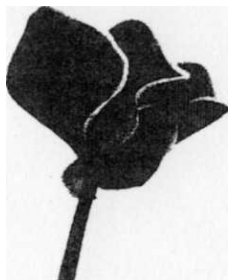
She will be automatically eligible if she gets certain types of benefits, e.g. some categories of Personal Independence Payment and the higher rate mobility component of Disability Living Allowance. If not, she can still apply for a badge. Her local authority will use evidence from doctors and other healthcare professionals. She can check her eligibility and apply for a local authority-issued Blue Badge at gov.uk/apply-blue-badge. If she can't do this herself, you can apply on her behalf.

You'll need a recent digital passport-style photo, proof of her identity, address, details of any benefits she receives, her National Insurance number, and evidence of how her non-visible disability or condition affects her mobility.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. We can give detailed advice over the phone – telephone 03444 111 444. For email see our website: www.southlakescab.org.uk. We have various outlets across South Lakeland if an appointment is required. For Money Advice and for on-going enquiries please call 015394 46464.

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Christmas Flowers in St Oswald's Church



We would be delighted if you would like to sponsor a plant that will be used to decorate the church over the Christmas period.

As in previous years we will be decorating the church with cyclamens that have proved very popular and have survived the cold weather! If you would like to dedicate a plant please fill in the slip below and return to the Church letterbox (outside near the Langdale entrance) by 20th December.

Each plant will have a label with your dedication printed on it and you are most welcome to collect the plant from church after Sunday 5th January. Thank you for supporting the church in this way.

I/We would like to donate £ for a plant with the following dedication: (max 50 words)

*Minimum donation of £8.00 per plant please.
Cheques payable to St. Oswald's PCC or cash.*

Name:

Tel No:

Please return to the Church by 20 December. Thank you.

Song at the Beginning of Autumn

Now watch this autumn that arrives
In smells. All looks like summer still;
Colours are quite unchanged, the air
On green and white serenely thrives.
Heavy the trees with growth and full
The fields. Flowers flourish everywhere.

And every season is a kind
Of rich nostalgia. We give names -
Autumn and summer, winter, spring -
As though to unfasten from the mind
Our moods and give them outward forms.
We want the certain, solid thing.

But I am carried back against
My will into a childhood where
Autumn is bonfires, marbles, smoke;
I lean against my window fenced
From evocations in the air.
When I said autumn, autumn broke.

Elizabeth Jennings



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