

# ST. MARY'S CHURCH \* WREAY

February 2019

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## Sunday Services

3rd February	11.00am	Holy Communion
10th February	11.00am	Morning Service
17th February	11.00am	Holy Communion
24th February	6.00pm	Evening Service

## Midweek Communion

There will be a midweek communion at Wreay Hall on Wednesday 20th February at 10am. All welcome.

## John Clare: The Shepherd's Calendar

The theme for this year is the poem, *The Shepherd's Calendar*, by the 19th Century poet, John Clare. Clare was the son of a farm labourer in Northamptonshire. He wrote poetry celebrating the English countryside recording the way of rural life and the natural world. *The Shepherd's Calendar* was published in 1827 and no doubt the well read Sarah Losh would have obtained a copy. It is of considerable length and so throughout the year we will only be able to have brief excerpts. They will be illustrated with seasonal photographs of Wreay and the surrounding countryside.

## 12th Feb: Stoneraise, Wreay & District WI

At our first meeting of 2019 on 8th January there was quite a good turn out and a welcome to two new members. The speaker, Julie Jones, gave a talk on how she started her new business, baking in memory of her mother. She has also written a cook book. A good evening.

The next meeting on 12th February will be a Members' Social Night with a bric-a-brac stall.

## 27th February: Revd Dr Emma Ineson

The Consecration of Revd Dr Emma Ineson as Bishop of Penrith will take place on Wednesday 27th

February at 11am in York Minster. If anybody wishes to go can you please let Mike Hall know by 8th February so Church House can be advised of numbers.

## 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th March: Lent Lunches

The popular soup lunches will be served in Church House, Dalston, on Fridays during Lent from 8th March until 12th April with all proceeds to be given to the Church Mission Society. Last year our Benefice raised £736.20 for CMS to support the work of our mission partners in South America. All welcome!

## 21st, 22nd, 23rd March: Improbable Fiction

Dalston Amateur Dramatic Society 2019 presents the comedy farce *Improbable Fiction* by Alan Ayckbourn. Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm in the Victory Hall, Dalston. Tickets: Adults £8, Children and Concessions £6 (includes programme and interval refreshments) available from SuzieBou, Dalston Pharmacy, Sandie on 01228 711316 or on the door. This is an amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French.

## 23rd March: Joan & Jimmy

Wreay Arts and Rural Highlights present the Blaize Theatre Company in *Joan and Jimmy* by Jim Woodland on Saturday 23rd March at 7.30pm in Wreay Village Hall.

The play tells the story of Joan Littlewood, 'mother of modern theatre' and her partner, Jimmy Miller, aka Ewan MacColl. It is 1945 and they are embarking on a career in radical political theatre, performing one-night stands across the north of England - early rural touring!

They founded Theatre Workshop in Kendal with a travelling troupe of storytellers and outlaws

## February

Thus nature of the spring will dream  
While south winds thaw but soon again  
Frost breaths upon the stiffening stream  
And numbs it into ice - the plain  
Soon wears its merry garb of white  
And icicles that fret at noon  
Will eke their icy tails at night  
Beneath the chilly stars and moon

Nature soon sickens of her joys  
And all is sad and dumb again  
Save merry shouts of sliding boys  
About the frozen furrowd plain  
The foddering boy forgets his song  
And silent goes wi folded arms  
And croodling shepherds bend along  
Crouching to the whizzing storms



committed to the overthrow of the established order where the rich got richer and the poor got austerity-even then! In 1952 they would part company. Joan and Theatre Workshop heading to London and Ewan to the folk music world.

Performed by a cast of 4 actors using story and song. Blaize were Wreay Arts first booking performing the sell out show, *Standing in Line*.

Tickets: £9/£8 Concessions, Family £25, Child £6 available from Kath Halfpenny on 016974 75309 or online at [www.highlightsnorth.co.uk](http://www.highlightsnorth.co.uk).

### From the Registers

The funeral of Peter Strong took place at St Mary's on 7th December. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lorna and her family.

### Church Electoral Roll 2019

In 2019 a new Church Electoral Roll has to be drawn up and the current Roll is scrapped. So during March application forms will be made available and all those who wish to be registered on the Roll must complete and submit a form. Details in the March Newsletter.

### Help Needed

Sponsors of the Newsletter would be very welcome. £15 per issue. Please let Jennifer Johnson know.

Flower volunteers are also welcome - it is always nice to see other people's arrangements.

### Church Helpers

#### Sidesperson

3rd February	Ian Graham
10th February	Elizabeth Roberts
17th February	Jim Budd
24th February	Lynn Jones

#### Administer the Chalice

3rd February	Lister Hogg
17th February	Bettie Gray

#### Church Cleaning

3rd February	Lynn Jones
10th February	Jennifer Johnson
17th February	Elizabeth Ross
24th February	Richard Dixon

#### Hall Cleaning

2nd February	Richard Dixon
9th February	Mike Turnbull
16th February	Gerald Gerrard
23rd February	Jennifer Johnson

#### Readers

3rd February	Warren Holt
10th February	Tony Harrison
17th February	Helen Weston
24th February	Penny Coulthard

#### Readings

3rd February	1st Malachi 3: 1-5
	2nd Hebrews 2: 14-end
	Gospel Luke 2: 22-40
10th February	1st Isaiah 6: 1-8
	2nd 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
	Gospel Luke 5: 1-11
17th February	1st Jeremiah 17: 5-10

2nd 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel Luke 6: 17-26

24th February

1st Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-end

2nd Revelation 4

Gospel Luke 8: 22-25

### **Dear Friends,**

It's amazing to think that on August 31st this year I will have been in post for 1 week short of 15 years! This is by far the longest I have ever lived in one place. Even as a child, my family moved every 6 or 7 years due to my father being a vicar. I was born in the village of Bagnall near Stoke-on-Trent, my older brother having been born in Guildford 3 years previously. My sister was born in Salford 2 years later, and my youngest brother was born 6 years after that in Highbury in London. Then came periods of time in Nottingham, Wrexham, Nottingham again, Bristol, the Somerset villages of Wrington, Yatton and Congresbury, Seville, Lima, Derby and Montevideo. But the benefice of Dalston with Cumdivock, Raughton Head and Wreay has been my home since August 2004, and I have found it to be one of the nicest places I have lived in possibly the most beautiful corner of the world.

However, the time has come to move on once more, and I will officially retire on Saturday August 31st (age 64!) to begin another chapter. Thankfully, I will not be moving far - just to the other side of Carlisle - and so will still be able to enjoy the beauty of Cumbria. The Archdeacon has assured me that I will be replaced, and he will soon ask to meet with all 3 PCC's to discuss the future, and the Bishop has agreed to let me stay on as Chaplain to the Cumbria Constabulary and with Permission to Officiate!

My time here has not always been easy, but I have made many friends who have supported me through the darkest times and with whom I have enjoyed many more good times. Through it all, I have felt God's guidance and love. My life has certainly changed - I arrived with my first wife Heather and with three children all in full-time education. After Heather left to start a new life 'down south', I lived with my youngest, Phil, until he followed Luke and Bethany to the university life and beyond. Fortunately for me, God brought me to meet my now closest friend, Pauline, and gave me the privilege of experiencing a wonderful married life once more. I now look forward to seeing where God is going to lead us both together, and to seeing my step-son, Ben, grow into a young man.

As if that weren't enough, this year is due to bring me my first two grand-children - Luke and Kim are expecting in March, and Bethany and Jay in June! I have a lot to look forward to!

I'm not disappearing yet, though. I still have 7 months left with plenty to do here in the benefice.

**Steve Carter**