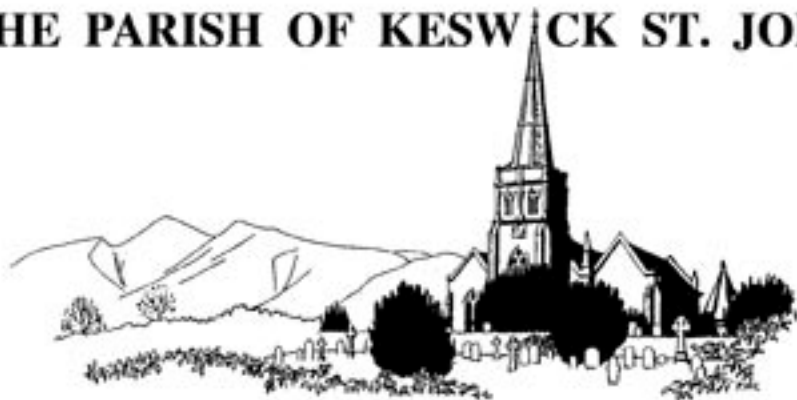


# THE PARISH OF KESWICK ST. JOHN



## FEBRUARY 2010 MAGAZINE

*The Parish Mission Statement - In friendship together we resolve to:  
worship God, serve the community and share our faith in Jesus Christ*

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP - A SELECTION OF SERVICES FOR EVERYONE:**

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| 8-00 a.m.  | Holy Eucharist   |
| 10-00 a.m. | Sung Eucharist and Sunday School (except 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday) |
| 10-00 a.m. | Family Eucharist for all ages (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday)           |
| 6-00 p.m.  | Sung Evensong  |

### **MIDWEEK WORSHIP:**

Thursday 10-45 a.m. Eucharist in the Lady Chapel  
Saints Days and Holy Days - see the Parish Diary page  
Tiny Tots Service fortnightly, in term time - see the Parish Diary page

**MIDWEEK ACTIVITIES:** see the Parish Diary page

**BAPTISMS** are held as part of the 10-00 a.m. Service, normally on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, after baptism preparation

**WEDDINGS** and the reading of Banns of Marriage by arrangement with the Vicar

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# FROM THE VICARAGE

## White stuff...

I love snow. I always have and I think I always will. It has something to do with silence, the hush in the air and on the landscape. For me it has something to do with innocence (an increasingly rare phenomenon now). It has also to do with being cut off or brought to a standstill by nature. It's like one of those paintings of the snow by Pieter Bruegel the elder, where snow incorporates both pleasure and pain. The huntsmen have nothing, work has largely stopped but people have also come out to enjoy themselves in a landscape made new, they are skating and throwing snowballs. This benign representation of snow is one I relate to. In the long history in which humans have been getting caught in snowstorms, the way we have reacted to snow and interpreted it has shifted radically from place to place and era to era. For the impressionists and the Japanese ukiyo-e artists, it was a force for beauty and contemplation. For the inhabitants of the Alps in the middle ages and after, it was associated with evil and witchcraft. The snow in Franz Schubert's 'Winterreise' is the symbol of misery and heartbreak.

We have not been greatly inconvenienced here, though many elderly people have found themselves housebound for a while. We have seen, though, the fells at their best. Causey Pike, viewed from the church terrace went from grey to candy floss-pink to bluey-white within one hour. To be honest I have rarely seen anything more beautiful, and it made me realise how privileged we are to be surrounded by such grandeur.

But, "like the snow fall in the river, here today then gone frae iver", when you read this, I wager there will be none of the white stuff left!

So we can rejoice in this evanescence. Maybe it's a bit like us. Every snow-flake has a unique pattern, each one beautiful and unique. But they soon go. The same is true of each one of us. Snow in Robert Frost's great poem signifies death, our death.

Innocent and holy is how God wants to see each of us, which is why he looks not on us only, but as us as seen in his son. Then our sins are like snow. We become 'white stuff'.

*Stephen*

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### **2010 Stewardship Campaign.**

You will have noticed from the Annual Accounts that St. John's has been spending more than it has been receiving over the last few years thereby seriously eating into our reserves. In recent months the P.C.C. has been preparing a Stewardship Campaign, to be launched on Mothering Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010, with the aim of increasing our planned giving so that we can eliminate the shortfall between income and expenditure. An explanatory leaflet is being prepared and will be sent with a letter to all those who are associated in any way with St. John's.

This will initially be a financial exercise, but we realise that many of our worshippers give generously of their time and talents also, and, later in the year we will acknowledge these commitments and invite you to review your contribution and/or take up one of the many small but significant tasks which will enable our Church to move forward.

*Martin Head and Ann Clinker (Church Wardens)  
on behalf of Keswick St. John's P.C.C.*

Dear Magazine Reader,

**News of St Herbert's CE (VA) School, Keswick.**

Everyone at St Herbert's wishes you all a very Happy and Peaceful New Year!

**Staffing news**

Mrs Renton, teacher, begins maternity leave in early February and I wish her, and her husband Adam, all the very best for the birth of their first baby.

I am pleased to tell you that Miss Melonie McKenna will be teaching her class in the interim.

**Children's Centre news**

We continue to have good working relationships with the new members of staff and I would encourage you to pop in to the building on Trinity Way. If you are a parent of younger children you will see that there are a variety of events for different people in the community, according to need.

The Keswick Out of School Club use the Children's Centre for their activities on a daily basis and Governors of our school have kindly allowed them to use our outdoor play facilities which the children love of course!

The programme that investigates what exactly a community needs (Extended Schools programme) has again, through one of its representatives, carried out another survey on the need for a breakfast club at the Centre: hopefully there will be news soon.

**St Herbert's in the community**

As well as striving for the best academic outcomes we are really passionate about being a useful part of the community. Our children reach out to many different people in the town. Here are two exciting new ventures....

**Meeting and understanding** groups of elderly residents in two of the residential homes in the town, Ravensfield and The Millfield through projects which involve children visiting, discussing topics of interest to both groups, (holidays, Christmas, toys) and producing pamphlets for the residents to read. Yr 6 children, (10/11 year olds) have enjoyed using their considerable computer skills to do this and have enjoyed the meetings very much. KS1 have begun a link with

the Millfield that involves residents visiting the school to see what the children are doing there: some residents came to watch the Nativity at Christmas and loved it! Children will go to chat to residents also.

**Take one Picture** is a much wider reaching project by the National Gallery in London and means learning about a painting in a cross curricular way. This year all children in school have looked at, and learned about, Renoir's 'Umbrellas' and each group has got some special work ready for a whole school presentation to parents and friends at the end of January. They'll be dancing, explaining science investigations, singing music they have composed, building shelters and displaying written thoughts as well as art work. It highlights the many skills and talents of our teachers as well!

**To sum up** – St Herbert's is a vibrant place to be and we are always committed to being part of the life of the town. This, very importantly, also means the churches, especially the two parish churches of Keswick St John, and St Kentigern's, Crosthwaite.

Best wishes, Sara F Miller, Headteacher.

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## **SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**16 February**

This is a new venture and not to be missed! Our venue is the new Football Pavilion in Fitz Park, below the hospital.

The pancakes promise to be delicious! Savoury ones to start with and sweet ones to follow.

Family parties are especially welcome at the bargain price of £10 per family. The social area is very attractive – but there is room for only 50 so it will be 'first come, first served' when tickets go on sale on 24 January.

Telephone bookings to Bob Bryden on K 72142.

Doors open at 6.30 pm with supper at 7.00 pm followed by QUIZ AID – a popular new and exciting family general knowledge quiz.

Tickets £5    Family ticket £10.    Raffle prizes welcome

## CHRISTIAN CRACKERS

Said a small boy to his vicar:

‘I don’t pray every night because there are some nights when I don’t need anything’.

A child on his way home from school decided to call in the local church and have a look round. When he arrived home he told his grandmother that he had been in God’s house. ‘Oh’ said grandma ‘and did you see God?’ ‘No’ replied the little boy, ‘but I saw his wife scrubbing the floor.’

M.E.

### *How is this for nostalgia?*

It took five minutes for the TV to warm up.

Nobody owned a thoroughbred dog.

3d was a decent allowance.

All your male teachers wore ties and female teachers had their hair done and wore high heels.

You got your windscreen cleaned, oil checked, and petrol served without getting out of the car. And, you didn’t pay for air. And, you got trading stamps to boot.

No one ever asked where the car keys were because they were always in the ignition and the doors were never locked.

Bottles came from the corner shop without safety caps and hermetic seals because no one had yet tried to poison a perfect stranger. And, you got money back when you returned the empties!

With all our progress, don’t you wish, just once you could slip back in time and savour the slower pace and share it with the children of today?

## **LENT LUNCHESES – THURSDAYS – ST HERBERT’S CENTRE**

Churches Together LENT LUNCHESES will commence on Thursday, 18 February at the St Herbert’s Centre, at 12.00 noon, with parking at the Catholic Church.

Last year we raised £800 for Christian Aid work with children in the Congo Republic. This year the money will go to HONDURAS where the storms and floods caused by Hurricane Felix in 2007 have left thousands of families still in desperate need of basic necessities.

Six speakers will talk and answer questions on ‘FAITH and ACTION’. More details will be available at the first of the six lunches on 18 February.



### **Songs of Praise**

*Please come and join us at*

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH**

**Cockermouth**

*for further details see Church Notice Board*

### **KESWICK ST JOHN’S**

#### ***Dates for your Diary***

16 February	Shrove Tuesday	Pancake Supper
14 March	Mothering Sunday	Lunch
20 June	Parish Outing	to Ullswater
3 July	Garden Fete	
25 July	Teas on the Terrace	
3 October	Harvest	
9 October	Harvest Supper	
6 November	Gift Day	

????? PUZZLE PAGE ??????

(all answers next month)

**Who? What? Where?**

1. Jesus chose ..... disciples to help him.
2. Moses met ... in the burning bush.
3. Jesus grew up in ..... in .....
4. Adam met God in ... ..
5. ... .. tested King Solomon with hard questions.
6. Paul met Jesus on the .... ..
7. Queen ..... rescued the Jews from genocide.
8. David killed Goliath with .....
9. John wrote how many letters to churches in Asia?
10. Jesus was baptised in the ..... ..

**Fill in the missing vowels to complete these biblical names**

- (a) G . n . s . s . (b) G . l . l . . . (c) . s . . h . (d) J . b .  
(e) M . ry . (f) S . . l . (g) M . r . . m . (h) . z . k . . l .  
(i) M . c . b . . s . (j) Z . . . n .

**A Riddle:** What is black and white and red all over? (More than one possible answer!)

**Join the asterisks and then colour in the picture**

1\*

2\*

8\*

3\*

7\*

4\*

6\*

5\*

## **Who is responsible?**

I am writing this shortly after the completion of the UN climate summit in Copenhagen. There is widespread agreement that the final accord was a 'weak' one, that the richer nations in particular should have been willing to cut carbon emissions further. Many will be disappointed in the outcome, feeling that world leaders have shirked their responsibilities.

It is a heavy word: responsibility. Some of us may avoid taking on responsibility, others seem to thrive on it. Its origin lies, of course, in the word 'respond'. We might think of it as referring to our ability to respond appropriately to a person, a situation, an event. One response to the Copenhagen agreement might be to moan about our 'leaders' and their failure to live up to their promises or our expectations. A more appropriate and ethical response would be to focus instead on what we can do something about: our own response to global warming.

There are other areas of life where big decisions affecting millions of people are made and where we are disappointed in the nature of those decisions or the failure of negotiators to come to any agreement. This is the case for those who have been following the Doha Round of negotiations at the World Trade Organisation, the body which establishes rules for world trade. This round of talks was intended to benefit the developing world: no agreement has been reached although talks have continued for eight years.

We can complain about this – and I do so often – and we can think about what we can do to alleviate the horribly unfair system of world trade which, on the whole, is making the poor in the developing world even poorer and protecting the rich. There is not much we can do – but what little we can do will have an undoubted and beneficial impact on the lives of people in the South, in the developing countries.

When we go out to buy, instead of seeing rows of labels on a supermarket shelf, we can imagine the people behind them, tilling the earth, sowing the seed, gathering the crops. We can pause to wonder, what their names are, where they live. We do know it will make a difference to them which box or packet we pick. We can be responsible for the choices of goods we purchase and buy Fairtrade products.

As we move towards Lent, as the light lasts longer and spring begins, let us take our responsibilities to the world seriously and consistently.

The theme for this year's Fairtrade Fortnight will be the Big Swap. The idea is that we should, wherever possible, swap any stuff we buy which is not Fairtrade for a Fairtrade product. In Keswick the fortnight will be launched by an unusual tea-party.

Fairtrade Fortnight: 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Theme: THE BIG SWAP  
Keswick Launch Event  
MAD HATTER'S FAIRTRADE TEA PARTY  
Theatre by the Lake  
21 February, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

*Jo Alberti, December 2009*

### **Confirmation**

A number of young people have expressed an interest in Confirmation this year. Candidates must be of secondary school age when the confirmation takes place at the end of November. Please could you give me your name if you are still interested. Any adults who may be considering confirmation should also speak to me.

*Stephen*

### Lent Course

There will be a series of talks on Thursday evenings throughout Lent on 'The Doctrines of the faith'. In other words what we believe about God becoming man, what happened on the cross, creation and the fall etc.

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

<b>Sunday Worship:</b>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Collection</i>
	29 November	109	£462.30
	6 December	113	£557.33
	13 December	143	£496.34
	20 December	87	£501.26
	24 December	141	£118.68
	25 December	100	£75.40
	27 December	46	£438.50
	3 January	85	£454.80
	10 January	99	£526.06

### Funerals

Robert (Bob) Thwaites	8 December
Vera Hay	13 December

<b>In Memoriam February</b>					
1	Edith Johnson	2000	12	Dorothy Harper	2001
2	Kenneth Swindle	2009	13	Peggy Dalton	2002
			15	Yvonne Cawkwell	2009
4	Thomas Harrison	2000	19	Sid Birkett	2001
7	Annie Clayton	2002	21	Allan Gibbon	2001
8	Marjorie Gardiner	2003	23	Scott Benjamin Lowther	2006
	Cyril Brayton	2003	28	Edward Drummond	2009

## PARISH DIARY FEBRUARY

2 Feb	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union – Rev R Elliott – <i>Hospital Chaplaincy - Church</i>
	2.30 pm	Eucharist – The Millfield
	7.00 pm	Eucharist – Homethwaite House
3 Feb	7.30 pm	Julian Group    Holy Name House
4 Feb	9.30 am	Prayer Group – Church
	10.45 am	Eucharist – Lady Chapel
5 Feb	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
6 Feb	9.00 am	Churchyard Working Party

<b>7 Feb</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> before Lent</b>
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>The Hawthorns and Larch Grove</i>

10 Feb	1.30 pm	Tiny Tots – <i>Queen Esther saves the Israelites from Death - Church</i>
	7.15 pm	CAMEO – Revd Malcolm Cowan – <i>John Bunyan Church</i>
11 Feb	9.30 am	Prayer Group – Church
	10.45 am	Eucharist – Lady Chapel
	7.15 pm	PCC Meeting – Church
12 Feb	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

<b>14 Feb</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Next before Lent</b>
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Lonscale View, Fieldside, Fieldside Close and Elevantrees</i>

- 16 Feb 2.00 pm Mothers' Union – Pat Rigg – *OXFAM*  
Church  
6.30 pm St John's Tygers – *Pancakes, and 'What it means to be a Christian'* – Church
- 16 Feb 6.30 pm Shrove Tuesday *Pancake Supper* –New Football Pavilion, Fitz Park
- 17 Feb 7.30 pm **Ash Wednesday Service**  
7.30 pm Julian Group – Holy Name House
- 18 Feb 9.30 am Prayer Group – Church  
10.45 am Eucharist – Lady Chapel  
12.00 noon Lent Lunch – St Herbert's Centre
- 19 Feb 7.30 pm Choir Practice

<b>21 Feb</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> of Lent</b>
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	All Age Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Chestnut Hill, Chestnut Park and Lonsties</i>

- 24 Feb 1.30 pm Tiny Tots – *The Prophet Elijah defeats the prophets of the evil god, Baal* – Church  
7.30 pm Men's Group –Rev Brian Selvey - *Slides of China* - Church
- 25 Feb 9.30 am Prayer Group – Church  
10.45 am Eucharist – Lady Chapel  
12 noon Lent Lunch – St Herbert's Centre
- 26 Feb 7.30 pm Choir Practice

<b>28 Feb</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of Lent</b>
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00 pm	Healing Eucharist
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Station Street, Banks Place and Bell Close</i>

## SUNDAY ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

<b>Date/Day</b>	<b>10:00 am Reader</b>	<b>10:00 am Intercessor</b>	<b>10:00 am Coffeemakers</b>	<b>10:00 am Sidespersons</b>	<b>6:00 pm Reader</b>	<b>Cleaners for Sunday (key*)</b>
7 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	M Browne Revelation 4	V Montgomery	M Browne V Cooper J Hall	F Hayes G Page A Williamson	C Hale Matthew 6:25- end	P Duttson* J Hall F Hayes
14 February Next before Lent	B Bryden 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4: 2	G Selvey	C Scott N Adams M G Pearson	B Connolly P Douglas W Douglas M G Pearson	D Leighton Jonh 12: 27- 36a	B Connolly* K Beck Y Cole
21 February 1 <sup>st</sup> of Lent	T B A	T B A	A Williamson H Marshall D Marshall	J Bennett C Goodfellow P Graham V Montgomery	I McQueen Luke 18: 9-14	R Critchley* B Bryden A Goodfellow C Goodfellow
28 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Lent	P Duttson Philippians 3: 17-4: 1	B Bryden	A Goodfellow J McQueen S Page	F Hayes G Page A Williamson	Healing Eucharist F Green Luke 14: 27-33	M Davies* B Davies S Kirkby
7 March 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Lent	C Hale 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13	P Duttson	A Benson C Scott J Selvey	B Connolly P Douglas W Douglas M G Pearson	D Leighton John 1: 35-end	C Scott* A Benson A Williamson

**Flower Rota:**

7 February	Mary Davies	28 February	LENT
14 February	Sue Lake	7 March	LENT
21 February	LENT		

## **Keswick Choral Society**

will sing Choral Evensong on

Sunday 28th February at 3.00 pm

in St. Bega's Church, Bassenthwaite.

Organist John Green, Conductor Ian Hare

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All are warmly invited for this rare opportunity to hear sung evensong from the Book of Common Prayer with music including responses by Tallis, settings of the canticles by Stanford and the anthem 'O Thou, the Central Orb' by Wood.