



February 2025

Ambleside, Brathay and Langdale



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The Parish of Ambleside with Langdale

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)

Team Rector:	Rev. Andy Smith	015394 34512
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Administrator:	Judith Dixon	015394 34512

Church Services

9:15am: Reflective service 11am: Contemporary service

The Parish of Holy Trinity, Brathay

Contacts: Rev. Nick Hallam 015394 36069

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)

Contact: Revd Grace Cauldwell 07341 960506
email: grace.southlakes@gmail.com

Church Services

Thursday: 1.45 p.m. Worship

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

It might seem a little late to talk about last Christmas, and it's certainly very early to be talking about the next one but, not deterred, Christmas, and a particular aspect of it, is my topic for this article.

I'm prompted by Howard Thurman's lovely poem "The Work of Christmas" from his book "The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations" which was published in 1985.



It's a poem which encourages us to continue the spirit of Christmas, a spirit which embraces a generosity that impels us to give, to care, to share, to love and to labour for a greater good. Thurman's work as a civil rights leader led him to bring a such a spirit to the darkness of the world, a world that needed God's peace on all 365 days of the year, and still does.

Here's the poem -

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among brothers and sisters,
And to bring hope.

May we all do what we can to help fulfil it.

Nick Hallam

Events and services in February

(for Brathay please see P. 11)

Sunday 2nd February	9.15am Reflective service 11am Contemporary service
Monday 3rd February	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom) 2pm Monday Meet-up
Wednesday 5th February	10.30am Holy Communion at Millans Court
Sunday 9th February	9.15am Reflective service 11am Contemporary service
Monday 10th February	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom) 2pm Monday Meet-up
Sunday 16th February	9.15am Reflective service 11am Contemporary service
Monday 17th February	9am Mission Community prayers (Zoom) 10am St Mary's prayers (Zoom) 2pm Monday Meet-up
Sunday 23rd February	9.15am Reflective service 11am Contemporary service
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Happy New Year from the members of Rydal WI as we look forward to another year of meetings and activities in support of our small, friendly group.

Our annual Christmas party was very much enjoyed and there have been Rummikub sessions and trips to the panto in Grasmere and the cinema.

Our next meeting on February 11th is a talk by Sue Birkett on being a Life Coach.

Rummikub sessions continue on Friday afternoons at 1.30pm in the community room of Ambleside library, except for the second Friday of the month.

We usually meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Wesley Room of the Parish Centre. We invite anyone to come along to try us out with no obligation to join.

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Beatrix Potter spent her family summers in the Lake District between 1882 and 1901. In this display, you can explore her fungi artwork from her times spent at Wray Castle, Lingholm, Holehird and Lakefield.

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PARISH OF BRATHAY

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

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

2nd Sunday: 9:30am - Matins

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Although January was quiet in Ambleside, it was action from day one when we reopened after the Christmas break!

Pilates, Yoga and Fitness classes were up and running straightaway, Chiropody reopened and Youth Club and All Together Now groups were happy to meet up again. Evergreens, Community Cafe, Foodclub, Games for Men, monthly Community lunch and Dementia Support group are all back to normal. If you want to find out more about joining any of these, or becoming a volunteer, please contact us.

Thanks to Ambleside Art Society and our hospitality team's amazing fundraising and the ECO grant from Westmorland and Furness, the first phase of our LED lighting project is complete! We are now raising funds to convert remaining lighting in the building to LEDs and to improve the sound quality in the hall by installing new fabric blinds and acoustic panels on the ceiling.

Having had no Centre Manager since Sophie Bryde resigned in September, we hope to appoint a new full time Manager this month. Sadly, Gale Chen, our Community Project Coordinator, will also be leaving us at the end of March. We hope to appoint a new Manager in time for her/him to work with Gale to learn about our projects before she leaves to work with her husband to run their family business.

Community Cafe Wednesdays 10-11.30am

Evergreens Wednesdays 2.00-3.00pm

Community Lunch Thursday 27th February 12.30-1.30pm

Dementia Support group Tuesday February 18th February

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Our February talk will
be:

**A history of Cumbria
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Thursday February 13th 7.30pm

The Beehive, University of Cumbria

All welcome

Christingle Service – Christmas Eve

Thank you!

To the many people who gave so generously meaning that we can send £587 to The Children's Society. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed – from the children with their 'candles' full of coppers to the congregation who contribute so willingly.

Christingle is a real team effort and without the contributions of money for the oranges and candles and time for the assembling of the actual Christingles the service wouldn't happen.

And what a happy service it was – Rev. Andy and Rev. Jane made it a wonderful start to Christmas for everyone there – God bless us all!

Judith Shingler



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at Ambleside Library

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Every third Monday of the month

11.30am to 12.30pm

Next drop in date: 17th February

46th Annual Cumbria Local Arts Exhibition

Easter is coming so the Cumbria Local Arts Exhibition is here again, now in its 46th year. As always the exhibition is located in the beautiful Grasmere Village Hall from 18th April to 27th April 2025.

Featuring 115 artists from all over Cumbria and the Lake District, it shows nearly 600 original artworks in all mediums, sizes and prices.

The majority of the work is shown for the first time.

Artists range from acclaimed award-winning professionals to artists that are exhibiting for the first time. The mission of the exhibition has always been to provide a platform to showcase art from the whole of Cumbria. A true celebration of creativity from across Cumbria.

This follows on from the record-breaking exhibition in 2024 where we received hundreds of lovely comments such as

"Blown away by the quality and variety of work"

"the most serene experience"

"Stunning" and many more.

For information visit <https://cumbrialocalarts.com>

Delivering the Parish Mag

We aim to deliver a magazine to all the houses in the parish, but we have vacancies to deliver to one or two streets. If you could take on a monthly slot, please get in touch.

Langdale Church of England School



As Headteacher of Langdale CE Primary, it is a privilege to share an insight into some of the wonderful things the Langdale Learners have the opportunity to encounter. It is always an absolute whirlwind of fun and learning!

Learning at Langdale doesn't just happen in the classroom. Our extensive woodland learning environment and our out and about sessions are a huge part of what makes our school so special. We believe in getting outside, exploring nature, and learning by doing. Whether it's building dens, identifying plants, or simply enjoying the fresh air, our woodland, poly tunnel and extensive school grounds provides endless opportunities for enriching experiences and learning.



Mr. Pegg's popular Friday morning 'Into the Woods' sessions continue, offering even more woodland adventures for pre-school children and their parents who are welcome to come along.

Looking ahead, we have many more exciting things planned! At the end of January, KS2 are off to Robinwood for a residential trip – think outdoor adventures and team building. Our Nursery children are setting sail with a pirate topic (prepare for some swashbuckling!), and KS1 are visiting Wordsworth Cottage, connecting with nature and poetry. We're also joining the Young Voices event in Manchester; providing the opportunity of singing and dancing with thousands of other children. Plus, we're diving into Chinese New Year with a special focus on the Year of the Snake.

We are so proud of the unique learning experiences we offer, both inside and outside the classroom. Our woodland environment is a real asset, allowing us to deliver a rich and varied curriculum that inspires and engages our children. We're always happy to welcome

prospective families to experience our special school for themselves – just get in touch!

Wishing you all a wonderful New Year and I look forward to sharing with you the next chapter of adventures from Langdale School in our next update.



Best Wishes, Rachel Underwood, Headteacher

Ambleside Action for a Future: Community Garden

An exciting new Community Garden for Ambleside is coming into being at Rydal Hall. The land was once a community garden but has not been kept up for about a decade. Now, with the dire effects of climate change on our horizon, resilience, adaptation and food security are becoming a priority. Gardening to help threatened bees and other pollinators is also an urgent need.

The garden has already got a number of raised beds and an orchard – in urgent need of pruning. It is in a quiet and lovely area above Rydal Hall on a south facing sunny slope. The garden will be organic and will be cultivated using the no-dig principle. Some work has begun already but will start in earnest as spring comes. It's envisaged that some produce will go to members of the Community Garden group with any excess going to groups that provide food for people in particular need in our community.

There are parking permits available at Rydal Hall for those coming to help in the garden. If you would like to be part of this undertaking give Paul Martyn a call on 07774565486 or email paulgmartyn@gmail.com

Membership of AAFAF is not a requirement for being part of this endeavour – and you can do as much or as little as you like!

From the Registers

Funerals:

Brian Elleray at St Mary's on 12th December 2024

John Biggs at St Mary's on 15th January 2025

Edwina Saunders at Holy Trinity, Brathay on 24th January 2025

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.

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Do contact us and let us know what can we pray for during February.

Email Judith Dixon: office@stmarysambleside.org.uk

or telephone: 015394 34512



MARCH ISSUE

Please could all articles be emailed to Judith Dixon at office@stmarysambleside.org.uk by 11th February

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

Thank you!

Hope Church Ambleside

(formerly Ambleside Baptist Church)
Compston Road, Ambleside

Contact: Simon Gregory 07947486740

Church Services

Sunday: 11 am at The Kelsick Centre

Please see our website www.hopechurchambleside.org for more info

Mater Amabilis Catholic Church

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Masses

Sunday: 9.30 a.m.

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Quaker Meeting for Worship

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