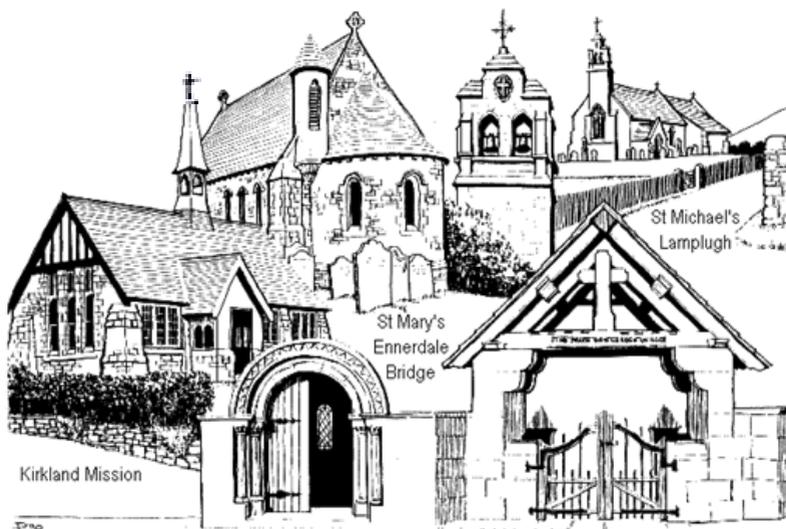




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READINGS - MAR 23

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
5.3.23	GENESIS 12:1-4a	ROMANS 4:1-5,13-17	JOHN 3:1-17
12.3.23	EXODUS 17:1-7	ROMANS 5:1-11	JOHN 4:5-42
19.3.23	EXODUS 2:1-10	COLOSSIANS 3:12-17	JOHN 19:25b-27
26.3.23	EZEKIEL 37:1-14	ROMANS 8:6-11	JOHN 11:1-45
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Minister's letter

At the end of January, the Archbishops' Social Care Commission, co-chaired by the Bishop of Carlisle, published its report. It offered a new vision for social care: re-thinking our attitudes to care, re-balancing roles and responsibilities, and re-designing the system. Among many other things this process could involve a greater taxation of wealth in this country. Around the same time, Oxfam released a report, *Survival of the Richest* highlighting how the richest 1% grabbed nearly two-thirds of all new wealth created in the world since 2020. For the first time in 25 years, both extreme wealth *and* extreme poverty have increased simultaneously. Oxfam called for new wealth taxes to tackle spiralling inequality. Meanwhile, the elite movers and shakers of this world met in Davos. This year they were considering 'cooperation in a fragmented world', and received a letter, signed by 200 millionaires, urging national political leaders to tax the ultra-rich more heavily.

In the early days of Christianity, St Paul put forward a vision of a community where true wealth was found in giving so that no one was in want. (2 Corinthians 8:12– 15). Most Christians, and many other people of goodwill, subscribe to this principle as we saw both in the amazing financial response to the earthquake in Turkey and Syria in February, and the practical caring showed last year by those who offered homes to refugees from Ukraine. We do what we can with what we have.

But to enable everyone around the world to flourish, systems and structures are required, one of which is taxation. So often these systems are abused by those who could pay more, or not fit for purpose in the first place. It never ceases to amaze me that in the drive for 'austerity' since 2008, the numbers of civil servants pursuing those who try to game the system has been reduced significantly. As each one of the posts cut used to generate many times more money for the exchequer than the salary of the post-holder, was there ever a more false economy?

It seems to be time to demand that those with the deepest pockets are compelled to contribute to these visions of a fairer world, as we continue to do what we can from our small substance.

(I'm grateful to Church Action for Tax Justice for most of the ideas in this article. You can find the full text of the report of the social care commission, and a summary of it, at <http://www.churchofengland.org/about/archbishops-commissions/reimagining-care-commission> while Oxfam's report is at www.oxfam.org/en/research/survival-richest)

Ian Parker

GOING GREEN GRACEFULLY No. 26

Pass it forward....

We live in a world in which we accumulate a lot of ‘stuff’ – indeed, a popular Christian saying goes along the lines of “*we’re meant to use things and love people, but so often we love things and use people.*” Accumulating ‘stuff’ can lead to a feeling of being overwhelmed and a need to have a clear out. Of course, there are many popular ‘auction-style’ sites online these days (mentioning no names!), but having to advertise, pack and send off can simply add to the burden. Indeed, you may well just want someone else to be able to use your excess items and keep it local.

So you might be pleased to learn of a couple of apps that will definitely help you to pass things on to someone else. Let’s say that you have a bumper crop of apples, but your friends and family can take only so many. Maybe you don’t need that high chair any more but would like to pass it to someone who can really use it. One app, called Olio, allows you to do just that: you can list food items, and non-food items for your local area; currently, for example, John (somewhere near Arlecdon) is offering a holdall which he no longer needs. Have a look at the app – see what you think.

On a similar vein, the Too Good to Go app is a tool used by local food outlets to distribute food items that are about to go out of date. A bag of goodies from the garage at Cockermouth cost just £2.50 for items that would have been four times that much.

Apps like these are a great way of reducing waste as well as helping folks source items that they need. Why not have a look?

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LAMPLUGH VILLAGE HALL

News

ENW finally connected the electricity supply to the new hall on the 30th January. Joe Nuttall and his team have nearly completed the outstanding works to the hall and it is envisaged that by early March 2023 Building control will be in a position to issue the final completion certificate and for our lead consultant, Ed Bushell, to issue the Practical Completion Certificate.

The committee will be looking to have the hall open to the community by early April after a series of health and safety inductions involving existing user groups. We are also looking to host at least a couple of open days at the hall to which residents of the Parish will be invited – further information on these events will be circulated in the April edition of Contact.

While the new hall is being completed alternative venues will be made available to regular and other users of the village hall. Please contact Mark Stevens whose details are listed below to arrange alternative facilities.

Full details for all clubs, societies and their activities are listed on the Village Hall website.

For further details about any events or hiring of the hall, please contact Mark Stevens on 07543 876490 or by email at marklvh@yahoo.com.

Women's Heritage Day - SAT 11th MARCH

**Regrettably, due to unforeseen circumstances, the event is
CANCELLED.**

Apologies to all of you who expressed an interest.

Sincerely

Jude Wildwood

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare Jeremiah 29 : 7

To “Care Deeply” implies actions as well as words, in that our concerns are sufficient to compel us to act to show that we care enough to want to do something to help. Often the problem seems too great that we feel that we are small and inadequate such that we cannot make a real difference. This feeling can cause frustration or worse still, inaction leading ultimately to indifference. Unfortunately it’s not difficult to find examples !

Why in 2023 are there so many people around the world hungry and living in poverty ? Throughout the UK the number of food banks has steadily grown in recent years and usage has accelerated in the last twelve months as energy and food costs have risen sharply. We are regularly told that there is sufficient food available to feed everyone, what is stopping that becoming a reality so that no one goes hungry ? TEARfund’s current campaign states “Poverty is not part of God’s plan, but you are”.

The Old Testament story in 2 Kings 4 v 1-7 tells of a woman, recently widowed, who cannot pay her debts and has concerns she will lose her two sons. God tells her to use her small jar of olive oil to fill many jars which she finds she is able to do with oil remaining after all available jars have been filled. The moral of this story is that a small amount, wisely used and shared goes a long way and is generally more than enough. How often do we forget or underestimate God’s generosity ? How easily do we speak and act as if He is not a generous God ?

There are of course many ways that we can make a difference, show that we care deeply, whether that be through donations of money to charities headquartered in the UK but with global reach such as TEARfund www.tearfund.org through their Hunger Crisis Appeal or of food to local foodbanks. The North Lakes Foodbank has outlets in Cockermouth, Egremont, Maryport, Whitehaven, Workington and Wigton and operates under the auspice of the Trussell Trust www.trusselltrust.org

Do you care deeply ? Are you able to help make a difference ?



Motherhood

Mothers are a gift from God. Motherhood is part of God's original design for humans to carry out God's purposes in the world and display his love and are special because they are an extension of God's love. They are the backbone of a family and curb their desires to do everything for their families and children. A mother is the only person on earth who can divide her love among 10 children and each child still has all her love. A mother is the main vertebra of each family and they support every one's feeling. The sensitive foundation we give our children at home is the basis of their lives and we cannot reduce the power of a mother's love. The love of children with their mothers begins in the mother's womb and this is called pulse bonding. So much love and affection are poured for a new baby and a mother's lap is the safest place for a baby. A mother is unique who can take the place of others but whose place no one else can take. No one else can replace a mother's place in this world. John Wesley is known to have said " I learned more about Christianity from my mother than from all the theologians in England" and Billy Graham said "Only God himself fully appreciates the influence of a mother in the moulding of character in her children".

A MOTHER'S PRAYER

God give me the wisdom to see that this is my day with the children
That there are no unimportant days in their lives
May I know no other career is as precious
No other work so rewarding
May I not defer or neglect it
But by your spirit accept it gladly and joyfully
May I by your grace realize that time is short
My time is now for children won't wait.
AMEN

Events and activities that take place every month at Kirkland Mission Church

Messy church meets at 2pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

But for March we have an all age service at 11am

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves [creativity](#), [celebration](#) and [hospitality](#).

It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church.

It meets at a time (and sometimes in a place) that suits people who don't already belong to church.

It typically includes a welcome, a long creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a short celebration time involving story, prayer, song, games and similar; and a sit-down meal together at tables. All activities are for, and will include, people of all ages, adults and children.

It's fun.

Its aim is to introduce Jesus, to give an opportunity to encounter him and to grow closer to him.

Most Messy Churches meet once a month, although a few meet more frequently or more occasionally.

continued overleaf..

Café Church meets at 11am on the
1st Sunday of the month

Tea and coffee is available at the start with an assortment of biscuits at the tables. After 10 minutes the service begins.

This is a Sunday morning service which usually starts with a song or hymn then moves into a short time of prayer. There is often a short talk on a subject suitable for the day and sets the theme for the questions which follow. We sit around the small tables for a discussion on the questions which are shown on the overhead or on paper and distributed to the tables. There are usually 2 or 3 questions. These are followed by a song and after some more prayers as we finish.

1st Tuesday @ 2 meets at 2pm on the
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A PLACE, A TIME, A GROUP TO REFLECT, DISCUSS AND SHARE WHAT IS GOING ON IN OUR LIVES AS MEN

Crosslacon's men's group, the Locker Room, is operating with an eclectic group of about 12 men with a wide range of backgrounds and ages. Conversations at the Ennerdale Brewery Tap are a feature of their meetings on the third Saturday of each month beginning at 10:30 a.m. when they open for breakfast. Those attending have been both churchgoers as well as those just interested in fellowship and friendships. The Ennerdale Brewery Tap has been a friendly host and the breakfasts have been tasty. It is a great venue and a great experience for guys seeking conversation, debate, and an opportunity to make new friends. Every man is invited without regard to affiliation or faith (or none), but we often get around to discussing philosophy, the role and responsibilities of being a man, father and husband as well as a community citizen and religion. It would be nice to have a heads up (call Steve Morgan at 07834-434-953) if you plan to attend, but reservations or advance notice is not required. Bring a friend or invite someone you think might need some camaraderie. We might discuss solutions for all the world's problems but we promise: no knitting, sing-alongs or quizzes in this Locker Room.

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- 2 When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them. **That is trust.**
- 3 Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up. **That is hope.**
- 4 We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future. **That is confidence.**
- 5 We see the world suffering, but still, we get married and have children. **That is love.**
- 6 On an old man's shirt was written a sentence "I am not 80 years old; I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience." **That is attitude.**

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19 th Mar Mothering Sunday	9am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: All age worship
26 th Mar	9am St Michael's Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion (Informal)
29 th March	2pm St Michael's Lamplugh: Kirkland Academy Easter Service.
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6 th April	7:00pm Kirkland Mission: Service for Maundy Thursday
7 th April Good Friday	2pm St Michael's Lamplugh: Meditation
9 th April Easter Sunday	9am St Michael's Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: All age Holy Communion

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