

ST. MARY'S CHURCH WREAY

June 2026

Sponsored by Eva & Stan Bird

June Services

7th June	11.00am	Holy Communion
14th June	11.00am	Morning Worship
21st June	11.00am	Holy Communion
28th June	11.00am	Celebration Service

Dear Friends,

Light Changes Everything

During a recent visit to Poland, I went to see a guided tour of a famous stained glass making workshop. The guide pointed to a large stained-glass window that was completed and lying face down on the table. She showed us how the pieces were cut, ground, soldered together, and then putty placed in each connection. We were then asked to identify the colours and image, but we could only guess as no light was near it. She then picked up this large stained-glass window and placed it on a light board – wow! We all gasped – the colours were dazzling and the image that suddenly appeared was astounding.

As I stood looking at this, I saw the truth in the statement Jesus made, captured in John 8:12

“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

When Jesus shines in and through our lives our true identity, the stunning image of who we are shines through. That stained glass window was just pieces of glass held together by solder and putty (clay) filled. But when filled with light its beauty was seen by all. We may feel at times that we are broken pieces of glass, held together by crumbling putty, but we are actually fearfully and wonderfully made (Psalm 139:14). When the Maker holds us up and shines his light what an amazing sight. And when we all come together – just imagine that glorious vision of all those beautiful images linked together to show the transforming impact that the Light of the World (Jesus) has in and through our lives.

On Sunday 28th June, St Mary's Wreay will be celebrating the restoration of its stained-glass windows that sit above the entrance, and we will be joined by our Archdeacon Ruth Newton. You are warmly invited to join us for this special service at 11am. Come and not only see the windows, but come and let the Light of the World shine through you too.

Rev Sheryl Haw

19th May - 19th June:

St Mary's church closure

St Mary's church will be closed to the public from 19th May to 19th June (reopening date to be confirmed) when scaffolding will be erected on the west gable to allow the restored windows to be installed. Sunday services will be as normal. For more information contact Raymond Whittaker on 07850004473.

9th June:

Stoneraise, Wreay & District WI

The June WI meeting will take place at 2pm on Tuesday 9th June in Wreay Village Hall when we will be taking part in chair yoga. There will be a plant stall. The competition will be a gardening tip.



27/28th June: Let there be light!

The Friends of St Mary's Church 2026 Event will be a celebration of the restoration of the west gable windows at St Mary's Church Wreay. All are welcome to take part whether a signed up Friend or not.

Saturday 27th June

7.00pm	St Mary's Church
	Talk: the history of the windows
7.45pm	Wreay Village Hall
	Refreshments
	Film & Talk: the window restoration
	Free admission

For further details contact Raymond Whittaker on 07850004473 or raymondwhittaker53@gmail.com. Tickets for the stained glass workshop are sold out.

Sunday 28th June

11.00am	St Mary's Church
	Celebration Service
	All are welcome to this informal service.

27th June: Sheryl's Ordination

Sheryl Haw will be ordained as a priest in Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 27th June at 11am. Tickets are available via the following link:

<https://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/events/2026/06/27/distinctive-deacons-retreat/>

20th June: Cumbria Singers

Cumbria Singers invite you to come and sing Handel on Saturday 20th June at Ullswater Community College, 10.00am - 5.00pm. Enjoy singing choruses written by this popular composer with the internationally renowned conductor, John Butt. All ages and levels of experience welcome.

Adult £25, Student FTE £15, U16s £10, Family £60.

Music can be downloaded or ordered in advance - £7

To book email: mr4cnr@gmail.com

Further information visit www.cumbriasingers.org

12th July: Strawberry Tea

Ivegill Church are holding their annual Strawberry Tea at Ivegill Village Hall on Sunday 12th July at 2.00 - 4.00pm. Come and sample all things in Strawberry! There will be a produce table and plant table too.

Thank You!

Thank you to all at Eden Stained Glass and The Fine Art Restoration Company for their diligent and expert work on the restoration of the west gable windows. They will now last another 180 years at least!

Thank you to all who have contributed towards the cost of this important work - members of the church, the local community and Friends of St Mary's Church along with the national charitable bodies listed opposite.

Below: Windows being removed and repaired.

Wreay Arts Questionnaire

Wreay Arts has taken a break over the past two years from putting on productions in the village. We have instead supported a range of village activities from the Christmas tree lights to concerts and talks. We think it is time to plan for the future and want to test the appetite in the village and surrounding area for a return to live entertainment.

You will find a questionnaire attached to this newsletter along with a reminder of previous productions.

We would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire, detach it from the newsletter and return it to the Wreay Arts Committee by pushing it through the letterbox of The Garden House in the village. Many thanks.

Interregnum

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.



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