

The Parish Magazine

What's On Guide

to Community Events, Church Services and Activities in YOUR village and the Solway area!



DECEMBER 2020 & JANUARY 2021

Delivered free to homes within the Benefice of the Barony of Burgh, The Parishes of Kirkandrews On Eden with Beaumont and Grinsdale, Great Orton, Aikton, Burgh by Sands and Kirkbampton

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NOT LATER THAN 10th January 2021**

*Helping everyone enjoy life in all its fullness
through being disciples of Jesus*

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Carlisle Food Bank



Foodbank

Please note that in order to continue your support of the local Foodbank, the easiest way to make donations is, when you are supermarket shopping, to buy some extras and place in the bins provided past the tills.

For those who can't go to a supermarket, the Food Bank is able to receive donations by cheque or by direct transfer into their bank a/c (see their Facebook page for details) The need is extremely high at present so please

From the Editor

2020 has been a challenging year for everyone and on behalf of the Parish Magazine committee I would like to thank all the people who have worked to keep the Parish Magazine going during lockdowns and throughout the year.

Many thanks to Carol for her help with the advertisers, the Parish reps - Vera, John, Albinas, the printers, Border Offset, Ian for paying the bills, and David for collecting and distributing the magazines to the Parishes.

Many thanks also to those who deliver the magazine and those businesses who continue to support us.

If there is anyone who could help out on a temporary basis with magazine delivery in Moorhouse and Thurstonfield, please get in touch.

I hope everyone has a good Christmas and New Year - lets hope 2021 sees some sort of return to normal life.

Lesley Davidson

AROUND the REGION

BURGH BY SANDS POST OFFICE

Opening hours - 9am - 12 and 3pm - 5pm, Mondays and Thursdays

Posting Dates for Christmas

Wed 9th Dec-Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Central America,
Far East, Middle East, South America

Thurs 10th Dec-Cyprus, Malta

Fri 11th Dec-Australia, Eastern Europe, Greece, New Zealand,
Turkey

Sat 12th Dec-Canada, Czech Republic,
Finland, Italy, Poland, Sweden, USA

Wed 16th Dec-Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands,
Norway, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland

Fri 18th Dec-Belgium, France, Ireland, Luxembourg

UNITED KINGDOM

Fri 18th Dec-2nd class and 2nd signed for

Mon 21st Dec-1st class and 1st signed for

HM FORCES

Mon 7th Dec-Airmail to Static BFPOS

Don't forget if your ordering online and aren't going to be in you can choose to have your parcel left at the P.O for easier collection.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE
THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT



THE SOLWAY FLOWER CLUB

Winter is now upon us and due to Covid 19 we have not been able to meet for the last few months. Our monthly emails to members (most of whom are on email fortunately), have been much welcomed and thanks to all who have contributed in many different ways.

Sadly I cannot say when we will be able to meet up again and our Christmas luncheon to Skitby House has now been cancelled.

We hope to recommence our meetings in the New Year as soon as this is allowed. At present, we do not have a programme but we will be able to plan this quite quickly. Of course, any suggestions would be welcomed.

The committee and I wish you and your family well over the festive season and beyond.

It will be so good when we are able to meet up again in person and keep the Solway Flower Club flourishing.

Take care and keep well,
Eve

St Michael's Church Dog Fouling in the Churchyard

There has been a distressing incident of dog fouling, directly outside the church door.

Everyone is welcome to walk through the churchyard but you must, please, keep your dog on a lead.

If the worst happens, please bag it and bin it. Dogs should ensure that their owners carry a poo bag at all times.

St Michael's PCC

BURGH-by-SANDS NEWS

CHRISTMAS WISHES

Burgh WI

Margaret and members of the committee hope everyone is keeping well and staying safe, and we wish you all a lovely Christmas and look forward to when we can meet again.

Get Together

Margaret wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and hopes its not too long till we can meet up again for our cup of tea and chat and game of cards. Stay safe everyone.

Burgh Mother's Union

Anne wishes to send all our MU Members a Happy Christmas and hopefully it won't be too long before we meet again. Take care and stay well.

BURGH BY SANDS AND BEAUMONT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Due to the Coronavirus, all Parish Council Meetings will be held remotely until further notice. Please refer to noticeboards and websites for information. Agendas and minutes of remote meetings will be published on the websites.

Any queries please contact the Clerk on 01228 522540 or email
clerk@burghbysandsparishcouncil.co.uk and
beaumontparishcouncil@gmail.com

Websites: www.burghbysandsparishcouncil.co.uk and
www.beaumont-pc.org.uk

Thank You from St. Michael's, Burgh-by-Sands

At the end of each year we take the opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone who has supported St. Michael's, Burgh, in different ways, over the preceding twelve months. This has been a most extraordinary, challenging and difficult year for everyone, and it has been an immense sadness to us that the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in the church building itself being closed to public access, and for much of the year no church services have been possible either, though just before the second lockdown temporarily halted things again, physical church services were re-starting initially on a reduced number level.

We do want to thank everyone who has provided so much behind the scenes support, when normal activities have had to come to a standstill – those who have enabled on-line church services and children's work to take place and those who have led, and those who have attended, physical services when these have been possible; the Solway Samaritans volunteers - there to do shopping, collect prescriptions etc. and still doing so (full details elsewhere in the magazine); magazine distributors who have enabled the Parish Magazines to continue to be delivered and those who have very kindly continued financial support so that St. Michael's can continue to pay for insurance, utilities and essential annual maintenance, and the many other ways we have all worked together at this difficult time.

While all of us would so much have wished that this was a normal year when the much valued regular social interactions could take place at events and celebrations, even when this has not been the case we are here to support you in any way we can and we are so grateful to those in the community who make this possible.

Enclosed with Burgh parish's magazines is a Christmas booklet called *Comfort and Joy* from St. Michael's. We hope this is something which will add to your own celebration of Christmas this year.

We look forward very much to the blessings of happier times to come for us all.

Warmest best wishes for a blessed and peaceful Christmas and if you can please do access Burgh's on-line Carol Service (details in the Magazine) which will take place on Sunday 13 December at 7 pm.



BURGH^{BY} SANDS PARISH HALL



We're not going to be open



But we wish everyone

*Merry Christmas & a
Healthier New Year*



<https://burghbysandsparishhall.co.uk/>

BEAUMONT, KIRKANDREWS & GRINSDALE NEWS

Beaumont Parish Plan - have your say!

Many apologies to those Parishioners who have tried to complete the Parish Plan Questionnaire online. There is a technical fault which prevents the completed document from being submitted. The County Council are trying to rectify the problem, but in the meantime, you can still download the questionnaire from the Parish website www.beaumont-pc.org.uk and complete a hard copy.

Please take this opportunity to have your say and submit your completed questionnaire to any member of the Parish Council by January 1st 2021.



BEAUMONT PARISH HALL

Tenders are invited **before 15th February 2021** for the **grass-cutting** of the field at Beaumont Parish Hall in 2021. For further details of the specification please contact Albinas Stasaitis, email beaumontpcwebsite@hotmail.co.uk or 01228 576403.

Beaumont Parish Council

Beaumont Parish Council currently has a vacancy. If you would like to consider this position, please contact the Clerk on 01228 522540, or email beaumontparishcouncil@gmail.com for further information.

Christmas 2020



St Mary's Church Beaumont and Monkhill Methodist Church

Invite you to a service of readings and music

at

St Mary's Church Beaumont

on Sunday 13th December at 11am

Coffee / tea and mince pies will be served at the Drovers Rest, Monkhill, from
10am



To book a place for the church service and or if your would like refreshments,
please telephone Linda Beattie on 01228 525996

Please note that the year places are VERY limited.

GREAT ORTON NEWS

Great Orton Village Hall 50/50 Draw

November Winners

1st Prize - No 131 - Robert Norman

2nd Prize - No 82 - Lisa Day

3rd Prize - No 17 - Tommy Bendle

4th Prize - No 140 Alistair Martin

5th Prize - No 83 - Cathy Woods

In December, we will deliver entry forms for 2021 (50/50 draw), again it costs £12 for twelve monthly draws. Hopefully Covid regulations will allow us to come round and collect entries, however, this may not be possible. It would be very helpful if those wishing to be part of next years draw could drop entry forms into the persons shown below.

Payment can be cash or cheque, made out to **Orton and District Public Hall**.

Orton Rigg - Nigel Parry, Oak House, Orton Rigg

Baldwinholme - William Little, Park View, Linden Gate, Baldwinholme

Great Orton South - Simon Little, Langstrath, Great Orton

Great Orton North + Bow and Little Orton - George Wills, North End, Great Orton

Thank you for your participation.

George Wills



To take a look at our new our new E-Prospectus,
visit us at

[www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk/aboutus/
prospectus](http://www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk/aboutus/prospectus)



**PLACES AVAILABLE FOR RECEPTION
SEPTEMBER 2021
CURRENTLY SPACES IN OTHER YEAR GROUPS**

Telephone 01228 711602 for an informal chat
with our Acting Headteacher
Mrs Catherine Bellas.

Visit us at our website www.greatorton.cumbria.sch.uk

and  [GreatOrtonPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/GreatOrtonPrimarySchool)



Great Orton Primary School, Great Orton, Carlisle CA5 6NA

St Giles' Church, Great Orton

As we approach the end of this rather strange year when we have had to adjust our lives around Covid 19, we look forward to a new year, in the hope that life will return to some kind of normality.

Although there have been virtual services to join with, many people are missing being able to attend church physically. At St. Giles' Great Orton, we have had only one service since lockdown which was our 'Harvest Festival' and a funeral service. Our condolences go to the family of Mrs Jean Whitfield who was a faithful member of our regular congregation.

During the time when church attendance has not been possible, several people have very kindly and generously donated in lieu of the offerings they would have made during a service. Others have enquired how to do this. This generosity has been very much appreciated, as since March, when we have been unable to open the church for services and visitors, the regular out-goings have had to be met without our regular income through collections or events.

If it is your wish to donate, this can be by cash, cheque or directly to the bank by BACS.

Our bank details are:- Barclays plc, Rosehill, Carlisle
Sort Code 20-18-47 Account No 40408255
PCC OF ST GILES.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and send good wishes for 2021 with a hope that we will be able to meet our friends in church very soon.

Please watch out for news of this in the magazines.

With many thanks and appreciation for your support.

PCC of St. Giles' Great Orton



Santas Elves are moving in!
Arriving on 1st December
through Kirkbampton & Thurstonfield
Can you find their Doors?

£1 a Map/Entry

Available from
Faye 07936372530 or Rebecca 07594 312606

A Festive Treat for every completed Entry

Doors will be visible until 18th December
Profits in Aid of St Peter's Church Kirkbampton



Enjoy a Festive Treat in the comfort of
your own Home

Sunday 13th December

**£8 per person
or £15 for 2**

Watch out for a Flyer Order Form
coming through your door soon

Collection from the Village Hall on the day
(time will be allocated when ordered)

If you live out with Kirkbampton & Thurstonfield
and would like to order please contact
Faye 07936372530 or Rebecca 07594 312606

Delivery available in Kirkbampton/Thurstonfield only

All Profits in aid of St Peter's Church

METHODIST SERVICES

Thurstonfield Methodist Chapel

Sunday Services commence at 6.30pm

Dec	6th	Evening Service
	13th	Evening Service
	20th	Evening Service (Carol Service)
	27th	Evening Service
Jan	3rd	Evening Service
	10th	Evening Service
	17th	Evening Service
	24th	Evening Service
	31st	Evening Service

Some of the windows will be open during the service, to provide continuous ventilation, so we need to dress appropriately.

A face covering is a requirement in chapel.

Social distancing will be observed inside and out.

News from Monkhill Methodist Church

After reporting last month on the success of our shortened weekly services, we have had to close again from the beginning of November in line with Government guidance and the Chapel continues to be closed until further notice. As soon as we are able, we will set a date for resuming Sunday services but, at the moment, we are unable to say when that will be. Please keep an eye on our notice-board at Chapel for latest details or contact one of the Church Stewards for information.

We are pleased to inform you that work has started on the new kitchen installation that will be operational in time for the next "Lunch with Us" (date unknown at this stage but watch this space!)

Whenever it may be, please try to join us, not only to get a great hot meal but to get a glimpse of our brand new kitchen.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

Even though the Chapel was closed, we were able to accept shoeboxes at our 2 drop-off sessions, just inside the open schoolroom door in a safe and secure way. 50 shoeboxes were dropped off locally plus we received a further 50 shoeboxes (and a large quantity of hand knitted hats) from Carlisle making a total of 100 shoeboxes making their way to the nearest distribution centre to be checked before their journey overseas. We will find out the final destination of the boxes in due course. Many thanks to those who have helped support the campaign in this challenging year. It is wonderful to know that 100 children will benefit because of your kindness.

Parish Christmas Service

We have been invited by St Mary's Church, Beaumont to help organise this year's Parish Christmas Service. It is planned to take place in Beaumont Church on Sunday 13 December at 11.00am

Forthcoming event:

Pancake Lunch in the School-room on **Saturday 13** February 2021 from 12 noon to 2.00pm. In aid of North Cumbria Methodist Circuit Project – Carlisle Key. Further details in due course.

All enquiries to Church Stewards: Lynne Graham tel.576585 or Kathleen Bowron tel.575010.

Join in with our local Christmas celebrations 😊

Whether or not we are physically locked down (!) we will still be singing 'together' at our ONLINE

Community Carol Services



We've gathered musicians and singers and readers from across our parishes – including the Schools & Community groups, for our **first ever** online Carol Services, as we celebrate Jesus coming as Light in the Darkness, and Comfort & Joy.

Great Orton 2.30pm Sunday 13th Dec

Burgh-by-Sands 7pm Sunday 13th Dec

Kirkbampton 4pm Sunday 20th Dec

Aikton 7pm Sunday 20th Dec

Set your alarms for just before our internet broadcast times, or phone in via 01228 588199.

www.YouTube.com (search 'East Solway Churches') &
www.facebook.com/GreatOrtonChurch or
www.facebook.com/BurghbySandsChurch or
www.facebook.com/KirkbamptonChurch or
www.facebook.com/AiktonChurch

If you would like a **Carol Sheet** please contact your local Church warden or email info@eastsolwaychurches.org.uk

Church matters

DEC 2020
JAN 2021

Rectory Ramblings

Is the end really in sight now?

I write as news of a 90% effective Covid vaccine has been announced ... although it hasn't yet been approved, nor practicalities of its distribution (at super low temperatures) worked through.

OUR HOPES ARE BEING RAISED, in temporal terms, and I truly hope these hopes will come through. But what then?

I often heard people say they want to get back to '*how things used to be*'. It seems we've developed a nostalgia for pre-Covid, forgetting its frustrations and appreciating more now than we did then!

But is '*how things used to be*' the limit of our ambition?

For in truth our world is messed up, with or without Covid. Yes, there is beauty, there is fun, and there is satisfaction. But they do not last...And suffering and death remain. No vaccination, technological breakthrough, new leader, or societal change will make all things right!

We humans cannot sort ourselves out. If it was up to us, the only 'end in sight' would be a catastrophe too big for us to survive.

BUT THERE IS A BETTER HOPE for us – 100% certain.

The end is in sight, that is the message of ADVENT (the 4 weeks before Christmas), but the end of what?

Advent is when Christian's focus on Jesus' second coming. His first coming 2000 years ago gave us a snapshot of what is to come as Jesus showed He has power over disease, nature, evil spirits, and death.

As Jesus travelled to the Cross (where His apparent defeat was in fact victory and rescue) He gave glimpses of the '*all things made new*' world that He will bring when He returns. It will be a world which has seen the END of conflict, death, tears, sadness, and fear. A world where selfishness, greed, self-hatred, and distrust of God will no longer spoil God's blessings, or be a barrier to joy and worship and contentment. **That** is a Hope to bring joy to our hearts ☺

So 'Come on Vaccine' but even more 'Come back Lord Jesus !'

Lord God, fill my heart with the **better hope** of what is to come for all of us who trust in Jesus. Fix my eyes on Him this Christmas. Amen

Tudor vicartudor@gmail.com 01228 576324

For the parishes within the Benefice of the Barony of Burgh: Aikton, Burgh-by-Sands, Great Orton, Kirkandrews on Eden with Beaumont & Grinsdale, and Kirkbampton.

Coronavirus-safe Christian Services

PHYSICAL – Our **socially-distanced Services** sadly have no singing together, **require mask wearing**, will have 'Track & Trace' in operation, and need you to **book a place** with the phone number below ... **Despite the restrictions they are Joyful times** 😊

Assuming
Lockdown
is lifted!

6 th December	9.30am Advent Communion@Bowness	01228 818392
9 th Dec	10am Said Communion	Burgh 01228 576301/387
13 th Dec	9.30am Advent Communion	Aikton 016973 42291
13 th Dec	11am Christmas Worship	Beaumont 01228 525996
16 th Dec	10am Said Communion	Burgh 01228 576301/387
20 th Dec	[9.30am Advent Communion@Bowness 01228 818392] [This is the backup if 6 th December is cancelled]	
20 th Dec	2.30pm Christmas Worship	Great Orton 01228 710280
24 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Worship	Aikton 016973 42291
25 th Dec	10am Christmas Communion	Kirkhampton 01228 576042
27 th Dec	9.30am Christmas Communion	Burgh 01228 576301/387
3 rd January	9.30am Communion	Bowness 01228 818392
6 th Jan	10am Said Communion	Burgh 01228 576301/387
10 th Jan	9.30am Communion	Aikton 016973 42291
17 th Jan	8.15am Communion	Beaumont 01228 525996
17 th Jan	9.30am Communion	Kirkhampton 01228 576042
24 th Jan	9.30am Communion	Burgh 01228 576301/387
31 st Jan	9.30am Communion	Great Orton 01228 710280

Monkhill Methodists - weekly 10.30am service 01228 575010
Thurstonfield Methodists - weekly 6.30pm service 01228 576073

ONLINE

– We have a Service every Sunday at 10am on
www.YouTube.com (search 'East Solway Churches')
& www.facebook.com/BurghbySandsChurch

[NB everyone can watch. You need not be a Facebook member]

EXTRA
Christmas
services –
see Parish
pages for
details

ONPHONE

- A recording of our Sunday online
service can be listened to all week (from that Sunday
morning) by phoning **01228 588199**

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4pm Christmas Eve
Online Nativity/Crib service for young families



Where?

www.YouTube.com (search 'East Solway Churches') &
www.facebook.com/BurghbySandsChurch

Christmas Carol Service on a CD?

Whilst we hope you can Tune into our local Virtual Carol Services this Christmas (or come to a Christmas Service), we know that some people need to self-isolate and don't have the internet.

(Even if you do have the internet) Our Churches would love to give you a Carol Service on a CD for you to enjoy whenever suits you.



Please ring your local Church warden (number elsewhere in this magazine) or Church contact **and give them your name and address.**

AIKTON NEWS

300 CLUB

As the cut off date for magazine contributions is before our November draw the results will appear in the February edition of the Parish Magazine. A sincere thank you to all those who have supported the 300 Club draw by purchasing tickets.

ST. ANDREW'S P.C.C.

The PCC wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year and pray that the joy of Christmas Day may bring peace and hope to all the world.



Bless the day, dear God,
From sunrise to sunset



Bless the night, dear God
From sunset to sunrise.

AIKTON PARISH COUNCIL

The meeting of Aikton Parish Council was held virtually on Zoom on Monday 9th November 2020.

Councillors Present: S Collins (Chair), G Benson, M Housby, S Todhunter, C Richardson, S Young,
A Irving & J Cumming

Also present were; E Clark (Clerk), Cllr Hodgson (Allerdale Borough Councillor) & Cllr Johnson (Cumbria County Councillor).

The parish council currently has a vacancy for a parish councillor, if you are interested in this position, please contact the clerk for further details.

The council is looking to increase pride in the parish and would like parish-ioners' views/observations on this matter. Examples/ideas could be; flowers at the entrances of the village, awareness of dog dirt/litter (more bins??) etc.

The council would like to know of any public footpaths/ rights of way/ bridleways in the parish that are blocked or in poor condition, any issues will then be reported and hopefully resolved.

A defibrillator & cabinet have now been purchased for the parish; thanks to The Aikton Arms & County Cllr Mike Johnson for their generous donations.

If you would like to report a fault on the highway please use one of the following methods;

Online at: <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/roads-transport/highways-pavements/cumbria-highways/highways hotline.asp>

Highways Hotline: 0300 303 2992 **Email:** betterhighways.allerdale@cumbria.gov.uk

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held virtually on Zoom on

Monday 11th January 2021 starting at 7.30pm.

Clerk: Elizabeth Clark, 11 Standingstone Heights, Wigton.

Email: aiktonclerk@aol.com. Tel. No: 016973 45665 (After 5pm).

Please see the parish website at www.aikton.org.uk for minutes of the meeting.

**Club secretaries and organisers of local events: email
items for the February issue to
davidsonlesley767@gmail.com by 10th January 2021**

*Alternatively, please hand items for inclusion in the magazine to
your local village contact below:*

Aikton area

Vera Nicholson, Craginair, Wiggonby, CA7 0JR,
or email veranicholson@yahoo.co.uk

Beaumont, Kirkandrews & Grinsdale area

Albinas Stasaitis, Hollow Creek Farm, Kirkandrews on Eden, CA5
6DJ (576403) or email beaumontpcwebsite@hotmail.co.uk

Burgh-by-Sands area and Around the District

Lesley Davidson , Meadow View, North End, Burgh by Sands CA5
6BD (576930), or email to davidsonlesley767@gmail.com

Great Orton area

TBC

Kirkbampton area

John Lightowler, Vermont, Kirkbampton, Carlisle CA5 6HX
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