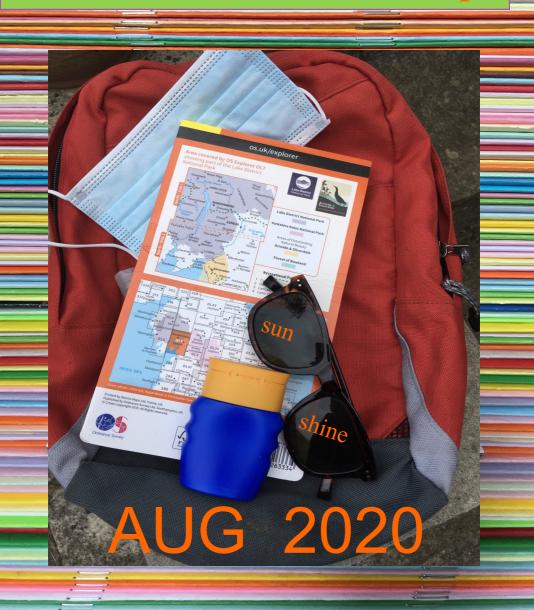
## Online Parish News

Levens, Heversham, Milnthorpe





Think of others, phone a friend, keep being kind





www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

Only call 111 if you cannot get help online.

#### Samaritans'

Free helpline number is **116 123**. Calls to this helpline number do not appear on phone bills.

This number is free to call from both landlines and mobiles, including pay-as-you-go mobiles. You do not need to have any credit or call allowance on your plan to call 116 123.

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## Milnthorpe Voluntary Group

Email: milnthorpevolunteers@gmail.com

**Telephone: 07377 174412** 

Milnthorpe Voluntary Group will be continuing to support residents in the Milnthorpe area.

This is due to the continuing need in the community, the wish of our volunteers to continue the service and also funding from the Cumbria Community Fund, for which we are very grateful.

Our services include shopping, prescription collections, cooked food delivery, posting of letters and any reasonable jobs that can be performed outside the home. There will also be people available at the end of the phone for a friendly chat.

Please feel free to ring or email us and ask for help. The phone will be manned from 9am – 6pm every day for the foreseeable future.

We have many locals who have signed up to help but if you have any spare time and would like to volunteer, please email us at milnthorpevolunteers@gmail.com or visit the Facebook page.

Know that you are not on your own



Please continue to donate to **Milnthorpe Area Food Bank** if you can. There is a collecting point at Spar shop in Milnthorpe.

Website:

milnthorpefoodbank.org

## Levens Post Office in the Methodist Chapel

Mon, Wed, Fri 2.15 - 4.45pm.

Remember face covering



In these difficult times, support from neighbours and friends is really important for us all. **Contact (ine** does not replace that; it adds another layer of voluntary support.

If you want to talk to someone or are finding it difficult to get shopping or if you have a simple practical task with which you need help because of the pandemic, try **Contact Line** 

Phone (between 9 and 5) or email. We will take your details and then link you with a suitable volunteer.

If you would like to be a volunteer (and some tasks can be done without going out of your home), you can join our volunteer team through **Contact (ine** 

**Contact Line** and its volunteers will be working within the prevailing National Guidance.

**Contact (.ne** is a collaboration between St Peter's Church, Heversham Parish Council, Hincaster Parish Meeting and Heversham WI.

As another way of keeping in touch with others in the community, you may be interested in signing up to nextdoor.co.uk on which you will find both a Hincaster and Heversham Group.

Meeting needs... Growing community.

CHURCHES REOPENING one church open at 10.30am each Sunday for a single service for the three parishes.

This pattern will run until the end of August and then we will review all services.

9th August St John's, Levens 16th August St Peter's, Heversham 23rd August St Thomas', Milnthorpe 30th August St John's, Levens



The Bishops strongly advise that **face coverings** should be worn by all those attending a place of worship, including ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from coronavirus COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing.

We would advise those attending to observe social distancing and hand washing. Not all pews will be available, in order to observe proper distance. Hymn singing is not permitted but we hope to have suitable music played in services.

There is no restriction on the numbers for Sunday services, except what is physically possible to maintain social distancing. The figure of 30 max is for weddings and funerals.

Holy Communion will be given in one kind (bread) only, as directed by church auidelines.

Refreshments will not be offered following the service, but if parishioners wish to bring their personal coffee in flasks, that would be possible. In favourable weather we could catch up outdoors following the service.

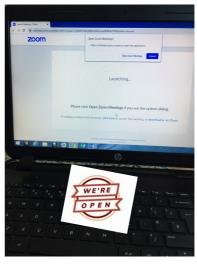
We continue a zoom service SUNDAY HUB for those at home, either from the church service or at another time on Sunday morning as technology permits. See weekly updates on the church websites for the reference numbers to join the Zoom links. Please join by 1025 before the service starts.

The order of service will be available as a download each week and we would encourage people attending to bring their own copies. These will also be available on the church websites.

See websites for the latest news! Click on Parish Update on: www.stthomasmilnthorpe.org.uk

www.stpetersheversham.org





#### Local Links: zoom events for prayer

**Parish Prayer** We shall have a fortnightly time of prayer for each parish, for healing and particular needs, and for the community in general.

You can join us, or send prayer requests. These are fortnightly meetings

Levens, Wednesdays 6.30 pm, fortnightly from 1st July
August 12th and 26th

| http://bit.ly/LevensPrayers

Milnthorpe, Fridays 10.30 am, fortnightly rom 3rd July August 14th and 28th

| http://bit.ly/MilnthorpePrayers

Heversham, Tuesdays 12 noon, fortnightly from 7th July
August 4th and 18th

| http://bit.ly/HevershamPrayers



## CHURCHES OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER - The parish churches are open during the week as places for individual private prayer:

St John's, Levens: Monday 10.00am - 2.00pm, Thursday 10.00 am - 1.00pm

\*\* At times St John's may be closed to allow for essential cleaning & ventilation between periods of use. Please watch weekly notices carefully.

St Peter's, Heversham: Tuesday 10.00am - 1.00pm

St Thomas', Milnthorpe: Wednesday 10.00am - 2.00pm

Please observe social distancing and use a face covering and hand sanitisers when in church.

#### Thank you for your understanding of the situation





**Daily Hope** offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a phone. The FREE line – which is available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044** – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions.

Options available include materials also available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team, such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

A section called Hymn Line offers callers a small selection of hymns, updated daily. An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection.

#### St John's Levens

Is planning towards autumn and, with the long delayed annual meeting, a new church year.

We know that in September we shall need a new churchwarden and a treasurer. If you are associated with St John's or have a care for the church in Levens in any way, could you give this some thought? And perhaps discuss it with family and friends? The churchwarden will have to be someone who is, or will become, part of St John's; the treasurer not necessarily so but one would hope someone with goodwill towards St John's to undertake this honorary – not too time-consuming-job.

If you would like to get in touch with St John's, please contact the Revd Bryan Kerr, 015395 61448, email rev@lhmparishes.co.uk

or the PCC Secretary Mrs Julie Marsh 015395 83183, email juliecrossapol@aol.co.uk

Read News from the Villages in the Westmorland Gazette -

Correspondents to send reports to:

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**Hincaster -** Bridget Pickthall bridgetpickthall1@gmail.com

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**Heversham -** Hilary Hutchinson 22hilmar@gmail.com





St Thomas' Sunday School has met outdoors on a few occasions over the past few weeks with Social distancing being observed.

If you would like to bring your children or grandchildren to Sunday School, please contact Margaret on 07772102339 to find out when the next Sunday School will meet.

It is not every Sunday and is dependent on weather and numbers may be restricted. You can bring a drink and snack if you wish, and something to sit on.





Both Quiz and Coffee taking a break for now



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- 2. Best hanging basket/container
- 3. Tallest sunflower
- 4. Cress Head
- 5. Largest pumpkin

Class 3 – tallest sunflower – is being run in conjunction with St. Thomas' church and open to anyone in the Kent Estuary parishes.

Class 4 is for children only (under 12's).

Other classes are open to anyone within a two mile radius of Milnthorpe.

There are always many beautiful gardens and containers around the area and it would be great if we could encourage more people to enter: Best kept garden prize money £20/£12/£8;

Hanging basket/container - £10/£6/£4

Tallest sunflower (adult) £10; Tallest sunflower (under 12's) £10 Best cress head £5 – see instruction page on the allotment website www.milnthorpeallotments.co.uk

If you would like to enter please complete the section below and return to Kath Craig, 37 Church Street, Milnthorpe or email to <a href="mailto:kathcraig@yahoo.co.uk">kathcraig@yahoo.co.uk</a> before 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2020. Judging will take place in late August. 50p entry fee for classes 1, 2, 3 and 5 No fee for class 4.

Prize winners will be notified and results published on the Allotment website www.milnthorpeallotments.co.uk

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"I do a lot to help my elderly mum, like picking up shopping, sorting out her finances, making important calls and organising her post. But with lockdown in place I haven't been able to help her as much. I'm particularly worried about what I've heard about scammers at the moment, and I wondered whether there's anything I can do to help protect my mum?"

There are a few steps you can take to keep your mother safe and lessen your need to worry.

With your mother's permission you can register her landline with the Telephone Preference Service. It's free to register and doing so will reduce the number of unwanted sales and marketing calls you receive. This won't block all unwanted calls (it won't work on calls from abroad or companies she's given her number to already, for example), so your mother will need to continue to remain vigilant, but it'll certainly lessen the number of them.

You can encourage your mother to talk to her phone provider to see what privacy services and call-blocking services are available. These services aren't always free but are useful in ensuring any call coming through is from a trusted or known source.

In terms of unwanted post, with your mother's permission you can contact the Mailing Preference Service to have her name taken off of any marketing lists. You can also contact Royal Mail and opt out of receiving any leaflets or unaddressed promotional material. Attaching a 'no junk mail' sign to her front door may also help with this.

It's also vital that you chat to your mother to help her spot the marks of a scam herself. At Citizens Advice we always advise the following:

\*Be suspicious if you're contacted out of the blue, even if it's from a name you recognise

\*If it sounds too good to be true it probably is

\*Never give out your bank details unless you are certain you can trust the person contacting you

\*Don't be rushed – you never need to make a decision straight away and if you feel pressured say "no", hang up the phone, or close the door

If you find yourself needing to take over your mother's finances in the future, it's worth looking into a long term solution like a Power of Attorney.

Lastly, if your mother is receiving care from her local authority and you think she might be being scammed, it's worth reporting your concerns to their Adult Safeguarding team.

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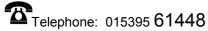
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