

ST. MARY'S CHURCH * WREAY

October 2018

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Sunday Services

7th October	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th October	11.00am	Morning Service
21st October	11.00am	Baptism Service
28th October	6.00pm	Evening Service

Midweek Communion

There will be a midweek communion at Wreay Hall on Wednesday 17th October at 10am. All welcome.

5th-7th October: Borderlines Book Festival

100 years since women got the vote and its women who dominate this year's Borderlines Book Festival with Susan Calman, Lucy Mangan, Marie Elsa Bragg and Helen Pankhurst to name but a few. Go to www.borderlinescarlisle.co.uk for full details.

9th October: Stoneraise, Wreay & District WI

At the meeting on 11th September the speaker was Alex Pearson talking about Graceful Grandparents - a most amusing and interesting talk. He gave us some hints on exercises we oldies could do at home - I wonder how many of us have tried them!

The next meeting is on 9th October at Stoneraise School when the speaker will be Tracy Lazonby talking on the Final Journey. The competition will be a salt & pepper set.

Parish People - Geoff Gray

Geoff was born in a suburb of Sheffield called Wadsley. After taking a degree in civil engineering he joined a consultant's office in Sheffield where he met his future wife, Betty - the firm was called Husband & Co.! Geoff moved to Cumbria in 1990 and lives in Brisco. He is a member of St Mary's PCC, a Friend of St Mary's and most importantly he plays the organ for services.

What did you want to be when growing up?

Growing up I listened to lots of 'wireless' programmes. I always loved hearing recordings of choirs and excerpts from opera and I wanted to be involved with this type of music. Whilst not making singing my career, I've been fortunate to experience singing with many choirs over the years.

When were you happiest?

Apart from being with my wife and family, I've loved being in Cumbria - my work involved travelling all over this beautiful county. Also performing most of the major choral works, sometimes with national orchestras and conductors.

What was your most embarrassing moment?

Having sung the role of the marriage broker in the first act of the 'Bartered Bride' in the Green Room, to be told at the interval that my flies were undone!

Who would play you in the film of your life

Eddie Redmayne

How do you relax?

I love being in the garden and I love reading. Combining both is bliss, although not much gardening gets done.

What is your favourite thing about Wreay?

It has to be the fascinating history and wide reaching influence of the Losh family and the uniqueness of the Church and Chapel created by Sarah.

10th October: St Mary's House Group

The next meeting of the House Group will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th October at Lister Hogg's, Chapel Hill, Wreay when we will be studying Psalm 73 - Praying our Doubt. All welcome.

27th October: Wreay Arts present Excalibow

Wreay Arts with the Highlights Rural Touring Scheme presents Excalibow by Bowjangles on Saturday 27th October at 7.30pm in Wreay Village Hall.

Singing, dancing, cabaret, comedy, magic and, of course, music. Comedic string quartet Bowjangles present a theatrical, musical journey through myths, folklore and legends in the quest to find the most priceless relic of all- Excalibow. You can expect tales of monsters, ancient gods, historical figures and characters of pure fantasy in this action packed full length show, all presented in Bowjangles' own inimitable and unique style, full of comedy, energy, panache and almost every musical genre you can imagine. Show is suitable for all ages. May contain traces of Abba.

Tickets from 016974 75309 or online at www.highlightsnorth.co.uk. Adults £9, Children under 16 £6, Family (2adults+2children) £25.



The Prayer Course

Prayer - most people do it at some point in their lives - but what is it?

We are running a 6 week course called 'The Prayer Course' in St Michael's Church, Dalston on Thursdays, commencing on 11th October at 7pm. It is based on the Lord's Prayer, has a video and discussion time and will last approximately 1½ hours. All are welcome whatever denomination or none.

For further details contact Cecily Mark-Bell on 01228 710184 or Libby Smith on 01228 711583.

Feeding of the 5,000 Salt Dough Art Project

This exciting venture has come to fruition and will be exhibited at Carlisle Cathedral from 10th to 26th October between 9am & 5pm. Do visit and see some wonderful characters created by local groups & schools including Wreay CofE School!

Church Security Alarm

St Mary's has been fitted with a new burglar alarm with an external sounder. If you hear it sounding then please contact Lynn Jones on 07732 453070, Jim Cruikshank on 07748 097528 or Jennifer Johnson on 016974 73389.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

Welcome to Anaia Grace Spencer who was baptised in St Mary's on 16th September.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations and best wishes to David Alan William Wallace and Natasha Michelle Alderman who were married in St Mary's on 8th September.

Church Helpers

Sidesperson

7th October	Sally Budd
14th October	Betty Gray
21st October	Lister Hogg
28th October	Elizabeth Roberts

Administer the Chalice

7th October	Lister Hogg
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Church Cleaning

7th October	Elizabeth Potts
14th October	Patricia Harrison
21st October	Jan Massey
28th October	Elizabeth Roberts

Hall Cleaning

6th October	Mike Turnbull
13th October	Gerald Gerrard
20th October	Jennifer Johnson
27th October	Stan & Eva Bird

Readers

7th October	Jim Budd
14th October	George Coulthard
21st October	Warren Holt
28th October	Raymond Whittaker

Readings

7th October	1st	Esther 7: 1-10
	2nd	Hebrews 1: 1-4 2: 5-12
	Gospel	Mark 10: 2-16
14th October	1st	Job 23: 1-17
	2nd	Hebrews 4: 12-16
	Gospel	Mark 10: 17-31

21st October

1st Job 38: 1-7 34-41

2nd Hebrews 5: 1-10

Gospel Mark 10: 35-45

28th October

1st Isaiah 55: 1-11

2nd 2 Timothy 3:14-17 4:1-5

Gospel John 5: 36-47

Dear Friends,

Following a summer of high temperatures and little rain (wonderful for holidaymakers, though not so good for those working the countryside) we have arrived at a season of storms with high winds and torrential rain! Already, at the time of writing, we have had storms Ali and Bronagh. Trees have been blown down destroying cars and power cables and blocking rail and road routes. One elderly woman was rescued from her car when it ploughed into deep water on the road and started floating, a woman was killed when her caravan was blown off a cliff in County Galway and a man was killed by a falling tree in County Armagh. It's a wonder that more people were not killed or injured.

Extremes of any type of weather cause problems for us, and we get anxious and afraid of what might happen. We see pictures of people in the path of hurricanes or typhoons preparing for their arrival by attempting to secure their properties by nailing boards across windows and ropes over their roofs, but even these precautions are not always effective. Entire houses can be lifted up by the wind and dumped elsewhere! We are basically helpless in the face of such forces.

A different sort of storm is coming our way, and due to hit us fully on March 29th next year at 11am! That is the moment that the UK is due to leave the EU – Brexit day! Already the papers are full of opinions about what will happen when that day arrives, and whether we'll be ready for it. For most of us, there is nothing we can do except wait to see what effect it will have on us, but it does leave us feeling vulnerable, as do the everyday "storms of life" that we all experience to some degree or another.

There is something comforting about being accompanied through storms of whatever nature. Even the scariest of storms or life events loses some of its impact when we share it with someone else. Relationships with one another are so important when coming to terms with difficult situations. That's why politicians are fond of the phrase, "We're all in this together". It takes the edge off any pain we suffer.

Of course, the best relationship we can rely on is that with Jesus Christ himself. Even when we find ourselves physically alone in our difficulties, we can be sure that he is there with us, sharing the pain and there to listen to our every word – complaint or otherwise. I personally have found this to be true on many occasions, and it has been my faith in him that has brought me through many of my "storms of life", especially the worst ones. The biggest comfort is knowing that, even if the worst that this world can imagine happens to us, we can be sure that he will still be with us forever. Knowing that, why should we fear the storms?

Steve Carter