

ST. MARY'S CHURCH WREAY



April 2026 Sponsored by Penny & George Coulthard

April Services

Services at St Mary's Wreay unless otherwise stated.

2nd April	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service at All Saints Raughton Head
3rd April	2.00pm	Good Friday Reflections
5th April	11.00am	Easter Day Holy Communion
12th April	11.00am	Morning Worship
19th April	11.00am	Holy Communion
26th April	11.00am	Morning Worship

Dear Friends,

We were driving over Shap to visit children and grandchildren. We were passing through a Spring storm and conditions were difficult. The visible rain appeared to be more horizontal than vertical, the car occasionally felt the full force of the wind and other vehicles could be seen deviating from their forward movement.

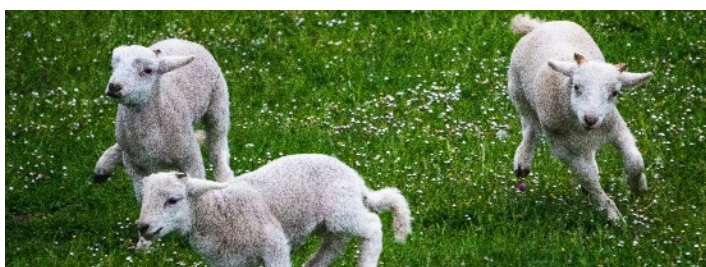
The driving conditions were not however the most striking feature of the journey. In field after field sheep had gathered and sought out the best shelter available to them. These small flocks were still and patient. Enduring and waiting.

Enduring and waiting for the end of the storm but more than that. The flocks were carrying new life and, while they endured the storm, they waited for new birth.

Christians experience the storms of life and Christians gather. At Easter the gathering is focused on a unique experience of the storm. A dark storm endured with dignity. A storm with fatal consequences. And a storm from which new life emerged.

A surprising new life, a life which was both real and mysterious. A new life which brings life to all.

Derek



1st April: Lent Course

Deepening Worship - Stories



This year we are exploring ways in which we can enrich our worship through poetry, art, music and stories. Each session, devised by our church members, will explore how these different disciplines can bring us closer to God and the risen Christ.

You are invited to join our informal discussion group for the final session when we will be looking at deepening worship through stories on Wednesday 1st April at 7.15pm at Carol & Mike's, Moorhouse Hill, Southwaite CA4 0EW.

Copies of the Church of England Lent Course 'Draw Near' are also available from Derek Lacey on dereklacey@hotmail.com.

4th April: Easter Flowers

Do come along and help to decorate the church for Easter at 10am on Saturday 4th April. Donations of flowers and greenery would be most welcome. Coffee and biscuits provided.

14th April:

Stoneraise, Wreay & District WI

We have planned an exciting visit for our April meeting on 14th April to the Fine Art Restoration Company in Kingmoor Park followed by tea and cake at the Laing Coffee Shop, Harker.

Arriving at the studio for 2pm, there will be a chat about the different items restored there and a view of the studio with restorers at work. Any

members are very welcome to bring items that they would like to be assessed/condition checked obligation free. A wide variety of items can be restored such as paintings, frames, clocks, ceramics, glass, furniture and rugs. See the company's website <https://fineart-restoration.co.uk>.

If you need more information about car sharing or directions to the venue contact Lois Whittaker 07974 986151.

The Women's Institute



It's springtime and a grand opportunity to join Stoneraise, Wreay & District WI for a year of talks, visits and activities. You will find good company in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet in Wreay Village Hall at 2pm on the second Tuesday of each month. For details speak to a member or contact Sally Threlkeld on 07751 022170 or Lois Whittaker on 07974 986151.

From the Registers

The funeral of Margaret Coulthard took place on 3rd March in St Mary's.

The funeral of Muriel Dixon, nee Losh, took place on 20th March in St Mary's.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Margaret and Muriel.

Interregnum

No appointment of a vicar has been made following the first round of recruitment so the post is to be re-advertised. Meanwhile, if you require the services of the clergy for baptisms, weddings or funerals or for pastoral visits during the interregnum please call the parish office on 07720566610 and leave a message or email parishofficedalston@gmail.com or contact a churchwarden - Richard Dixon or Libby Kelly.

An Easter Verse

"Christ the Lord is risen to-day,"
Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply.

Happy Easter to you from all at St Mary's Church.

Make an Easter Garden

A fun thing to do with the children or grandchildren this Easter holiday. The one we make for outside the church is in a wheelbarrow but you can make a smaller one just in a seed tray or terracotta dish.

You will need:

- A shallow tray or dish
- Garden soil or potting compost
- Moss, cut grass or sand
- Dried twigs
- Sewing thread
- Small pot
- Flat stone large enough to cover the mouth of the pot
- Egg cups (or other small containers)
- Small flowers
- Gravel

To make:

1. Fill the tray with soil or potting compost.
2. Arrange it to make a hill on one side of the tray.
3. Cover the soil with moss, grass or sand.
4. Make three crosses with dried twigs tied together with sewing thread and place on the hilltop.
5. Press the small pot into the hillside to make a cave like the garden tomb. Place the stone over the mouth of the tomb.
6. Press egg-cups full of water into the soil around the garden and fill with flowers.
7. Make a path coming from the tomb with gravel.
8. Early on Easter morning, move back the stone from the tomb - showing that it is empty.

