

ST. MARY'S CHURCH WREAY



September 2026

Sponsored by Wendy Pleasant

September Services

6th September	11.00am	Holy Communion
13th September	11.00am	Morning Worship
20th September	11.00am	Holy Communion
27th September	11.00am	Morning Worship

Dear Friends,

It is a great joy to live in a county with such incredible scenery. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to enjoy the lakes and the fells over the summer months. And to see many others enjoying them.

Acknowledging God as the creator of the wonderful world we occupy is at the heart of Christian worship, for example in the ninety-fifth Psalm. But sometimes our emotions are dulled and any sense of awe and wonder are lost. Perhaps because of our troubles or preoccupations. Or maybe because in our scientific and technical age we are hesitant to recognise the work of the creator.

Whatever the reason, a loss of awe and wonder deprives us of joy. I recently stumbled across a prayer that grabbed my attention. The prayer included the line “tune the song of our hearts to the music of creation”. I commend this prayer.

It is a great sadness to live in a country and on a continent experiencing such destructive wildfires. Particularly when we understand that human action is the root cause. It is sobering to find that despite our great technical capability we can only limit the spread of the worst fires and wait for the seasonal temperature change that will extinguish them some time later in the year.

The extended heatwaves and accompanying drought have revealed that rewilded areas have retained sufficient water to be seen as green places in a bleached countryside. Even in bleak times there can be hope.

Jesus often said “the kingdom of heaven is like” before he referred to a plant, an object or an experience. He expected the hearer to use their imagination to understand his meaning. I wonder whether Jesus might say today “the kingdom of heaven is like rewilded land”?

Derek

9th September:

Stoneraise, Wreay & District WI

The September meeting will be a visit to the newly opened Upfront Puppet Museum on Wednesday 9th September arriving at 1.30pm. The competition is a scarf.

18th September: Holmlands

Adventure Film Festival

Holmlands Adventure Film Festival comes to Wreay. Wreay Village Hall will host a special screening of selected films from Holmlands Adventure Film Festival on Friday 18th September.



Following the festival's headline event in London, the audience in Wreay will have the opportunity to enjoy a carefully curated selection of new independent films celebrating adventure, exploration, wildlife, and the natural world.

Expect remarkable journeys, wild places, inspiring characters, and powerful stories that capture the spirit of adventure in all its forms.

The evening will take place at Wreay Village Hall, with doors opening at 6.30pm and films commencing at 7.00pm.

Tickets are priced at £10 plus booking fee and advance booking is recommended, and can be purchased at www.holmlands.co.uk/events. For any queries please contact info@holmlands.co.uk or call 020 8244 3992.

25th September: Friends AGM

The AGM of the Friends of St Mary's Church, Wreay will take place on Friday 25th September at 7pm in the Sarah Losh Heritage Centre.

All are welcome to attend, whether a paid up Friend or not, to hear about the exploits of the Society throughout the year and the ideas for future events.

3rd October: Living Your Call

Living Your Call helps people explore church, discipleship, vocation and mission - alongside others asking the same question. It's for people wanting to explore a ministry leadership role, or to grow in confidence living out their faith in their church, community and work.

The introductory day is on 3rd October in Carlisle and the course will run through to June 2027. We are delighted that people are already coming forward to register interest.

Bishop Rob said: "I'm passionate that together we will raise the spiritual temperature across this wonderful county of Cumbria, helping people to know Jesus, to follow Jesus and to seek the Kingdom of God in all the places he has put us. I'm confident that Living Your Call will help us do that."

It will be held over a year with four units of four evenings to explore Living together (the church), Living for Jesus (discipleship), Living to serve (vocation) and Living in the world (mission). There will be a concluding day of reflection and celebration.

Interested? Register your interest and we'll be in touch with full details, dates and how to book. Email: vocations@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

9th October:

Wreay Village Harvest Supper

This popular local community event will start at 6.30pm on Friday 9th October in Wreay Village Hall. The ticket includes a hot meal and choice of desserts and there will wine, beer or soft drinks available to purchase.

Expect good company, a quiz and raffle. A great evening out for all the family. Tickets: Adult £15, Child £7.50 available from Raymond on raymondwhittaker53@gmail.com or 07850 004473 or Lynn on lj955@hotmail.com or 07732 453070.



Wreay CofE School Governors

Wreay Church of England Primary School is looking for two enthusiastic individuals to join the Local Governing Board as Community Governors.

As a Community Governor, you will help ensure that the school delivers high standards of education, maintains strong values, and serves its pupils and the local community effectively. You will work closely with fellow governors and school leaders to provide strategic oversight and support.

No previous governance experience is necessary - full training and support will be provided. What matters most is your enthusiasm and commitment, your ability to think strategically, and your desire to make a positive impact.

For more information email clerk@wreay.cumbria.sch.uk or contact the school on 016974 73275.

Wreay Eco Group Monthly Tip

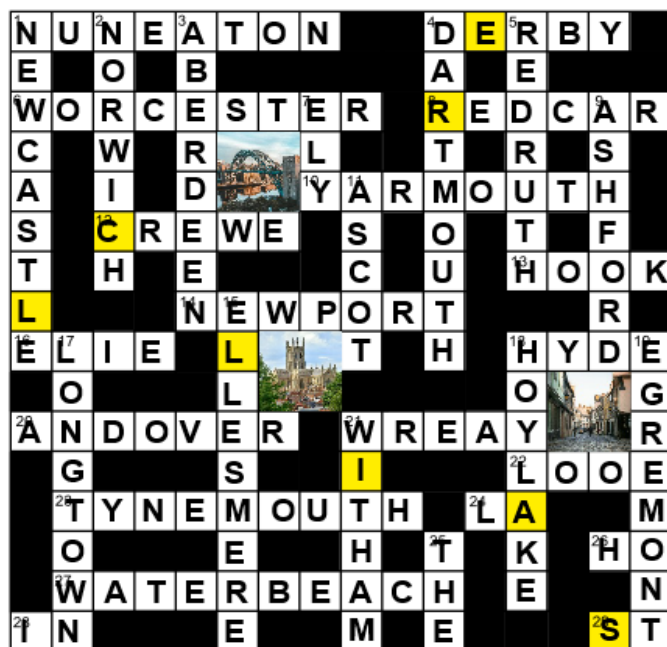
When boiling a kettle, e.g. to make tea, if there is surplus water, don't waste it, similarly, if you're boiling water in a pan for vegetables. The water can be poured down the sink to help keep it clear, or taken outdoors to pour on any weeds in cracks in a path or patio to help shrivel them.

Other energy and water saving tips include not filling the kettle any more than you need to, and filling it again ready for when it is needed next, as the water will already be up to room temperature and will not require as much energy to boil it.

Any unused boiled water could be used to make soup - which can also be used from water that vegetables have been cooked in. Alternatively, it could be put in a thermos to use later.

UK Summer Travels Crossword

Hope that you managed to crack the summer crossword that travelled around the UK. Here is the completed crossword. The hidden city in the yellow squares is CARLISLE.



From the Registers

Baptisms

Vinnie and Cass Barden were baptised at St Mary's Church on 26th July. We welcome them into the church family.

Weddings

Congratulations to Isaac Holmes and Brooke Stephenson who were married on 15th August in St Mary's. We wish them a happy life together.