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September 2026 - Newsletter

How fast the holidays fly by when you are young, then it is back to school, study...routine. September always feels like my 'New Year'; there was usually a new pair of school shoes, perhaps a bag and always new exercise books; neatly-ruled and without blot! It was a time of hopes and dreams but also fears and concerns. As a teenager, I often sought out a quiet place to think and lift this tangle of conflicting feelings to God. I walked with our dog along the country lanes, or to the village church where my father was buried. Prayer was simply lifting my deepest self to a presence that was friendly, fatherly and peaceful. Sometimes my thoughts were troubled. At other times they were happy, hopeful or thankful.... but it was always good to share them with that '*Presence*', to listen and find peace.

From 6-13th September the 24/7 Global Week of Prayer invites believers all round the world to join in continuous prayer for their villages, cities and nations. We can all do our bit. Culgaith church will start this week with a display of prayer stations. You are invited to drop in anytime on Sunday 6th to pray, but our churches and chapels are always open for you to find a quiet space. I wonder if we could all find a short time that week to sit quietly in a holy space and join our thoughts and prayers to that global cry.

With my prayers for you all,

Rev Becky Richards

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST 2026

19 th	Melmerby W.I. Walk, Melmerby Village Hall	2.00pm
23 rd	Ousby Big BBQ & Dog Show, Ousby Village Green	11.30am
23 rd	The Vic's 17 th Birthday Party, Culgaith Village Hall	2.00pm
24 th	Artimakers Club, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall	10.00am
30 th	BBQ & Sports Day, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall	4.00pm

SEPTEMBER 2026

2 nd	Langwathby & Edenhall WI – Plays by The Old Rope Production	7.30pm
3 rd	'Oasis', Langwathby Methodist Church	10:30am
5 th	Harvest Festival and Service, Kirkland Church	5.00pm
5 th	Pie & Pea Supper, Blencarn Village Hall	6.30pm
12 th	Ousby Show, Ousby Village Hall	2.00pm
13 th	Annual Duck Race, Skirwith Village Hall (rescheduled)	2.00pm
13 th	Open Day, St John's Church, Skirwith	10.00am
15 th	MDGC - Chasing Cable Cars & Wild Flowers, Melmerby Village Hall	7.00pm
16 th	Langwathby Community Fellowship, Langwathby Methodist Church	2.00pm
16 th	Book Club, Kirkland & Blencarn Village Hall	7.00pm
17 th	Meeting Point, Langwathby Methodist Church	10.15am
20 th	Harvest Festival & Feast of St. Michael, Addingham Church	3.00pm
24 th	Coffee & Cakes in support of MacMillan Cancer Support, Culgaith Hall	2.00pm
26 th	Sea Shanty Night (inc. Pie & Peas Supper), Melmerby Village Hall	6.30pm
26 th	Soup and Film Night, Good Fortune - Culgaith Village Hall	6.30pm
27 th	Car Treasure Hunt, Blencarn Village Hall	2.00pm

OCTOBER 2026

1 st	Kirkland & Blencarn drinks, nibbles + AGM, Blencarn Village Hall	7.00pm
7 th	1 st Session Of Winter Whist Series, Blencarn Village Hall	7.30pm
13 th	Coffee and Cakes, Skirwith Village Hall	11.00am
16 th	BYO Drinks & Snacks Social Evening, Blencarn Village Hall	7.00pm
21 st	Winter Whist Series, Blencarn Village Hall	7.30pm
28 th	Book Club Meet Up, Blencarn Village Hall	7.00pm

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LANGWATHBY & EDENHALL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE PROGRAMME 2026

THIS YEAR WE ARE MEETING IN HUNSONBY COMMUNITY
CENTRE ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7.30PM



Wednesday 2nd September
Plays by The Old Rope Production

Competition: A Theatre Programme

Hostesses: P. Jago, E. Jackson



MEMO QUIZ

(answers on page 5)



1. What is the shortest sentence in the bible?
2. Edith Swan-neck was the first wife of which king of England?
3. In 1953 which sherpa summited Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary?
4. In open play who scored Arsenal's goal in the 2026 Champions League final?
5. How many degrees Fahrenheit is 100 degrees centigrade?
6. What pre-decimal coin was known as a 'tanner'?
7. What do J.R.R. Tolkien's initials stand for?
8. What is the capital of Venezuela?
9. There are only two egg laying mammals - what are they?
10. Why are 'Pokémon' so called?

Ducks 'n' All @ Skirwith Village Hall

Sunday 13 September – delayed Duck Race

Apologies, but a lack of rain has delayed our **duck race** until 13 September.

Face painting in the hall from 1.30pm.

Races 2pm.

Coffees, soft drinks and refreshments. £2 per duck



Our **soup lunches** are over for now, but **coffee and cakes** start **Tuesday 13 October** 11.00-12.30. Different format but same friendly meet up and chat.

Kirkland Church Harvest Festival and Service

5th September 2026 at 5pm

Sale of produce/preserves/cakes. Proceeds to be divided between Rabi Organisation/Church repair funds.

Followed by pie and pea supper at Blencarn Village Hall at approx 6.30 to 7pm. Tea/Coffee/Juice included.

Everyone welcome. Anyone free to help with decorating the church also welcomed between 10-12. Please bring some decorations if you are able.

Please book supper by 31/8/26. Cost to be confirmed on booking. Please contact **Tina Philipson** on 01768 88268 to book and for any enquiries.

The Church of St Michael and All Angels Addingham invites you to their Harvest Festival and Feast of St. Michael

Celebrate Harvest Home with us at Addingham Church on Sunday 20th September at 3pm.

Please bring dried or tinned foods to gift to the Penrith Food Bank after the service and fresh produce to share on the day.

Refreshments afterwards and a chance to enjoy the flowers and the angels the children have made.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



Sea Shanty Night at Melmerby Village Hall

Join us for a night of musical fun with Penrith's own Sea Shanty group 'Nobody's Friends' (look them up on Facebook!)



Saturday 26 September 6.30 to 7:00 pm supper will be served

£10 per person, £8 under 18 (price includes pie & peas supper)

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Please join us on September 24th when we will again be supporting MacMillan Cancer Support. All proceeds from the afternoon will be donated to this essential charity. If you can spare a little more than our usual charge for your cuppa and cake, it would be greatly appreciated. In anticipation, **Thank You!**

Melmerby and District Gardening Club

Chasing Cable Cars, The Wildflowers And More In The Dolomites

Presented by Sheila Ripper

*Tuesday 15th September 2026, Melmerby Village Hall
7pm for **AGM** followed by our speaker*

Refreshments and Raffle - Visitors Welcome at £5.00
(MDGC Annual membership year starts in October)

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Kirkland and Blencarn Village Hall



27th September 2026 @ 2pm. **Car Treasure Hunt.** Meet at Blencarn Village Hall. £10 per car entry. Winner's Prize. Tea/Coffee & Cakes.

7th October 2026 @ 7:30pm. **1st Winter Whist Card Playing** evening. All from area welcome to join (contact Bob; janeandbobporter@gmail.com)

Kirkland and Blencarn Village 50/50 Lottery August Results:

1st John Flemming

2nd Ethel Hodgson

3rd Dave & Ruth Lea

4th Fern Morton

5th John Hartness

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Culgaith Village Hall (aka The Victoria Institute)

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Upcoming events

Sat 26th September - **Soup and Film night** - Good Fortune : Soup 6.30pm, Film 7.30pm.

Come along before the film for some home-made soup and a roll for £2. Then settle down round a table with your own drink and nibbles to watch Good Fortune on the big screen.



Released in 2025, Good Fortune is a feel-good comedy starring Keanu Reeves. A well-meaning but inept angel meddles in the lives of a struggling gig worker and a wealthy venture capitalist. Cert 15 and running time 1 hr 35 mins. Adults £5, Under 16s £3.50. Reserve a table in advance or cash on the door.

Lucky winners of August's 100 Club:

1st prize £50 – no.79 Rose Albion

2nd prize £20 – no.81 Beverley Calvert

3rd Prize £10 – no.84 Paul Conway

Should anyone like to join in, we have numbers available. It is £2 per number per month.



MEMO QUIZ ANSWERS



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|---|------------------------------|
| 7. John Ronald Reuel | 1. Jesus wept |
| 8. Caracas | 2. Harold the Second |
| 9. The duck-billed platypus and the echidna | (Godwinson of Hastings fame) |
| 10. It is an abbreviation of the Japanese 'Poketto Monsuta' | 3. Tensing Norway |
| – pocket monsters | 4. Kai Havertz |
| | 5. 212 degrees |
| | 6. Sixpence piece |

St Peter's Church, Langwathby

Volunteers Needed

September – and the start of a New Year? Well, it always feels like that to me. Perhaps it's because the school year begins. I was always determined "not to blot my exercise books with ink this year" but, as a left-hander, I always failed.

It's the time for starting new courses or taking up new activities too. If you are looking for something new and different and you can volunteer for an hour occasionally, St Peter's Church could use your help. The few of us who care for the church are getting older and less energetic and we don't want the church to close for lack of loving care.

The church needs:

- **CLEANERS** – to join a rota and clean the church once or twice a year
- **FLOWERS** – putting fresh flowers in church (they last a month because it's cool)
- **TREASURER** – to bank any cash at Langwathby PO, pay the few bills (utilities, insurance and Parish Offer* are paid by standing order), prepare simple annual accounts
- **ONE-OFFs** – putting up and taking down the oak candle holders at Christmas or organising the making of the Christingles
- **DONATIONS** – a small, regular amount or an occasional offering
- **PRAYERS** – the door is always unlocked so do pop in for a few minutes of quiet prayer. It's nice and cool inside when the weather is hot.
- **VISITORS** – come and join us at St Peter's or at the Methodist Chapel on Sundays – we hold services alternately

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - NO AGE LIMIT

NO REQUIREMENT TO JOIN A COMMITTEE OR TO ATTEND CHURCH

If you would like to help or to know more, please contact me:

Kathleen Doidge-Harrison phone: 01768 811179

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**The Parish Offer is the money given to fund our clergy. Each of the churches in the East of Eden Mission Community contributes to this.*

Fords and Bridges

Before any bridges got built, people crossed the rivers and becks by fords wide enough to take a cart, or only wide enough for men on a horse. Footbridges were added if the stream was narrow enough.

Sometimes the river-bed was metalled as the ford's floor, for safer passage. This practice was in being in the Neolithic era, in Cumbria (they marked their stones with their symbols, as waymarks for paths and fords). The Bronze Age continued these marks, e.g. >, out into the stone.

Most of Cumbria's ancient bridges date from the 16th century and were built of solid stone (not of earth middles, as in 18th century), about ten feet wide, with stone ribs underneath arch. Passing-places, V-shaped, were above the strut of each arch, as at Eamont Bridge. They were built by jobbing stonemasons, illiterate, who signed their work with their own mark (without it, no pay). These marks continued in the same designs for centuries.

The earliest bridge in MEMOs district is Rickerhill Bridge, below Hartside's west side, on the path to Renwick, built in the 12th century for the King's silver from Alston Moor to reach his mint at Carlisle. He paid for the bridge. It was rebuilt c.2010. Next came Salkeld Bridge extant in 15th century, gone/flood by 1770.

Thanks as always go to Jeremy Godwin

Stallholders Wanted – Christmas Craft Fair Gamblesby Community Centre on 7th November



Are you an amateur maker or crafter and have items to sell that would make good Christmas gifts? Then please do get in touch with me. I am looking for half a dozen more crafters, to fill the hall. Hire of table will be £15 (or £7.50 for half a table) and the funds raised from the table hire, refreshments and raffle will go to First Responders and Addingham Church equally.

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The Parish of Addingham

If you live in Hunsonby, Winskill, Little Salkeld, Glassonby or Gamblesby, you may not realise that you have a parish church, and it is not at all far from you, and has been there for about eight hundred years!

Addingham was an ancient village, “the home of Adda’s people” on the banks of the river Eden, near Daleraven, but sometime in the 12th century village and church got washed away when the Eden catastrophically changed its course. St Michael’s church, which was built in the 13th century using stones from the older church, stands just outside Glassonby and continues as a parish church to this day.

This peaceful little church is full of wonderful artefacts (currently being recorded for a heritage project), including its glowing stained-glass windows, its two bells, and the remarkable Viking hogsback stone, and stands in a large churchyard, which is carefully managed for biodiversity and is very rich in wild flowers and fungi.



It is the focus of Christian worship in the parish, and is there for all the important times in families’ lives – baptisms, weddings, burials and thanksgivings – and still pulls out all the stops for Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festivals. Oh, and the organ is one of the finest in Cumbria.

However, like so many small rural churches Addingham now struggles with declining congregations and too few members on the Parochial Church Council. Income from congregational collections, weddings, baptisms and funerals has gone down, but the parish has many challenges keeping this ancient building safe, in good repair and fit for purpose. Many people do not realise that without a viable PCC to run it, a church cannot keep going. In practical terms once it gets down to 2 members it is deemed to be vulnerable and is in real danger of closing. We are now down to 3 members.

If you’d like to find out more about what being on the PCC involves and whether it is something you might consider, to help keep this irreplaceable centre of worship serving its community for years to come, then do please talk to us;

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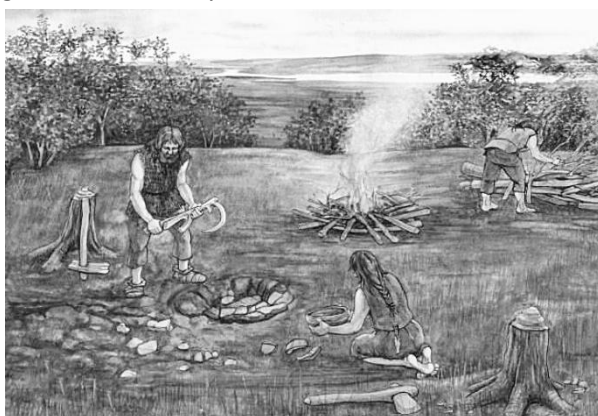
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The District 1000 Years Ago

It was open enough for numerous Norse farmers to come from an overcrowded Ireland to settle in. They came by boats up the River Eden. They could not deal with deep woods. The people who could were the Angles who had come from Angeln, just south of Denmark, where thick woods abounded and the Angles (farmers) managed to deal with them.

The Norse families settled in places whose names end in “by”, their word for a farm-village, and at Gawtree, where tradition tells of a village at a prominent tree by the beck in open land. When the plague wiped out Hunsonby, Gawtree’s folk moved to Hunsonby, better land says tradition (heard in the 1970’s by me from a girl at Tynefield Secondary School, whose teacher derided it).

Kirkland was also settled by the Norsemen as ‘Kirk’ (church) is an old Norse word. So was Winskill (“Windy Cottages”), first recorded in 1292, probably an overflow village from Hunsonby.



Thick woods surrounded Culgaith, Skirwith and Blencarn (possibly a bit of clear land, it’s cairn visible as a landmark). In the woods were wolves, and perhaps bears, wildcats and wild boar. At night you went home and stayed there.

Edenhall was in its hidden hollow (its placename’s meaning) between the church and the hall.

Little Salkeld (Old Salkeld) was named for the willow wood they found. Unthank (“squatters”) was an overflow village.

Oldest was Addingham, settled by Adda’s people in the 7th century, there until c.1500 when the Eden swamped it. It was never rebuilt. Its replacement church was built up the hill.

Thank you to Jeremy Godwin for his research.

Langwathby Junior Football Club - Looking For Volunteers



Do you have an hour to spare on a Saturday morning between September and April?

Langwathby Junior Football Club is looking for a volunteer or volunteers to coach our youngest players, the U8s, at Edenhall Sports Ground.

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11th September

9th October

13th November

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Saturday 5th September

Kirkland	4pm	Harvest	Rev Becky Richards
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Sunday 6th September

Skirwith	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Fiona Jenkins
Gamblesby	10am	Little Acorns	Claire Slee
Edenhall	11am	Holy Communion	Rev Fiona Jenkins
Langwathby Methodist Chapel	2:30pm	Multisite Church Launch	Rev David Newlove Ros Watson
Langwathby Methodist Chapel	5pm	Taizé	Taizé Team

Sunday 13th September

Kirkland	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Becky Richards
Langwathby St Peter's	11am	Holy Communion	Rev Becky Richards
Gamblesby	2pm	Harvest	Rev Julia Reid

Sunday 20th September

Culgaith All Saints	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Fiona Jenkins
Melmerby	11am	Holy Communion	Rev Fiona Jenkins
Langwathby Methodist Chapel	11am	Harvest	Rev Julia Reid
Addingham	3pm	Harvest & 'All Angels'	Local Team

Sunday 27th September

Ousby	9.30am	Holy Communion	Rev Becky Richards Rob Richards
Langwathby St Peter's	11am	Morning Worship	Rev Becky Richards Rob Richards
<i>Keswick Methodist Church</i>	<i>4pm</i>	<i>Circuit Service</i>	



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