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and Brathay



The Parish of St. Mary's, Ambleside

Mission Statement: Our Church exists so that we can worship God together, help each other grow in the Christian Faith, care for all and share the good news of Jesus.

(St. Mary's Church, part of the Loughrigg Team - with Holy Trinity, Brathay and Holy Trinity, Langdale and in a local Ecumenical Partnership with Ambleside Methodist Church. Also a member of the Churches Together in Ambleside District)

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Church Services

1st and 3rd Sundays:

11 a.m. Service of the Word

2nd and 4th Sundays:

11 a.m. Holy Communion

The Parish of Holy Trinity, Brathay

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Church Services

1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays:

9.30 a.m. BCP Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Matins

Ambleside Methodist Church

(meeting in the Wesley Room, Ambleside Parish Centre)

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Church Services

Sunday: 9.30 a.m. Sunday Worship

When there is a 5th Sunday in a month a United service of Methodist and Anglicans in St. Mary's church.

It has been a few weeks since we celebrated Easter Day. Have you still chocolate eggs stashed away, diligently eating only a square a day? Or are they long gone, finished even before the long bank holiday weekend?

For Christians, the Easter story is the biggest celebration of the year, much bigger than Christmas, and too big just for one day. So we carry on with the celebration until the next big



celebration, the day of Pentecost (sometimes called Whitsun), which this year is on the 19th of May—just a few weeks from now.

The story of Jesus and the Easter story, is that God has a human face, God has a human heart, and he shares with us the joys of life but also the suffering, sorrow and death itself. And then, on Easter Sunday, as we celebrate Jesus rising from the dead, we have hope even in the face of the most hopeless situations.

Then, the Pentecost celebration arrives, and we celebrate that Jesus, who has risen from the dead, sends us God's Spirit to be with each of us.

Jesus sending the Holy Spirit means God is with us. Whatever we face, whatever life throws at us, we are no longer alone, but he is with us. It gives great comfort and joy. And it is this same Holy Spirit that, throughout history and still today, motivates Christians to try and care for those in need, whether running food banks, visiting those in need or campaigning to eradicate modern slavery.

There are so many things in life, whether riding a bike or trying a new food for the first time, that you only really find out if it works by giving it a go. The story of Jesus and then his sending God's Spirit at Pentecost, and the life and hope that this brings, is found in giving it a go. And so this Pentecost, I invite you to try; you really have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

With prayers and best wishes,

Andy

Events and services in May (for Brathay please see P. 11)	
Wednesday 1st May	11am Holy Communion at Millans Court
Sunday 5th May	11am Service of the Word
Monday 6th May	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom)
Sunday 12th May	11am Holy Communion
Monday 13th May	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom) 2pm Monday Meet-up
Sunday 19th May	11am Service of the Word
Monday 20th May	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom) 2pm Monday Meet-up
Sunday 26th May	11am Holy Communion
Monday 27th May	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom) 2pm Monday Meet-up



May: a month of colour and the heart-warming promise of sunny days ahead!

Firstly, a big Thank You to our secret gardeners who kindly tend the garden area to the entrance of the

centre, keeping it looking loved, neat and welcoming. What stars you are – thank you! If anyone has any ideas and time to improve the sloping area opposite the school car park, let us know.

Our recent hosting of the Health & Wellbeing Festival, organised by the Grange & Lakes ITC was a great success bringing together various organisations and representatives to offer invaluable advice on health and wellness.

In a new initiative, we welcome bookings from Scout Groups, DofE Groups, etc for residential stays, giving them the opportunity to make the most of our facilities for a comfortable camping experience while exploring Ambleside and surrounding areas.

We initially held a weekly Community Lunch, but due to volunteer shortage this is now only held once a month. Using donated surplus food items from local shops, these free 3 course hot lunches not only alleviate food waste but bring the community together socially. With just 2 -3 extra volunteers we could reinstate weekly lunches, sign up for Fareshare deliveries, helping maintain our commitment of zero waste. Each team would be required to volunteer once a month. So, if you fancy joining this very friendly group please contact Gale in the office.

May dates for your diary

Dementia Support Group Tuesday 21st 10.30 – 11.30. Wesley Room.

Community Lunch Thursday 30th 12.30 - 1.30

Community Events

Evergreens - every Wednesday 2 – 3pm. Wesley Room.

Games for men – every Monday 1.30 – 3.00pm. Our Place Room.

And much much more...

Swifts in Ambleside

By the time you read this, the swifts will be on their way back to us for the summer, having spent the winter over central Africa. For the last five years, volunteers have been recording their numbers and moni-



toring nest sites around Ambleside. Last year, the largest count was on June 16th when 60 birds were seen over the Millans Park. And that's before the young had left their nests!

We found 21 buildings being used, and 27 suspected nest sites. Another 20 nests were found in the nearby villages. But these numbers were well down on those in some previous years.

If you would like to join in with counts, have information about where they are nesting, or just would like to find out more about these amazing birds, please contact Pete Martin via thorncottage@hotmail.com or on 07816686166.

This summer: look up to the skies once more!



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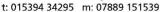
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Ways of Praying

You are all invited to an evening experiencing some contemplative prayer methods. Anyone, at any stage of their prayer life would be most welcome. The aim is simply to draw closer to God.

This will take place on **Tuesday May 21**st, **7pm at the Braithwaite Hall, Far Sawrey.**

Any questions then please do get in touch.

christopherphilipsmith1990@gmail.com

Chris Smith, Curate in the Hawkshead United Benefice

Support Group

For those with dementia, their carers and friends

at Ambleside Parish Centre

on Tuesday 21st May at 10.30 – 11.30 am

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PARISH OF BRATHAY

Holy Trinity Church, Bog Lane, Brathay, Nr. Ambleside LA22 0HS

Services

1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays: 9:30am - BCP Holy Communion

2nd Sunday: 9:30am - Matins

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Everyone very welcome

Thoughts over Brathay Bridge

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I come here every morning and other times of the day and I never seem to get fed up with it. The scene is always changing and today there are real signs that winter has passed. Hopefully the wet weather will pass as the trees are turning green and any spring flowers not beaten down by the rain will have the chance to enjoy some sunshine.

I'm seeing more cars and vans parking in the laybys and taking of any available space as the visitors start to return.

I've just had a lovely conversation with a couple from Canada. They were staying near Ambleside and had brought their little boy for a walk along the riverbank. They told me that, much to their son's delight, they had seen a small deer, and I feel



that there could be some more further up the valley. Although with the noise the young lad was making, they were probably miles away by now. It is always surprising how long these animals do hang about, especially without being frightened by others. It is quite interesting to watch the reaction of children and the interest of the parents. All different to each other.

Being near the church they wanted to go in, so I opened the main door and let them in. It always makes me very happy to see others appreciate our beautiful church and as in their words "set in such wonderful scenery". As I said goodbye, watching as they walked down the hill and being surrounded by the wonders of our creator, I had to smile.

To be continued...





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Something to celebrate!!

Peace Reconciliation Freedom

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION There's plenty that's difficult to celebrate these days, but an anniversary is coming up of an event which changed all of our lives for the better – **"D Day"**.

Many people have a direct connection to someone who served in the Second World War through family or community heritage, but as residents of this country are free citizens living at peace under (whatever its imperfections) a democratically elected government, owe it all to that generation who endured so much either on the battlefield or home-front over 5 long years of war. The D Day landings remain the largest seaborne invasion in history and were a pivotal moment in the Second World War.

That is why communities up and down this country and throughout France are coming together in different places to honour this 80th Anniversary. Government, Parish Councils, schools, community groups, individuals old and young will be celebrating the peace, reconciliation and freedom we too often take for granted. In different parts of the country there will be: beacons, bellringing, singing, eating together... as well as prayers of gratitude and commemoration.

Some of these will be happening in **Ambleside on June 6**th – just how many depends partly on you! Our event is still very much a work in progress, but please make a note of the date now.

If you have any ideas, skills, time or energy(!) to contribute please get in touch with

George Wrigley, British Legion Chaplain, on georgewrig@hotmail.com

or Lisa on Langdales.Chairman@rbl.community



Ambleside Parish Centre
in commemoration of
80th Anniversary of D DAY
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Peace Days

"Everybody knows the war is over. Everybody knows the good guys lost..."

That second line of Leonard Cohen's song may prove all too prophetic about the outcome of some of the conflicts raging in our world at present. Conflicts where children are kidnapped, separated from their families and brainwashed, where killing any number of civilians is justified if one militant enemy is also killed, where official spokespeople lie deliberately, where UN edicts are flouted, every protocol of the Geneva Convention ignored and even Humanitarian Aid Workers targeted... all too often "the bad guys" seem to be winning; but war has a way of bringing out the worst in all combatants, even the "good guys".

We watch all this in nightly News Bulletins accompanied by pictures so gruesome they give us nightmares. We are citizens of a liberal Western democracy... surely there is something we can do?

Churches Together organised Quiet Days for Peace in Ambleside Parish Church at the start of the year, on Wednesday each week, when people were welcome to come in, perhaps light a candle, perhaps sit or kneel, and make an intention for peace whether by prayer or meditation. Roughly seventy people took this opportunity (while about ninety others entered to look around the building during the same time).

Several of those who did come were very glad of the space to quieten their minds and at least feel that they were doing something by lifting up the whole terrible situation up to God. And some appreciated the chance to do this together with someone else who felt similarly oppressed by the mess and danger our world is in. Others said it helped them just to be still and concentrate on this important thing for 20 minutes or so in a way they never would have done at home with all its inevitable distractions! Some of us cling to the hope that God hears and answers prayer... although the answer can be very slow in coming. We have let all people in Ambleside, both residents and visitors, know that we care about

what is happening and that we wish the wars and suffering to end. All the churches are united in this prayer.

St Mary's and Mater Amabilis are always open for prayer and meditation, or we can always pray in the privacy of our own homes or on solitary rambles. So please continue to lift these situations up to God. There are some Prayers for Peace on the St Mary's Church website if people find them helpful.

A big thank you to Rev Andy Smith and St Mary's PCC for allowing us the use of their building in this way, and to all the volunteers who staffed the church putting in a minimum of an hour each day.

George Wrigley & Terry Winterton (Co-Chairs of the local Churches Together)

Rydal WI

In March members enjoyed a meal prepared and served by students at Kendal College. We also took advantage of the half price for locals offer by The Mountain Goat company and several members journeyed over to The Yorkshire Dales for a very enjoyable day trip.



In April it was the annual council meeting for the county federation. At our own April meeting Chris Winnick spoke very knowledgeably all about butterflies we are likely to see around us, their caterpillars, lifecycles and so on and members agreed they had learned a great deal to help and encourage these vital insects.

Our talk at the next meeting on May 14th is by our new local PCSO.

Come and join us at 7.30pm in The Wesley Room or on Fridays at 1.30pm for Rummikub sessions (except for the 2nd Friday of the month).

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Network Youth Church Update – Chris Mason South & Central Lakes Mission Communities

The Lakes School

Chris is in the Lakes School on Monday's term time, he runs 'Chill Out' with Katy Hall (NISCU) a lunch club for young people to play games, chat and eat their lunch. Chris also partners with NISCU in offering a listening service for young people who value time out to chat.

Windermere Drop In

Windermere Drop In continues Friday's after school, where young people hang out in the porch of St Marys Church to play games, chat, and eat snacks. We are looking at more ways of engaging with the young people on Fridays, but need volunteers, particularly female, if you are interested in getting involved, please contact Chris.

Primary Schools

Chris goes in regularly to Langdale and Hawkshead schools and occasionally into Ambleside. There is a big team of people that contribute to primary schools and it was great to take part in the recent Experiencing Easter, led by Cathy Ellis. Please pray for year 6's as they prepare to move schools in September.

Meeting To Pray

We would love for you to join us at our regular youth & children focussed prayer breakfasts. We typically meet for informal prayer, chat, pastries, and coffee on the third Tuesday of every month 8.30 – 9.30am at St Marys, Windermere and you are welcome to stay and chat after. This is subject to change so get in touch if you are planning to come for the first time.

Thanks,

Chris Mason,

Network Youth Church Leader

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What's on at The Armitt: Museum, Gallery, Library

Photography Walk with Chris Routledge
 Tuesday 14th May – 10am-1pm – tickets £12

Walking around with the idea of taking photographs can change the way we see. During this workshop you'll get expert advice on composition and tips on how to work more creatively. Bring a camera or even just your phone. Meet at the Armitt Museum to start the walk.

Cook out in with Fell Foodie and Alex Staniforth
 Thursday 16th May – 6pm-7:30pm – tickets £15

As part of our "Running Int' Fells" events programme for mental health in May, Alex Staniforth and Harrison Ward will share their stories about how getting out into the fells – running, swimming, walking – have helped them to push through times of struggle.



 The Hills Have Eyes - Roman and Native in the Lake District with John Reid - Tuesday 28 May - 2pm-3:30pm - tickets £5

Recent work at Ambleside Roman Fort by Trimontium Trust and Edinburgh University have brought to light a number of disturbing discoveries that suggest the fort suffered episodes of cataclysmic conflict. Dr John Reid, Chair of the Trimontium Trust will bring us up to date with the latest results.



Museum now open Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-5pm PLUS the first Tuesday of every month: £6 adults (with free return visits within 12 months), £4 students, Free for under 16s

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From the Registers

Funeral:

Dennis Jackson on 3rd April at St Mary's

Interment of Ashes:

Peter Machell on 24th April at St Mary's

Val Jackson would like to say thank you for all the cards and support she and the family have received following the sad loss of Dennis Jackson whose funeral was held in April.

Good News for Ambleside

Your church in Ambleside is committed to praying for its area. We have been doing this by praying for you, street by street, month by month. Now we would like to invite you to join us! Please tell us what we can pray for or give praise to God for on your behalf.



Lake Road, Blue Hill Road, Stone Croft, Fisherbeck Park, Fisherbeck Lane, Badgers Rake, Skelghyll Lane, McIver Lane, Waterhead Close, Borrans Road and The Borrans.

Do contact us and let us know what can we pray for during May. Email Judith Dixon: office@stmarysambleside.org.uk or telephone: 015394 34512

JUNE ISSUE

Please could all articles be emailed to Judith Dixon at **stmarysamblesidepcc@gmail.com** by 11th May.

Could they please be in Microsoft word format or similar? **No PDFs please.** Larger articles should not be more than 250 words. Thank you!

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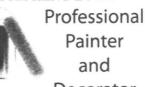
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