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My Dear Friends

'Small is beautiful!' people often say. 'No, it is not' said J B Phillips fifty years ago in a book entitled 'Your God is too small'.

Mr Phillips started by analysing the various small images of God with which so many people today seem to be satisfied — images which bear no resemblance to the God we meet in the Bible. Up to a point the church has encouraged such small images of God so it is no wonder that most of the world has not found God big enough for modern needs. Everything else in life has grown and developed, expanded and changed but our ideas about God have remained static. The 'small god' adherents cope with the expansion of their mental horizons yet they try to manage with a nursery concept of God — a concept appropriate for an infant but hardly adequate for an adult.

At this point let us be clear about one thing. We are not equating 'small god' with a 'simple faith'. This often misrepresented 'simple faith' is a faith founded on the rock of Christ, willing to be led by the Holy Spirit into new pastures and a deeper understanding and eager to experience the living God in all his power. This is light-years away from faith in a god who is confined to the odd moment, the past, certain books and buildings. It is a faith refined by the experience of the modern world and, more importantly, by the direct experience of God himself. That 'simple faith' reveals a God who is immeasurably bigger than anything else we could encounter, experience or imagine, and expresses belief in the God who is big enough to account for life and who is beyond the limits of man's mind.

The 'small god' adherent is like a man in a light-proof room unaware of or avoiding the sun's dazzling light outside. He may light a candle or bore a pin-prick hole in the wall but all he has is an artificial glimmer on one hand or a minute fraction of the real light on the other. That is the truth about the 'small gods' - artificial substitutes or inadequate glimpses of the One who said 'Whoever has seen me has seen the Father'. The solution? Not the lighting of just more of the artificial but the inviting of the Holy Spirit to start removing the bricks and shutters to reveal Jesus, the Light of the world, the only one who can give us the true picture of God.

May the light of Jesus shine on us all.

Yours sincerely

Milnthorpe-with-Heversham Mothers' Union

The October meeting of Milnthorpe-with-Heversham MU began with a service in church, led by Dorothy Williams; the pianist was Judy Dyer, and the lesson was read by Gwen Tuer. A minute's silence was observed in memory of Margaret Gazel, a staunch member who died recently. Gwen Tuer welcomed members from the Link branch of St Luke's Barrow, and the previous Link branch of St Mary's Windermere. The speaker was Malcolm Pilling who brought a huge collection of bygone household equipment, from flat irons and possessors to whisks, tin-openers and fly-sprays and asked "Do You Remember This?" Most members did! He was thanked for his entertaining talk by Dorothy Hornby. The next meeting is on Wednesday 13 November when the speaker will be Denis Cooke, Fire Safety Officer.

The British Legion

Have you recently moved to the area and would like to become involved or would you like to be more involved as a long-term resident?

Poppies - To sell poppies in Milnthorpe or Heversham, please contact Mrs Ashburner on 015395 62727.

Sunday 10 November. Remembrance Sunday - To join the British Legion Parade in Milnthorpe, please note that the parade will leave as follows:

Playing Fields	2.30 pm
Cenotaph	2.45 pm
Catholic Church	3.00 pm

It would be wonderful to see some new faces at this important local event to mark the sacrifices made in two World Wars. All are welcome.

Bus Shelters Old and New

A more pedestrian friendly Market Square is one of the features of Milnthorpe's new Village centre layout. Large double-decker buses no longer go around the Square, staying instead on Main Street. This means that the bus shelter is no longer being used for the purpose for which it was intended ... !

This shelter will shortly be demolished and the stone and slates reused to make two new smaller shelters on Main Street. This part of the village is a Conservation Area and the Parish Council will ensure that the design of the shelters is appropriate.

Enjoy MUSIC? Enjoy SINGING

Join the **EVERSLEY CHORAL UNION!**

We rehearse in Milnthorpe on Monday evenings.
For more information Tel: 015395 61170

Concerts this Winter:

16 November	Handel's MESSIAH in Warton
16 December	CHRISTMAS CONCERT in Milnthorpe

Christmas and New Year Notices

Notices for the December/January Parish Magazine, which is a joint edition, should be sent to the editor by Sunday 17 November.

Fax on 015395 64692 or call on 015395 62097.
(its better not to leave answerphone messages in case of a power cut!)

Mrs Pickthall, 1 Woodhouse, Woodhouse, Milnthorpe, Cumbria LA7 7LY.

Please note that from January, unless a new editor is found, contributions should go direct to the Vicar.

New Editor?

If any person or group of people would like to volunteer for the job, please contact the Vicar — as previously explained this is simply a co-ordination and chivvying job since the magazine is typed professionally.

St Thomas Parish News - November 2002—by Mary Davidson

The “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” (Keats - Ode to Autumn) is now here, leading to “drear-nighted December”/also Keats), but also to a joyous Christmas! Harvest Thanksgiving Services, always a joy, all over; but let us remember, and help, if we can, those in other countries, who have little, or no food, and cannot survive.

Presentation of Cheques by Men’s Forum

Proceeds of the July Art Exhibition, organised by the Milnthorpe Men’s Forum, were donated to representatives of local organisations at a Presentation afternoon, held at Croftside, by kind invitation of the management. Mr Tom Greenwood, Chairman of Men’s Forum and Art Exhibition, presented cheques of: £3,350 to the Rev Canon John Hancock, towards St Thomas “raise the roof” fund: £1,500, to Croftside, represented by Manager Aimee Richards and resident Rachel Woods towards a Conservatory: and £1,350 to Joey’s Club at the Milnthorpe Family Centre - represented by Jennifer Bateman and Maria Lycett, towards equipment. The following day £500 was presented at morning Assembly, to Headteacher Tom Westwood, at St Peter’s Primary School, Heversham - towards the School library.

Others present at the main event were: Walt Unsworth, Men’s Forum President, Geoff Gregory - Exhibition Vice Chairman; Tony Liddle, Treasurer of Art Exhibition; and members Roger Powley and John Chew.

Sincere thanks were expressed by all representatives, the Revd Canon John Hancock, saying that since its inception 13 years ago, the Men’s Forum had donated profits to the Church and local organisations. The Art Exhibition entailed tremendous preparation and work, done voluntary by members.

All present at the event were invited to stay for an afternoon buffet tea, prepared by staff at Croftside, and appreciated by guests and residents, alike.

Milnthorpe Bowling Club

Milnthorpe Bowling Club (Est 1888) has had a successful 2002 season, and as a result of its new open evenings, along with publicity, flyers, posters, and members' own personal campaign, 25 new members have been welcomed. Total membership has now risen to 57, approaching its highest level since the 1960s, when membership stood at 61. The Club's target is 100! So come and join the 2003 season - all ages welcome ... Bowling is a friendly, enjoyable, open air pastime - social (non-playing) members are welcome. New season commences March 2003.

Officers appointed at the October AGM

President:	Derek Thompson
Deputy President:	Bill Stables
Vice Presidents:	Rosemary Tryon-Wilson John and Mary Davidson Vic Burton; John Lidell Roger Bingham
Chairman:	Rod Holmes
Deputy Chairman:	Neil Dodds
Secretary:	Barrie Jarrold
Treasurer:	Bill Stables

Trophies

The outgoing President, Vic Preston, presented the Club Memorial Trophy to Bill Hunt, runner-up Rod Holmes and Senior's Award to Neil Dobbs.

RNLI Supporters

A Coffee morning in aid of the RNLI held at the St Thomas Church Centre raised £264.15. On view were several large scrapbooks, some dating from the 1930s onwards, meticulously compiled by the late John Mashiter, who at one time lived in Milnthorpe, and was a member of St Thomas Church. On sale were a variety of RNLI cards and mementoes. The morning was organised by Mrs Isabel Clark, organiser of the annual RNLI house-to-house district collections for over 35 years, who expresses thanks to all who helped, and supported the event Well done Isabel!

Remembrance Sunday March

On the afternoon of Remembrance Sunday, 10 November, members of village organisations, including the RBL: Fire Service: Parish Council, Brownies, and any parishioners available, will gather on the Playing field - led by the Kendal Parish Church Boys Brigade band. The procession will then march to the War Memorial for a short service, and proceed to the Church of the Christ the King for a Remembrance Service.

WINDOW ON THE WORLD

The next meetings of WOW are on Monday, 4 November at 7.00 pm at Sylvia Read's home, Honeysuckle Cottage, Beetham; on Monday 2 December at Chris and Elizabeth Bennett's, Bridge House, Woodhouse.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide

CSW will be much in our thoughts this month; we shall be marking Suffering Church Sunday on 17 November at the Family Communion service and on Monday, 25 November at 7.30 pm at Farnaby Dyke, Levens. We will once again be writing Christmas Cards to Christians imprisoned for their faith. Please come along and help in this very worthwhile activity.

Sadly, the work of CSW seems to increase as intolerance in the world proliferates. But there has been some good news. A Pakistani, Ayub Masih, imprisoned for trumped up blasphemy charges, has recently been acquitted; this was a brave move by the panel of judges for Ayub continues to be under threat from Extremist militants and his life is in grave danger — he has been forced into hiding. We have sent Christmas Cards to him in prison for several years.

There are always copies of CSW's magazine, Response, in St Peter's; please take one to read and find out more about this wonderful organisation.

Book Review: STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This is an amazing little book! It contains 10 stories — all very different but with a common theme — that God really is at work in our world today. From Tear Fund's work amongst AIDS-affected people in Africa, to the building of a mission hospital in India for those unable to afford medical care; from the work of the Thornbury Centre in Bradford which seeks to build bridges in a very divided and tense community to the story of Operation Christmas Card (shoe boxes!), to the experience of Jill Briscoe, flying home to the USA on 9/11 only to find herself spending 6 days in a church hall in Newfoundland, along with 200 other passengers.

This is an exciting and encouraging book—there are 2 copies on loan in St Peter's or it can be purchased for £1.99 at Marketplace Books. The proceeds received by the publishers, will go to Christian organisations involved in mission in the UK and overseas, the printing and production costs having been sponsored.

Robin Orr

Heversham Children's Village Party

The Heversham Children's Party will be held in the Athenaeum on Saturday 21 December 2002 from 2.30 pm until 4.30 pm for Pre School and children up to and including School Year 2.

There will be a food list circulated and a charge of £1.00 per child will be made to help towards funding the Party, this will be collected on the day.

Any child unable to attend through illness may have a visit from Father Christmas provided notice is given to Julie Stannard on 015395 63082, before noon on the day of the Party.

An evening Party for children, School Year 3-6 will also be held in the Athenaeum on Saturday 21 December 2002 from 6.30 pm until 8.30 pm. £1.50 per child is requested and will be collected prior to the Party.

Should any parent wish to serve on our Committee, which meets just twice a year, please contact Julie Stannard on 015395 63082, for further details.

Three Major Projects

We have 3 major projects nearing completion in our two parishes. In fact one or more may be completed by the time this Newsletter is out.

1. St Thomas' Church Roof is due for completion within days.
2. The Old School, Heversham refurbishment should be completed soon
3. St Peter's Primary School, Upper Junior Classroom upgrading is now finished and will be in full use after half-term.

We will try to get some 'reports' about some or all of these projects in the next Newsletter.

The Mission to Seafarers

The Coffee Morning in aid of the Missions to Seafarers raised £371.25. Thanks to everyone who supported the effort, and also to those who gave their time to help.

Dorothy and Trevor Williams.

Flookburgh Band Concert

This nationally acclaimed Band will be playing in St Peter's Church on Saturday 23 November at 7.30 pm. Admission is by programme at a cost of £4.00, available at the door. You will hear them wherever you sit but come early to get a seat with a good view of them! Posters are now out.

Coffee Morning

Come to the Old School, Heversham for a free coffee (donations invited!) and an opportunity to patronise the Tradecraft, Cake and Jam stalls.

Thursday 28 November
Come any time between 9.15 am and 11.30 am
Everyone is welcome - do bring friends

Parish Calendar

Regular Services and Events

Weekday Services

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

For Bell Ringing information call J Thorley 62076

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

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.

Calendar

NOVEMBER

3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent

	Holy Communion	8 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Service	9.30 am at Heversham
	Family Service	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
	United Evensong	6.30 pm at Heversham
4	WOW Meeting	7 for 7.30 at Sylvia Read's home
5	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree and
	Holy Communion	10.45 at Heversham House
7	Home Communion	2.30 pm
	Heversham St Peter's Governors' Report to Parents	7.30 pm

10th Third Sunday before Advent — Remembrance Sunday

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Remembrance Service	9.30 at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11 am at Milnthorpe
	Holy Communion	1.45 pm at Westmorland Gen Hospital
	Remembrance Parade	2.30 pm from Park Road Car Park
	Remembrance Service	3.00 pm at Christ the King, Milnthorpe
	Praise and Worship	6.30 pm at Heversham
11	Heversham PCC	7.15 pm
12	Holy Communion	11.00 am at Croftfields
13	Kendal Deanery Clergy Chapter	10.00 am at Holy Trinity, Kendal

17th Second Sunday before Advent — Suffering Church Sunday

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Milnthorpe
	Family Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Morning Praise with Holy Baptism	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
21	Training Incumbents Consultation	10.00 am at Rydal Hall
23	Concert by the Flookburgh Band	7.30 pm at Heversham

24 Christ the King — Sunday next before Advent

	Holy Communion	8.00 am at Heversham
	Morning Prayer	9.00 am at Hincaster
	Parish Communion	9.30 am at Heversham
	Parish Communion	11.00 am at Milnthorpe
25	Diocesan Renewal Group	10.00 am at Penrith
26	Archdeaconry Parsonages Board	10.00 am at Barrow
28	Coffee Morning with Tradecraft	9.15 — 11.30 am, Old School, Heversham
30	Concert by K Shoes Choir	7.30 pm at Milnthorpe

DECEMBER

1st Advent Sunday

	<u>Holy Communion</u>	<u>8.00 am at Heversham</u>
	<u>United Family Service</u>	<u>10.30 am at Milnthorpe followed by</u>
		<u>Jacob's Join Lunch</u>
	United Evensong	6.30 pm at Milnthorpe
2	WOW Meeting	7.00 for 7.30 pm at Chris and Elizabeth's home
3	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Plumtree and
	Holy Communion	10.45 am at Heversham House
5	Milnthorpe PCC	7.45 pm