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# From the Rectory

Dear Parishioners,

You may be aware that this year marks 1700 years since the agreement at the Council of Nicaea, in 325. It was at this council that the words of the Nicene Creed, that we say each Sunday were laid down.

This is what the Church of England has to say about it:

"Part of the purpose of developing the creed was to give expression to the understanding of God as Trinity. This means that Christians believe in one God in three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Since 325, the creed has been modified, expanding particularly on the description of the Holy Spirit. Some of these modifications were not accepted by all churches and remain a point of disagreement between western and eastern churches.

The Nicene Creed is nevertheless the most widely-accepted creed in the Christian faith, used by many denominations including the Anglican Communion. It is a reminder of the common faith we share – both with Christians around the world today and throughout history with all those who have affirmed these words over the last seventeen centuries."

The Church of England has also produced some resources to help our understanding and to commemorate this anniversary.

I am suggesting that in the early autumn we have two study sessions on the Nicene Creed. Sometimes things we say week in week out can lose their impact, so by looking afresh at the creed hopefully it will help us appreciate it all the more.

In the meantime the church has prepared various other resources that you might want to look at in advance, these include:

Daily reflections via Everyday Faith app: You will be able to read and listen to all twenty-four daily We Believe reflections from 16 June.

Also,a booklet has been produced entitled "We believe", which contains 24 short readings and reflections. Usual cost £3.99, but we will ask for a donation of £2 towards the cost.

As always this comes with my love and prayers,

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# The Parish of WhitehavenDates for June 2025

# Sunday 1st June -Seventh Sunday of Easter

10am Parish Communion at St James'

4pm Evening Service at St James'

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - 1.30pm Toddler Church in St James' Community Centre

# Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

1pm Funeral Service of James Lambert at St James'

# Sunday 8th June - Pentecost

10am Parish Communion at St James'

Monday 9th June - 3.30pm to 5.15pm Summer Church in St James' Community Centre

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - 2pm Mothers' Union Meeting at St Nicholas'

# Thursday 12th June

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

Saturday 14th June-9.30am to 12noon Coffee Morning at St Nicholas

# Sunday 15th June - Trinity Sunday

10am Parish Communion, preacher The Rev'dRaewynneWhitely

11.30am Workshop on leading intercessions

Tuesday 17th June - 1.30pm Toddler Church in St James' Community Centre

# Thursday 19th June

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

# Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - First Sunday after Trinity

10am Parish Communion

# Tuesday 24th June

2pm Mission Community Tea Service at St Peter's Community Hall, Kells. (Dementia Friendly)

# Thursday 26th June

9.30am Holy Communion at St Nicholas

# Saturday 28th June

11am The ordination to the priesthood of the Revd Dave Flitcroft at Carlisle Cathedral

# Sunday 29th<sup>th</sup> June - Feast of St Peter & Paul

10am Parish Communion

# **Every Monday**

10.30am to 12.30pm Cuppa & Crack at St Nicholas



# THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Holy Baptism:** God has received you by baptism into his Church. We welcome you into the Lord's family.

11th May Daisy Rose Mayson

Benjamin Thomas Wilkinson

**Christian Funeral:** Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.

Tracy Ann Kevern 31st May 1972 – 17th April 2025

William "Bill" Telfer 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1940 – 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Raymond Quayle 6<sup>th</sup> June 1936 – 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025





# BRASS CLEANERS FOR JUNE

THE THREE MUSKETEERS AGAIN Maureen Moore, Susan Kitchen and

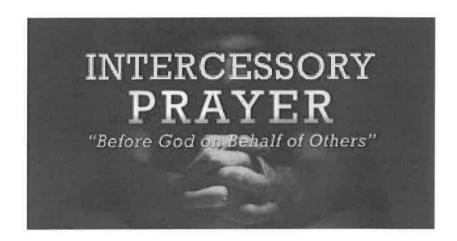
# Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

# A workshop for leading intercessory prayer in church

Led by The Rev'd Dr. Raewynne Whitely, Carlisle Diocesan Vocations Lead for Ministry Development

This session is designed for those who currently lead the intercessions, those who would like to explore the possibility of leading them, and for those just interested in intercessory prayer.

Raewynne will be preaching at the 10am service, and lead the workshop after coffee. It should last for one hour.



# High & Holy Days for June 2025

# 5th June - Boniface of Crediton, Apostle to Germany, Martyr

Boniface is the saint for all preachers and teachers who wonder if they can make a lasting difference to anyone's life. For this monk-teacher from Crediton went on to become the apostle to Germany, and is considered to have been the most influential Englishman in the history of Europe.

Boniface began life as Wynfrith, when he was born in at Crediton, in what was then Wessex, in 675. He became a monk in Exeter, moved to Nursling, near Southampton, and worked in the community as a teacher. He became an expert in biblical exposition and compiled the first Latin grammar ever written in England.

Writing the first Latin grammar was a peaceful occupation. But then in 718, when he was 43, Wynfrith felt called by God to go as a missionary to the pagan tribes of Frisia, an area on the present-day border between the Netherlands and Germany. He was not welcomed! In fact, the hostility against him was so great that soon he fled for his life. The following year he was offered a good post as an Abbott back near Southampton, but he refused, and instead went on to Rome to ask for help for his mission.

By 722 Pope Gregory II had given his support, and consecrated Wynfrith as Boniface, a missionary bishop to the pagans of Bavaria and Hesse. With the support Boniface now had from Rome, he returned to Frisia, and began to see some success.

Boniface devoted the rest of his life to evangelising Frisia and building up the young church there. He was fearless, famously felling a sacred oak tree dedicated to the worship of Thor. When nothing bad happened to him, the people decided that perhaps Thor was not so strong after all, and many converted to Christianity.

Boniface was also a gifted administrator. He founded monasteries and in 741 made a joint commitment with the Frankish King Pepin to reform corrupt clergy. Boniface went on to improve leadership for the church throughout Europe, which won him the respect of both Pope and Kings.

In about 747 the Pope made Boniface Archbishop of Mainz, but he soon resigned, and returned to his beloved Frisia. Boniface carried on preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ until he was martyred in Dokkum in 754, by a group of pagan bandits.

Later, Hildegard of Bingen wrote of him:

O Boniface, you are the friend of the living God And the true crystal shining In the benevolence of the straight way Where you ran wisely.

# 8th June - Fire of Pentecost, Whit Sunday

"You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

We all get tired, and battle weary sometimes. The disciples of Jesus had just been through a three-year long roller coaster adventure with Jesus that had culminated in His death, resurrection and ascension into heaven.

The range of emotions would have been hugely taxing in the days leading up to Pentecost, as they remembered Jesus weeping in the garden of Gethsemane, betrayed by Judas, brutally beaten and crucified, and then dead and buried. Then there had been the shock and awe of finding out that He was alive again! But then He had left them again, to return to His Father. By the time the day of Pentecost arrived, the disciples would indeed have welcomed some fresh spiritual fire!

Today, many of us have been emotionally drained by the uncertainties of Covid 19, the worry of prices rising at an alarming rate, and now the uncertainty of what will happen in Russia's war in Ukraine.

So, what better day to pray for fresh spiritual fire for each of us? As we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and birth of the Church, let us thank God that He will never leave us or forsake us.

# 9th June - Columba of Iona, missionary to the UK

In 563 AD St Columba sailed from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands. He brought Christianity with him.

Columba (c. 521 -97) was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and he trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include going into voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the

Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

# Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us
My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and evermore.

# 11th June - Barnabas, Paul's first missionary companion

Would you have liked to go to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the Early Church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and to send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and then travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So, if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.

# 13th June - Antony of Padua, friend of St Francis of Assisi

Antony of Padua knew St Francis of Assisi. Both men were true followers of Christ in a time of great religious confusion and social turmoil.

Like Francis, Antony (1193 – 1231) was born into a wealthy family. Antony's father was a nobleman of Lisbon, Portugal, who sent his son at 16 to study the Bible at Coimbra. It was important study: the early 13<sup>th</sup> century was a time of many heresies, and also when the Christians of Portugal and Spain felt threatened by the Moors. When in 1220 Antony heard of the martyrdom of several Franciscan friars in Morocco, he sailed to Ceuta, a Spanish city beside Morocco, to take their place. But ill-health soon forced him to return home.

A failed plan is not always a disaster in our lives. It was soon apparent that God had other work for Antony to do. His superiors sent him to take part in the General Chapter of Assisi in 1221, where he met St Francis of Assisi. Francis was so impressed with Antony that he sent him to teach theology to the friars at Bologna and Padua, and later at Montpelier, Toulouse and Arles. Antony earned the name 'the hammer of heretics'.

Antony was elected as Provincial of northern Italy in 1227, and spent hard weeks on the roads each year, visiting the friaries under his charge. Antony also wrote 'Sermons for Sunday', which became greatly loved. When he was sent to Rome to discuss the Rule and the Testament of Francis, his preaching at the papal court was hailed as a 'jewel case of the Bible'. But Antony's real heart was as a Christian pastor: he spent the final months of his life at Padua, preaching, hearing confessions and helping poor debtors to pay their debts.

His preaching was so popular that Antony filled the marketplaces with listeners. The cult of Antony has always been strong. He seems to have been an outstanding representative of the Franciscan pre-scholastic period, very close in spirit and outlook to Francis himself. The most usual representations of Antony show him with a book and a lily, and the infant Jesus. Antony's care for the poor is remembered by the 19<sup>th</sup> century's charity: Saint Antony's Bread, which devoted itself to feeding the poor.

### 15th June - Trinity Sunday, celebrating our God who is Three Persons

Trying to explain the doctrine of the Trinity has kept many a theologian busy down the centuries. One helpful picture is to imagine the sun shining in the sky. The sun itself – way out there in space, and unapproachable in its fiery majesty – is the Father. The light that flows from it, which gives us life and illuminates all our lives, is the Son. The heat that flows from it, and which gives us all the energy to move and grow, is the Holy Spirit. You cannot have the sun without its light and its heat. The light and the heat are from the sun, are *of* the sun, and yet are also distinct in themselves, with their own roles to play.

The Bible makes clear that God is One God, who is disclosed in three persons: Father, Son (Jesus Christ) and Holy Spirit. For example:

Deuteronomy 6:4: 'Hear O Israel, The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' Isaiah 45:22: 'Turn to me and be saved... for I am God, and there is no other.' Genesis 1:1-2: 'In the beginning God created.... and the Spirit of God was hovering...' Judges 14:6: 'The Spirit of the Lord came upon him in power...' John 1:1-3: 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made.'

Luke 24:49 actually manages to squeeze the whole Trinity into one sentence. Jesus tells His disciples: 'I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power (the Holy Spirit) from on high.'

In other words, the sun eternally gives off light and heat, and whenever we turn to its brilliant light, we find that the warmth and life there as well.

# 24th June - John the Baptist, preparing the way for the Messiah

John the Baptist is famous for baptising Jesus, and for losing his head to a woman. He was born to Zechariah, a Temple priest, and Elizabeth, who was a cousin of Mary, the mother of Jesus. John was born when his mother was advanced in years, and after the foretelling of his birth and the choice of his name by an angel, we hear nothing more of him until he began his mission of preaching and baptising in the river Jordan c27.

John was a lot like an Old Testament prophet: he lived simply on locusts and honey in the wilderness, and his message was one of repentance and preparation for the coming of the Messiah and His Kingdom. He went on to baptise Jesus, at Jesus' firm request. When John went on to denounce the incestuous union of Herod Antipas with his niece and brother's wife, Herodias, he was imprisoned and eventually beheaded at the demand of Salome, Herodias' daughter.

John is the only saint to be remembered three times in the Christian calendar, in commemoration of his conception, his birth (June 24), and his martyrdom. When John saw Jesus he said that Jesus was the "Lamb of God", and he is the only person to use this expression of Jesus. In art John is often depicted carrying a lamb, or with a lamb near him.

# 29th June - Feast of SS Peter & Paul, the two most famous apostles

The two most famous apostles are remembered this month, for they share a feast day. St Peter (d. c. 64AD), originally called Simon, was a married fisherman from Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He met Jesus through his brother, Andrew. Jesus gave him the name of Cephas (Peter) which means rock. Peter is always named first in the list of apostles. He was one of the three apostles who were privileged to witness the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus, and the Agony in the Garden.

When Peter made his famous confession of faith, that Jesus was the Christ, Jesus recognised it as being the result of a revelation from the Father. He in turn told Peter that he would be the rock on which His Church would be built, that the 'gates of hell'

would never prevail against it. Peter and the apostles would have the power of 'binding and loosing', but Peter would be personally given 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus also forewarned Peter of his betrayal and subsequent strengthening of the other apostles. After His Resurrection, Jesus appeared to Peter before the other apostles, and later entrusted him with the mission to feed both the lambs and the sheep of Christ's flock.

Peter played a big part in the early Church, and he is mentioned many times in the Book of Acts, where in the early chapters he organised the choice of Judas' successor, preached with stirring authority at Pentecost; and was the very first apostle to work a miracle. Peter went on to defend the apostles' right to teach at the Sanhedrin, and to condemn Ananias and Sapphira. It was Peter who first realised that Christianity was also for the Gentiles, after his meeting with Cornelius. Later he took a prominent part in the council at Jerusalem and went on to clash with St Paul at Antioch for hesitating about eating with Gentiles.

Early tradition links Peter with an apostolate and martyrdom at Rome. The New Testament does not tell us either way, but Peter being in Rome would make sense, especially as Peter's first epistle refers to 'Babylon', which was usually identified with Rome. Peter's presence in Rome is mentioned by early church fathers such as Clement of Rome and Irenaeus. Tradition also tells us that Peter suffered under Nero and was crucified head-downwards. There is no conclusive proof either way that St Peter's relics are at the Vatican, but it is significant that Rome is the only city that ever claimed to be Peter's place of death.

St Peter was a major influence on Mark when writing his gospel, and the First Epistle of Peter was very probably his. (Many scholars believe that the Second Epistle was written at a later date.)

From very early times Peter was invoked by Christians as a universal saint. He was the heavenly doorkeeper, the patron of the Church and the papacy, a saint both powerful and accessible.

In England there were important dedications to Peter from early times: monasteries such as Canterbury, Glastonbury, Malmesbury, Peterborough, Lindisfarne, Whitby, Wearmouth, and especially Westminster. Cathedrals were named after him, too: York, Lichfield, Worcester and Selsey. In all, it has been calculated that 1,129 pre-Reformation churches were dedicated to St Peter, and another 283 to SS Peter and Paul together.

Images of Peter are innumerable, but his portraiture remains curiously the same: a man with a square face, a bald or tonsured head, and a short square, curly beard. Not surprisingly, his chief emblem is a set of keys, sometimes along with a ship or fish.

# Petertide Ordinations 2025

The 28th of June this year marks the day of the traditional Petertide ordinations to be held at Carlisle Cathedral at 11am. This year there will be deacons an d priests being ordained by Bishop R ob at the service which is a bit of a change from last year when I was ordained as a deacon along with my classmates from Emmanuel Theological College. All priests serve a year as a deacon & it is the foun dation of their ministry. The ministry of a deacon is about service and this service will form the solid bedrock of any priestly or episcopal ministry going forward.



Fr. Dave Flitcroft

This Petertide I will be ordained as a priest beginning the sacramental ministry to



which I have been called. This past twelve months has been a time of incredible growth & learning & this learning will continue for ever as new situations arise that need to be han dled with care & compassion. One of the high points of the year for me has been the opportunity to baptise the baby of a work

colleague who I have known for many years. To be

allowed to participate in this event & bring the baby into the family of the Church was an incredible honour & I pray that I will always remember that in the years ahead.

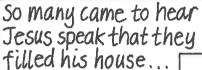
The ordination service is open for any to atten d & is a won derful celebration of the life & work of God's church here in our beautiful county. I hope to see you all soon & I thank you for all your prayers & support over the years.



It can be read in the Bible in Mt 2:1-12, Mk 9:1-8, LK5:17-26

# A short story from the Bible

The Pharisees had come to Jesus'home in Capernaum to make sure he wasn't breaking any of their religious rules...





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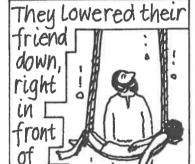




But the crowd wouldn't let them aet close



climbed up to the roof and took off some tiles.



Jesus was so impressed by their faith, he said to the paralysed man





But Jesus knew what they were thinking.

Jesus



Why are youthinking such wrong thoughts?

Is it easier to say 'Your sins are forgiven or 'Get up, [ take your mat, and walk?



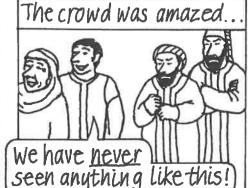


Get up, take your mat and go home!



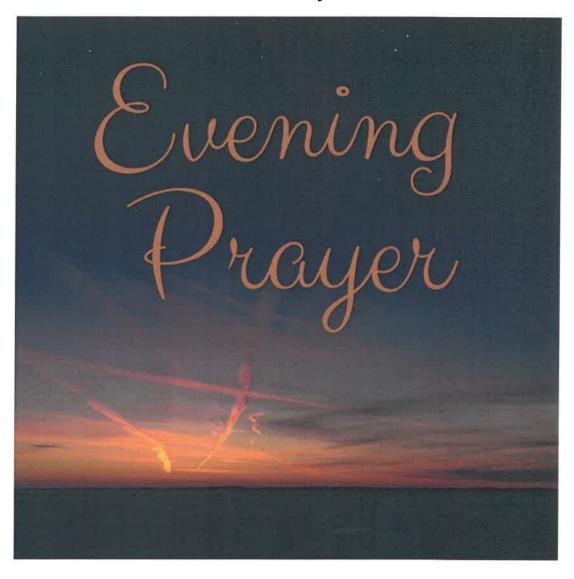
He got up, picked up his mat and walked home, praising God





# **Evening Services at St James'**

The monthly Evening Services at St James' will be on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm. Style of services will vary.



May – Evening Prayer led by Rev Dave Flitcroft

June – Evening Prayer for the Visitation of Mary to

Elizabeth

July - Evening Prayer led by Rev Dave Flitcroft

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# "Summer Church"

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June
3.30pm to 5.15pm
at
St James' Community Centre

This is the second after school church club for Primary School age children and their parents/carers to come together for a bible story, crafts, games & singing. Followed by a tea of hotdogs and snacks.

Hope to see you there.

Rev Alison

If you have questions, please email me: rector.whitehaven@gmail.com

(All children must be accompanied by an adult)

## **CROSSWORD CLUES FOR JUNE 2025**

## **Across**

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land" (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

# Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all -. he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

# Time for a cuppa and a puzzle!!

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If you know of anyone who would like to subscribe to the Parish mag then please contact Donna in the office.

Submissions deadline for the July/August mag is Monday the 23rf of June.

We'd love to hear from you with funny stories, trips down memory lane, recipes, hobbies of interest, celebrations, words of thanks etc etc.

All material needs to be a word document attached to an email.

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# SATURDAY JUNE 14th

9-30 - 12-00

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We seek in all we do to fulfil the mission and vision statements of the Parish

Mission Statement:
By God's grace, to grow God's Kingdom in Whitehaven

Vision Statement: To grow disciples of all ages

The Parish of Whitehaven includes St James' and St Nicholas Church buildings and St. James' Community Centre.



# The Whitehaven Mission Community Tea Service

# The last Tuesday in every month at St. Peter's Community Hall, Lakeland Ave, Woodhouse. CA28 9EF

A simple, (but still 'proper church') service of about 30 minutes, with familiar hymns and prayers followed by tea and cakes.

The service is <u>for all</u>, but is especially suitable for anyone for whom Sunday morning longer church services are not possible, for whatever reason. All are invited to share the friendly welcome and accepting nature of the gathering. The tea and cakes after the service will bring us together in kind, gentle fellowship and good conversation.

Please do come along; you will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.





# Dates for your diary all beginning at 2pm

24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 29<sup>th</sup> July 2025 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 30<sup>th</sup> September 2025 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39

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# SAVE THE DATE SATURDAY 27th SEPTEMBER CHRIST CHURCH SILLOTH

10am - 3pm

# STUMBLING PILGRIMS: Finding God when the road is rough A day led by Revd Dr Kate Bruce



# Old Age by David Butler Cradduck

Old age crept up and stayed a while He looked at me with scarce a smile How do he said, I nodded back Social mores we did not lack

I'll walk with thee, thou's at my pace Its been some time since I could race Youth he said is overrated Over soon and overstated

No thoughts had I about such things
Wait and see what life brings
Some have joy and some have sorrow
Thank the Lord for each tomorrow

He said when I had youth it was a joy Fresh faced and eager just a boy The world my oyster some would say I never liked oysters anyway

He talked and talked and took me back Memories he did not lack Some were good and some were bad Memories of the times he'd had

The friends he'd gained and those he'd lost I asked him what he liked the most I thank the Lord the God above That through it all he gave me love.



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# WILD AT HEART - Number 22.

# GORSE (Ulex europaeus L.)

Gorse, otherwise known as Whin or Furze, is a member of the peaflower family, the Papilionaceae, named after "papilion", the French for butterfly, in view of the somewhat fanciful likeness of the flowers and that particular insect. The flowers are an intense gold, profuse in number and have a delicious perfume variously described as being of coconut or honey. It is said that when the famous botanist Linnaeus first came across gorse on Hounslow Heath, he fell upon his knees and cried "thank God for creating such a beautiful plant". The prime flowering time is Spring and Summer, but some blooms are to be found throughout the year, hence the adage "when is gorse is out of bloom, kissing is out of fashion". origin of the old At one time, gorse had two uses in the countryside in that its flowers were used to produce wine, while the entire plant was harvested and crushed for use both as fodder, and as fuel primarily by bakers. The plant is a strong growing, thorny shrub usually two to three feet tall but sometimes much taller, generally associated with heaths and sandy wastes, neglected areas, moorland, sand dunes and the like, mostly below 300 metres.

Although generally a tough plant, it is not entirely frost hardy, often dying back but not killed.







Vocal pop opera quartet singing popular music with a classical twist.

# Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June St Peter's Church Kells

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# MOTHERS' UNION MEETING 12th May 2025

Sheila Kelly opened the meeting with a prayer by Lynne Tembey, a former Worldwide President and Branch Leader and member of this branch. Also, prayers for this year's theme of 'Join Us, Join In. We

finished with the Mothers' Union Prayer.

Sheila Ratcliffe showed us her Enrolment Card from 1966 and Doris Rumney a revised edition of the MU service book from 1948. Sheila Kelly went on to ask for email addresses so she can forward the new way of delivering the Diocesan News, it is only on trial but not many people like it, Sheila Ratcliffe went on to say, in the day, she used to pick up 600 booklets for the Diocese so many branches then, only 2 left in our Deanery, that's if the Deanery still exists!!!!

Our speaker today was our old friend Alan Webb who talked about his experience receiving Maundy Money from the King. He first received the letter in January, didn't read it at first thought it was some sort of spam until Muriel pointed out 'Buckingham Palace' on the envelope. There was a whole load of things had to be gone through before he finally received his pass (in the post). From what he said the whole thing seemed to overwhelm him; armed police and snipers; the Yeoman Trumpeters; the RAF cadets as hosts; the 116 strong choir; meeting and speaking to the King. The whole thing a very uplifting experience. Finally coming out to crowds of people, including the ones that hold the banner with "not my King". They were drowned out by the bells of Durham Cathedral which received a cheer from the rest of the crowd. Thank you Alan for passing on a fantastic experience.

We went for tea and coffee and a chance to look at the coins. We did have a bit of a sing song waving flags to commemorate VE Day.

Next meeting is Tuesday 10th June at 2pm with Quizmaster Alan Webb. Jan Whinn

### **Smile Lines**

# **Economy**

The vicar asked a member of his congregation, a banker, why he seemed a bit down. The banker replied: "I'm a walking economy! My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression."

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### Life in the Circus

A couple who worked at the circus wanted to adopt a child. Social workers had doubts about their suitability, but the couple produced photos of their large motorhome, which was equipped with a beautiful nursery. As for education, not only was there a nanny, but also a full-time tutor to teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin and computer skills. Finally, the social workers were satisfied and had only one last question. "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

"Oh, we don't mind at all," the couple assured them. "As long as he or she fits in the cannon."

### Notices in a church news sheet:

- Organist required: to work with small but trying priest and congregation.
- The Low Self Esteem Support Group meets Thursday. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers to meet at 7pm in the church hall. Please use large double door at the side entrance.
- There will be a shared supper at church this Sunday with prayer and medication to follow.
- The minister would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- The students will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church basement Friday at 7pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

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Beware of the new Amazon scam. I asked my husband to order me some expensive jewellery, but motorcycle parts came instead! Thankfully, they fit his bike.

### God in the Sciences

# Help, my kids just asked me a science question!

Why aren't dinosaurs in the Bible?

The Bible wasn't written to list all the animals on earth or tell us about science. It was written a long time before people started to use science to learn about the world.

When the Bible was written, people didn't even have a word for dinosaurs yet! But it's not just dinosaurs that aren't mentioned in the Bible, it doesn't talk about armadillos, kangaroos, sabre-toothed cats or penguins either!

That doesn't mean that the Bible is out of date or wrong, or that these animals aren't important. Rather than teaching us science, many Christians believe that the Bible was written to tell people about God, how much He loves them, and all the amazing things He has done.

The Bible says that God made everything, and loves everything He made, so that includes dinosaurs. It also encourages people to explore and find out all about the wonderful things it says God has made. Science is a part of this exploration.

Did God make the dinosaurs?

The Bible (the holy book that Christians read) says that God made everything. All the stars, the Earth and all the amazing plants and animals that have ever lived here. So yes, most Christians believe that God made the dinosaurs!

The Bible also teaches that God loves it when people explore His creation, and science is a great way of doing that. So, for many Christians, science is one of the fun things we can use to learn all about *how* God made everything, including all of the dinosaurs!

Were humans and dinosaurs ever living on earth at the same time?

Yes! But probably not the kind of dinosaur you're thinking of! Most of the dinosaurs died out a very, very long time ago, way before humans first lived. But some of the smaller, feathery dinosaurs survived and over a long time they have evolved into the animals we call birds.

So, from chickens and robins to penguins and ostriches, there are dinosaurs living all over our world today!

These questions and answers are taken from The Faraday Kids website (<u>www.faradaykids.com</u>). For even more science-faith Q&A's, check out 101 Great Big Questions About God and Science, Edited by L Henderson & S Bryant (Lion, 2022)

Val Hinde.

# Immigration.....

In the last few weeks one of our loyal customers in St. Nicholas Café and a staunch member of 'Cuppa and a Crack', born in and bred in Whitehaven and now living in Keekle has twice received phone calls inquiring if her "Immigration"



Papers" are in order !!!! You can imagine the hilarity when she told us that tale. However, a warning do take Care when crossing the border between Keekle and Whitehaven just in Case.



# The Parish Book Stall

In her notices on Sunday, Alison mentioned the Parish Book Stall which is just behind the pews on the left hand side of the main aisle in St. James'. Please do browse, there are some

very interesting books there and prices do vary. Also, donations of books (in good condition) will be most welcome. Thankyou

# A Prayer for June 2025

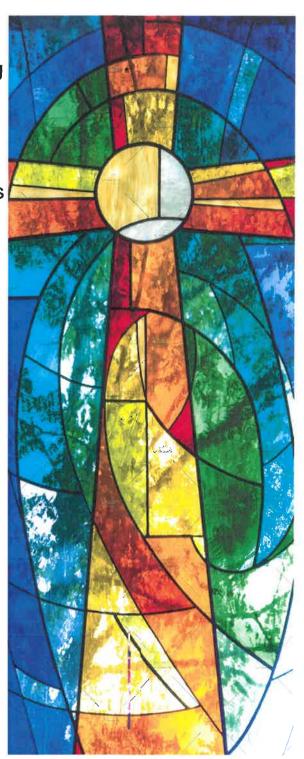
Dear Lord,

June is the loveliest month, with long days and the beauty of summer all around us. Thank you that, in the church's year this month, we remember one of the loveliest of your followers – Barnabas, known as the Son of Encouragement.

He encouraged the believers in Antioch to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts. Through his ministry of encouragement, a great number of people were brought to know you.

Lord, we all thrive when we are encouraged. And we, your people, so need to be encouraged today in this world which can seem so confusing and discouraging.

So, thank you for those who have encouraged us in the past, and for those who encourage us now. Help us to read your living unchanging Word and to remain true to you with all our hearts. Help us to be a *Barnabas* to those we know who might be struggling. May we bear fruit in our discipleship.



# All in the month of June

It was:

500 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> June 1525, that German Protestant Reformer Martin Luther married Katharina von Bora, a nun whom he had helped to escape from a convent.

250 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> June 1775, that the Second Continental Congress established the Continental Army. Later it became the United States Army. On 15<sup>th</sup> June, George Washington, who would become first President of the USA, became the Army's Commander-in-Chief. This army would defeat the British army, and America would declare independence the following year, on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1776.

Also 250 years ago, on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1775, that the first Thames Regatta was held in London.

175 years ago, on 24<sup>th</sup> June 1850, that Herbert Kitchener, the 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Kitchener, was born. This Irish-born British Army officer and politician became Secretary of War during WW1, when he appeared on an iconic poster asking people to join the army. He was killed in 1916 when his ship was hit by a German mine.

150 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1875, that George Bizet, French Romantic composer, died of a heart attack at 36. Best known for his opera *Carmen*.

125 years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> June 1900, that Louis Mountbatten, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl Mountbatten of Burma, was born. He became Governor-General of India (1947-48), First Sea Lord (1955-59), and Chief of the Defence Staff (1959-65). Assassinated in 1979 by an IRA bomb planted on his fishing boat.

90 years ago, on 1st June 1935, that driving tests became compulsory for all new drivers in Britain.

80 years ago, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1945, that the Battle of Okinawa in Japan ended (after 82 days). This battle saw the highest number of casualties in the Pacific Theatre of the war, with more than 12,000 forces, 110,000 Japanese forces, and 140,000 civilians killed.

75 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1950, that the first successful ascent of Annapurna in the Himalayas was made. It was a French expedition and the first successful ascent of a mountain over 8,000 metres. Annapurna is the tenth highest mountain in the world.

70 years ago, on 11<sup>th</sup> June 1955 that the Le Mans disaster took place. A car spun off the track during the Le Mans 24 Hour race in France, and the driver, Pierre Levegh, and 83 spectators were killed, with 100 more injured. It was the greatest loss of life in the history of motorsport, but bizarrely, the race was not stopped. The survivors carried on for the full 24 hours, while the dead and the injured were removed from the site.

65 years ago, on 28<sup>th</sup> June 1960, that the Six Bells Colliery disaster took place in Monmouthshire Wales. 45 coal miners were killed by a gas explosion.

50 years ago, on  $7^{th}$  June 1975, that the first Cricket World Cup to be held in England began.

Also 50 years ago, on 18<sup>th</sup> June 1975, that the first North Sea oil was pumped ashore to Britain.

40 years ago, on  $2^{nd}$  June 1985 that UEFA banned all English football clubs from playing in European competitions following the Heysel Stadium disaster of  $28^{th}$  May. The ban was lifted after five years.

30 years ago, on  $25^{th}$  June 1995 that Ernest Walton, Irish physicist died. He was the first person to split an atom.

25 years ago, on  $10^{th}$  June 2000, that the Millenium Bridge opened in London. It closed for a while two days later, when it was found to sway uncomfortably when people walked in step.

15 yeas ago, on 28th June 2010, that the US Supreme Court ruled that American citizens have the right to own a gun, regardless of which state they live in. The right is protected by the Second and the Fourteenth Amendments. There are an estimated 393 million privately owned guns in the USA, and about 340 million people.



### Mini is named the best-ever British car

What is your favourite British car? Think of the Land Rover, Aston Martin, McLaren, Bentley and Rolls Royce. Then think of the Mini.

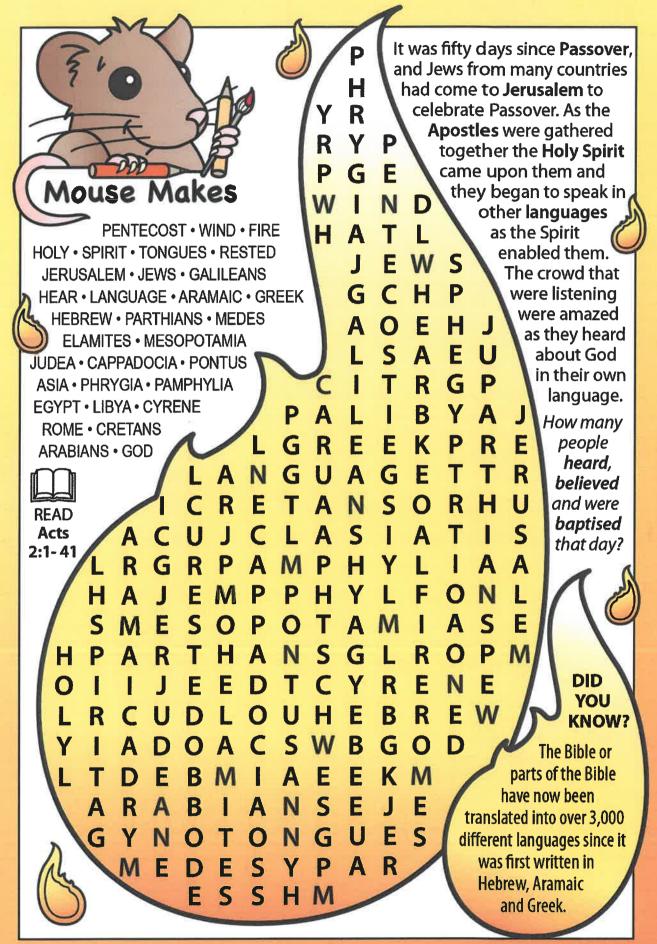
That is what a group of judges for the Auto Express did recently, and they chose the Mini.

Their verdict? "Put simply, we reckon no other British- built vehicle better represents the relevant, innovative and pioneering UK automotive industry quite like the world's original small car."

Phil McNamara, editor at large, Auto Express, adds: "there was only ever going to be one winner of our Top 50 Brit cars rundown. The Mini was crowned undisputed champion."

It was in the late 1950s that the British Motor Corporation (BMC)asked car designer Alec Issigonis to come up with a sub-three-metre compact car that could accommodate a family of four. The result was the Mini, soon beloved of the public, celebrities and even (in a modified version) racing drivers.

The modern version of a Mini Cooper is nearly 90cm longer than the original, and prices starts at about £25,000.







# Family Service

# **MONTHLY**

11.30am

At St. James' Church

Followed by free bacon butties in the Community Centre





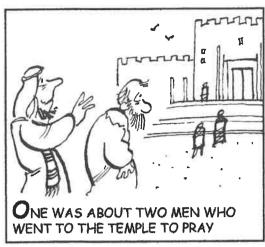
A service specially for families with young children, but all are most welcome!

22nd of June

20th of July

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TWO MEN
SAYING
THEIR
PRAYERS







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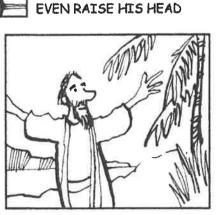








IT WAS THE TAX COLLECTOR, NOT THE PHARISEE, WHOSE PRAYERS WERE HEARD!



JESUS EXPLAINED -'DON'T BE PROUD WHEN YOU PRAY - INSTEAD BE HUMBLE'.



### The Whitehaven Mission Community Tea Service

The last Tuesday in every month at 2pm St. Peter's Community Hall, Lakeland Ave, Woodhouse.CA28 9EF

A simple, (but still 'proper church') service of about 30 minutes, with familiar hymns and prayers followed by tea and cakes.

The service is <u>for all</u>, but is especially suitable for anyone for whom Sunday morning longer church services are not possible, for whatever reason. All are invited to share the friendly welcome and accepting nature of the gathering. The tea and cakes after the service will bring us together in kind, gentle fellowship and good conversation.

Please do come along; you will be most welcome and we look forward to seeing you.





### Dates for your diary all beginning at 2pm

27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

29<sup>th</sup> July 2025

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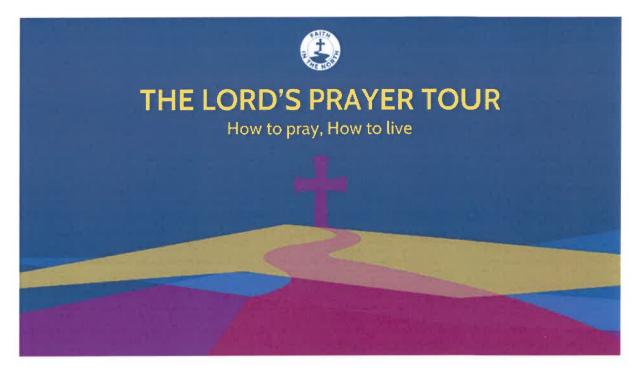
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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Carlisle Cathedral

Join the newly nominated Bishop of Carlisle, Network Youth Church members, the Archbishop of York and others for an Evening of Prayer, Reflection, and Inspiration.

Have you explored how The Lord's Prayer shapes not only the way we pray, but the way we live? Whether you are familiar with the prayer or curious about its meaning, come and join the Archbishop of York as part of a series of events across the North of England.

Starting at 7.30pm, the event held in Carlisle Cathedral's Fratry will feature music, film, testimonies, and a powerful teaching session led by the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell. There will also be an opportunity for a Q&A, offering a chance to reflect and ask questions.

At 5.45pm all are welcome to Choral Evensong in the Cathedral where the themes of the later event will be offered in prayer and music. Refreshments will be available in the Cathedral Cafe between the end of Evensong and the evening event.

Tickets are free. The event is open to all.

### DATE

Tuesday 17 June 2025 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM

### LOCATION

Fratry Hall at Carlisle Cathedral

Carlisle Cathedral, The Abbey, Carlisle, Cumbria CA3 8TZ

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### 'Choose the right path' based on Proverbs 22:6

May 2025 update

The Summer Term is in full swing and we are packing exciting things into every available minute. Our Year 2 children have had a memorable residential visit to the Hawse End Activity Centre where they took part in ghyll scrambling, canoeing and a multitude of other exciting activities. Not to be outdone, our Reception children are taking part in a weekly Forest School afternoon, which is fun filled with lots of opportunities to learn about the outdoors and gain an appreciation for nature at it's finest.

This leads on from our whole-school focus on OPAL (outdoor play and learning) which we are integrating across the school this year. The children can use their playtimes to take part in lots of outdoor activities from den building to water play, construction and arts and crafts. It is proving very popular particularly with the lovely weather this term has brought us.

We took part in the recent VE Day celebrations too, with all of the children dressing up in red, white and blue and taking part in our own little "street party" lunch alongside staff. They also learned about the importance of the event, learning about the sacrifices that were made on our behalf.

We have had visitors into school too, enriching our curriculum such as Pet Encounters who brought a variety of animals in for the children to meet.

As we approach the last few weeks of term, there is still much more to fit in, Sports Week which includes wheelchair basketball, skateboarding and rugby; school trips to Lake District Wildlife Park, Maryport Aquarium, a visit to the Spanish Galleon at the Harbourside to name but a few; and of course our usual end of year activities such as our Disney production and Summer Fayre.

Alex Moore

# This term's Christian Value is Respect

Our focus story
from the Bible has
been
The Ten
Commandments











## St Nicholas Chapel Redecoration Project Update

In July last year we started our fund-raising efforts for the redecoration of the chapel at St Nicholas Tower. I am pleased to say that we have now raised all the funds required to carry out the work.

We are grateful to The Benefact Trust who have given us a grant of £2,300 and to Paton Bros. for provision of the scaffolding. This adds to the money raised through our Gift Day in July 2024, the grand Christmas raffle and individual donations and brings the total raised to £4,895.

We have already had permission from the Archdeacon of West Cumbria for the work to be carried out andhave agreed a date in October for the work to be completed. Due to the extent of the work, the café and chapel will need to close for a week.



The work will involve sanding off the existing coat of paint, preparing the walls, applying primer coats and two coats of specialist paint. To complete the redecoration the window surrounds will be stained.

The aim of the project is to restore the chapel walls to a good condition and also to mitigate any future problems with the condition of the building. It will also provide an enhanced experience for those visiting the chapel either for the mid-week service or as a visitor.







### **Book of Remembrance Form**

Thank you for expressing an interest in having a name added to the Book of Remembrance, which is kept in the Lady Chapel of St James' Church.

Please fill in the form below and return to the Parish Office, the Rector or in the black post box in the back of St James'.

The cost of having a name entered is £25. This can be paid by cash, cheque (The Parish of Whitehaven) or bank transfer (account name: Parish of Whitehaven General Account, account number: 01027816, sort code: 01-09-54, Ref: B.of R. and name)

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Date of birth	Date of death	

Any queries please contact: Rev Alison at rector.whithaven@gmail.com or 01946 63937

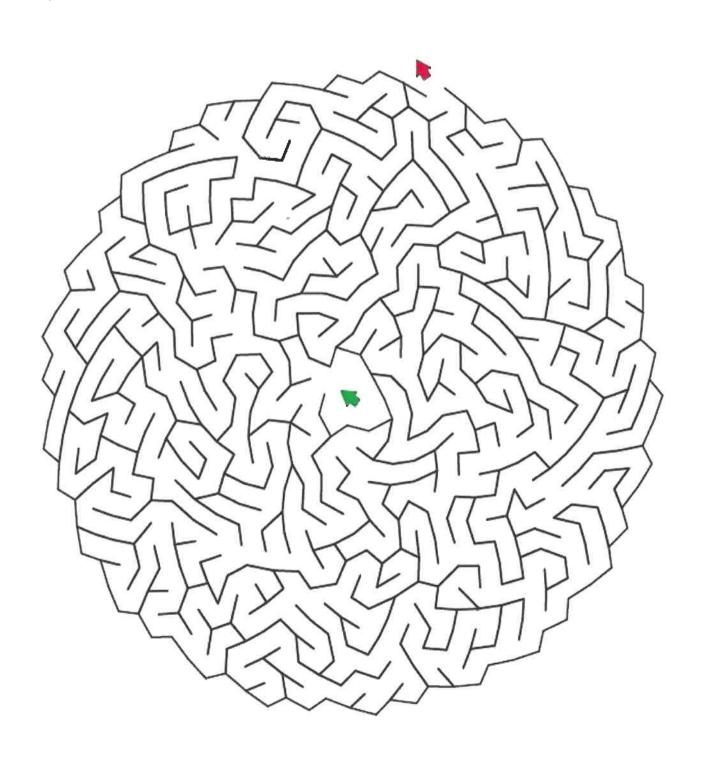
# Answers to the June Crossword & a maze puzzle to fill a gap...

### **ACROSS:**

8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

### DOWN:

1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.



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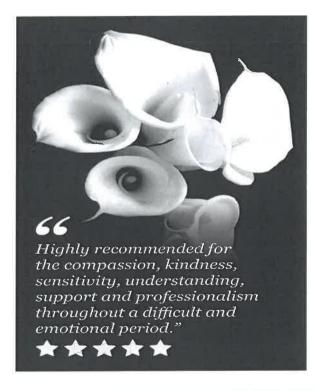


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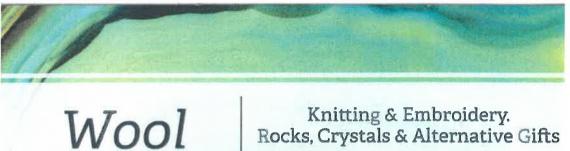
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### Supporting the community since 1990

WCT have 2 Homeless Hostels for Young People. The Lowther Street Project is for 16-24yrs homeless due to family breakdown, leaving care, abused/neglected, leaving prison with nowhere to call home...we can help.

The Mother and Baby Project is for young mothers and their baby who were victims of domestic abuse and have nowhere safe to stay. We also have Move On Flats for those transitioning towards independence.

If you are homeless or in an abusive environment please call us 01946 590590







The Senhouse Centre provides a range of holistic therapies such as yoga, reflexology, homeopathy, counselling and support groups. Room Hire is also available at the Senhouse Centre for more information about the services we provide please call 01946 590122



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