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Dear Friends,

We do a lot of Remembering in the month of November. As the days shorten and darkness seems to be a greater feature than sunshine over our little corner of the world, we think back and remember. We remember Guy Fawkes and his attempt to destroy Parliament, in the fun of bonfires and fireworks! We also remember those who have died and were close to us as family or in friendship in this season of remembrance. We remember those who have fallen (and are still falling) in war zones, with a renewed determination to bring an end to death, maiming, and mental health problems that come from war, with a special Act of Remembrance in Church, and in town. But added to these remembrances, we also remember those we continue to love and care for as we prepare for Christmas - who will we send a card to? or go out to buy a present for? so we remember the living as well, the physically close and those living away from us, who maybe we have not seen for a long time.

We treasure our memories of people – both the living and those who are no longer with us physically. November is definitely a time for Remembrance in more ways than one! For the past and for the future, we make a resolve not to take our family and friends for granted, but to treasure them. To remember them.

As we also 'gear up' in Church to begin the season of Advent let us also remember Jesus in the same way, by not taking Him for granted or all that He did for us. Take a moment in this month of darkness to remember that in December we will sing of Jesus being the light that came into the world to bring us love, forgiveness, and direct access to God the Father through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let's not take all that or Him for granted, and include Jesus in our remembrance this month, with gratitude, realising that in Him, we have something to treasure too.

Robert



Four Candles

The first candle represents our grief.

The pain of losing you is intense.

It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

This second candle represents our courage.

To confront our sorrow, To comfort each other, To change our lives.

This third candle we light in your memory.

For the times we laughed,

The times we cried,

The times we were angry with each other, The silly things you did,

The caring and joy you gave us. This fourth candle we light for our love.

We light this candle that your light will always shine.
As we enter this holiday season and share this night of remembrance

with our family and friends.

We cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for you.

We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us.

We love you.

We remember you.

Unknown Author





November Services

Tuesday 1st - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. James') Thursday 3rd - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. Nicholas')

Sunday 6th November - The Third Sunday before Advent.

8:00 Eucharist

10:00 Parish Eucharist

Readings: 2 Thess. 2: 1-5, 13-end. Luke 20: 27-38

Tuesday 8th - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. James') Thursday 10th - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. Nicholas')

Sunday 13th November - Remembrance Sunday.

8:00 Eucharist

10:00 Service of the Word with an Act of Remembrance Readings: 2 Thess. 3: 6-13. Luke 21: 5-19

Tuesday 15th - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. James') Thursday 17th - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. Nicholas')

Sunday 20th November - Christ the King.

8:00 Eucharist

10:00 Parish Eucharist and Confirmation Service Readings: Col. 1: 11-20. Luke 23: 33-43

Tuesday 22nd - 9:30 - Morning Prayer (St. James') Thursday 24th - 9:30 - Morning Prayer (St. Nicholas')

Sunday 27th November - Advent Sunday.

8:00 Eucharist

10:00 Parish Eucharist

Readings: Isaiah 1: 1-5. Matthew 24: 36-44

Tuesday 29th - 9:30 - Eucharist (St. James')

Alterations to St. James' Whitehaven

Garden of Remembrance

The PCC of The Parish of Whitehaven has been in discussion for some while over how best to maintain the Garden of Remembrance. We came to certain conclusions at our meeting of 26 September 2022, and felt we should do our best to give warning of what will result in a few changes to this area. As it is nearly impossible to contact everyone with a historical connection to the Garden, the following action was agreed:

For at least the next 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays), this notification will appear here and on our public notice boards, in the next two editions of the Parish Magazine, on display in the Garden of Remembrance, and on our website homepage. Could we also urge you (if this is relevant to you) to pass on this information to any persons you feel need to know about our intentions.

The Changes

It is our intention, in the Spring of 2023, to clear the planted areas (NOT GRASSED AREAS) under the memorial plaques of both gardens and lay gravel down, onto which the Memorial Pots will be replaced.

We have sought professional advice for these alterations to the Garden, and will engage a respected professional to carry out the work.

None of the cremated remains will be disturbed during this work. However, those with concerns should talk to the minister Revd Robert Jackson (revrobjackson@live.co.uk; telephone: 01946 696932), or speak to one of the Wardens.

Our sole intention in undertaking this work is to respect the memory of the persons whose remains are interred in the Garden, and in so doing to honour our Saviour.

Revd Robert Jackson,

On behalf of The PCC of Whitehaven.

AN ORDINAND'S JOURNEY

In the last edition of our parish magazine I began telling you about my journey to ordained ministry in the Church of England. I ended telling you that I was advised to prepare for the Bishop's Advisory Panel but before that I had to pass local selection through the Diocesan Panel. This involved presenting a short talk to a panel of clergy followed by a series of interviews based upon the defined selection criteria set down by the church at a national level. These criteria are designed to test the candidates calling against a measurable scale so that the panel can accurately assess where the candidate is in their walk with God and whether they are really called to ordination or to another ministry or vocation. As you can imagine it is very nerve wracking to face a panel of clergy who have been in ministry for many years and have them question your vocational calling even when it is done with compassion and gentleness as mine was.



The diocesan panel would normally take place face to face at Church House in Penrith, however due to covid-19 which was in full strength at the time it was decided that we would do our interviews over Zoom. I was grateful for this because allowed me to be more relaxed in the familiarity of my own study at home. There were a number of candidates who were being interviewed on the same day, many of whom I knew well so there was a sense or real fellowship amongst us. The panel was scheduled to last from lunchtime until around 5pm if I remember correctly. I had prepared my presentation on chaplaincy at Sellafield and when it came to my turn to speak I took a deep breath and trusted God that what I had to say was enough.

It was very hard to gauge what the panel members thought as they nodded here and there and made notes about what I was saying. The presentation was timed and had to last 15 minutes and no longer and this was strictly enforced as at least one candidate was cut short because they seemed not to have timed their presentation and it lasted too long. Luckily I came in just inside the time helped by the fact I had a stop watch in my eyeline so I knew how quickly or slowly to talk to make sure I filled the time but didn't go over it. I have to be completely honest and say I was relived when it was done as I had been dreading that part the most.

The next part of the afternoon saw the candidates split into groups and we were all individually interviewed by panel members on various aspects relating to the churches selection criteria. Peter Clement , the DDO, had prepared us all well for this part of the process and had advised us what we should study and pray about leading up to this. He of course knew our backgrounds and had an excellent understanding of how God had been working in our lives. If he didn't think we had a calling we wouldn't have been sent to the panel, but it was important that we effectively demonstrated to the gathered panel members what Peter had seen in us over many months and somehow compress that into a series of hour long interviews. Although I had dreaded the presentation I actually found the interviews really hard. Some of the questions seemed, at first glance, really random but they were designed to tease out of us the answers the panel were looking for.

As the afternoon drew to a close all the candidates and panel members gathered together to pray and then we were asked to leave the Zoom call and allow the panel time to discuss their findings. We were told that we should hear something later that evening about whether we had been selected to go forward to national selection. It was the longest evening of my life as I anxiously waited for the phone to ring. I think it was around 9pm when I saw Peter Clement's number flash up on my phone screen and I nervously answered. I had prepared myself to be told that I had not got through so when Peter told me I had been selected to go forward to national panel it took a few moments for it to sink in. I could not believe my ears. I had passed the diocesan panel and was being sponsored by our diocese as a candidate for ordained ministry at the national selection to be held later in the year. It was a moment to celebrate and thank God for being with me that day, but I knew that I could not rest on my laurels and I had a lot of preparation to do to prepare myself mentally and spiritually for what was to come...And I will tell you more about that next month.

God Bless

Dave

Service of Evening Prayer

Evening prayer will be held in the Lady Chapel in St. James' Church at 4pmon the dates below unless specified.

- Sunday 27th November
- Sunday 18th December Carol Service 3pm
- Sunday 22nd January
- Sunday 19th February
- Sunday 19th March
- Sunday 23rd April

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A Reflection by Reverend Eric Last

St John writes
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God is love.

We had just moved into the Vicarage and the Bishop was to install me the following week. It was not the custom for the new minister to attend Sunday worship before the institution so we went to the next parish which we would be working with. No one spoke them o us and we found the service books on a table just inside. When the service began the Rector gave us a warm welcome and afterwards the sidesmen said that if they known who we were they would have welcomed us.

When, after retirement we moved to Whitehaven and we're given a most loving welcome at services and social events.

Many thanks. Keep up the good work.

Dorothy Bell

Would like to thank everyone for their well wishes and cards, during her recent illness.

They have been a great comfort.

BAPTISMS 2022

30 th Jan	Arlie Olivia McCann
20 th Feb	Theo George Lucock
20 th Feb	Keira Shae Brady
27 th Feb	Freddie David Sharples
27 th Feb	Eden Violet Kelly
6 th Mar	Lucas James Temple
20 th Mar	Oliver Neil Tuke
20 th Mar	Lissie Louise Graham
3 rd April	Sapphire Marie Pattinson
3 rd April	Elsie Ellen Knowles
10 th April	Nellie Dunn
10 th April	Ivy McKenzie
17 th April	Freddie James William Frazer
17 th April	Ayda Polly Frazer
1st May	Ivy Wilkinson
1 st May	Alarni Joenae Donaldson
8 th May	Jack William Wilkinson
29 th May	Poppy May Lithgow
29 th May	Alfie Christopher Lithgow
29 th May	Freddie Wilfred McAllister
12 June	Lillie Raine Fox
12 th June	Nellie Grace Banks
26 th June	Piper Eloise Johnston
26 th June	Alaia Joan Brannon
24 th July	Ella Rowland
7 th August	Edward George Dennis
7 th August	Henry William Dennis
7 th August	Orla Dot Kay
28 th August	Elsie-Rose Victoria Sewell
18 th September	Rudy Nicolas Dunn
18 th September	Max David Nice
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OCTOBER MEETING



The meeting was very well attended with a lot going on even before we officially started. Donna on raffle and Sheila on Christmas Meal and subs.

Prayer: We started the meeting with the hymn We Plough the Fields and Scatter, Jan led the prayers and started by asking people to remember former member Pat Jackson who had passed away.

Our speaker today was Margaret Hartley, who talked about her experience as a Nurse Trainee in the early days of the NHS. She spoke of the origins of the NHS and how it affected Whitehaven Hospital and Workington Hospital

In charge was Matron, who lived in, with her own personal maid and small dog. She led a very strict regime, trainees worked 48 hours a week, they were given a uniform but had to provide their own gaberdine raincoat and black leather shoes. They were, taught practical skills, bed making, bandaging, lifting and practiced giving injections in an orange.

Nothing was thrown away, bandages etc rinsed before going to Lakeland Laundry along with other things. Anything needing patched was patched, so unlike what goes on nowadays.

The patient was most important, although they weren't allowed to lie on their beds unless under the covers, otherwise sit on a chair. Visiting very strict only 2 at a time and no one under the age of 14.

At the late Queen's Coronation televisions were installed in every ward but were taken out the following week. It was a very fascinating talk, enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting 8th November is **"3 in 1" Violence against Women** St. Nicholas Centre 2pm

Jan Whinn





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

September / October update

I have been honoured and privileged to take up this new position as Headteacher at St James'. Since I began my new post in September, the community here in Whitehaven has been warm, friendly and inviting. We have had such a busy and productive start to the academic year. The children have all settled in nicely into their new classes and routines and have been immersed in new learning experiences.

Over the past two months, we have strived to enhance our links with the church further and build on the success of the school.

In summary we have:

- Donated our old reading books to church schools in Tanzania
- Contributed to weekly Collective Worship led by Mrs Jones based on the value of courage
- Introduced weekly Bible story time sessions led by church volunteers in Year 1 and Year 2
- Participated in outdoor prayer stations led by ladies from the church
- Carried out two Macmillan Coffee fundraising events with the local community
- Continued our cycle of class led Collective Worship- Catbells has presented theirs to their parents last week
- Introduced a new well being session led by Mrs Jones on a fortnightly basis
- Continued the cycle of 'Messy Church' each Monday after school
- Held our annual Harvest Service for parents in the church
- Launched a new webpage devoted to our 'Faith' to showcase all what we do to promote Christianity week in week out

In the second half of the autumn term our staff are booked onto Diocesan training about ways to promote 'Courageous Advocacy'. across the curriculum. Our school link advisor is also going to be visiting us from the diocese during November.

In other news, our building work is still ongoing. It has been setback with having to wait for further planning approvals, however this has now been granted the builders can proceed again now. We are very much looking forward to having a new build ready for our new starters.

Alex Moore

This terms Christian Value is Courage

Our focus story from the bible has been Joshua and Caleb







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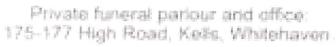
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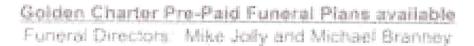
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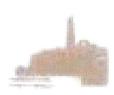
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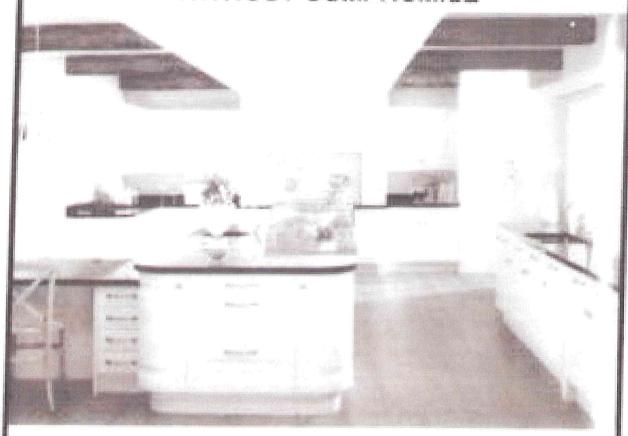
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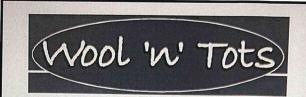


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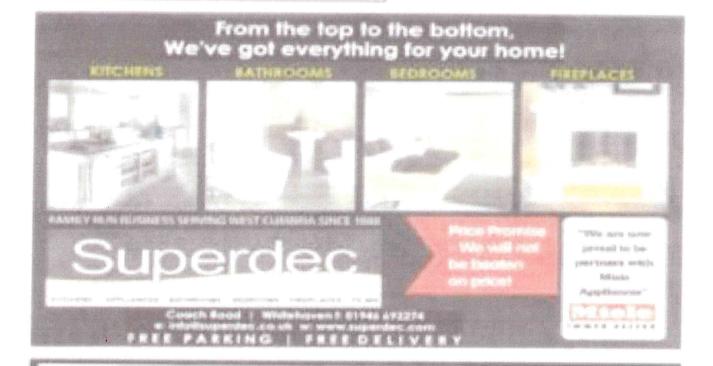
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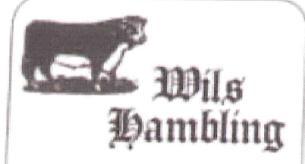
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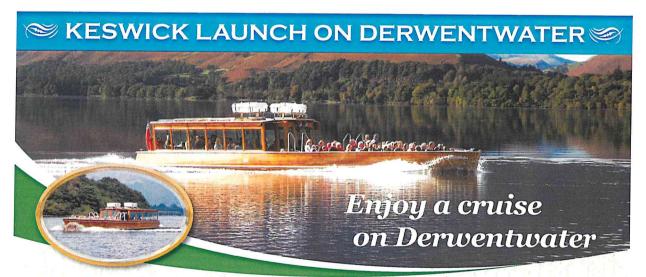
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