

**Parish Church of
St. John the Evangelist**
Washington Street, Workington



LEST WE FORGET

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

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CHURCH SERVICES

Sundays: Eucharist 8.00am
Sung Eucharist 10.00am
Junior Church 10.00am
Holy Baptism 4th Sunday 10.00am

Weekdays: Wednesday: Eucharist 11.00am

The Daily offices and additional celebrations of the Eucharist
according to notice given.

Notice of Banns and Marriage to be given to the Priest in Charge.
The Blessed Sacrament is reserved in Church and the Clergy are able to
take the Eucharist to the sick.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

November is the season of the Saints and the Holy Souls, when we recall and celebrate our belief in the Communion of Saints and the power of Christ's love, which transcends death. This year we will be celebrating the Feast of All Saints on Sunday 30th October, transferring the celebration from its official date of November 1st. The Church celebrates holy men and women throughout the year on various saint days, but the Solemnity of All Saints is when the Church honours every saint, known and unknown. This is similar to Remembrance Day, on which a group of people are honoured and remembered for the sacrifice they made in defence of our liberties and country. While we have information about many saints, and we honour them by name and on specific days, there are many unknown or unsung saints, who may have been forgotten, or never been honoured specifically. On All Saints Day, we celebrate these holy individuals, and ask for their prayers and intercessions.

All Souls day falls on Wednesday 2nd November. There will be two celebrations of the Eucharist on that day: 11.00am said and a Sung Eucharist in the evening at 7pm. If you would like particular friends or loved ones remembered at the All Soul's masses then please let me know. While at All Saints we celebrate what we might term 'the unknown' Saints of God, on All Souls day we remember before God all the Holy Souls, that is, the faithful departed. At the Eucharist's on this day we pray for them that they may *rest in peace* and at the last day, *rise in Glory*.

An Easter Orthodox Prayer for the Dead

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend the souls of thy servants, *NN.*, and beseech thee to grant them rest in the place of thy rest, where all thy blessed Saints repose, and where the light of thy countenance shineth forever. And I beseech thee also to grant that our present lives may be godly, sober, and blameless, that we too may be made worthy to enter into thy heavenly Kingdom with those we love but see no longer: for thou art the Resurrection, and the Life, and the Repose of thy departed servants, O Christ our God, and unto thee we ascribe glory: to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Belief in the Communion of Saints is integral to the classical Christian faith. It is a belief clearly stated and set out in the creeds and it picks up many strands of biblical teaching. St Paul has one of the most beautiful of all biblical passages about the power of Christ over death:

³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor

things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8: 35-39)

The regular remembrance of the Saints of God and the invocation of their prayers have long been a part of the prayer and liturgy of the Church, stretching back to the earliest days of the Church, and is part of our common inheritance in the faith. For example, in 350 A.D., St. Cyril of Jerusalem wrote a remarkable and exquisitely detailed description of the Mass or Eucharist, which clearly articulates a deep belief in the invocation and Communion of Saints. It is a powerful portrayal of the family of God gathered together with the Saints in heaven around the altar of Eucharistic sacrifice:

"... upon completion of the spiritual Sacrifice, the bloodless worship, over that propitiatory victim, we call upon God for the common peace of the Churches, for the welfare of the world, for kings, for soldiers and allies, for the sick, for the afflicted, and in summary, we all pray and offer this Sacrifice for all who are in need. Then we make mention also of those who have already fallen asleep: first, the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, that through their prayers and supplications God would receive our petition; next, we make mention also of the holy fathers and bishops who have already fallen asleep, and, to put it simply, of all among us who have already fallen asleep; for we believe that it will be of very great benefit to the souls of those for whom the petition is carried up, while this holy and most solemn Sacrifice is laid out." (The Faith of the Early Fathers,' Vol. 1, William A. Jurgens, [Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press, 1970] p. 363.). The faithful in heaven and on earth are united in the Person of Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. This is the meaning of the Communion of Saints. Christ's sacrifice on the cross has overcome the power of death to hold us captive and separate us from God and from one another. In baptism we have been buried with Christ into His death in order that we might be raised to new life with Him. This new life in Him is stronger and more powerful than anything the enemy – death included – can throw against us. When we recall the heroic lives and examples of Christians who have passed from this life, especially those whose life has been transparent with the love and humility of Jesus we are drawn from darkness into light and lifted high upon the wings of their prayers. The Saints of God are our brothers, sisters, fathers and mothers in the faith (Matthew 19:29). They not only inspire us with their example, they also encompass us in the potency of their prayer, interceding for us with our Heavenly Father.

All ye Saints of God intercede for us.

Be merciful unto us,

Spare us, O Lord.

These holy people the Lord calls His friends. *,You are my friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not*

know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.' (John 15:14-15)

They are those He has received in His heavenly mansions in fulfilment of His words: *'Where I am, there you may be also.'* (John 14:3) We make petitions to them asking them to pray for us and the remission of our sins and spiritual growth, seeking their help in our spiritual needs.

The saints are near the Throne of God.

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne, the living creatures, and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands, who praised the Lord. (Rev 5:11)

Our communion in prayer with the saints is the realization of the bond between Christians on earth and the Heavenly Church. (Heb 12:22-23)

The Collect for All Saints Day from the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*

Almighty God,

your saints are one with you

in the mystical body of Christ:

give us grace to follow them

in all virtue and holiness

until we come to those inexpressible joys

which you have prepared for those

who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God now and for ever.

Amen.

Fr Robert SSC

FLOWER FUND

Treasured memories of a dearly loved mam, Ethel J Straughton (Nov 19th), from Marjorie;

ROOF APPEAL

In memory of Laura Trohear on our Wedding Anniversary (Nov 8th - 50 yrs), from Eddie and family;

. FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Women's Fellowship started their new season with the usual excellent bar lunch at the Royal George. Our meeting in the Parish Room was led by Muriel and with the benefit of colouring books we had the quietest meeting since we did a sponsored silence for church funds.

THANK YOU

On the occasion of his 90th birthday Joe Hodgson would like to thank family and friends for their good wishes, cards and gifts, they were very much appreciated.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Uniformed Organisations: Monday: Explorer Scouts 7.00pm
Tuesday: Rainbows 4.45pm
Brownies 6.00pm
Thursday: Beavers 5.45pm
Cubs 7.00pm
Scouts 6.45pm
(Ashfield Junior School)

Women's Fellowship: . Tuesday 2.00pm
Women's Group: 2nd Tuesday 7.30pm
Parent and Toddlers: Thursday 9.45am
Junior Church: Sundays 10am during term time

BAPTISM

“We welcome you into the Lords Family”

28th August Ellis Frankie Haig of 115 Newlands Lane
25th September Ruth Ann Mitchell 28 Lonsdale Street
Lilli Mai Clague of 90 Grasmere Avenue
Leona Margaret Stamper of 4 Victoria Place
22nd October Ruby Victoria Ashbridge of 28 Inner Ring Road, Seaton

MARRIAGES

“All I have, I give to you”

24th September Paul Taylor & Rachel Helen Wojcik
22nd October Philip John Ashbridge & Lisa Elizabeth Valentine

FUNERAL

“Rest eternal, grant unto them, O Lord”

29th September Marjorie Rose Knowles of Eldred Road, aged 84
10th October Ethel Kirkpatrick of 74 Lingbeck Park Seaton, aged 96

CHURCH CEILING CORNICE

As you will probably have noticed, the necessary repairs have been completed, together with touch-up decoration and the scaffolding removed

(From the 'Star' dated 11th August 1922 – extracted from the church's Parish Magazine)

ST JOHN'S IN GRAVE DANGER
PORCH READY TO COLLAPSE AND GALLERY ATTACKED WITH
DRY ROT
“ Alarming Condition of Things.”

In this month's issue of the St John's Magazine the public receives from the Vicar, the Rev J R Croft, another highly important communication on the impending danger to the Church. New and really grave defects have been discovered almost every day since the work of reconstruction was commenced, and still the discovery of decay and crumbling has not ceased. "Another month has gone," the Vicar woefully writes, "during which constant work has been in progress at the Church, and the discovery of decay and disrepair has not ceased.

The condition of things has indeed proved to be most alarming. The north west porch was found to be ready to fall any moment; dry rot and fungus had attacked the gallery and pews, and the wonder is that it had not crashed down, the ceiling of the organ loft actually did fall, and at the moment of writing the latest discovery is that a very large part of the ceiling joints are rotten and liable to give way at any moment. Was there ever a more unwelcome task and burden thrown on a struggling congregation than this which has come upon us, at the worst possible moment at St John's?

Let it be clearly and unmistakeably understood that not a single thing has been done which has not been forced on us. The little task which we set out to do at first seemed sufficiently alarming without undertaking "luxury" building and avoidable repair. And so great is the expense involved that we have every reason to avoid any unnecessary expenditure. It is, perhaps, necessary to emphasise this, lest any impression should get abroad that we have done work which could have been postponed. As a matter of fact, things that we should all like to see done, and schemes that we should all like to carry out are, perforce, thrust in the background because of the urgency of this terrible business. But it is no use being gloomy and miserable about it. We cannot help it. We cannot avoid our task. The Vicar himself feels the situation very keenly not for his own sake, although it makes his work and plans very much harder to face, but for the people's sake whose willingness to help and support him must be severely strained by this new claim. But faith, cheerfulness and fellowship can work miracles. So with smiling faces and trusting hearts and belief that God is with us when we do our best we will make our plans and do our work. We hope that the Council will have a meeting as soon as the end of our troubles has been sighted and the whole of our responsibility discovered, and that whatever scheme they may adopt for raising funds will have the wholehearted support and co-operation of every friend of St John's.#

LEST WE FORGET (The following poem was penned by Jason Robinson, a friend of mine and he has let me reproduce it for Remembrance)

The mist lifts in the morning haze it shows a muddy desolation no green baize
The sun has gone from these once rich fields now blood is the crop they yield
Where trees as old as ages stood lie all those rivals who fought for good
They fight for freedom life and liberty but none of that is here with me
The first salvo noise splits the peace when will this hell ever cease
The outlook changes every day the shells from both sides burn the hay
I hope they don't send gas today the taste it leaves won't go away
Thy said we'd win by Christmas time as they sat round drinking their wine
Best laid plans of ruling classes but they don't bleed that's left to the masses
Sometimes we see the sun above but in this place there is no love
Standing on ladders waiting for the call about to face the machine guns sqawl
The tune goes up from officers lips and into no mans land we trip
With bayonet fixed and heavy legged we run
til in the mud we have become embed
With each new day we lose a friend the pain of loss will never mend
Men torn apart to serve their king yet still in trenches about their loyalty they sing
I hope in future generations they'll think again before starting this damnation
Too many men were lost in vain too many families endured this pain
Remembered is how they should be not a faded distant memory

Aged between 10 and 18?

Confirmed or looking to be confirmed?



**Why not come along to St Michael's
Youth Group?**

**Thursdays between 7.00 and 8.30 pm
St Michael's Parish Rooms, Dean Street**

**You can still worship at St John's and be part of
St Michael's Youth Group**

For more information contact Lorna in the Parish Office (01900 604450)

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ST JOHN'S ROOF APPEAL

ART AND CRAFT EXHIBITION AND SALE

We are planning to hold an exhibition and sale of art and crafts done by members and friends of St John's Church. This will take place some time in January 2017.

Would you be interested in showing and selling your skills to help our church raise the necessary money for our roof?

If you would please let either of our Churchwardens or Keith Bennett know so we can include you in our planning and table allocation.



ST. JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SATURDAY, 19TH NOVEMBER

11.30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

STALLS - MUSIC - RAFFLE

LIGHT LUNCH

HARVEST APPEAL

We supported the Bishop's Harvest for the Hungry appeal to the tune of £223.70p, which this year agricultural education and resources for some of the poorest families in Mali and northern Argentina through projects supported by Christian Aid and CMS. £140 of the total was gift-aided which has provided an extra £35 for these good causes. Many thanks to all who contributed.

WOMENS GROUP

A group of us went to see “Hairspray” at the Carnegie last month. This was an excellent performance by the young people of the Workington Amateur Dramatic Society, it couldn’t have been performed better by professionals. Next month we are planning to go to Maryport to perhaps have lunch followed by a visit to the Roman Museum. Mary-Ann Lancaster will talk to us about hair and beauty in Roman times and one lucky person could be going home looking like Cleopatra. Please let Sheila or Susan B know if you are planning to join us. The date is 15th November (not our usual meeting day). We are booked into the museum for 2.00pm. It’s up to you if you want to just turn up then or make a day of it and go in the morning.

Recipe Books: As Christmas is fast approaching and we will be thinking about the dreaded ‘present list’, could I remind you that the Church Recipe Books are still available for £5. Up to date these have raised £428 and it would be nice to increase this amount when we are looking at ways to raise more money for the roof. Please contact Susan Bennett (01900 63592) if you require these. Thank you for your support.

Card Stall: Please also remember the Card Stall at the back of the Church. This has generated quite a lot of income over the last few years. Please take time to have a look if you are needing a card.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORKINGTON

Our next Churches Together meeting we will be held on Thursday 10th November, 6.45 for 7pm at the Bridge Centre, Central Square, Workington. An open meeting where you can come along and meet your fellow Christians in other churches and see what we can achieve together.

NORTH LAKES FOODBANK

Thank you for the 90 items donated during September. As family budgets get tighter over the colder months it’s particularly important to ensure that we can

help people in financial crisis. Thank you for providing any items on the shopping list and responding to notes about what is in short supply on the weekly news sheet.

JUNIOR CHURCH AND NATIVITY

After half term, Junior Church will start to prepare for the Nativity play. Each Sunday we will be having storytime, games and fun, and will learn some songs. Children of all ages are welcome, we’ll plan the ‘production’ to suit all the children involved! Meet in the Community Hall before morning worship at 10am, parents/carers are welcome to stay if they wish. We’ll start on 6th November, then break for Remembrance Parade (13th) and go on from there.

THE GIFT OF HELPS

When I first moved to Cumbria with my four children from Hong Kong in 1985 I briefly had a home help called Pam. She came once a week for an hour and kept our home straight. Pam was the salt of the earth. She and her husband had an adult daughter with severe learning difficulties living at home and did their best to ensure she enjoyed life to the full.

Pam also taught me about Cumbrians, who, she said, most enjoyed two things: eating out, and travelling abroad. When my husband joined us from Hong Kong for our first Christmas in Cumbria he was bemused when she told him, 'Thank God for plastic money - we ran out of cash when visiting HK on our last holiday.' Not, perhaps, what you might expect to hear from a home help...

I still have a home help, who, I joke, keeps me sane. She certainly helps keep me in order. And, like Pam, she does not fit the Andy Capp stereotype of his charlady wife Flo. Her father worked for British Steel in Workington and negotiated the contract for the rail lines for the Mass Transit Railways (MTR) in Hong Kong in the '70s.

In the epistles of Paul are listed the gifts of the holy spirit. Amongst these is included 'the gift of helps'. For me, both Pam and her current successor exemplify this gift. In the eyes of the world, their calling may seem very lowly (!and it can hardly be termed well paid) but for me their input is the difference between my existing and my living well. In my case health issues make it difficult to carry out many household tasks that others would take for granted. (Penelope Elias)

CHRISTIAN CUSTOMS AND PRACTICES

Bowing the Head or Body in Worship

Bowing as a sign of respect is no longer as common in our culture as it is in other parts of the world. Nonetheless it has not altogether disappeared in our country, and is certainly alive and well as an act of worship in the Church of England. Many Christians show their worship of God by reverencing with a bow either the Altar of God or His Blessed Sacrament. As I mentioned in my first article on Christian customs last month, the use of the body in worship is widespread throughout the Christian world and Christian history. Standing to sing or praise God, and kneeling in prayer, are all but universal customs across the different Christian traditions. This reflects two things. First, that when we worship God we should do so with our whole self, mind, heart, spirit *and* body. Secondly, we must remember that as human beings we are embodied beings. Our bodies are part of what we are; many things we do and experience would be meaningless if we tried to draw an unnatural distinction between mind, body and spirit. Kissing, for example, is a bodily act but it is also an expression of mind and heart. A kiss can betoken our love and affection and also our passion. It is therefore 'unnatural' and ultimately contrary to a faith which stresses the incarnation (the Word made body/flesh) to deny the importance of our bodies in worship.

If you look in a concordance of the Bible you will see hundreds of references to bowing down in worship to God [e.g., "Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground" (*Nehemiah 8:6*); or Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker (Psalm 95:6)].

The Church of England continued the ancient practice of bowing in worship. So, for example, our Canon Law has always included an instruction that the faithful should make an act of reverence (i.e. bowing) when the Holy name of Jesus is mentioned in worship (see current Canon B9). Many Anglicans will upon receiving Holy Communion reverence the altar with a bow of the head. Some too will make a profound bow (ie a bow from the waist) when the words 'incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man' are recited in the Creed. According to the New Testament writer Paul, everyone on Earth will someday bow to Jesus Christ. He writes in Philippians 2:9-11, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." KJV. He is here quoting a similar passage regarding bowing from the Old Testament, Isaiah 45:23. Fr Robert Hannaford

EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS 2016

We have got dates for Experience Christmas in the diary now, when Ashfield infants and Juniors will be able to visit church and travel around the six stations that we set up to help them reflect on the Christmas story. If you've been involved before you will know how worthwhile this is.

We need help both with planning and setting up the stations and helping on the days of visits and whilst the church is open to the public (a new venture this year). We will hold a planning meeting after church on a Sunday as soon as we can, to look at what we need to do to set up the stations and staff them for the school visits.

Set dates are as follows:

Sunday 4th Dec: Set up crib under the altar after 10am Eucharist

Monday 5th Dec: Set up the stations (time to be agreed at the planning meeting)

Wed 7th Dec: Ashfield Juniors visit (pm)

Thurs 8th Dec: Ashfield Infants visit (am)

Ashfield Juniors visit (pm)

This year we will also be producing a self-guided leaflet for church members and the public. Church will be open after the school visits and Friday 9th to Monday 12th December, so we would welcome volunteers who may be able to cover a slot to meet and greet? if you'd like to be involved in any way, please see Valerie Hallard

Report from the PCC meeting held on July 27th 2016

The TREASURER reported that currently our expenditure is slightly exceeding our income by £37 per month. Based on present figures we need to generate £6,100 per month to maintain our day to day expenses.

Consequently the Treasurer recommended maintaining our 2017 Parish Offer at the current level until our circumstances improve.

The FABRIC COMMITTEE met on June 6th. Mr Borthwick presented a comprehensive update concerning the repair of the cornice in church. The pigeon problem has become worse despite measures already taken, but there is no easy solution. Mr Borthwick gave an updated report on the boilers which will need to be replaced in the future but it was agreed that the roof must take precedence in our current circumstances.

ROOF RESTORATION WORKING GROUP members have attended seminars for recipients of the LPOWRR grant. We have been granted 59% of the total cost of the project or £100,000. If the costs in reality are less than estimated we will receive a lower grant accordingly. £24,000 V.A.T. has been budgeted which can be reclaimed but has to be paid upfront. We have to find £30,000 in partnership funding. We must apply for permission to start by December 28th and a Bat Survey must be completed by the end of September.

The MISSION WORKING GROUP has held two excellent meetings to explore ideas about mission in the parish. National evidence about churches that are growing successfully has been considered; what works elsewhere and would it adapt to St John's? There are no quick or easy answers but work will continue.

At their most recent meeting DEANERY SYNOD heard a very interesting main speaker, who compared the Church of England to a Victorian Flea Circus and the methods used to train the fleas to jump to a certain height but no further. There is to be a 'God for All' Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE events in September include the Osiligi Masai Warriors and Levens' Choir, Leyland Brass Band in October, English Touring Opera and the Carnegie Singers in December. St John's Christmas Fair will take place on 19th November.

The LETTINGS SECRETARY reported that a cheerleading group has hired the Community Hall for 2 hours each Monday and Thursday throughout August.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN WORKINGTON - Harrington Harbour Praise has been held twice. 2 members of St John's responded to the Foodbank's appeal for volunteers to help during the holiday period.

It was agreed that Valerie Hallard should approach Workington Academy to ask whether they would consider taking on Women's World Day of Prayer 2017. St John's would then offer to host the event.

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES There are 3 candidates in the Confirmation Class. The numbers for Junior Church will be reviewed in September. Young Harmony and the Scout Group are flourishing.

DEMENTIA ENABLER St John's has signed up to undertake to support a Dementia Enabler to work towards our church becoming Dementia Friendly. An audit of the church and facilities has been made, with mixed results. Our signage is inadequate particularly for toilets and disabled access. Disabled access overall is unsatisfactory. It was agreed to contact Allerdale's Disabled Access Co-ordinator to come and audit St John's. Brenda Layfield circulated a guide for development. It was agreed to hold a Stewardship Renewal during the autumn.

Fr. Robert reminded the P.C.C. that the Archdeacon had suggested an afternoon of reflection for St John's, possibly at Bridekirk.

A full version of the minutes is available to be read, by anyone who is on the Electoral Roll. (Rickie Mitchell)

Christmas Pilgrimage



This advent, why not come and make a Christmas Pilgrimage at St John's. The Church will be arranging a series of Christmas Prayer stations, themed exhibits designed to stimulate prayer and reflection.

The Church will be open on the following days:

Wednesday 7th December from 3.00-5.30pm

Thursday 8th December from 3.00-5.30pm

Friday 9th December from 10.00am-5.00pm

Saturday 10th December from 10.00am-1.00pm

&

Monday 12th December from 10.00am-5.00pm

**Come and join us to get into the
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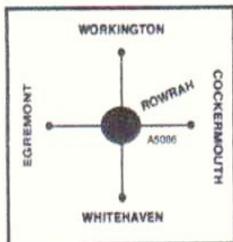
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NOVEMBER DIARY

Tues 1 st	12 noon	Women's Fellowship out to Lunch
Wed 2 nd	11.00am	Eucharist
	7.00pm	Sung Eucharist for All Souls
Sat 5 th	11.00am	Private Birthday Party in Hall
Sun 6 th	THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
Tues 8 th	7.00pm	Deanery Synod meeting in Hall
Wed 9 th	11.00am	Eucharist
	7.00pm	PCC Meeting
Sun 13 th	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist and Parade
Mon 14 th	9.00am	Mission Group meet at Vicarage
Tues 15 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
	Women's Group at Maryport for lunch & to visit Roman Museum	
Wed 16 th	11.00am	Eucharist
Sat 19 th	11.30am	Christmas Fair in Hall and Church
Sun 20 th	SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT (CONFIRMATIONS)	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist with Confirmations
Mon 21 st	9.30am	Eucharist – Presentation of the BVM
Wed 23 rd	11.00am	Eucharist
Sat 26 th	11.00am	English Touring Opera Rehearsals
Sun 27 th	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
	8.00am	Eucharist
	10.00am	Sung Eucharist
	1.00pm	Dramarama Rehearsals
Tues 29 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship
Wed 30 th	11.00am	Eucharist

Deadline for December Magazine Articles is Sunday 20th November

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The warriors fallen are on the floor
The blue sky they will see no more
The cries of terror still ring out
In the trenches mud there is no drought
Up and over they all went following the whistle until their time is spent
No tears from loved ones where they fall no-one to hear their curdling calls
In no mans land life's light runs out the crimes of these days will never be found
out
We all bleed red the sergeant said and if you aren't careful you'll wind up dead
We ran through smoke and thorns of steel our fates beyond the church bells peel
Many men lie in that crimson field yet and no one can say how fate they met
The bayonet bullet gas or shell it must have been a living hell
Though in the chaos heroes rose and fought for the freedom we all know
Strong in heart and with single mind they ran the gauntlet many times
They never wavered in resolve to make sure all men's problems would be solved.
The terror hardship and courage displayed should never be a cause for dismay
To all those men who fought and died we owe you much even our lives

Jason Robinson