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My Dear Friends

Tuesday, 11th September will be one of those dates permanently engraved on people's memories throughout the world. The sheer scale of the disaster which struck New York and Washington exceeded even the blockbuster disaster movies. One couldn't believe the events unfolding live on TV were real.

We can only imagine the range of emotions which people experienced - disbelief, fear, numbness, panic and grief, the latter giving way to anger as the reality sunk in. Even at this distance, with the Atlantic in between, it is very easy to share those same emotions which are perfectly natural in the circumstances.

While they are natural in the circumstances, and they help people to cope with the disaster, it is important that they do not provoke a knee-jerk reaction. Decisions taken in anger rarely deal with the real situation. St. James in his letter (1:20) put it very clearly - 'Men's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires'. So our prayer in this situation must be that the international coalition acts on facts not suppositions, misinformation, hunches or prejudices and that any actions are finely focused and within what international law regards as acceptable otherwise the coalition is no better than the terrorists they condemn and seek to isolate and eradicate.

Leadership in this situation must be truly difficult. Leaders always need our prayers but particularly at this time. They have to respond to the hurt and anger people feel. They cannot do nothing because that looks like weakness and can give terrorism the wrong message. They are, as the phrase puts it, between a rock and a hard place. However another question about anger arises. Are we primarily angry because of what has happened to us or because God's desires have been thwarted? Jesus was angry on many occasions but never because of what happened to him. It was always because of mankind's disregard of God's desires. When people were opposed to him he still loved them and sought to change their attitudes - he never resorted to violence. St. Paul who encountered much physical as well as verbal opposition and violence wrote to the Christians in Rome, upon whom dreadful persecution was about to fall, 'do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good' (Romans 12<sup>21</sup>). Paul was often between the rock and the hard place but his rock was Jesus Christ and his work was to bring the hard place to Jesus.

My prayer is that the western leaders will seek out the reasons why the terrorists acted as they did just as enthusiastically as they seek the terrorists themselves. Jesus heals by dealing with the cause not just the symptoms. By all means deal with the terrorists but we must make sure we address the cause which gives terrorism its fuel.

May all who are suffering in any way from these tragedies know of all the prayer for them, but may they also know the Rock on whom our western civilization is based and seek to apply the Jesus solution to the hard place in which they find themselves. May God bless America as that nation stands on The Rock and seeks to bring Jesus' love to the hard place.

With every blessing,  
Yours sincerely,

### **Calling all local Artists**

The newly opened café on Beetham Road near the traffic lights would like to display local artists' work on the café walls. The pictures could be for sale and the café's owner would donate the 'commission' to St. Thomas' Church. Please help the Church by helping the café. The artists would, of course, be helping themselves too. Please support this initiative by painting and buying.

### **Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union**

There was a very small attendance at the September meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham M. U., possibly due to the dreadful weather. Archdeacon Peter Dawson conducted the communion service, assisted by Dorothy Williams; the pianist was Judy Dyer and the Bible reading was given by Gwen Tuer. Special prayers were said for all those caught up in the previous day's events in America. A collection was taken for the Missions to Seamen. A coffee morning is to be held on Friday, November 23rd with the proceeds going towards the village Christmas lunch. It was agreed to have the M. U. Christmas lunch in the Church Centre with outside catering. The next meeting is on Wednesday October 10th when the speaker will be Chris Ashby, on Cancer Care.

### **Milnthorpe Summer Fair**

The summer fair at St. Thomas' Church on August 25th had everything but a fair summer. Overcast skies in the early morning did not however deter the organisers from volunteering several of the stalls (including an excellent and popular barbecue) for outdoor stands. When the rains came these stalwarts in true traditional fashion donned their macs and umbrellas and carried on regardless. Inside the church great activity centred round the cake stall, the raffle, the refreshments, games, competitions, books and jigsaws, whilst upstairs a grand bric-a-brac enticed all with never-to-be-repeated sales. In total a sum of £1,034.89 was raised for the Church Roof Fund.

Our thanks go to the many (and there were very many indeed) folks from our two communities who contributed so much to the success of this venture. It was fun.

Brenda & Geoff Gregory.

#### **[www.heversham.org](http://www.heversham.org)**

As you may know the Heversham & Leasgill community website is now up and running and on-line. Already there is a wide range of content, which is of interest to the local population and has had coverage in the Westmorland Gazette. [www.heversham.org](http://www.heversham.org) is a central place for information on local matters for Heversham & Leasgill and the immediate area. Why not visit today?

## **Christmas Day Meal**

Do you remember the song that says: 'September... November... December' (was it called 'September Song'?). It talked of time flying, memories and getting older I think. Well, yet another year has flown by and we've all got more memories tucked away, had good and bad experiences, and have hopes and fears for the future, which none of us can predict.

Maybe you or someone you know is already dreading a lonely Christmas Day. Last year about 25 of us once again enjoyed a 'family' lunch together arranged by the Christians in Milnthorpe. We hope to do the same again this year, and invite **anyone** who would like to celebrate this special time with others to let me know and we will ensure that this Day on which we celebrate the birth of Christ will be one to be remembered as yet another year folds up.

If you feel you would like to help us in some way on the day please contact me. Sometimes circumstances change in families from year to year and maybe you will be free to do this in 2001? It need not involve the whole day by any means, and you can be assured of a very rewarding experience.

**There will be coffee mornings in St. Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe and the Methodist Church, Milnthorpe in November to raise funds.** Please donate a 'gift' for the bring-and-buy stall - they can be left at either church during regular coffee mornings clearly marked for the Christmas Meal Stall via Brenda Gregory (St. Thomas) or Joy Bell (Methodist) or contact me (Joy Bell) on 015395 62985 regarding any of the above.

By the way, if anyone has a copy of the song I mentioned above I'd be very grateful!

Joy Bell  
3 St. Anthony's Close, Milnthorpe, Cumbria LA7 7DT

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**AGM Milnthorpe Senior Citizens Party Committee.**

**The AGM of the above committee will take place on Friday 5 October at 8.00 p.m. in the Institute.**

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### **Milnthorpe Family Centre - New Premises**

Milnthorpe Community Playgroup (Parent & Toddler Group and Pre-school) now operate from purpose designed portakabins within the grounds of Milnthorpe Primary School. We are still running two Toddler Group sessions weekly and six pre-school sessions weekly. In addition we will be taking children on Wraparound care, in the short term, from 8.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. daily. We are intending this care to increase until we are offering care from 8.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. daily (term-time and non-term time) for children aged 2 up to statutory school age. For a timetable and costs of our current provision please contact our **Playgroup Leader, Rae Martin on 105395 64289.**

We are also running Out of School Clubs for children age 5-11 years each morning and evening and during the school holiday. For costs and further information please contact the **Club Leader, Nicky Moore on 015395 62127.**

In the long term we hope to have our own purpose designed building which will then mean we can offer care for children age 0 - 11 on one site. We are currently applying for grants for this purpose and hope to achieve our aim within the next couple of years. so watch this space.....

**Marina Miles**  
**Project Co-ordinator**

### **Information technology success**

Milnthorpe I.T. Centre continues its success with 13 students being presented with their Certificate by Lord Inglewood at an Awards Evening held at Castle Green Hotel, Kendal. The successful students were: Janet Boow, Diane Collinson, Donna Hiron, Sandra Waite, Veronica Wilson, Adele Hurst, Glenda Kilshaw, Elizabeth Laidlow, Ann Ormrod, Linda Stott - all gaining a Diploma in I.T. Harvey Rowlinson, Janet Cherry and Sonia Ely were awarded N.V.Q. Certificates, level 2.

The I.T. Centre is based at Milnthorpe Primary School and is part of Cumbria Credits Scheme. In its three years existence it has helped many to gain qualifications in I.T. skills. It is open to all members of the community and provides tuition in a small friendly atmosphere. For more details contact Veronica Wilson on 015395 62344.

### **Steel Band Successes.**

The Milnthorpe Steel Band goes from strength to strength. Members play most weekends at various events including 19 gigs this year and won a trophy for the best band at Ulverston Carnival. They also played in the Kendal Torchlight procession and at Lancaster Jazz Festival on September 21st when several schools took part. The Steel Band says a BIG "THANK YOU" to all the businesses and people who have given so much help. A donation of £3,000 has been received from the Men's Forum being half of the profits from the Art Exhibition held in July. The other half has been given to St. Thomas Church Restoration Fund.

At a barbecue and disco held at the Primary School for Band children and their families, Vice-Captain Jayne Gladwin presented Certificates of Appreciation to Craig James, Jessica Brown and Rachel Halhead, who after three and a half years in the juniors are now moving into the senior band.

Others receiving certificates for their hard and loyal work were Rachel Leinweber, Jessica Smith, Jake Miles, Jordan Brough, Ryan Hodgson, Emily Alderson, Ellie Alderson, Stephanie Welling, Stephanie Bateman and Kaley Pritchard.

The most recent effort of the band has been to play outside the Williamson Memorial, Lancaster following a wedding held there.

**Charity Collections.** Recent street collections held in the Square amounted to:-  
Save the Children - £129.23      RAF Association Wings Appeal - £142.60

#### **Blood Doning**

137 donors gave blood when the Lancaster unit of the National Blood Transfusion Service visited the Community Centre.

#### **Visually Impaired Group**

Instead of the August meeting, members of the Visually Impaired Group travelled by mini-bus to Great Urswick, where they enjoyed tea at the Coot-on-the-Tarn Hotel. At the September meeting Malcolm Pilling, a member of the Salvation Army, was welcomed as guest speaker. He spoke of his own life and that of his grandfather who had influenced him so much. He also told humorous anecdotes and read various poems including many by Patience Strong.

#### **Diamond Show**

Milnthorpe and District Allotment Association held its Diamond Horticultural Show at St. Thomas Church and Centre. Mrs. Tryon-Wilson of Dallam Tower and Mr. C. H. Bagot of Levens Hall presented the trophies and awards and congratulated the Association for its success over the years. The Church and Centre were literally glowing with colourful and beautifully arranged groups of flowers, fruit and vegetables as well as the delicious looking entries in the domestic class - and the beautiful miniature gardens and unusual vegetable animals in the children's classes. The youngest prize-winner was 12-year old Isaac Metcalfe who won 1st and 2nd prize for his apples and 2nd prize for his plums. He also looks after half an allotment - the youngest holder of one.

There are one or two allotments vacant. Enquiries on 015395 64384.

**Tattersall Vacancy** A vacancy exists at the Tattersall Houses, Church Street, Milnthorpe. Applications are invited from local people aged over 50 years who live in the surrounding vicinity. Ring 62263 or call at the Milnthorpe office of Powell & Sykes for details.

**Meals on Wheels.** Thanks are expressed to Mrs. Kent of Milnthorpe for volunteering to fill the vacancy and also to Mr. & Mrs. Batty of Heversham who also answered my previous pleas for help. All is well at present.  
Mary Davidson, Organiser

## **WINDOW ON THE WORLD**

The next meetings of WOW are to be on  
Monday Oct 1st 7.00 p.m. at Robin & Mary Orr, Farnaby Dyke, Levens.  
Monday Nov. 5th 7.00 p.m. at Pat Radcliffe, Sunny Vale, Heversham.  
These meetings are open to everyone who is interested in our parish  
involvement in the wider world.

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*Thursday 22nd October*

*Meet Bibi in the Old School, Heversham at 7.30 p.m. For more details  
contact Rhona Rutter*

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## **To Ukraine with Hope Now**

Anyone who goes abroad on active service with HOPE NOW soon learns that they have to be prepared for absolutely anything (Vic Jackopson is fond of saying, "Be prepared to preach or die at the drop of a hat, and not necessarily in that order!") so I shouldn't really have been surprised to find that, having gone out expecting to help in the running of a Christian Holiday Camp at Mihailovka Orphanage, I found myself being part of a Prison-outreach team. Vic and I went to the Camp most mornings but the bulk of our time was given to prisons; we travelled about 700 miles and met and spoke to about 1,000 prisoners. Visiting prisons is not a new experience for me but I have to say that this concentrated bout of prison visiting opened my eyes in a significant way: meeting the boys in the Young Offenders prison at Preluki and the women in the prison at Uman and the men in Stari Babani and Prison 62, it struck me very forcibly that they were imprisoned for a huge variety of reasons but each one had, in some way, broken the laws of the land; each one had, in some way, "fallen short". Then it struck me: have not we, every one of us, compared with the incomparable goodness and holiness of God, "fallen short"? The words of St. Paul (Romans 3, 23) became significantly real to me: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Deeply aware of that, one is far more deeply grateful for the means of Redemption offered through the self-sacrificial love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

While there, it was also very good to see a number of old friends again, several of whom are known to some readers of this piece as, at some time in the past 5 years, they have spoken, read, sung or played in St. Peter's: Olga Osipova, now married and expecting her first baby; her brother Andrey, now 20 and a most impressive young man (brilliant organising the Games at Camp), Sergei Kusyumov, as nice as ever and now studying



Law; Danik (unforgettable quintessence of mischief!) Vishemeersky, now 13; the Tarasenko family, all in fine form in spite of Sasha losing his job as Prison Governor after becoming a Christian last year..... to name just a few. Lastly I returned feeling that I had been away for several weeks and not just 11 days.

Robin Orr.

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### **Heversham St. Peter's Handbell Ringers**

Last School year proved a very busy and enjoyable time for the Junior Handbell Ringers. For several years now, at Christmas and again at the end of the Summer term, we visited both Heversham House and Plumtree to play for the residents, which we did again this July. We also rang at the Primary School Leavers' Service in Church and at a concert given for our families and friends. Additionally we played again at the music afternoon organised by the Westmorland Youth Orchestra at the Brewery, Kendal.

The Junior team was at maximum strength with 7 members, ranging in age from 8 to 11 years. They were Emma Stannard, Anne Fell, Becky Inman, Rebecca Hartley, Joanna Swinbank, Douglas Parsons and James Hyman. The first four girls have left the team to move on to Secondary School and we wish them every success and much happiness. Emma has been a valuable member for the last four years, Anne for two years. We shall greatly miss all four girls but we look forward to welcoming the new members to the team this autumn from the waiting list.

The Senior Handbell Ringers were unfortunately not able to practise on a regular basis earlier in the year due to the foot and mouth crisis, but we look forward to meeting again soon. The members of the Senior team are Jean and George Handley, Audrey Wynne, Gail Morgan, Eileen Brooks, Doreen Baines and Judy Dyer.

If anyone is interested in playing handbells please contact a team member. We should like to thank both teams for their loyalty and for the fun they give us.

Doreen Baines and Judy Dyer

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### **Heversham Poppy Appeal**

If anyone is interested in  helping with the poppy appeal could they

please contact Sheila Ashburner on 62727

**Parish Calendar**  
**Regular Weekly Services and Events.**

Tuesdays	Prayer Gathering at Heversham 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Heversham 10.00 a.m. Informal Prayer at Milnthorpe 1.00 p.m.
Saturdays	Prayer Meeting at Heversham 7.45 a.m.

*For Bell Ringing information call J. Thorley 62076*

**October**

**1st (Monday)**

United Parish Communion 7.30 p.m. at Heversham  
the first Celebration by the Revd. Ron Rutter  
This service will be followed by a Jacob's Join Supper

4th 'Alpha' Course starts at 7.30 p.m.

5th Heversham St. Peter's Primary School Harvest Service 9.15 a.m.

**7th Harvest Thanksgiving Trinity 17**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Family Service 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Family Service 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
followed by Jacob's Join Lunch

United Harvest Songs of Praise 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

8th Diocesan Renewal Group 10.30 a.m. at Penrith

Heversham St. Peter's Primary School Governors 7.30 p.m.

10th Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10.30 a.m.

Mothers' Union 2 p.m. at Milnthorpe

11th Holy Communion 11 a.m. at Croftside

**14th Trinity 18**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Hospital Communion 1.45 p.m. at Westmorland General Hospital  
Praise and Worship 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

17th Kendal Deanery Synod 7.30 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Kendal#

**21st Trinity 19**

Holy communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
United Family Communion 10 a.m. at Heversham

22nd 'Meet Bibi' - 7.30 p.m. in the Old School, Heversham

**28th Last Sunday after Trinity**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham  
Morning Prayer 9 a.m. at Hincaster  
Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Family Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

**NOVEMBER**

1st Milnthorpe PCC 7.45 p.m.

**4th Fourth before Advent**

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
Family Service 9.30 a.m. at Heversham  
Family Service 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe  
United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

6th K Shoes Male Voice Choir 7.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

10th 'Riding Lights' 7 p.m. at Dallam School (£7, concessions £5)

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**Saint Peter's Parish Church Sunday School**

The Sunday School meets at 9.30 a.m. in the Old School on most Sundays during term time. (See dates below) On a first Sunday of the month we usually hold a Family Service at 9.30 a.m. and the Sunday School joins in from the start.

We give the children, who should be of Primary school age, appropriate Christian teaching. After the teaching the children leave the Old School and join the congregation in Church where they join the adults and receive a blessing during the Communion. They can stay and join the adults for refreshments at the close of the service which is usually at about 10.45 a.m. This is a time enjoyed by both children and adults alike.

For those parents with pre-school children we have a welcoming and attractive crèche into which the service is relayed so that the parents do not miss any of the service.

The Sunday school meets on  
October 14th, (21 and 28th half term)  
November 11, 18 & 25  
December 16

December 2nd 10.30 a.m. is a United Service at Milnthorpe where the children will be welcome at their Sunday School.

December 9th is Confirmation (10 a.m.) at Heversham.