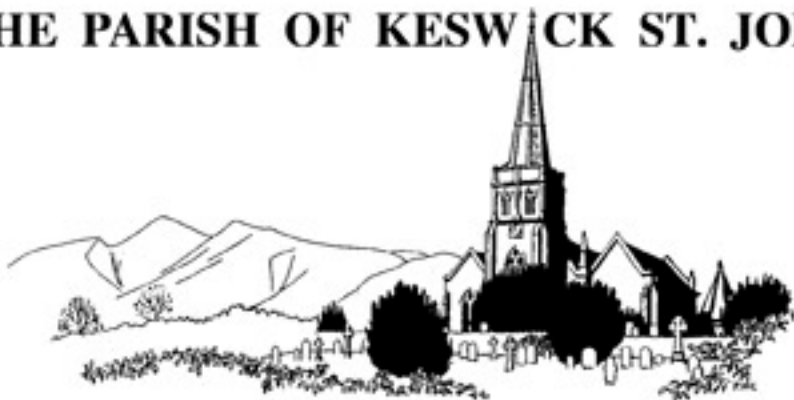


THE PARISH OF KESWICK ST. JOHN



FEBRUARY 2012 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 rd Sunday) |
| 10-00 a.m. | Family Eucharist for all ages (3 rd 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 1st Sunday of the month, after baptism preparation

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

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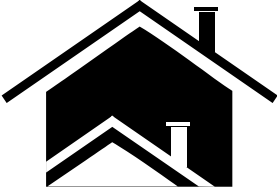
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FROM THE VICARAGE

Austerity...

is not a word we heard much about in the previous decade but is one which may well come to be the defining term for the one we now live in. The BBC economics correspondent recently said that we will have to become a more “make do and mend” society. He may well be right though there is a significant minority to whom this will not apply, some of whom seem to be, in part at least, responsible for our malaise.

These are worrying times especially for those out of work, and, now, a frightening number of 18-25 year olds who have never seen work. We live therefore in a very unequal society and one which now seems much of the time to operate unfairly. Little wonder then that people seek to protest against a system which appears discredited.

The biblical year began with the reading of the prophet Amos, one of the earliest books in the Bible to be written down. Those who say that the church should stay out of politics would do well to read this short work. Here God’s judgment is promised against those who turn way from or oppress the poor and those who grow obscenely rich without merit.

The end of this month sees the start of Lent. For many western Christians this season is at best treated lightly. It may seem a strange injunction in straightened times to call for the “observance of a holy Lent through fasting, discipline and self denial and meditating upon God’s holy word”, but this may be precisely what we need to do and may be of enormous benefit to each of us.

So much is written after Christmas about the need to detox in order to reverse some of the excess. We need this spiritually also; the need to sit still and meditate and to cleanse our minds; to meditate on our own mortality.

With prayers,

Stephen

Rachel Head

In the previous magazine Rachel wrote of her decision to relinquish her post as Director of Music at St. John's. I would now like to pay tribute to all that Rachel has contributed to the musical life of our church. Rachel and I have met every other month to choose hymns and to discuss musical matters; I am aware then, more than most maybe, of the care and devotion she has brought to her work. In a recent survey of our congregation many commented on the musical aspect of our worship in a very positive way, not least our regular visitors, for whom this is a significant attraction. So, many thanks, Rachel, for all that you have given over 12 years to St John's, and a personal thanks for the 6 years of help and encouragement you have given to me.

Whilst I was saddened by Rachel's retirement from her post I am nonetheless overjoyed by the fact that **John Cooper Green** will soon become our **Organist and Choir Master**. When I first arrived in this parish John was playing throughout my first Holy Week as he was home from his teaching at Stowe School, and Rachel was on leave following Jacob's birth. I thought then what a wonderful church organist he was with a real feel for music and liturgy. We are, then, extremely fortunate that John has accepted my offer of the post. I look forward to working with him to ensure that the musical and worshipping life of our church goes from strength to strength.

Melles Green, who died peacefully but unexpectedly on 14th January, was a much loved member of St. John's Church. Above all she contributed an enormous amount to the work of the Mothers' Union and was a great ambassador for its aims and purpose. She was always thinking of others and was a great worker for many organisations within Keswick.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, 22nd February marks the beginning of Lent. Really, everyone who reads this and is a confirmed Anglican should come to church at **7 pm** to mark the beginning of our great penitential season. There will be a sung Eucharist.

Read this ...

St. John's Church does not own graveyard extension land. Once some of that land was deemed unsuitable for burials the Diocese had to release it either for building land or some other purpose. This it has done. St. John's Church will not benefit a great deal from any sale as the Lodore Estates, who gifted the land, had to release their restrictive covenant on the land and be duly recompensed for so doing. Nor are any monies accruing from the sale of this land to be used to cover expenditure on renovating the old vicarage as the Bishop of Carlisle's residence. All money expended on the Bishop's house and gardens comes from the assets of the Church Commissioners in London. The house and gardens now have nothing to do with the vicar of St. John's or the Church thereof.

Also, no proceeds from the sale of the Battersby Hall and cottages will be expended on St. John's Church. Income generated from this sale will go towards the provision of a new community facility. The trust had insufficient income to begin to consider this possibility until after the sale which, in time, will be to the benefit of all who live in Keswick. The old Battersby Hall was unsafe and a liability.

From our new Organist and Choirmaster

It has been a very hard decision to leave St. Cuthbert's Carlisle to become organist and choirmaster at St. John's. Although I have always regarded St. John's as my parish church, Frances and I have made many very good and close friends in Carlisle and have enjoyed overseeing the development of the music at St. Cuthbert's so our last service on Easter Day will be a very sad one for both of us.

My close connection to St. John's is, of course, well known to you all; I was baptised and confirmed there and was a member of the choir. Later I began to take organ lessons from the then organist Francis Galer and was much encouraged by the vicar, Canon Michael Spencer Ellis. It would be fair to say that without St. John's I would probably have followed a completely different career path.

Frances and I now look forward to being full members of the parish again and being able to develop the music at the 10.00 am Eucharist. I will start taking choir practices on a Friday at 7.30 pm from February 3rd onwards. If you know of anyone who may be interested in joining the choir please encourage them to come along on any Friday evening and have a sing with us without any commitment to join the choir.

John

**Cumbria Inter-faith Forum
1 February 2012
Newton Rigg College**

Speaker: Deputy Chief Constable, Stuart Hyde

'Cumbria is a diverse county, and our towns and villages include a number of different faith groups in their make up.

It is important that we reach out to as many of these faith groups as possible and understand the needs of the various cultures and groups that form part of our local communities in order for us to build trust and confidence in policing and also to best meet the needs of the people we serve. I recently hosted an online interfaith web chat involving representatives from a range of faiths and beliefs as well as Constabulary staff and members of the public. A number of really interesting issues were discussed and I hope that some of the ideas from these conversations will be developed further in the near future.'

Meeting begins at 5.45 for 6 pm

**Conference Centre: Caldbeck Room,
Newton Rigg College, Penrith. CA11 0AH**

Cumbria Inter-faith Forum, (CIF), has been founded to enable interfaith dialogue and networking in Cumbria.

There is an opportunity during all our meetings to network and to give details of forthcoming events.

For more information please visit our website,
<http://cumbriainterfaithforum.org>

If you wish to join the mailing list please email **CIF: cif2007@hotmail.com**
Cameron Butland, Secretary

Taking a step for Fairtrade

This is the theme for Fairtrade Fortnight in 2012 (27th February – 11th)



March). When I heard this, my mind went in two directions: to the idea of dance and to the well-loved and oft repeated story, *Footsteps in the Sand*. There are several versions of this tale, and this is one of them, perhaps the oldest and the simplest.

A man had died, and he entered a room where Christ was seated. Christ bade him sit down and tell him about his life. The man explained how he had been faithful to the Lord. He had had some pretty rough times, but he had got through. Then a vision was shown to the man and he was asked if he knew what it was. The man replied that it was a path on which were footprints. Then Christ told him that it was the path he had trodden while on earth. The man noticed that there were two sets of footprints side by side on the path. Christ said, "I walked beside you on this path." Then the path went on. The road became rocky and soon there was only one set of footprints on the path. The man turned towards Christ and said, "Why did you walk beside me and help me when the path was smooth and easy, but as soon as the road was rocky and I needed your help so badly, you left me and made me walk it alone? I thought you loved me." Christ turned to the man with tears in his eyes and said, "I never left you; that was when I carried you."

Working alone on a small plot, a farmer can change very little. Working with her neighbours, she has power. And so for us too – by taking more steps and continuing the journey together we are beginning to achieve transformative change for smallholders and workers across the developing world.

I was not alone in connecting ‘take a step’ with dance: among the Fairtrade Foundation website suggestions for activities in schools, there is this one: *Create a dance or learn about dances from the countries where cocoa, bananas or cotton are grown*. And there will be an evening of such dances in Penrith, at the Evergreen Centre, on the first Saturday of Fairtrade fortnight, March 3rd.

But the most productive step we can take in Fairtrade Fortnight, or at any time in 2012, is to start buying another Fairtrade product, or to take a bigger step by persuading those with whom we work or play to buy Fairtrade.

Jo Alberti

CHILDREN



Patron Saints.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines a patron as one who is a protector or an influential person who lends support for a cause or an organisation. Dame Judi Dench is the Patron of the Theatre by the Lake.

A Patron Saint is one who protects, or watches over, an organisation.

Here are some Patron Saints who watch over various organisations. In mediaeval days, many occupations came under craft guilds which each had a patron saint. Many of the saints are found in the Bible. Can you find out why each saint should be chosen? Look in the Bible or on the internet.

Accountants, Tax Collectors.....	St Matthew (Matt. 9:9)
Doctors.....	St Luke (Colossians 4:14)
Carpenters.....	St Joseph (Matt. 13:55 and internet)
Scouts, Cubs, Beavers.....	St George (internet)
Children.....	St Nicholas (internet)
Cooks.....	St Martha (John 12:2)
The deaf.....	St Francis de Sales (internet)
Policemen.....	St Michael (Revelation 12:7)
Housewives.....	St Anne (internet)
Lost people, things or lost causes.....	St Jude (Jude 17 to end, and internet)
Lovers.....	St Valentine (internet)
Mothers.....	St Monica (internet)
Motorists, Travellers.....	St Christopher (internet)
Musicians.....	St Cecelia (internet)
Nurses.....	St Agatha (internet)
Poets.....	St David (Psalm 72:20)
Postal Workers.....	St Gabriel (Luke 1:26)
Soldiers.....	St Martin of Tours (internet)
Students.....	St Catherine of Sienna (internet)
Teachers.....	St Gregory the Great (internet)
Television.....	St Clare of Assisi (internet)

TYGERS



7.00 pm – 8.30 pm 1st Sunday of the month
(see Parish Diary for venue)



The Church Wardens' Notice Board ...

Is there anyone out there who feels that they could look after the advertising in the magazine? It is all in place for this year. Renewals need to be sought in the autumn so there is plenty of time to 'learn the ropes'.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN KESWICK & NEIGHBOURHOOD LENT LUNCHES 2012

These will again be held during Lent from 12 noon to 1.15 pm at St Herbert's Centre. The dates this year are Thursdays: 23 February, 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 March. The suggested donation is £4 and all proceeds will go to Christian Aid. Speakers to be announced.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Mary Davies, our box secretary, is requesting the return of Home Collecting Boxes for the annual emptying. Please bring boxes to church or telephone Mary on K 73855 to arrange collection. Mary is always pleased to provide boxes for your use at home, do ask.

Dates for Your Diary

9 February CTiK Council Meeting
23 February 1st Lent Lunch *(see above for more details)*
27 Feb.-11 March *Fair Trade Fortnight*
12 - 19 May Christian Aid Week

**SHROVE
TUESDAY
PANCAKE SUPPER
(SAVOURY & SWEET)**

**NEW FOOTBALL PAVILION
FITZ PARK**

**(entrance from Crosthwaite Road via
Crosthwaite roundabout)**

Tuesday 21 February

Doors open 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm supper

**(Please see church notice board
re supplying salads)**

**Tickets £5: Family Ticket £10
from Bob Bryden - K 72142**

Raffle Prizes Welcome

Fun Quiz

PARISH CHURCH
of
KESWICK, ST. JOHN



*A Concert by the world
famous*

Pendyrus

Male Voice Choir

SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY
at 7.00 pm

TICKETS £10.00

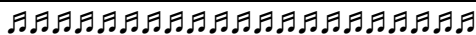
All are warmly invited to Choral Evensong

Keswick Choral Society

will sing Choral Evensong on
Sunday 26th February at 4.00 pm
in St. Mary's Church, Threlkeld.

Organist: Mike Town, Conductor: Ian Hare

This is a rare opportunity to hear Sung Evensong from the
Book of Common Prayer with music by Gibbons and
Purcell, and the anthem 'Rejoice in the Lord' by Redford.



*Keswick Choral
Society*

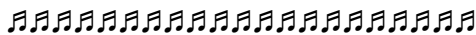
COFFEE MORNING

Crosthwaite Parish Room
(next to the Co-op)

Saturday February 25th
10 am — 12.00 noon

Raffle, plants,
Stalls

Coffee and traybakes £2.00



The campaign for The Real Easter Egg continues

Out of 80 million Easter eggs sold in the UK every year, the Real Easter Egg is the only Fairtrade charity faith egg to tell the Easter story on the box.

Last year churches across Britain joined a campaign to try and convince supermarkets that the demand for an Easter Egg, which celebrated the real meaning of Easter, was real and significant.

Congregations promoted the egg, took orders, money and place a mail order delivery.

Eventually four supermarkets ordered low numbers to trial the Real Easter Egg with their customers. They all sold out very quickly.

Despite last year's overwhelming demand the supermarkets continue to refuse to place large orders, not wanting mention of Jesus on their shelves, in a significant way next Easter.

So to make the Real Easter Egg campaign a success in 2012, we will still need to support it as a church though mail order. Each Real Easter Egg costs £3.99 this year. Please help us make The Real Easter Egg as successful as last year and join the movement to put Jesus back into Easter. If you want to place an order individually the visit

www.realeasteregg.co.uk .

New look-improved box

Following feedback from customers, The Real Easter Egg has undergone a make-over. There is now a copy of the Easter story in booklet form inside the box. The Easter message on the outside of the box is a colourful visual as opposed to last year's text only version. Heavier card has been used with brighter colours and the three crosses on the front are bigger. If you open the lid you will see 'Happy Easter' and there is a quote from the bible-the resurrection text from Mark.

These improvements will make the Real Easter Egg an even more attractive gift and it remains a unique way to spread the Easter story in 2012. The new look box will be fully revealed in early January, but you can see the front of the box at the website www.realeasteregg.co.uk

Charity

In September 2011 more than £26,000 was given away to charity from profits made from the egg, something the Meaningful Chocolate Company promised to do as a sign of the Easter themes of hope and new life. This year 15 pence from each egg will be donated to the charity Traidcraft Exchange

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Sunday Worship

Date	Attendance	Collection
6 November	101	£387.51
13 November	72	£407.87
20 November	73	£241.77
27 November	103	£401.75
4 December	106	£508.12
11 December	117	£468.24
18 December	89	£762.45
25 December	120	£390.76

Funerals

12 th December 2011	Freda Weetman <i>aged 87 years</i>
22 nd December 2011	Nancy Blamires <i>aged 89 years</i>
23 rd January 2012	Ian Hascamp <i>aged 39 years</i>
23 rd January 2012	Dawn Richardson
24 th January 2012	Melles Green <i>aged 88 years</i>

In Memoriam - February					
13	Robert Webster	2011			
2	Kenneth Swindle	2009	15	Yvonne Cawkwll	2009
7	Annie Clayton	2002	23	Scott Benjamin	2006
				Lowther	
8	Marjorie Gardiner	2003	25	Delia Ryall	2010
8	Cyril Brayton	2003	28	Edward Drummond	2009
13	Peggy Dalton	2002			

PARISH DIARY FEBRUARY

1 February	7.30 pm	Julian Group/Church
2 February	9.30 am 10.45 am	Prayer Group/Church Eucharist/Lady Chapel
3 February	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
4 February	9.00 am	Churchyard Working Party

5 February	Sunday	3rd before Lent
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
	7.00 pm	<i>Tygers at 2a Eskin Street, Keswick</i>
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Latrigg Close</i>

6 February	12.15 noon	CTiK Prayers/Quaker Meeting House <i>(open to all)</i>
	2.30 pm	Eucharist/The Millfield
	7.00 pm	Eucharist/Homethwaite House
7 February	2.00 pm	Mothers' Union/Church/John Crouch/ <i>Cooking demonstration</i>
8 February	1.30 pm	Tiny Tots/Church/ <i>Iona</i>
	7.15 pm	CAMEO/Church/Ruth Bumstead/ <i>The Apple Room</i>
9 February	9.30 am 10.45 am	Prayer Group/Church Eucharist/Lady Chapel
10 February	7.30 pm	Choir Practice

12 February	Sunday	2nd before Lent
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Grange Park, and Fenton</i>

15 February	7.30 pm	Julian Group/Church
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16 February 9.30 am Prayer Group/Church
10.45 am Eucharist/Lady Chapel

17 February 7.30 pm Choir Practice

19 February	Sunday	Next before Lent
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	All Age Eucharist
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Brigham Row, Brigham and Forge Lane</i>

21 February 2.00 pm Mothers' Union/Church/*Wave of Prayer*
6.00 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
(see p 13)

22 February 1.30 pm Tiny Tots/Church/*Lindisfarne*
7.00 pm Ash Wednesday Sung Eucharist

23 February 9.30 am Prayer Group/Church
10.45 am Eucharist/Lady Chapel
12.00 noon Lent Lunch/St Herbert's Centre

24 February 7.30 pm Choir Practice

26 February	Sunday	1st of Lent
	8.00 am	Eucharist
	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist and Sunday School
	6.00 pm	Sung Evensong
<i>Street Prayers:</i>		<i>Penrith Road</i>

SUNDAY ROTA FOR FEBRUARY

Date/Day	10:00 am Reader	10:00 am Intercessor	10:00 am Coffeemakers	10:00 am Sidespersons	6:00 pm Reader	Cleaners for Sunday/(key*)
5 February 3 rd before Lent	L Hale 1 Corinthians 9: 16-23	B Bryden	A Benson S Page C White	F Hayes G Page Ian McQueen	C Hale Philippians 2: 12-28	C Scott* A Benson L Hazell
12 February 2 nd before Lent	F Hayes Colossians 1: 15-20	G Selvey	C Scott G Selvey M Browne	P Graham E Massey M G Pearson	I McQueen Luke 8: 22- 35	P Duttson* J Hall F Hayes
19 February Next before Lent	TBA	TBA	N Adams V Cooper J Hall	B Connolly P Douglas W Douglas	F Green 2 Peter 1: 16- end	B Connolly* K Beck Y Cole
26 February 1 st of Lent	D Marshall 1 Peter 3: 18- end	D Leighton	R Elliott A Goodfellow M G Pearson P Douglas	J Bennett C Goodfellow V Molly	D Leighton Romans 5: 12-19	R Critchley* B Bryden A Goodfellow C Goodfellow
4 March 2 nd of Lent	C Hale Romans 4: 13-end	S Leighton	A Benson S Page C White	F Hayes G Page Ian McQueen	I McQueen Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16	M Davies* B Davies S Kirkby
Flower Rota:	5 February/Mary Davies 26 February to 1 April/LENT		12 February/Stephnie Critchley		19 February/WEDDING	