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THE BINSEY TEAM MINISTRY

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The parishes of

Allhallows, Bassenthwaite, Boltons, Ireby, Isel, Plumbland, Setmurthy, Torpenhow and Uldale

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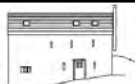
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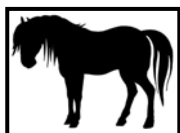
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BINSEY TEAM SERVICES - December 2011

Parish	4th Dec Second Sunday of Advent	11th Dec Third Sunday of Advent	18th Dec Fourth Sunday of Advent	24th Dec Christmas Eve	25th Dec CHRISTMAS DAY
	Isaiah 40.1-11 Psalm 85.1-2,8-13 2 Peter 3.8-15a Mark 1.1-8	Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11 Psalm 126 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24 John 1.6-8,19-28	2 Samuel 7.1- 11,16 Psalm 89.1-4, 19-26* Romans 16.25-27 Luke 1.26-38	Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-14[15-20] (to be confirmed)	
Allhallows	11am MP Christingle	11 am HC	6.30 pm Carols	10 pm HC	--
Bassenthwaite St. John	11am MP	9.30am HC Carols	11am Carols Chapel	11pm HC	
Bassenthwaite St. Bega	3.00 HC Bible Study	--	--	--	9.30 am HC
Boltons	8 am HC	9.15 am MP	11am FC Carols	11.30pm HC	--
Ireby	11am FS Christingle	6.30pm EP Bible Study	6.30 pm Carols	--	9.15am HC
Isel	3.00pm EP Christingle	11 am HC	2 pm Carols	9.30 pm HC	--
Plumbland	11am HC	--	9 am HC Carols	11pm HC	--
Setmurthy	9.30 am HC	--	6 pm Carols	--	8.00 am HC
Torpenhow	9.30 am FS Christingle	9.30 am HC	3 pm Carols	--	9.30am HC
Uldale	9.30 am HC	11 am FS	3 pm Carols & Christingle	--	9.30am HC

Prayer Meeting at Uldale: 13 December 9.00am - 9.30am

Lunch Club, Mae's Tea Rooms: 1st December Please phone Ann O'Loughlin 016972 22665, **not** Mark each month to book. Mark needs to know numbers to cater for by the Tuesday morning prior to the lunch

BINSEY TEAM SERVICES - January 2012

Parish	1st January First Sunday of Christmas	8th January Epiphany	15th January Second Sunday of Epiphany	22nd January Third Sunday of Epiphany	29th January Fourth Sunday of Epiphany
	Isaiah 61.10 - 62.3 Psalm 148* Galatians 4.4-7 Luke 2.15-21	Genesis 1.1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19.1-7 Mark 1.4-11	1 Samuel 3.1- 10[11-20] Psalm 139. 1-5,12-18* Revelation 5.1- 10 John 1.43-51	Genesis 14.17- 20 Psalm 128 Revelation 19.6-10 John 2.1-11	Deuteronomy 18.15-20 Psalm 111 Revelation 12.1-5a Mark 1.21-28
Allhallows	11am MP	11 am HC	11 am MP	11am HC	Team Service 11 am HC Bassenthwaite St Bega 6.30 pm EP Bible Study Bassenthwaite St John
Bassenthwaite St. John	11am Covenant Service Chapel	9.30 am HC	11 am MP Chapel	11am HC	
Bassenthwaite St. Bega	3 pm EP Bible Study	--	--	--	
Boltons	8 am HC	9.15 am MP	11am HC	--	
Ireby	11am FS	6.30pm EP	9.15 am HC	Joint at Uldale	
Isel	9.30 am MP	11 am HC	6.30pm Bible Study Blindcrake Hall	9.30am HC	
Plumbland	11am HC	9 am MP	9 am HC	11am MP	
Setmurthy	9.30 am HC	--	9.30 am MP	--	
Torpenhow	9.30 am FS	9.30 am HC	9.30 am MP	9.30am HC 6.30 EP Bible Study	
Uldale	9.30 am HC	11 am FS	11 am MP	9.30 am HC Joint with Ireby	



Dear Friends

Surprises!

Thank you all for your cards, gifts and welcome messages as I moved here into the Binsey Team. Despite the vicarage not being quite ready, I have been made to feel very welcome and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months and for you getting to know me.

One of things about moving is all the packing and unpacking of boxes. In my case the removal firm did the packing and my youngest daughter and I did the unpacking. Unfortunately the removal men had not packed logically and different items from totally different parts of the house went into the same box. Even their notes on the boxes didn't help much. When I opened a box marked 'kitchen' I found it contained four pillows!

By the end of the second day I was definitely becoming somewhat irritated by not knowing what I would find and having to move boxes from room to room. Then Hannah said 'this is just like Christmas. You open something and it's a surprise, as you don't quite know what you will find.'

Now she is someone who really likes Christmas and looks forward to it. Many of us are rather cynical about this time of year as we have become rather disillusioned by all the commercial hype and the emphasis to spend, spend, spend. But to dismiss the festival is to lose something of great importance.

The reference to Christmas and surprises was quite appropriate. The first Christmas was full of surprises – all planned by God because He loved His people so much.

It definitely came as a great surprise to the shepherds peacefully going about their business on the hillsides outside Bethlehem to be suddenly confronted by an angel telling them that there was a Saviour born for them that day and they would find Him as a baby lying in a manger.

How surprised Mary and Joseph must have been to get strange visitors in the middle of the night – a whole bunch of shepherds; as if the whole circumstances surrounding Jesus' birth in a stable wasn't enough of a surprise anyway. Then later when maybe the experiences of Bethlehem were becoming a bit of a memory the visit of the wise men bearing really expensive and precious gifts!

The Christmas story teaches us that God often surprises us and comes at unexpected times, and does unexpected things and uses unexpected people.

In John's Gospel we read that 'God so loved the world that he gave us his Son ...' so that we could have a relationship with Him. The most wonderful surprise of all.

May God bless you as you celebrate a very special birth and may your Christmas be one of pleasant surprises as well as a Good New Year.

Tricia Rogers
Team Rector

Christmas Services



Carol Services

Sunday 11th December

11 am Bassentwaite St John (With Family Communion)

Sunday 18th December

9.00 am Plumbland (with Holy Communion)
11.00 am Bassentwaite Chapel
11.00 am Boltons (with Family Communion)
2.00 pm Isel
3.00 pm Torpenhow
3.00 pm Uldale (Carols & Christingle)
6.00 pm Setmurthy
6.30 pm All Hallows

Christmas Eve

9.30 pm Isel - Holy Communion
10.00 pm All Hallows - Holy Communion
11.00 pm Bassentwaite - St Johns - Holy Communion
11.00 pm Plumbland - Holy Communion
11.30 pm Boltons - Holy Communion

Christmas Day

8.00 am Setmurthy - Holy Communion
9.15 am Ireby - Holy Communion
9.30 am Bassentwaite - St Bega's - Holy Communion
9.30 am Torpenhow - Holy Communion
9.30 am Uldale - Holy Communion

Rejoice and be glad!
To you this day a savior is born!



Stop press prayers!

Dear friends,

A follow up to my letter in the summer. We all need encouragement to make prayer a regular habit through the ups and downs of life. Recently I have come across several websites which give useful resources for helping us to pray, and thought you might be interested.

The first is <http://www.oremus.org> where you can find prayers for each day, and for various times of day.

Then there is <http://www.faithandworship.com> which offers a wide selection of prayers in the Celtic tradition.

<http://www.pray-as-you-go.org> would be ideal for very busy people who use MP3 players; daily prayer and music can be downloaded to listen to as you go.

And finally <https://www.wordlive.org> provides daily Bible reading, reflection, songs and images, depending on the format you prefer. It can be used on the website or via email or podcast.

Of course you don't need a computer or internet access to pray! But a Bible always helps. If you don't already know them you might like to try Tom Wright's 'For Everyone' series of short paperback commentaries on books of the New Testament. They are written in short sections and are very relevant to everyday life and will encourage us to pray with scripture. You could borrow them from the library to see if they suit you – or ask me, I have quite a few of them I am happy to lend.

With my love and prayers, Clare

Taize: a quiet start to the new year

There will be Taize style worship again at Blindcrake this winter starting on January 10th at 7.30

New style evening prayer

Over the winter Sunday evening services will give a new opportunity for study together. The main focus will be on studying St Mark's gospel chapter by chapter. It will not matter if you cannot come to each one as there will be outline notes which you can collect for the ones you miss. The leader of each service will have something different to offer. The first of the series will be on November 27th, then December 4th and 11th, please check the time and place of Evening Prayer in the Sunday service rota as it will not always be the same. Then in the new year it will be each Sunday evening until March 25th. That way we shall cover all 16 chapters! On the third Sunday of January the Evening Service will be at 6.30 in Blindcrake Village Hall rather than Ise Church. Hope you can join in this new venture.

The Prayer Meeting at St. James' Church, Uldale. Jesus says (Mathew Ch. 18 v 20) "For where two or three come together in My Name, there am I with them." On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at 9.00am, there is a coming together of people for up to ½ hour of silent prayer. This began about eighteen months ago to bring the local community to the Father. Asking Him to guide us in mission, give us opportunities to tell our friends and family that Jesus loves them." We particularly ask for Gods' leading in the development of "Stepping Stones" Café Church, held in the Globe Hall, Ireby. But of course, what one prays for is totally between ourselves and the Father. So, also you can pray for family, friends, the nation, other countries, the persecuted Church, our missionaries and our own troubles and cares. It is wonderful to know that Our Father listens and cares, and that His shoulders are strong enough to bear all our burdens, and that His strength is made perfect in our weakness. One comes out of Church, these mornings, feeling good, strengthened and encouraged. Please join us. The next dates are 13th December and 10th January 2012.

Stepping Stones Café Church, held in Ireby Globe Hall, will be taking a holiday in December but will be back in full strength on 22nd January – 'The Epiphany' (with a difference!). Future dates: 19th February, 25th March, 22nd April.

From The Registers

Baptisms

Lily Isabella Gray, Madeline Violet Gray and Poppy Grace Swainson were baptised at St James' Church, Uldale on 11th September 2011

Jamie Mark Storey of Bothel was baptised at St Michaels Isel, on the 25th September 2011.

Weddings

Sarah Murphy and Michael Siddall of Bollington were married at St Bega's Church, Bassenthwaite on 22nd October 2011

Funerals

The funeral of William Peel of Little Crosthwaite took place at St Bega's Church, Bassenthwaite on 31st October 2011

The funeral of Madge Wynne-Williams of Ireby took place at St James' Church, Ireby on 6th September 2011

CHRISTMAS SNOW

Whiter than the whitest white,
that greets the starlight of the night;
It falls in myriad shapes to rise,
in wondrous ways, which fantasise.

Covering fields and hills and vales,
with beckoning calm, each ripple sails;
Glistening in the weak noon sun,
hardening, when the day is done.

Purer than the purest sound,
that in this troubled world is found;
It lags a cradle on the earth,
signalling soon, the coming birth.

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The Silent Gift

The gift of God came silently,
With surreptitious grace,
To a dark, concealed, stable block
In an unfamiliar place.
No ceremonial pomp was there,
No fanfare in the street,
When the sacred gift from God was given -
And creation made complete.

To no rich men were tidings given,
But to shepherds in the fields.
The angel-song, so clear for them,
Was from other men concealed.
The nobles of the neighbourhood
Saw nothing of a star;
The heavenly sign of divine love
Came to Wise Men from afar!

When the Son of God came down from Heaven
To give his life for all,
A rough-hewn cross of wood was his
Outside Jerusalem's wall.
The greatest gift that ever was,
That freed us all from blame,
Was thus wrapped up in pain and blood
And ignominious shame.

So, how shall we, this Christmas time
Our varied gifts present?
How shall we be mindful, then
Of what they represent?
No matter what we buy, or give
Or what we can afford,
However well we wrap them up,
We can't outgive the Lord.

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Allhallows Church News & Events

Christingle Service

Sunday 4th December, 11am in Allhallows Church. A service which is especially suitable for children, with a chance for them to make a Christingle to take home with them.



Christmas Carol Service

Sunday 18th December, 6.30pm in Allhallows Church. A traditional service of lessons and carols. As usual we will be decorating our Christmas tree with memorial message tags. If you would like a tag, please contact Ginny on 71676 with your message and a tag will be made and hung on the tree for you. A small donation is requested which will be given to World Vision.



Christmas Eve Service

Saturday 24th December, 10pm in Allhallows Church. A service of Holy Communion to welcome the birth of Jesus. (There is no service at Allhallows on Christmas morning.)



Allhallows & District Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch - Saturday 17th December 2011, 12.30pm in the Community Centre. Free to all over 60s, widows and widowers in Allhallows Parish. Home made shepherd's pie followed by a delicious rice pudding (alternative salad lunch can be arranged). Please give names by 10th December to Jean Hodgson 71413, Pauline Reed 71415 or Gillian Marr 71478. If you require transport, please contact Gillian Marr 71478.



Allhallows Community Centre News & Events

Christmas Bingo - Friday 9th December, 7.30pm with mince pies and mulled wine in the interval.

Christmas Quiz - Saturday 10th December, 7.30pm, pie and pea supper. Teams of four, £5 per person (including supper- veggie option available but please let us know in advance). Please book with Caroline 71103 or Ginny 71676.

THE PARISH OF ST JOHN AND ST BEGA, BASSENTHWAITE

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Flowers for St. John's Church:

Christmas – Mother's Union,
8th January – B. Jordan,
22nd January – D. Mattinson.

"HARK THE HERALD ANGELS"

Drama and Carols around the
Christmas Tree

7pm

Wednesday 21st December
Bassenthwaite Village Green

Bassenthwaite Mother's Union will meet in Church Room at 2.00pm, Tuesday 6th December.

Speaker: Sarah Snyder on 'My Time in Africa.'

Annual General Meeting in Church Room at 2.00pm Tuesday 10th January. Open meeting, everyone welcome

Reminder:

COFFEE MORNING at Bassenfell Manor, Thursday 1st December 10.00am-12 noon.

Soup Lunches in Church Room on Tuesday 17th January 12.00 noon – 1.30pm. Homemade soup with roll and Cheese and Biscuits. £3.50. NO lunches in December.

The first three Soup Lunches of the winter have been well supported and raised £338 for the Tree Felling Fund.

The Parochial Church Council would like to thank everyone who supported, helped with or gave items for sale at the Harvest Supper and Sale. A special thank you to our auctioneer Thomas Trafford who persuaded everyone to dig deep into their pockets to raise £466.16, a donation from which has been given to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal for the Hungry.

The sale of the school children's Harvest gifts raised a further £131.50 which they are giving to The Comprehensive Community Health & Village Development Society in Central India, where Peter and Elaine Streatfeild worked for many years.

Dates for your diary:

An Evening with Allerdale Fiddlers 24th February for Church Room funds.

Craft Festival in St. John's Church, Friday 14th, Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th September.

Bassenthwaite WI. Committee Meeting This will be held at 7.30 pm in the Methodist Sunday School on Monday 5th of December.

Monthly meeting .This will be held at 7.30 pm in the Church Room on Thursday 8th of December. We will be entertained by the Great Ribena. Competition A magic trick..

Hostesses Mesdames Armstrong and Murray. Entertainment Mesdames Barton, Cooper-Holmes and Mendus.

Christmas Presents to the value of £2 will be exchanged.

The wreath making session will be in the Church Room at 9.30 am on Monday 12th December.

BASS CHAPEL on SUNDAYS (11am)

December

4th Marion Beckham, Bassenthwaite

11th Rev Keith Rushton, Cockermouth

18th United Carol Service with Roy Ellis of Keswick

25th United at St Begas (see elsewhere for time)

January

1st United Covenant Service with Rev Jennet McLeod, Keswick

8th United at St Johns (9.30am?)

15th United at Chapel - Jennet McLeod

22nd United at St Johns

29th Local Arrangement - tba

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Kiln Hill Barn Bassenthwaite. A total of £1358-55 was raised. Heather Armstrong

Gardening Club meet at Bassenthwaite Parish Room Monday 20th Feb 7.30pm.

	<p>Bassenthwaite School</p> <p>CHRISTMAS FAIR</p> <p>Saturday 10th December 10.00 - 12.00</p> <p>Toys, Books, Cakes & Craft stalls etc Raffle and Tombola entertainment for children including a visit to SANTA'S GROTTTO plus face painting, craft making and games</p> <p>Bacon Butties, Mince Pies, Mulled Wine, Tea, Coffee and soft drinks available</p> <p>Also, we have a limited number of tables available at £6 each to sell your own wares. Book early: 017687 72042 (Debbie)</p>	
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When?	after 9.30 service at St John's second Sunday of each month
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Mr George Wise, L Cpl Jordan, Mrs Francis Moore, Mr Joe Mackereth and Mr Harvey Moore.

Remembrance Service at St. Johns Church, Bassenthwaite

Lance Corporal Mark Jordan attended his third remembrance service at this lovely little church. He attends the service as often as his commitments in the Army allow and has been delighted to be able to escort the bearer of the poppy wreath to the war memorial on his two previous attendances. On this occasion he was asked if he would not only accompany Francis Moore to the memorial, but if he would lay the wreath on the memorial. Mark was delighted and felt very privileged to be asked to carry out this task.

It is thought that Lance Corporal Jordan is the first actively serving serviceman to attend a remembrance service or lay the poppy wreath at St Johns Church in Bassenthwaite.

Lance Corporal Jordan has two connections to the village of Bassenthwaite;

The first being that Bassenthwaite is the childhood home of his mother, whilst his Granddad was the village bobby (his Mother, Granddad and Gran were also in attendance at the service on Sunday).

The second being that Lance Corporal Jordan is the Great, Great Nephew of Private Louis W. Bell who gave his life in the great war and has his name on the memorial in the Church grounds.

PARISH OF ST MICHAEL, ISEL

Christingle Service on Sunday December 4th at 3pm. Everyone welcome from 0 to 90yrs. Collection in aid of the Childrens Society.

Carol Service on Sunday December 18th at 2pm, followed by sherry/juice and mince pies.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 9.30 pm - please note new time.

Isel Ladies (Ex W.I. and friends) meet for lunch at Moota Coffee Shop on Monday December 19th at 12.30 pm. Present exchange to the value of £3.00 if wished.

December 2011

Saturday 3rd Dec: Blindcrake Village Hall, EVENING INN, 8pm.

Saturday 17th Dec: Blindcrake Village Hall, Children's Committee Christmas party

Monday 19th Dec: Blindcrake Village Hall Committee, GRAND CHRISTMAS DRAW, 7pm, with mince pies, mulled wine, music, and raffle. All welcome.

Friday 23rd Dec: Carol-singing round Blindcrake Village, 6:30pm starting at the bus shelter. Dress warmly, and bring a torch! (Collection for Children's Hospice in Carlisle)

Saturday 31st Dec: New Year's Eve party, 8pm and onwards. All welcome. This is a 'bring-and-share' evening, for all the community.

January 2012

Saturday 14th January: Blindcrake Village Hall, EVENING INN, 8pm

Monday 16th January: Blindcrake Parish Council meeting, 7:30pm

Wednesday 18th January: Blindcrake Village Hall, Mothers' Union AGM, 2pm

Saturday 28th January: Blindcrake Village Hall, BURNS' NIGHT, 7 for 7:30pm. Tickets available from Edna on 01900-825827. £2.00/primary-age child, £7.50/adult.

July 2012: Sunday 8th July:

BLINDCRAKE GARDEN SAFARI.

Please put this date in your new diary, and consider getting involved in this wonderful fund-raiser for our village hall.

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Blindcrake Garden Safari Calendar 2012

£6.50 each The Ideal Christmas Gift - A lovely reminder of the summer - pictures of gardens and classic cars in Blindcrake at this year's Garden Safari: A4, spiral bound Proceeds go to support Blindcrake Village Hall

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The people at the Prayer Breakfast welcomed Year 5 and 6 pupils from the School. They came in for the last 20 minutes and were very well behaved, asking the teacher's and helpers questions, and answering questions set by the teachers. Everybody enjoyed the breakfast, especially the children. One of the pupils had taken a croissant for the Headteacher, how kind and thoughtful was that?

The school children held their Harvest Festival Service in Church. Their stories had been put up on the pew ends and notice board. Once again the Church was beautifully decorated with all God's gifts around us, but only a handful of worshippers came to acknowledge this. Maybe a lot of people gave thanks at home.

The next event will be Christmas decoration and service. The children will be going across again for their Carol Service. I think it will be the only Carol Service in Church this year, so everyone is welcome. May the people of St. Cuthbert's parish wish everyone in the Binsey area and beyond a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

W.I. November meeting: 14 members and 3 visitors enjoyed 'My Life in Africa' with Philo. She talked about how all boys were taught at school, but most girls were just shown how to keep house and only had a scant schooling. Grandmothers brought up the babies and children, because mother's had to go out to work.

Philo had first lived in Leeds when she came from Africa, but a friend of theirs lived up in Cumbria and once here she decided Cumbria was where she would like to live.

Competition: Something out of Africa, was won by Eve, second Pauline, Muriel won the drawing.

Bowling: Enjoying the friendly matches. We have about 14 on Monday and Tuesday evenings to enjoy the friendly banter which goes on. We have 20 members altogether, but so far there hasn't been a full house yet!

Afternoon Club and Craft Club: Alternate Wednesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm. Ring Tom on 21867. We seem to have more people at the Craft class than the Afternoon Club. We held a short meeting when we went up The Craggs 2 weeks ago and decided after the New Year we would try having just one Club meeting a month. If the Crafters wanted they could have 3 meetings per month just to see how things would work out. One of our Crafters who does voluntary work in the Charity shop is trying to recruit people to help out there, just a few hours each week or month, anything will be welcome, as they are down on helpers due to illness. If you have any spare time please contact the Shop for more information. Join us if you can on alternate Wednesdays 2.00pm-4.00pm Cost £1 includes refreshments.

Yoga: Monday mornings 10.00am-11.30am.

PARISH OF ST BARNABAS, SETMURTHY

Harvest Festival

£642 was raised at the Harvest Lunch and sale.

Higham Hall Slide Show/Concert

The lounge at Higham was full to capacity with a wonderful show from Norman Godfrey who was standing in for Cliff Sandham (knee operation). Special thanks again to Higham for their hospitality.

£343 was raised for Church Funds.

Setmurthy Church Carol Service

This will be on Sunday evening the 18th December at 6.00 pm, followed by refreshments in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Day Service

This will be a Communion with carols at 8 am.

An Auction...

14 of items and promises on 23rd February in the Parish Hall. Details in February Binsey Beacon.

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SOUPER DAY!

Saturday 3rd December 2011

Torpenhow Village Hall

12 noon - 2 pm

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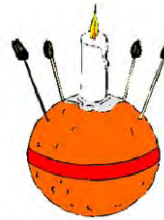
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In aid of St Michael's Church, Torpenhow

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Donations of Tray bake/ cakes/ most
Welcome

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by 25th November



Christingle Service

Sunday 4th December

9.30am

All welcome, Children are especially welcome to join the Brownies to make Christingle's to take home with them

Carol Service

Sunday 18th December

3.00 pm



Christmas Day Service

9.30 am

Holy Communion

St. Michael's School: The Staff and Governors would like to thank all those people who recently supported the Great North Air Ambulance collection, the Open Afternoon and the Christmas Fayre. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

AGM of Bothel & Kirkland W.I. was held on Wednesday 2nd November

As this was our AGM we opened the meeting with the singing of the hymn Jerusalem.

The Minutes for September and October were very brief (October being our Birthday Party) and were taken as read.

Betty Earle then read out her President's Report for 2011 and thanked all members for their help in the past 12 months.

Jenny Wren then thanked the President and members of the committee for their work over the past year.

At the AGM part of the meeting it was decided that for the forthcoming year the Committee would stay the same with the addition of Helen Braithwaite as a new Committee member.

However, as some of the Committee members would like to retire from the Committee it was decided that in 2012 we would have formal nominations for committee jobs and would arrange for tellers and nominations in October.

The menu for the Christmas dinner at The Greenhill was circulated for people to make their menu choices.

Jenny Wren won the raffle.

Norman Brayton welcomed 30 members of **Bothel Gardening Club** and the Christmas social was planned with the members. The speaker Chris Hill from Cumbria Organic Gardeners and Farmers then gave an extremely interesting and informative talk. She explained what it meant to garden organically and how she had come into it after seeing the damage done to wildlife by chemicals in the 70s and 80s.

She covered all aspects of gardening and showed us all how we could use more organic methods in our own gardens.

Over 30 funny faces looked across the Bothel Village Hall, all made from Pumpkins! **Bothel Gardening Club** is delighted with the response to "All Things Pumpkin" at the Pumpkin Fest and thank all who joined in. Pumpkin Soup and Pumpkin Pie were served and the children were able to play several games.

Results :- *Largest Home Grown Pumpkin* – 1. Jenny Wren, 2. Fran McDonald. *Best Pumpkin Lantern* – 1. Katie Bunting, 2. Katie Bain, 3. Andy May, 4. Amelia Jenks, 5. Maggie Bell. *Best Pumpkin Person* – 1. Raymond Wren, 2. Fran McDonald *Pin the Bug on the Pumpkin* 1. William France, 2. Sophie Butler, 3. Charlie Travis. *Peas in the Pumpkin* – 1. Shane Warwick, 2. Paul Bunting, 3. Shane Warwick. *Find the Pumpkin* – 1. Anya Woods, 2. Charlie Travis, 3. Nicole Teasdale. *Raffle* – 1. Norman Brayton, 2. Enid Bull, 3. Ashley Gate.

School Pumpkin colouring competition

Reception – 1. Aleesha McCann. 2. Stanley Jackson, 3. Ellie James. Year 1 – 1. Trinity Lattimer, 2. Katie Bain, 3. Skye Lattimer. Year 2 – 1. Lauren Fell, 2. Nicole Teasdale, 3. Ellie Whitehead.

Parent and Toddler Group starting in Bothel Village Hall, every Wednesday from 11th January 2012, from 10am to 11.30am.

Torpenhow Village Hall

Friday, 2nd December **THE SOLWAY AND ITS BIRDS** - an illustrated talk by Mike Carrier. 7.30pm in Torpenhow Village Hall Adults £2, children £1. Ring Gwen on 016973 71514 for more information.

Saturday, 10th December **ALADDIN** - a shadow theatre, a colourful tale from the Arabian nights. Follow Aladdin's wild and dangerous adventures as he gets caught up in excitement way beyond his control. 3.00pm in Torpenhow Village Hall Adults £5, children £3.50, family tickets £13.50 There will be a chance to talk to the puppeteers after the show and find out more about this art form. Ring Gwen on 016973 71514 to book tickets or find out more.

All are invited to a **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** in Torpenhow Village Hall from 8.00pm til late. Buffet Supper, disco Tickets adults £10, under 15s £5 . Please book tickets by 29th December by ringing Gwen on 016973 71514.

Anyone interested in a 6 WEEK BEGINNERS BADMINTON COURSE in Torpenhow Village Hall or in joining regular badminton sessions is asked to contact Gwen on 016973 71514. The course will run in January/February and cost £18 for the 6 sessions.

Blennerhasset & Baggrow Village Hall

Happy Christmas! and a big thank you to everyone who has supported the hall this year.

Christmas Fair & Show!

Don't forget our **Christmas Fair & Show on Saturday 10th December** from 10.30am to 2pm. Come and browse the Christmas stalls, enter the Christmas Show and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of cake. *(If you would like to have a stall, cost £5, at the Christmas Fair please contact Caroline Turner on 016973 21944)*

Christmas Show

9 categories to choose from; 4 mince pies, Yule Log, 4 Christmas Cookies, 4 sausage rolls, jar of rum butter, jar of chutney, 4 Christmas Cupcakes, Christmas Cracker & Christmas Decoration.

All entries to be in the Village Hall by 10.30am on Saturday 10th December. 20p per entry

Kids Christmas Drawing Competition

All entries for the drawing competition are due in by Saturday 3rd December.

Draw a picture inspired by Christmas 'What does Christmas mean to me?' And enter ...

How to enter

Write the artist's name, age and contact details on the back of the drawing and send or bring it to 'Christmas Drawing Competition' Beech House, Blennerhasset, CA7 3RE.

There are 4 age categories; 5 and under, 6 to 8 years, 9 to 12 years, 12+ years. A winner & runners-up prize will be awarded in each category. Prizes kindly donated by The Cumberland Pencil Company.

All the entries will be displayed in the Village Hall at the Christmas Fair on Saturday 10th December when the winners will be announced.

A reminder of our weekly activities during December...

Monday	7pm (new time)	Zumba.
		'Party yourself into Shape for Christmas'
Tuesday	7.30pm	Bingo
Wednesday	7.00pm	Yoga has now started!

We are currently planning a programme of events for the new year so watch this space!

If anyone is interested in teaching a class in the Village Hall we would love to hear from you.

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December again! The nights are long and cold, and the days short and dull. But Christmas lights are everywhere, and throughout the month anticipation grows: Christmas is coming! December is never dull: there are Christmas cards to write, Christmas presents to be bought and wrapped, Christmas trees to drag home and decorate, Christmas parties to attend, Christmas puddings and cakes to make, Christmas concerts and carols to enjoy. All to celebrate the coming of the most precious gift of all: Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Messiah, God's present to us.

December
Cold
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Mistletoe

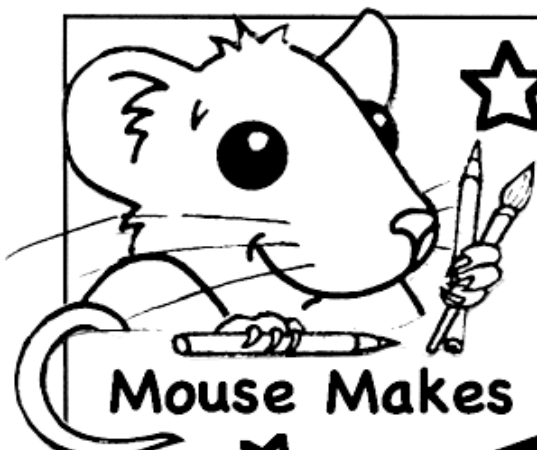
Messiah
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Goodwill to all



Peace on earth



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has been born
this day,

The **light** of the
world to show us
the way!

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Add ribbon and hang from the tree.



Hope for 2012

'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)

As the start of this New Year we are all aware of the uncertainties which we face, especially in terms of our finances, jobs and economic prospects. We have to face the big questions of life: *what shall I do?; who can help me?; who cares for me? and what do I say?*

The familiar words of the prophet Isaiah were also given by God in a time of political and economic uncertainty. The Assyrians had just conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, fulfilling Isaiah's warnings to the people, who had turned their back on God and his ways. However, Isaiah also brings a word of hope, *'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light'* (2). For Isaiah, it felt as if the future had already arrived! However, after 700 years the promised child was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. For us, facing a New Year, he continues to be an answer to both our needs and questions:

Wonderful Counsellor: he will give us the wisdom we need, when we have difficult decisions to make at work or home, or in dealing with our finances or future direction.

Mighty God: he will provide the help and strength to face the difficult diagnosis, the family crisis or relationships breakdown, as we trust his plan and purpose for our lives.

Everlasting Father: he cares for us as a father cares for his children, so we can come to him when we feel alone or we are really struggling, knowing that he hears and will answer our prayers.

Prince of Peace: he has secured peace by his cross and resurrection, and so we can find in him true acceptance, forgiveness and peace for our lives, relationships and future.

Therefore at the start of 2012, may *'our joy be increased'* (3) as for the people in Isaiah's day. For only Jesus can truly turn our sorrow into joy and save us from the vicious spiral of sin and death. Whatever the mess and mistakes we have made over the past year, he can deal with them. With him both our present and future are secure. This is no pipe-dream, for *'the zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.'*

Smile-lines

Christmas cards

A friend of ours waited until the last minute to send Christmas cards. She knew she had 49 people on her list. So she rushed into a store and bought a package of 50 cards without really looking at them. Still in a big hurry, she addressed the 49 and signed them without reading the message inside.

On Christmas Day when things had quieted down somewhat, she happened to come across the one left-over card and finally read the message she had sent to 49 of her friends. Much to her dismay, it read like this: *This card is just to say a little gift is on the way.* Suddenly she realized that 49 of her friends were expecting a gift from her.

The name of God....

A little boy died and arrived at the gate of heaven. There he met an angel. "Before you come in, can you tell me God's name?" said the angel. "Oh, that's easy," the little boy replied, "His name is Harold." "What make you think his name is Harold?" the angel asked incredulously. The little boy explained: "Because at Christmas we sing 'Hark while Harold's angels sing...' and also, when we pray, we say: 'Our Father in Heaven, Harold be Thy Name...'"

Camels

In Jane's Christmas drawing, two of the camels were approaching the inn, over which was pictured a huge star. The third camel and its rider were going directly away from it. "Why is the third man going in a different direction?" her mother asked. Jane replied, "Oh, he's looking for a place to park."

Christmas presents

Catching her in the act, I confronted our 3-year-old granddaughter. "Are you opening your little sister's presents?" I demanded. "No," she innocently replied, "I'm just helping her share."

Quotes - With Christmas in mind...

For history the really strong argument in favour of the virgin birth is the difficulty of accounting for the story otherwise than on the assumption of its truth. H R Mackintosh

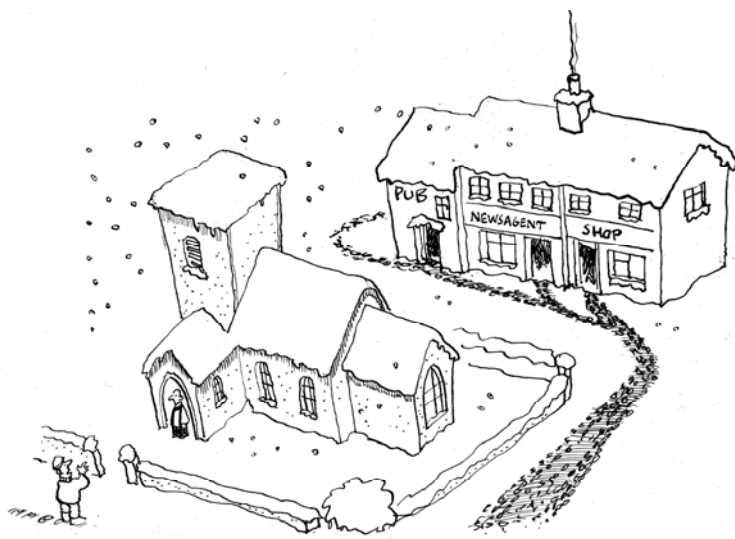
Christ is the great central fact in the world's history. To him everything looks forward or backward. All the lines of history converge upon him. C H Spurgeon

There were only a few shepherds at the first Bethlehem. The ox and the ass understood more of the first Christmas than the high priests in Jerusalem. And it is the same today Thomas Merton

At Christmas, play and make good cheer; for Christmas comes but once a year. Thomas Tusser

When Jesus came to earth, it was not his Godhead he laid aside, but his glory. Anon

God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. C S Lewis.



...I am so sorry Vicar - but with all the snow this week - no-one has managed to get to church...



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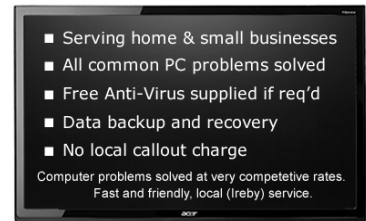
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