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My Dear Friends

This month sees the run-up to Advent which is, perhaps, the most misunderstood season in the Church's Year. The purpose of Advent is to focus our minds on the second coming of Christ at 'the end', as we might call it. This is far removed from being a time to prepare all the details to celebrate Christmas. Cribs, stables, presents and festivities should not feature on the agenda of Advent. The truth is that unless we get our understanding right about Jesus' second coming then the joy and meaning of His first coming at Bethlehem is no more lasting than the decorations.

There is much in the Bible about the 'second coming', the Advent of Christ, and all of it demands action now. Nowhere does the Bible let us think that "we'll be all right in the end," or that "there's no need to bother - yet." There is an immediacy about Advent and because we do not know when it will be the emphasis is on being prepared. Many today feel the closeness of this event and feel, too, the excitement echoing the Advent hymn "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding".

If any of us were invited to meet the Queen we would prepare weeks ahead for the great day, and yet we are so casual about the King of Kings. We ignore the fact that to be with Him on that great day we must be living each day in His presence because only He can make us ready. The Parable of the Wedding Feast and the man incorrectly dressed (Matt. 22 vv 2-14) illustrates this point. The man was thrown out because he had not got wedding clothes on. These garments were given by the host but this man thought that he could get in with his own attire. We can only enter God's presence when we humbly allow Him to clothe us as He wants, when we allow Him to re-make us as He knows best, when each day is regarded as preparation to meet our King, and when we seek to live daily not in our own strength but in the strength which God alone supplies.

As we look to the Advent of our King the word is not 'casual' but 'committed'. Let no one deceive you.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely,

Advent Praise

We are reviving the holding of these Praise events for Cumbria on Saturday 8th December at 6.30 p.m. in St. Andrew's Parish Church, Penrith. Our Bishop, the Right Reverend Graham Dow, is the preacher. A new diocesan Renewal Group has been formed and Bishop Graham is giving it every encouragement. One of the exciting aspects of this new group is the involvement of several people who have only recently come into this Diocese. We hope these Praise events will once again become regular happenings around Cumbria, and that Training/Study days will be part of the group's activities.

Church Cleaning

It is time for me to prepare next year's rota for Church cleaning. As always I am looking for new volunteers to fill the gaps. All it entails is a commitment to spend a couple of hours on a Friday, with one other person, hoovering, dusting etc. about 5 or 6 times a year. I am desperately trying to find some younger volunteers (male or female!) so, please, give it some thought. Thanks.

Audrey Wynne (Tel 63244)

Milnthorpe with Heversham Mothers Union

The October meeting of Milnthorpe with Heversham Mothers' Union was led by Judy Dyer, and the Bible reading was given by Mary Davidson. The speaker was Chris Ashby, who showed slides and spoke about her work with Cancer Care. Members were amazed at the range of activities and help provided by the charity. Thanks were expressed by Gwen Tuer, who herself had benefited by some of the facilities. Names were taken for the Christmas lunch on December 5th. A letter had been received from the link branch of St. Mary's, Windermere, inviting members to their March meeting. The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 14th, when Robert Potter will speak on Young People in Crisis.

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 is a central place for information on local matters for Heversham & Leasgill and the immediate area. Why not visit today?

St. Thomas Parish News - November 2001

Concerts "Songs from Now and Then" was the title of a wonderful concert held at St. Thomas Church with Brian Lancaster, bass-baritone and Mary Powney, piano. The programme, with songs old and new, commenced with music by Handel, Haydn, Purcell and was followed by "Songs of Travel" by Ralph Vaughan Williams. The delightful programme beautifully presented, was enormously enjoyed by a discerning audience and we do thank Glyn and Lillie Hopkins who arranged the evening.

We were fortunate to have another "feast" of music on October 19th - this time a piano recital by Glyn Hopkins, which included music by Chopin, Debussy and Rachmaninoff. Thank you Glyn for another memorable occasion. Proceeds of both concerts after expenses, go towards St. Thomas Church Roof Appeal.

Croftside's events - Staff of Croftside organised a fund raising evening held at the home. Cassandra Hayle, designer of silver jewellery, displayed and described her work with many items for sale. There were also many other items of the Avon range of perfumery along with a range of exclusive candles and holders. The staff are also organising a "Film" quiz with questionnaires costing 50p each, available from Croftside. Proceeds from both events are for the Resident's Amenity Fund.

Remembrance Sunday On Sunday November 11th the Annual Parade will assemble at the playing field at 2.15 p.m. and leave at 2.30 p.m. for a short service at 3 p.m. at the War Memorial. The parade led by the Kendal Boy's Brigade Band, will then march to the Methodist Church for a Remembrance Service. All are welcome to attend both services and the parade.

Resident's Meeting At a meeting of the Milnthorpe Resident's Association Chairman Malcolm Alston of SLDC welcomed everyone including Peter Thomas, Head of Housing, Ian Stewart, County Council and a police officer. Mr. Thomas spoke on "New ideas for Council Housing". He stated that there is no plan to build future council houses. Regarding the Haverflatts Lane petition concerning a proposed new roundabout and safety entrance to Dallam School, the County Council is to do a feasibility study. In the meantime the petition has been presented to a local committee of the County Council. Various other matters were discussed. The next meeting will be held in December - date and place to be confirmed. All residents are welcome to attend. Details from the secretary on 015395 64272.

Bowling for All Milnthorpe Bowling Club is well over 100 years old and would like to welcome new members, especially any young people, in readiness for the new season. There is much enjoyment in bowling for people of any age and we are fortunate in having a club with enthusiastic members. The Club's Friday night team recently became South Lakeland League Champions when they won their last game of the season by 7 games to 1.

At the AGM held in October officers appointed were:- President Rod Holmes, Secretary Barry Jarrold, Treasurer Bill Stables, Green Keepers Tony Fisher & Bill Hunt

Memorial Hall

A small number of residents attended a meeting of the Management Committee. Mr. Chris Thompson tendered his resignation as treasurer. He was warmly thanked for all his conscientious work and wished all the best for the future. A letter was read from St. Thomas Church PCC thanking the committee for the donation received towards the repair of the Church Clock. A request for a donation, part of which will be donated to the Kendal Parish Church Boys Brigade Band who play at Milnthorpe's Remembrance Sunday Parade, was granted to Mrs. Sheila Ashburner, representing the Royal British Legion

Heversham News

Heversham Village Children's Christmas Party We look forward to seeing you on Saturday 15th December at the Athenaeum. The party for pre-school children and up to and including school year 2 is held from 2.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.

There will be a food list circulated and a charge of £1 per child will be collected on the day.

An evening party for children school year 3-6 will also be held in the Athenaeum from 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. £1.50 per child is requested and will be collected prior to the day. Please contact Julie Stannard on 015395 63082

Heversham St. Peter's Handbell Ringers

We have been pleased to welcome three new, enthusiastic members to the Junior Handbell Team. These are Ben Hamer (9), Laura Hamer (7) and Sophie Fishwick (7). These join Joanna Swinbank(10), Douglas Parsons (9) and James Hyman (8) to make a full team of six and are all practising hard for the Christmas programme.

We are very pleased to report that the Senior Handbell Team members are now able to meet regularly again after the difficulties caused by the Foot and Mouth crisis and they, too, are practising hard for their Christmas commitments.
Doreen Baines & Judy Dyer

Booking or the Athenaeum

Please note that with effect from 1st October 2001, Margaret Rendell (Handley) will take over from David Tonks as Booking Secretary for the Athenaeum (Heversham Village Hall). Feel free to contact me whenever necessary on Tel: 015395 64051.

Margaret Rendell, Booking Secretary.

Tuesday 20 November at 12.30 p.m.
Angel Tree Lunch
at
Barn Close, Beetham
Tickets £5



Prison Fellowship in Kendal is holding this fund raising event to buy Christmas presents for the children of offenders in our local prisons. Please come and support us. For more information please ring Anne Robinson on 015395 63191

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are to be on
Monday Nov. 5th 7.00 p.m. at Jim & Pat Radcliffe, Sunny Vale, Heversham.
Monday Dec. 3rd 7.00 p.m. at Rhona Rutter, Eversley, Woodhouse Lane.
Please come along and support the worldwide church.

Christmas Cards for Persecuted Prisoners

Monday November 26th from 7.30 p.m. at Robin and Mary Orr, Farnaby Dyke, Levens.

For the sixth year running we hope to spend an evening writing cards to Christians who are in prison for their faith. Please come along, even if you can only spare a short time, as this is such a worthwhile thing to do. Many prisoners testify to the enormous encouragement they experience on receiving cards from fellow Christians all over the world. Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) provides us with names and addresses of prisoners and often gives advice on what to write or not write. Sadly there are several countries where it is not possible to send cards for fear of reprisals - prisoners here need our special prayers.

CSW is working in an increasing number of countries, trying to ensure fair trials, supporting families of prisoners and publicising the terrible conditions in which many are held. Current literature is always on display on the main church notice board beside the organ - please read it and find out about what is happening to our brothers and sisters, pray for them and if possible come and write some cards.

The 9th Annual Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Relief was held by Bridget Pickthall at the Orchard, Hincaster. Despite monsoon conditions the event was well supported by local residents.

Donations for coffee and homemade cakes and sale of home produce raised a best ever total of £230 for The South Cumbrian Macmillan Appeal.



HOST UK
Round the World on a Sofa

Roll up your flying carpet, turn off that box in the corner, sit comfortably on your sofa and meet the world.

Is this the latest virtual experience brought to us by Microsoft? No, this is real live person-to-person contact, good old-fashioned getting-to-know you, on a small but international scale.

Did you know that in universities and colleges across the UK there are many thousands of international students who would just love to meet some of the inhabitants of these islands and chat about the differences in our culture and lifestyles, as well as discover points of contact?

Rather than be tourists, they would prefer to see the country in the company of the people who live here. Rather than stay on campus, with colleagues who speak their own language, they would value the chance to spend a weekend practising English with the locals. Rather than spend Christmas alone in a deserted hall of residence, they would love to join in with the celebrations and find out what's going on.

Could you offer a weekend or Christmas invitation to your home, to one or two students, once or twice a year? You would be giving them an experience which would stand out in their memories of Britain, and which might change their perceptions of this country for ever. Your own life would be enriched by friendship with adults from all over the world, and you would be doing your bit for international relations, as well as responding to the call to be hospitable and to welcome strangers.

If your sofa is big enough for two (and you have a spare bed), you may like more information about volunteering under the HOST scheme. HOST is a well-established national charity, founded by the British Council and the Foreign Office.

Please call the HOST Regional Organiser Win Kinnear on 015395 35222
You can also visit HOST at www.hostuk.org

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

**AS USUAL THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY ISSUES OF THE PARISH MAGAZINE
WILL BE COMBINED.**

**PLEASE COULD ALL NOTICES INCLUDING THOSE FOR JANUARY 2002 BE SENT
IN EITHER TO THE VICAR OR TO MRS. PICKTHALL AT 1, WOODHOUSE,
WOODHOUSE, MILNTHORPE, LA7 7LY BY
MONDAY NOVEMBER 19TH**

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

NOVEMBER

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

5th WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.

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

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

11th Third before Advent - Remembrance Sunday

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham
Remembrance Service 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Procession followed by
Remembrance Service at 3 p.m. in Milnthorpe Methodist Church
Service of Prayer for Healing 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

14th Heversham PCC 7.15 p.m.

18th Second before Advent

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe
Family Communion 9.30 a.m. at Heversham
Parish Communion 11 a.m. at Milnthorpe

23rd Concert 7.30 p.m. at Milnthorpe

25th Christ the King

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

December

2nd First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Heversham

United Family Communion **10.30 a.m.** at Milnthorpe
followed by Jacob's Join Lunch. Our 9th Anniversary.
United Sung Evensong 6.30 p.m. at Heversham

3rd WOW Meeting 7 for 7.30 p.m.

8th Cumbria Advent Praise 6.30 p.m. at Penrith

9th Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion 8 a.m. at Milnthorpe

Confirmation 10 a.m. at Heversham by the Bishop of Carlisle,
the Rt. Revd. Graham Dow
Praise and Worship 6.30 p.m. at Heversham.

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

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.