**Christmas 2024 New Year 2025** 

Parish News

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## Levens, Heversham, Milnthorpe



**Levens Methodist Church** 

#### **COFFEE SHOP**

Mon, Wed, Fri 2 - 4 pm Everyone Welcome

#### **Mondays**

Would you like a coffee & a chat? please join us.

You can also play dominoes, cards, Rummikub or do a jigsaw

Also bring your knitting, sewing or craft project and have a natter.

Wednesdays & Fridays

**Coffee and Biscuits** 

A warm welcome - Do call in !







Coffee

@ St T's

Milnthorpe

Community Rooms

Every Friday 10 -11.30 am

free WiFi & contactless payment available

Closed 27th Dec & 3rd Jan

Meet & Eat 12-2pm at Levens Methodist Hall

#### FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER £5

Mulled Wine
Turkey Bap with Stuffing and
Cranberry Sauce
Trifle

or Christmas Pud & Custard Tea\Coffee & Mince Pies

#### FRIDAY 31st JANUARY £5

Winter Vegetable Soup or Spiced Butternut Squash Soup Bread Bun Eves Pudding & Custard or Mousse Tea\Coffee

£5

Please add your name to the list at Coffee Shop or phone Susan Beckwith 0779 6561810

Everyone Welcome Children under school age free

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#### Leasgill Christmas Tree

Come and join the annual carols round the tree on Leasgill Green on Thursday 19th December at 6.00pm. Mince pies and mulled wine in the Athenaeum, with the handbells playing Christmas music.







Levens Christmas Tree Lights Switch On with Carol Singing Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 5pm



#### For more info on Activities, please contact Diane on 07771 682378 or Lesley on 07816 895021

**Enjoyable Dementia friendly Walks** 10.30 am start. **5th Dec** from Cartmel race course, LA11 6QF



<u>Woodland fun</u> – 11am—noon Come and join us for engaging activities connected to nature. This month on **2**<sup>nd</sup> **December** at St John's Church Hall, Silverdale (to avoid the cold).

<u>Social Table Tennis</u> – at Arnside Educational Institute, Church Hill, Arnside, 10.30am-noon., Wednesdays - 11<sup>th</sup> December, 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>th</sup> January

**Dementia Embracing <u>Community Singing Group</u>** Silverdale Songsters - Coffee on arrival and singing popular well known songs . Friday morning **13**<sup>th</sup> **December** between 10.30 – 11.30 am at St John's Church Hall, St John's Church. Silverdale and then weekly from **10**<sup>th</sup> **January** 

**Zoom Poetry Group** – Thursdays 1.30 – 2.30pm

The group choose the theme and Dignity in Dementia search out poems which are emailed to group members. We then read them together.

12<sup>th</sup> December, 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> January

www.dignityindementia.org





Tackling your finances - small changes with big effects

Sometimes tackling your finances can feel overwhelming, but small steps can make a big difference, and planning ahead helps you feel in control of your spending.

A quick way to understand where your money goes is to keep a spending diary for a week, then make a simple weekly or monthly budget. Have regular money check-ins where you review your finances to see what's working and if anything needs adjusting.

Prepare for predictable future expenses, like council tax, car costs, TV licence, Christmas and birthday presents, or upcoming big events like moving house. They all need to go in the budget. Putting a bit aside each month can make these expenses easier.

There are also unpredictable costs, like a boiler or car breakdown. Even a small amount set aside each month for an emergency fund can give you peace of mind. It's worth considering insurance, such as home or pet insurance, which can offer financial security in case of unexpected events.

Making sure your credit report is accurate can help improve your credit score and make it easier to borrow money or access financial products and services in the future. The Citizens Advice website tells you how you can check your credit report for free.

If you are worried about falling into debt, or already can't pay your bills, talk to South Lakes Citizens Advice. They can advise you on any benefits, grants or financial support that you might be eligible for, and help you to deal with your debt.

Free, confidential advice and help is available from South Lakes Citizens Advice on any aspect of debt, consumer problems, benefits, housing, employment or any other problems. How to access:

Call 015394 46464 (9.30am – 2pm, Monday – Friday)

Drop in sessions at Wainwright's Yard, Kendal, LA9 4DP (10am – 1pm, Tuesday and Thursday)

• Adviceline: 0808 2787 984 (9am - 5pm, Monday – Friday) email advice via the submission page on our website <a href="https://www.southlakescab.org.uk">www.southlakescab.org.uk</a>

Manna House, Stephenson Centre, Ann Street, Kendal. is looking for a mental health professional to support our new Conversation Café every Monday 1pm – 3pm

Most of our clients are in lifelong need of mental health interventions but are not always able to reflect and reluctant to commit to change.

In our drop in setting, Manna House can provide the foundation for trusting relationships and spark the

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beginning of self-awareness that may lead to future therapeutic work. Staff and volunteers hold people steady until they are ready.

No guarantees, no money, no accreditation, but cakes, coffees and many rewarding moments. Sound like a group to which you could contribute?

Contact Andrea Aldridge Email: andreaa@manna-house.org.uk

#### Milnthorpe Craft Group welcome you to join

Mondays at 10am - noon in St Thomas' Church Community room. Pop in for a coffee and come and say hello whilst we do craft. Perhaps you will see something you would like to craft.

All Welcome

Levens Good Neighbours Coffee Morning Saturday 1st February 2025 10.30am -12noon at Levens Methodist Hall Coffee, tea and homemade biscuits



Cake stall

All are Welcome

#### LEVENS WARBLERS

invite you to come and join us on Monday 9th December any time

between 10.30am and 12 noon in Levens Methodist Church Hall

Everyone is very welcome An opportunity to 'taste and see' what we do

#### with Refreshments

Singing for fun for those who enjoy listening or singing Non-singers are very welcome a mixture of familiar Christmas Carols and popular community songs

**Transport** support can be provided call Irene on 07958 605049

# Voices J

meets every Monday at Christ the King Church Hall on Haverflatts Lane, Milnthorpe from 1.30 pm - 3.00 pmEveryone welcome no experience necessary

£2 a session including refreshments Ring Lynne Gibbons 07814 709847 for further details

### Levens Little Larks

Come and join us for a sing-a-long together Tuesdays every fortnight at 10.30am Levens Methodist Church Hall -check updated poster in the hall-We welcome all parents, grandparents, carers and all pre-school children cuppa and chat afterwards £1.50 inc refreshments

Milnthorpe Food bank www.milnthorpefoodbank.org Collection boxes in Spar and Churches in Milnthorpe and Heversham

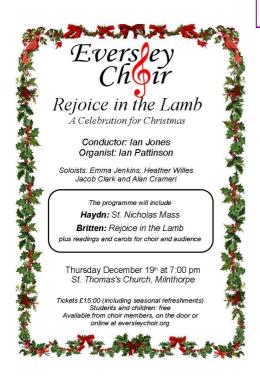
There is a constant need of food & household items so please donate if you can, thank you

The Food Box in St John's Church Levens is open at most hours: for King's Food Bank, Kendal. a check list of items most wanted currently appears on their website https://kingsfoodbank.org.uk/ All contributions are greatly valued

The Food Box in Levens Methodist Church is open when the church building is open







MU meetings are open to all.

If you would like to, please come along.

Mothers Union

Mothers Union
Milnthorpe with Heversham

Wednesday 4th Dec at 2pm St Thomas' Community Room, Milnthorpe with Happy Voices Choir.

Friday 6th December - Cake Stall at Friday Coffee Morning at St Thomas'

Wednesday 8th January
—speaker not confirmed at printing

## **Indoor Bowling**

at the Athenaeum, Leasgill Monday afternoons at 2pm to 4pm Friday evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

September to end of March.

New members are most welcome. small charge to cover room rent and tea, coffee and biscuits.

#### Ladies of Levens Pudding Night





Bring a pudding to share Saturday 25th January 2025

Levens Village Hall
7.30pm
Annual subs due £25
[cash or cheque]
For more information and to book

your place, please email <u>ladiesoflevens@gmail.com</u> or ring Naomi 07762741264



Saturday 7th Dec 7 pm
Community Rooms
at St Thomas'
All welcome for
this brain teaser.
Form a team with friends
(max 4 per team)
Bring Your Snacks
£10 per team in aid of
St Thomas Building Fund



All Welcome

To view the Parish News online: stthomasmilnthorpe.org.uk/ publications/

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6<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Film – The Eight Mountains

8<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30pm Cumbria Festival Chamber Choir Seasonal chamber music. with harpist AnnaKate Pearson

13<sup>th</sup> Dec 7.30pm Bah Humbug – Christmas drama with On A Role Theatre Company – a bitter/sweet comedy with a new twist to an old story.

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec 7.30 pm Burnt Horse** A five piece band playing winter themed folk music



at Milnthorpe Cricket Club Door Open 7pm Friday 6th December

Also, Friday 13th December Christmas Bingo Raising money for the Bowling Club

#### TUESDAY CLUB

Levens Village Hall 2pm Second Tuesday in the month

#### 10th December Beetham Hand Bell Ringers

Mulled wine, tea/coffee, cakes, mince pies

14th January Humorous readings from Gervais Phinn

Tea/coffee, cakes
Yearly subs due £5, includes tea/
coffee and homemade cakes.
Visitors welcome £2 per session





Bridge Afternoons
in the Clubhouse
Every Thursday afternoon
from 2pm
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-no partner necessary
£2.00 including refreshments
More information
from John Smith: 015395 63550

Everyone welcome

#### **HEVERSHAM**

Wednesday December 11th
7.30pm The Athenaeum, Leasgill
Members' Christmas Party!
Our competition is 'A wrapped parcel'

#### 2025:

First meeting of the new year: Wednesday January 8th Speaker: Rebekah Gaylard

Topic: 'Mercy Ships' Time: 7.30 pm

Venue: The Athenaeum, Leasgill Competition: 'Something Maritime'

Visitors are most welcome, are asked to pay £2, and can now attend for 3 sessions before making a commitment to join. For further information please contact Maggie Hart on hevershamw.i.24@gmail.com







Games Afternoons
Every Tuesday in the Clubhouse
2 – 4 pm
£2 inc refreshments

Looking for an opponent to play games with and to keep yourself mentally active during the winter months? Then join us to play board games, dice games, word games, strategy games, paper & pencil games, card games & dexterity games.

Offering weekly - a new variety of games to play, some well-known, others which may be new to you.

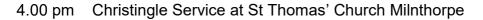


# Special Events, Services, Carol Services and Christingle Services - Everyone Welcome

Sunday lst 4.00 pm	Advent Service at Christ the King Church Haverflatts Lane Milnthorpe followed by refreshments in the church hall.
Tuesday 3rd 2.00 - 4.00 pm	Advent Communion & Afternoon Tea in the Levens Methodist Church Hall Transport can be provided if needed call Irene on 07958 605049
Saturday 7th	Reflective Worship for Advent "Oh Hush the Noise"
from 10.15am 11.00 am	Fresh Coffee/Tea and Cakes Worship in Levens Methodist Church.
Wednesday 18th 4.00 - 5.00 pm	Carol Singing at Levens Bus Stop and around Levens village followed by fish and chips in Levens Methodist Church Hall
Friday 20th 10.00 am	Carols on Milnthorpe Green with South Cumbria Brass Band - see P 24
Sunday 22nd 4.00 pm	Levens Village Carol Service in St John's followed by coffee and mince pies
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 10.00 am	All help gratefully received in St John's Church making the Christingles ready for Christmas Eve

## Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

3.30 pm Christingle Service at St John's Church Levens



6.00 pm Village Carol Service at St Peter's Church Heversham

7:30 pm Milnthorpe Village Candle Lit Carol Service at St Thomas' Milnthorpe with Favourite Carols and Christmas Readings Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

11.00 pm First Communion of Christmas at St John's Church Levens All welcome from our 3 parishes

## Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

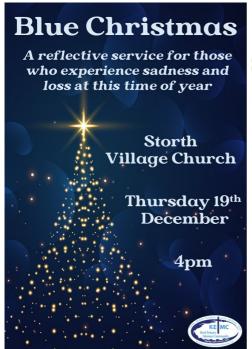
8.00 am Holy Communion BCP Book of Common Prayer at St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe

10.00 am Family Celebration with Holy Communion at St Peter's Church Heversham

10.30 am All Age Family Worship at Levens Methodist Church, United with St John's Church



Sunday 29th December 'Fifth Sunday in the Month' 9.30 am United Service with Carols at St Thomas' Church Milnthorpe







Week of prayer for Christian Unity 18th -25th January 2025

On Friday 24th January,
Christians in Milnthorpe and
Heversham will meet together
at St Thomas' Church at 12.15pm
for a Jacob's Join lunch,
followed by a short united service
at 1pm.
Come and join us

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is an ecumenical Christian observance in the Christian calendar that is celebrated internationally. It is kept annually between Ascension Day and Pentecost in the Southern Hemisphere and between 18 January and 25 January in the Northern Hemisphere.

Email: rev@lhmparishes.co.uk Tel 015395 61448

Dear Friends.

Christian speaker Glen Scrivener has identified four types of Christmas, or four ways (at least) people celebrate. He argues that Christmas, as a midwinter feast, represents our response to



the darkness of the season, and also to the darkness of the world around us. How do we understand this world, and cope with the woes and wrongs that make it at times a terrifying place?

There is the Scrooge Christmas. A Scrooge says, 'Yes, darkness is all around. It always will be. Act accordingly.' Look out for Number One, Bah Humbug to the rest. Secondly, the Shopping Christmas. A Shopper says, 'The light is going out so let's celebrate while we can.' There are only so many shopping days to go. Get what you can while we can. This life is all there is, so they try to make the most of it. 'Eat, drink and be merry for tomorrow we die' is their unofficial motto.

Thirdly, there is (what I call) a Sentimental Christmas. Sentiment says, 'Darkness? What darkness?' They choose to believe that all is light. A sentimental Christmas is where the days are merry & bright. Surround yourself with family & fun & blot out any disturbing thoughts. This month people might put themselves under much pressure to make it the best Christmas ever, just like the ones they used to know.

**Finally the Stable Christmas.** The Stable points to the original Christmas message. Here we take the darkness of the world seriously, but it is in that darkness we are offered the brightest future.

In a Carol Service, we hear about the one who enters the darkness for us:

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (Isaiah chapter 9 verse 2).

Christians don't believe God is like a distant Santa in the sky. The Light is not a concept nor a fairy story. The Light is a royal Child born into our darkness. The giver of life is born to die. This is God's solution to the darkness. The Light of the world comes to us in human history.

As He grows up, Jesus goes all the way to a godforsaken death. Christmas leads to the cross. There Jesus takes on himself our wrongdoing and all the judgement that it deserves. The cross shows just how far God goes to shoulder our burdens.

This is the ultimate Christmas gift, a son is given to us, as Isaiah reminds us: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor.

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9.6)

On one level, the four Christmases is just a bit of fun; at times we may waver between being a Scrooge and being sentimental, for example. On another level, these types are asking the big questions: what is the world really like? Where are we headed? And how should we live in response?

The four kinds of Christmas are four approaches to life.

How do we cope and where do we find hope?

Find out more at www.fourkindsofchristmas.com

A very happy Christmas to you and yours, every blessing for 2025. Revd Bryan Kerr, Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas', St Peter's, St John's Churches



#### Monthly Afternoon Holy Communion

Thursday 17th January 2.00 pm at St Thomas' Church, Milnthorpe (Book of Common Prayer)



Tuesday 28th January at 2.30pm (last Tuesday in the month) at St John's Church Levens

Christ the King RC Church Haverflatts Lane Milnthorpe

Sunday Mass celebrated at 10.30am Friday Mass celebrated at 10 am

Find on YouTube channel and Facebook Group by searching:

**Kent Estuary Catholic Churches** 

Fr Hugh Pollock 01539 720063 Email:

kendalcatholicchurch@gmail.com

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL Milnthorpe

meets during the
11.15am morning service
1st & 15th December
5th & 19th January
then with a fortnightly pattern:



When there is no Sunday School, there will be quiet activities for children in the children's corner in church.







Revd Tiras Dainty-Share 01524 963716 Email: tiras.ds@methodist.org.uk

Levens Methodist Church 10.30am Services unless stated led by:

Dec 1st Revd Les Hann
8th KEMC United Service St James
15th. David Piggott
22nd. Revd Tiras Dainty-Share
25th CHRISTMAS DAY All Age Worship

United Service with St John's led by Revd Tiras Dainty-Share

29th. United Service at Arnside

Jan 5th Irene McKay
12th United Service at St John's 9.45am
19th Revd Dainty- Share
26th Holy Communion led by
Revd Barbara Fairburn

#### St Peter's Church NEWS

The work for the new entrance and disabled toilets started in November.



The main entrance will be inaccessible as will the toilet while the work is being carried out.

Entry into the church will be by the side door which is not suitable for anyone who is a wheelchair user.

Jane Fell, Churchwarden

#### **Advent Service**

Sunday Ist December at Christ the King Catholic Church, Milnthorpe at 4.00 pm, followed by refreshments in the church hall. You are all most welcome





Sunday 8th December 10.30am KEMC Churches Gathering at St James, Arnside

**Everyone Welcome** 

#### You are welcome at Sunday Morning Services at Parish Churches, detailed here Christmas Services are detailed on pages 10-11

#### 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

St Thomas' Milnthorpe

1st & 15th & 29th December

5th & 19th January

St Peter's Heversham

8th & 22nd December

12th & 26th January

#### 9.30 am St Peter's Heversham

1st Dec Parish Communion

8th 10.30 KEMC at St James, Arnside

15th Parish Communion 22nd Morning Praise

29th Fifth Sunday 9.30am St Thomas'

5th Jan Parish Communion

12th Morning Praise

19th Parish Communion

26th Morning Praise

#### 9.45 am St John's Levens

1st Dec Parish Communion

8th 10.30 KEMC at St James, Arnside

15th Parish Communion

22nd Morning Praise

29th Fifth Sunday 9.30am St Thomas'

5th Jan Parish Communion 12th 10.30 am Gift Day 19th Parish Communion

26th Morning Praise

#### 11.15 am St Thomas' Milnthorpe

1st Dec Morning Praise

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## What's the latest?



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If you would like an email of the weekly notices please click on 'contact us'

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#### @NEWparishnews

Facebook page. Items posted are forwarded to Milnthorpe What's Going On page too.

#### Milnthorpe What's Going On

page on Facebook to catch up with what is going on!

And KEY weekly Youth Activities post on this page

www.heversham.org has local info and an archive of over 20 years of Parish News in A4 pdf version.

Nextdoor.co.uk Local info, tips and ideas

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To sign up to the weekly emailed notices for Parish Churches in Heversham and Milnthorpe please email 'contact us' via the websites.

For regular email updates for St John's Church Levens please email:

jill.butterworth54@btinternet.com

#### For a pastoral phone call for yourself or for someone you know call:



Heversham & Milnthorpe:

Email via church websites 'contact us' or phone Linda Cooper 07794 599212

#### Levens:

Linda Cooper 07794 599212

Levens Good Neighbours - You may find it good to know that the support offered by Levens Good Neighbours includes matching with someone to offer friendship.

If you call 07908 004672 any day between 8am and 8pm, this support

can be arranged with you

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## Parish News, part of the church in community

is run by 3 Parish Churches

of St Peter's Heversham, St John's Levens & St Thomas' Milnthorpe also including services details for the local Methodist and Catholic churches

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parishnews@heversham.org Mrs Jane Cushnie Tel: 015395 64582 Phone code as well even if phoning from a local number

Levens News: iill.butterworth54@btinternet.com Mrs Jill Butterworth Tel: 61676

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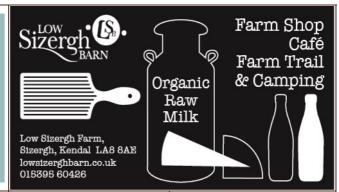
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