

✚ **PARISH NEWS** ✚



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My Dear Friends

I was privileged just a few days ago to hear a most remarkable man speak at a public gathering. His grasp of the English language, its idioms and writings was encyclopaedic. He put us all to shame with his knowledge of our literature. He is an engineer from Kier in Ukraine. He speaks English with no trace of an accent and he had never visited England until a few years ago. He is entirely self-taught. His name is Vladimir.

Vladimir's father was a colonel in the former USSR army and a communist. Vladimir, who never joined 'the Party, was advised by his father to 'keep his head down'. He did, but all the time he felt there was something missing — he didn't know what. He spoke of the hardships, the fear, the oppression and acute shortages under which he and his fellow citizens lived from Stalin onwards. Then came 'glasnost' and 'perestroika'. Wandering into the Square at Kier one lunch time he heard a western evangelist speaking to a crowd through an interpreter who wasn't doing too well. He asked if he could help and was immediately interpreting. What Vladimir heard in English and translated into Ukraine converted him. He had found what was missing — Jesus. Arriving back at his office he expected dismissal for being missing all the afternoon. Then he experienced his first miracle — no one had noticed his absence! But the KGB certainly noticed him and watched yet he was never imprisoned — another miracle perhaps because he was working with the evangelists.

Then in 1986 Chernobyl — 26 April. Vladimir, as an engineer, was forced to go to the disaster site not many days after the fire to look after machinery. Radiation was high, people were fatally affected and Vladimir was in the next to highest radiation category and his life expectancy was given as up to ten years. Miracle number three — he is still with us.

Vladimir is overflowing with joy, is utterly content in spite of having a real struggle to live off £30 per month plus another £8 because of his work at Chernobyl. He radiates joy and love and he thanks Jesus for coming into his life and changing him. He has next to nothing and yet in comparison with most of us in the West he has everything. He knows that happiness consists not in what we possess but in who possesses us, and that 'who' is Jesus.

Jesus changed Vladimir. He can change us too.

With every blessing.

Yours sincerely

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

There was a very small attendance at the September opening meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union. Owing to holidays and other commitments, no one was available to take a Communion Service, so a service was led by Judy Dyer. A minute's silence was observed in memory of all those who lost their lives in the September 11 atrocity in New York last year. Special prayers were said for all those who lost loved ones.

Dorothy Hornby reminded members that Overseas boxes should be brought to the November meeting, and suggestions for speakers for next year's programme were requested. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9 October when the speaker is Mr Malcolm Pilling, his subject: "Do You Remember This?" Members have been invited from the previous PAL Link branch of St Mary's, Windermere, and from the new Link branch of St Luke's, Barrow. Members are asked to bring items of food.

### **Christmas Day Meal, Milnthorpe, 2002**

Easter seems so very far gone now, and Christmas is in view. No prizes, of course, for guessing what (or Who!) it is that links them in our celebrations.

Do I hear you say "What do these things matter?" After all, if we are Christians we can rejoice in these two events at any time of the year. However, there are folk who need reminding of what it means to us as Christians, so our churches are a witness to others at these special times. That's the reason why we ask for people to join together with us on Christmas Day, to express our thanks to God for Jesus, and to enable those who would otherwise miss the friendship of others to be together at this 'family' time.

Whether you are on your own, or not, but would like to share a meal on Christmas Day with others, or if you would care to help us in some way, as a 'thank you' to God for His 'best gift', please contact me. Transport could be arranged, if necessary.

Joy Bell, 3 St Anthony's Close, Milnthorpe LA7 7DT  
Phone: 015395 62985

**Advance Notice**

Some time in November, St Peter's SPACE committee is going to hold a coffee morning and Christmas Stall. So please make jam, chutney etc with your Autumn fruits, also gifts for Christmas, Christmas decorations, cards etc so we can make it a really good event.

Details of time, date and place in next month's magazine, and in Church.

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**YWAM  
Youth with a Mission**

I am currently taking a gap year before going to university in September 2003. I have been accepted for a posting in South Africa with YWAM for a six month period which will be split into a training phase and an outreach phase. I will then pray about the destination for the second stage. Various options are helping medical staff on a mercy ship (floating hospital) or helping at an orphanage where the children's parents have died from AIDS.

I am currently working to raise the funds for this trip. I had a table top sale in August and plan to have a coffee morning on 31 October. Please come! If anyone would like more information about YWAM, I am happy to tell them about it. I am looking forward to the challenge and growing in my faith and sharing it with others.

**COFFEE MORNING**  
Thursday 31 October  
10.00 — 12 noon  
Barn Close

Rose Robinson

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**COFFEE MORNING**  
with  
Bring and Buy and Cake Stall  
in aid of  
MILNTHORPE CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH, 2002  
at  
St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe  
on  
Friday, 1 November 2002 from 10.00 - 11.30 am  
Any contributions will be very welcome  
Please come and support

Enquiries: Brenda Gregory 015395 64082

## **St Thomas Parish News - October 2002**

### **100th Birthday**

Congratulations to Mrs Nellie Garth of Church Street on her 100th birthday 27 September. Presently resident at Holly Bank Home, Arnside, Mrs Garth spent a lifetime in Milnthorpe.

### **Crumbs!**

Over thirty children from Milnthorpe and Heversham, enjoyed an Activity Day —"CRUMBS" held at St Thomas Church, organised by a team of helpers from St Peters and St Thomas' Churches. The theme of "The feeding of the five thousand" was dominant throughout with special emphasis being on the SHARING. During the day, children took part in various indoor activities of singing, story telling, drawing, writing, watching videos, and enjoyed outdoor activities, including games, especially a popular parachute one, and a special Jubilee Team race. The day was a huge success, with thanks extended to organisers and helpers, and hopefully to be repeated.

### **Collection for South Lakeland Blind**

At a street collection held in the Square, £207 was raised towards funds for South Lakeland Voluntary Society for the Blind.

### **Horticultural Show**

The Horticultural Show organised by Milnthorpe and District Allotment Society was more popular than ever, and welcomed many visitors. St Thomas Church was a wonderful venue to show off the flowers, fruit, and vegetables, grown in the beauty of God's Earth; along with other items portrayed by work of many hands — the pies, cakes and savouries in the domestic section were mouth watering!! Children's classes had more entries this year, particularly in the handwriting section (encouraged by the Primary School) and other entries, especially vegetable animals, were superb. Trophies and awards were presented by Mrs Rosemary Tryon-Wilson. Congratulations to our own Venerable Peter and Mrs Dawson on their many prize-winning entries!

### **Residents Meeting**

At the recent Annual Meeting of the Milnthorpe Residents Association, Malcolm Alston, SLDC, was re-appointed Chairman, Pat Barnes as Secretary, and Geoffrey Gregory — Treasurer. Present at the meeting were Ian Stewart SLDC; Kevin Earl, Housing Officer; Bob Bolton SLDC Budget Holder; Dick Base, Enforcement Officer for Parking, along with Police presence. Many of Milnthorpe's problems were discussed, in particular the proposed new entrance to Dallam School, with hope for agreement with the School Head and governors within eighteen months. Parking continued to be a major problem, especially Firs Close and Kirkhead: also speeding with motorcycles in Church Street — police advice being, that written complaints on any matter be forwarded to the Police Station for investigation

### **Quaker Tapestry Described**

Mrs Rene Blythe of Oxenholme was speaker at the September meeting of the Visually Impaired Group. She described the Quaker Tapestry at the Friends Meeting House, Kendal, telling how the various panels are embroidered in special wool with three special stitches. The Tapestry is visited regularly by parties of people, being open to the Public daily.

### **RNLI Coffee Morning**

A coffee morning in aid of the RNLI will be held on Saturday 19 October at St Thomas Church Hall from 10.00 am — 12 noon. Scrapbooks compiled by the late John Mashiter on Milnthorpe and South Lakeland will be on view (courtesy of his family). There will be a raffle; and a special RNLI stall. Come and buy your Christmas Cards and souvenirs!

## **WINDOW ON THE WORLD**

The next meetings of WOW are on Monday 7 October at the home of Ron and Rhona Rutter, Ellerslie, Heversham and Monday, 4 November at the home of Sylvia Read, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham. At all WOW meetings coffee, tea and biscuits are served from 7.00 pm with the meeting beginning at 7.30 pm.

### **Operation Christmas Child—the Shoe Box Appeal**

It will soon be time to prepare shoe boxes for needy children around the world who would have nothing at Christmas. We have so much in this country and it is wonderful to have the opportunity to be able to give to those who have so little. Please watch out for details in both churches and in the Westmorland Gazette. Many people contributed last year and it would be good if still more people felt able to bring a little love by filling a shoe box this year.

### **Bishop's 'Harvest for the Hungry' Appeal**

This year the money raised will be channeled through Christian Aid and Cross links to two projects — one to help a women's organisation 'Palestinian Relief' which is desperately trying to dig wells to maintain a water supply to enable them to grow crops. It is much involved in water management. The other is in Tanzania where the aid will help farmers to buy seed so that they can feed the people and build up stocks of seed so they can be self supporting.

### **Hope Now**

"When a heroin-addict who has been a prisoner in twenty-five English prisons in seven years for drug-related crimes marries the beautiful, intelligent and only daughter of a senior Police Officer, then something truly remarkable has happened." Those were — approximately! - the opening words of my report for our parishes' magazine in June last year after Mary and I returned from going to South Africa (Cape Town) for the wedding of Colin and Deanne Garnett. Besides marrying Dee, Colin also completed his three-year course at Moorlands Bible College last year and was ordained. So, in spite of a fairly dubious CV in 2002, Colin acquired a lovely wife, a degree in Theology and became the Rev Colin Garnett. Can anyone seriously claim that, today, there are no "miracles"!

Colin is an excellent speaker and it will be a real privilege to welcome him to St Peter's where he will preach at a United Parish Communion on Sunday 20 October. A privilege and, I would suggest, an opportunity not to be missed, particularly by the younger people in our parishes.

Robin Orr

### **NISCU - Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union**

The next Support Group Meeting will take place on Friday 4 October at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church, Heversham. Please come along to find out more about the work in our local schools.

### **!! CRUMBS !!**

On Thursday 22 August, 33 young people aged between five and eleven (and fifteen helpers!) came to St Thomas' Church Centre for a Fun Day. The theme of the day was the miracle of the Feeding of the Five Thousand and the idea of sharing. The weather was good and the children enjoyed a day full of activities, including collage and banner making, baking bread, making musical instruments, parachute and team games, singing and a lunchtime picnic. Look out for details of next year's event!!

### **Flookburgh Band**

The concert which had to be postponed is now to take place on Saturday 23 November at 7.30 pm in St Peter's Church. Please make a note of this date. The Flookburgh Band has won national awards and is one of the top Bands in the country. Don't miss this opportunity to hear this group of talented musicians.

### **Tattersalls Almshouses**

There is a vacancy in one of the houses (No 113) and applications are invited. The criteria and forms can be obtained from Mr Simon Rose, Messrs Powell and Sykes, Main Street, Milnthorpe. Much upgrading work (bathroom, kitchen and double glazing) has been done recently.

### **NOVEMBER MAGAZINE**

Contributions for the November Parish Magazine should be with the editor no later than Sunday 20 October. Christmas announcements should be included.  
Mrs S Pickthall, 1 Woodhouse, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe, Cumbria, Fax: 015395 64692

### **NEW PARISH MAGAZINE EDITOR - Still Required!**

In January, Mrs Pickthall will be giving up the editorship of the magazine. There is therefore a vacancy. This job is not onerous as the typing is done professionally. It merely involves collating the magazine and attempting to ensure contributors deliver on time for the print deadline. Other local parishes have a Committee System, so if you don't feel you could take the job on entirely unassisted, maybe a small committee of friends is an option? There is clearly scope for a much more proactive and exciting editorial strategy and perhaps a committee would be able to do a more creative job? If anyone is willing to do this job, please contact the Vicar before Christmas.

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

Tuesdays           Prayer Gathering at Heversham 7.30 am  
                           Holy Communion at Heversham 10.00 am  
                           Informal Prayer at Milnthorpe 1.00 pm  
 Saturdays           Prayer Meeting at Heversham 7.45 am  
*For Bell Ringing information call J Thorley 62076*

**In order to try to avoid errors and misunderstandings we are experimenting with a new format for the Parish Calendar. In future only alterations to the usual pattern of Sunday Services will be entered under the relevant Sunday in bold and underlined.**

Parish Calendar

Sunday Services

Holy Communion	8.00 am	1st and 3rd at Milnthorpe 2nd, 4th and 5th at Heversham
Morning Prayer	9.00 am	4th at Hincaster
Family Service	9.30 am	1st at Heversham
	11.00 am	1st at Milnthorpe
Parish Communion	9.30 am	2nd, 4th and 5th at Heversham
	11.00 am	2nd, 4th and 5th at Milnthorpe
Family Communion	9.30 am	3rd at Heversham
Morning Praise	11.00 am	3rd at Milnthorpe
United Sung Evensong	6.30 pm	1st alternating - see Calendar
Praise and Worship	6.30 pm	2nd at Heversham

Weekday Services

Tuesdays:	Holy Communion	10.00 am at Heversham
	Informal Prayer	1.00 pm at Milnthorpe
Saturdays:	Prayer Gathering	7.45 am at Heversham.

**OCTOBER**

1	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree
5	Diocesan Day 'Lord, teach us to pray'	10.00 am—5.00 pm at Bishop Bulley Barn, Rydal Hall.

**6 Trinity 19 (1st Sunday)**

	Harvest Thanksgiving Services
	9.30 am at Heversham
	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	(followed by Jacob's Join Lunch)
	United Sung Evening 6.30 pm at Milnthorpe
7	St Peter's School, Heversham, Harvest Service 2.30 pm
	WOW Meeting 7.00 for 7.30 pm at Ron and Rhona's home
8	Holy Communion 11.00 am at Croftside
9	Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter 10.00 am at Staverley
10	Post Ordination Training Day 10.00 am—3.00 pm at Heversham

**13 Trinity 20 (2nd Sunday)**

- 15 Deanery Synod 7.30 pm at Burton  
16 Archdeaconry Parsonages Board 10.00 am  
St Patrick's School, Endmoor Harvest Service 2.15 pm

**20 Trinity 21 (3rd Sunday)**

**United Parish Communion 10.00 am at Heversham**

- Speaker: Mr Colin Garnet, Hope Now Ministries  
21 — 22 Diocesan Consultation on Deliverance Ministry  
24 Milnthorpe PCC at 7.45 pm

**27 Last after Trinity (4th Sunday)**

**NOVEMBER**

**3 4th before Advent (1st Sunday)**

United Sung Evensong 6.30 pm at Heversham

**10 3rd before Advent**

**Remembrance Service 9.30 am at Heversham**

**Remembrance Service 3.00 pm at Christ the King,**

**Milnthorpe**

preceded by Procession from Park Road Car Park (2.30 pm)