



The Link

THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR ORTON, TEBAY AND RAVENSTONEDALE WITH NEWBIGGIN-ON-LUNE



December 2017-January 2018

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR DECEMBER 2017

Sunday 3rd December

The First Sunday of Advent

Liturgical colour Purple

ORTON 9.30am
Sidesman Andy Glanville

Lessons Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

Holy Communion Alun Hurd
Prayers Laura Wren

Readers
Iris Wilding Andy Glanville

TEBAY 10.30am

Songs of Praise at St James Church Rosemary Campbell

RAVENSTONEDALE 10.00am

All Age Worship /Tapestries Fran Parkinson

Sunday 10th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

Liturgical colour Purple

ORTON 8.30am
Sidesman Jim Milburn

Lessons Isaiah 40.1-11; 2 Peter 3.8-15a

Holy Communion BCP Ian Elliott

Readers
Laura Wren

TEBAY 4.00pm

Christingle Ronnie Elliott & team

RAVENSTONEDALE 10.00am

Holy Communion Alun Hurd

Michael and Sally Metcalfe-Gibson

Sunday 17th December

The Third Sunday of Advent

Liturgical colour Purple

ORTON 6.30pm
Sidesmen Mary Jenkin, Jim Milburn

Lessons Isaiah 61.1-4,8-11; 1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

Carols by Candlelight Chris Jenkin

TEBAY 3.00pm

Carols Alun Hurd

Readers

RAVENSTONEDALE 9.15am

Service of the Word Ian Elliott

Caroline and David Morris

Sunday 24th December

Christmas Eve

Liturgical colour Gold or White

Lessons 11.30pm
Isaiah 52.7-10
Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12]

Midnight Communion at Ravenstonedale

Sandra Ward, Fran Parkinson
& Rosemary Campbell

Readers
Diana Fothergill
Tim Parkinson

Christmas Day

Liturgical colour Gold or White

Lessons Isaiah 52.7-10; Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12]

10.30am Joint Holy Communion Service
St James' Church, Tebay
Alun Hurd

Sunday 31st December

The First Sunday of Christmas

Liturgical Colour White

New Year's Eve

Lessons Isaiah 61.10-62.3; Galatians 4.4-7

10.30am Joint Holy Communion 10.30am

All Saints' Church, Orton

Sandra Ward

Prayers Elizabeth Crossley

Sidesman Mary Jenkin

Reader Jackie Huck

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR DECEMBER 2017

		3 rd Advent	10 th 2 nd in Advent	17 th 3 rd in Advent	24 th 4 th in Advent	31 st
Tebay	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S of P at PC	Carol Concert OA	H Morton T	Carols OA	C Capstick
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	K Speck TP OA P Rigby	R Fellows S Radford HC	T Taylor US at PC	S Radford FS Carol singing around village	J Betts
Newbiggin-on- Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	10.0 to R'dale PC OA	T Longworth	Carol Service OA OA	H Hutchinson	T Dent
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	10.0 at PC 2.00 OA	D Askew HC	S Radford	Carols OA	J Betts

Vinelife Cumbria Fellowship: Every Sunday in Orton Market Hall, 10.30 a.m.

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHURCHES FOR JANUARY 2018

Sunday 7th January

The Baptism of Christ

Liturgical colour Gold or White

ORTON 9.30am
Sidesman Jim Milburn
 TEBAY 10.30am
 RAVENSTONEDALE 10.00am

The First Sunday of Epiphany
Lessons Genesis 1.1-5; Acts 19.1-7
Holy Communion Chris Jenkin & Alun Hurd
Prayers Angela Milburn
Songs of Praise in the Methodist Church
All Age Worship Fran Parkinson

Readers
 Iris Wilding Chris Bland

Sunday 14th January

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Liturgical colour White

ORTON 8.30am
Sidesman David Aspden
 TEBAY 11.15am
 RAVENSTONEDALE 10.00am

Lessons 1 Samuel 3.1-10[11-20]; Revelation 5.1-10
Holy Communion BCP Ian Elliott
All Age Holy Communion Chris Jenkin
Holy Communion Sandra Ward

Readers
 John Dunning
 Richard Best Jane Parsler

Sunday 21st January

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Liturgical colour White

ORTON 11am
Sidesman Mary Jenkin
 TEBAY 11.15am
 RAVENSTONEDALE 9.15am

Lessons Genesis 14.17-20; Revelation 19.6-10
Family Service Alun Hurd
Service of the Word Rosemary Campbell
Holy Communion Alun Hurd

Readers
 Anthony Metcalfe-Gibson Hilary Law

Sunday 28th January

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Liturgical colour White

ORTON 9.30am
Sidesman Jim Milburn
 TEBAY 11.15am
 RAVENSTONEDALE 3pm

Lessons Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Revelation 12.1-5a
Service of the Word Rosemary Campbell
Prayers Angela Milburn
Holy Communion Ian Elliott
Evensong BCP Sandra Ward

Readers
 Susan Basnett Jackie Huck
 Tim and Fran Parkinson Fran Parkinson

Sunday 4th February

The Presentation of Christ in the Temple

Liturgical colour Gold or White

ORTON 9.30am
Sidesman Andy Glanville
 TEBAY 10.30am
 RAVENSTONEDALE 10.00am

Candlemas 2nd February
Lessons Malachi 3.1-5; Hebrews 2.14-18
Holy Communion Sandra Ward
Prayers Elizabeth Crossley
Songs of Praise in St James' Church Rosemary Campbell
All Age Worship Fran Parkinson

Readers
 Andy Glanville Mary Jenkin

SUNDAY SERVICES IN OUR CHAPELS FOR JANUARY 2018

		7 th Covenant Sunday	14 th	21 st	28 th Homeless Sunday
Tebay	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S of P	W Riley Cnxn Svce at N-o-L	OA	J Betts Cov
Orton	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	S Radford Cov T Longworth	LA Cnxn Svce at N-o-L	A Brown LA	H Morton T I Elliott OA
Newbiggin-on-Lune	10.30 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	W Capstick Cov OA	H Radford Connexion Service	K Speck OA OA	K Kirwin OA
Ravenstonedale	2.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	W B Robinson	J Morton Cnxn Svce at N-o-L	S Radford Cov	LA

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HURD the WORD

From the Revd. Alun Hurd

DECEMBER 2017 – JANUARY 2018

HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU...

Well, yes, I have actually..!

To quote Slade 'it's Christmas.....'
and it is NOW the beginning of the
Christmas season when Advent starts
despite what the advertisers and
media have been trying to tell us
since September and October as
Christmas appears to be in existence
earlier and earlier. And I mean
Christmas in the religious sense of its
true meaning – the birth of Jesus
coming to the planet Earth as the Son
of God, the Saviour of the world. A
Saviour who brings Good News that
God the Father loves each and every
one of us and wants us to receive his
love and be, as Isaiah the Old
Testament prophet said, 'a comfort
to his people'.

In the mystery of Christ's birth at
Bethlehem to the Virgin Mary we
find a miracle that can, if we want to
let it, touch our hearts and way of
life, so that we are fulfilled as human
beings as God intended us to be.
Something that transforms our way
of thinking and doing, so that those
we come into contact with are
encouraged and pointed in a
direction bringing goodness and joy
to our world and our little part of it.

We are faced all around by
disaster, terrible wars and conflicts,
personal tragedies and hurt in our
lives, and more, much more. It can
seem to be all too difficult and a
waste of time. However, I believe
each of us can make a positive
contribution to our and others'
existence on this earth by truly
understanding and taking seriously
the Good News of God's love that
Jesus birth signals, as we begin to
celebrate this Christmas.

It can and does require
commitment and effort to 'love our
neighbour' sometimes, but with
God's help and trust we can make it a
better life for all.

Jesus' teaching and example as he
grows up and begins his ministry are
no doubt a challenge for us even if
we are not religious or 'churchy'.

But it is Good News and will always
be. So, extend the hand of kindness
and be better for it, and at the same
time know that your actions and
thoughts will be appreciated and are
likely to have a knock-on effect. That
cannot be bad ...eh? This Christmas
that we celebrate and think about,
and that prompts us to 'be nice', is
ultimately an expression of hope for
ourselves, this world and for God too.
A hope that should extend beyond
the 12 days of Christmas and long
into the New Year. I pray that will be
so for you and your families and
friends.

2018 will bring its own challenges
for us both as villages and Christian
communities as we move inexorably
towards Brexit and the 'Moving
Mountains' initiative. Each New Year
can give us the impetus for fresh
starts and new horizons, invigorating
what can seem like the same old
same old... maybe this coming year
will point to new things and
experiences for you. I truly hope so
as the Christian calendar of events
takes us through the life and ministry
of Jesus and, dare I say, towards
Easter, with the universal hope for
humanity of eternal life and God's
love.

So that's the news I have for you –
I think it will be Good News. God is
with us - rejoice and enjoy!!

Lastly, elsewhere in this magazine
you will find a comprehensive list of
various Christmas services happening
in our parishes; I hope you will be
able to come to at least one of them
if not a few.

May God's blessing be upon you
and your families whatever and
wherever you find yourselves this
Christmas and New Year.

Alun

NOTE - The management committee of *The Link* regret that it is unable to
distribute literature for other organisations. Articles received after the 13th may be
held over until the following month. Next deadline: 13th January 2018

Cover picture:

A VIEW FROM TEBAY

Martin Lawson

As the days get shorter, and the evenings darker, many will be going out and coming home in the dark. For some of us it can feel like a real weight on our shoulders and spirits. I much prefer the long, light evenings of summer, and I often find myself thinking through the autumn months, "I've only got to wait until December 20th". After that, even if the wind is wild and the rain lashes my face when I'm out in the dark with the dog, I'm secretly encouraged that the days are getting longer again and the promise that the long, warm, light evenings of summer are getting closer.

As we approach Christmas and then enter the New Year, that sense that change is coming is one to hold on to. The story of a baby, born in a distant country controlled by a hostile army, and a family who fled in fear of their lives and became refugees, is one that resonates with the desperate stories that we see in the news. And yet, that story is also the story of a hope – the Bible talks about "the people living in darkness who have seen a great light".

The good news this Christmas is that God chose to join us in the darkness, that the baby that started life in a cattle trough became

someone who showed us how to be fully human and how we could get re-connected with the God of light and life. So, however you feel about Christmas, and however many days you manage to keep your New Year's resolution, be encouraged that the light is coming (and has already come). Even if we fail when we try to change ourselves, the message of this season is that God is with us, and that he's ready to help us become who we really want to be.

Tebay Methodist Church

DROP IN 2 TILL 4

Every Tuesday
Games, crafts & refreshments
For information ring Dennis
015396 24445

Prayer Time again!



Because we believe God hears and answers our prayers, we'll be meeting again on Tuesdays at 7.30 to 8.30 pm in The Hub.

**5th December,
2nd January
and
6th, 13th, 20th,
27th February.**

All welcome.



TEBAY METHODIST CHURCH

CHRISTMAS FAIR & TEAS

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER
2-30PM

OPENED BY MRS PAM LAWSON
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SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER
10-30AM

CAROL SERVICE

MONDAY 25th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10-30AM

THE HUB



Tebay Community Library and Drop In in the Hub, St. James' Church

Every Monday morning,
10.00am - 12.00 noon

Refreshments —
Books to borrow and buy. All
ages welcome

'Twinkles'

**Tuesdays 9.30—11.30 a.m. at
Tebay Methodist Hall**

**All welcome with or without
children**

Voluntary run playgroup—
Activities changed on a weekly
basis including painting,
playdough, drawing, cutting,
dressing up, slides, bikes, music,
reading.

For more information contact
Vicki Capstick - 07846 288685

**Born Before
1st December 1957?
Living in Borrowdale, Gaisgill,
Roundthwaite or Tebay?**

Then you are cordially invited to join Tebay Branch, The Royal British Legion, for Christmas Dinner at Tebay Sports & Social Club on Saturday 16th December at 1.30pm for 2.00pm

**To book your place, please
contact Graham Cave 24321
before 6th December**



An Evening of Carol Singing



Tebay Sports and Social Club
CHRISTMAS EVE
8pm to 10pm
*Prize for best Christmas
Jumper*
Tea & Coffee Provided
All Welcome




Tebay Community Christingle



**St James' Church
Sun 10th Dec at 4 pm
Collection for
The Children's Society
From 2.30 pm – craft activities in
Church (including making up our
Christingles)
Downstairs in The Hub –
refreshments, raffle, cake stall
(proceeds to St James' Church)**

Did you know?

Tebay Primary School offers...

- Flexible nursery provision from 3 years of age for the full 30 hours.
- Nursery provision from 9:00 until 3:30 Monday-Friday.
- Breakfast club from 8:00am at £3.00.
- Small class sizes; so all needs are catered for.
- Outstanding outdoor provision.
- Fresh school meals cooked on site.
- Support from Cumbria Education Trust.
- Excellent links with various secondary schools.



*We would be happy to show
you around and discuss your
child's individual needs.*



For more details or to arrange a visit contact Tracy Morland on 015396 24239 or email admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk

2 till 4

Christmas Spectacular Exhibition

featuring pantomime themes

Tebay Methodist Chapel

Friday 8 - Saturday 9 December 10am—7pm

Sunday 10 December 1pm—4.30pm

Light refreshments served: No charge
Donations to local charities

Sunday morning service 10.30am

Sunday evening carol concert 6.30pm
Afterwards stay to enjoy mulled wine
and Christmas goodies

Anyone wishing to contribute to the
exhibition in any way please contact
Dennis on 015396 24445



S5 Kendal Shopper Sedbergh - Kirkby Stephen Ravenstonedale - Newbiggin - Kendal

Thursdays 19th October 2017 until further notice

	502 Col.	S5	S5	S5	502 Col.
Sedbergh Dalesman	..	0855	..	..	1745
Cautley Cross Keys	..	0905	..	..	1755
Fat Lamb	..	0913	..	..	..
Kirkby Stephen Station entrance	..	0919	..	..	1807
Kirkby Stephen Market Square	..	0924	..	..	..
Kirkby Stephen Co-op	..	0929	1139	1419	..
Kirkby Stephen Market Street	0728	0930	1140	1420	1810
Kirkby Stephen Station entrance	..	0935	1145	1425	..
Ravenstonedale Nursery School	..	0941	1151	1431	..
Newbiggin on Lune	..	0945	1155	1435	..
Tebay Roundabout	..	0954	1204	1444	..
Kendal Castle Green	..	1013	1223	1503	..
Kendal Blackhall Road	0838	1018	1228	1508	..
Kendal Morrisons	..	1023	1233	1513	..

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Kendal Blackhall Road	..	1040	1320	1530	1705
Kendal Castle Green	..	1045	1325	1535	..
Tebay Roundabout	..	1104	1344	1554	..
Newbiggin on Lune	..	1113	1353	1603	..
Ravenstonedale Nursery School	..	1117	1357	1607	..
Kirkby Stephen Station entrance	..	1124	1404	1614	..
Kirkby Stephen Market Square	..	1130	1410	1620	1810
Kirkby Stephen Co-op	..	1131	1411	1621	..
Kirkby Stephen Market Street	0728	..	..	1622	..
Kirkby Stephen Station entrance	0730	..	..	1627	..
Fat Lamb	..	..	..	1634	..
Cautley Cross keys	0744	..	..	1641	..
Sedbergh Library	0754	..	..	1651	..

Important notes: The S5 service is operated by a minibus with maximum capacity of 16 seats.

502 Col = The Stagecoach 502 operates on Kendal College term days only



Western Dales Bus



English concessionary bus passes accepted on all journeys.

Information from:

Sedbergh & District Information Centre 72 Main Street, Sedbergh Tel: 015396 20125

www.westerndalesbus.co.uk

Western Dales Bus

Linda Johnstone, currently being trained to drive the Western Dales Bus, has asked **The Link** to advertise it in the Ravenstonedale/Newbiggin area, now that the new S5 Kendal Shopper route is up and running.

Above is a copy of the timetable. Linda is sure they will also be looking for additional drivers if anybody is interested. All the drivers are volunteers but you have to pay to travel on the bus unless you have a bus pass. The buses themselves are lottery funded.

Bishop of Penrith to retire at Easter 2018



The Bishop of Penrith, the Right Reverend Robert Freeman, will be retiring next Easter after working across the communities and churches of Cumbria since 2011.

Explaining his decision to retire, Bishop Robert said, "I have just celebrated my

65th birthday and this

year have completed 40 years of being ordained. It seems a good time to explore the next phase of life."

"My wife, Chris, and I have been so fortunate to have spent the last 6 years in Cumbria with all the opportunities there have been to contribute to what God is doing across our county. It has been thrilling to meet different people and churches and see how lives are being transformed, communities are being served and the love and truth of God is being shared."

"It has been particularly heart-warming to see the way the Church across Cumbria has embraced the need to find new ways of working, and of working together. We don't realize that in Cumbria we have what is perhaps the best example across the whole country of different denominations sharing their ideas, insights and endeavours – we are the first 'Ecumenical County'. And what makes that working together special is that the main purpose of it is so that we are better equipped to show and share our faith; strengthen what is good in our churches and develop new ways of connecting with people. This is all summed up in 'God for All', the big plans and vision to help everyone in Cumbria discover more of God and God's purpose for their lives."

"It has been such a privilege to be part of all that, and I have greatly appreciated the way in which colleagues, clergy and those in our churches have offered their friendship, support, prayer and insight to help make this possible."

At a personal level I am looking forward to having time and energy to be a better dad and grandfather to our four and a half grandchildren, and discovering the new opportunities God might bring our way. We plan to retire to Leicester, where we have friends and nearby family. Leicester is quite a contrast to Cumbria, and we will hugely miss both the people and the places we have got to know and love over these past years."

Bishop Robert's farewell service will be at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal on Wednesday 14 March 2018 at 7.00pm.

Tebay Primary School



The school was awarded some tree saplings, as part of the Woodland Trust's 'Free Trees for Schools' project, funded by DEFRA. The trees were delivered to school on Monday 6th November and the school's next door neighbour Mr Steve Marshall kindly volunteered his time to help co-ordinate the tree planting, we send on our thanks to Steve. All children got to take part and we look forward to watching the trees grow.



Tebay Primary School children are taking part in Cumbria Education Trust's production 'Alone I sing; together we PERFORM' production at the Theatre by the Lake, Keswick on Saturday 11th November. They will be joining other schools from within the Trust. The children have been practising hard in school with their singing and dancing.



Friends of Tebay School.

FAMILY POTRAIT SESSION a great opportunity for a lovely Christmas present for family or friends Sunday 19th Nov at Tebay Club (see separate advertisement).

PAMPER AND CHRISTMAS SHOPPING NIGHT Friday 24th Nov, 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Tebay Club.

CHRISTMAS DISCO Wed 20th Dec 5pm to 7pm at Tebay Club.

Look out for posters around the village for these planned events.

Please phone or email the school if you require further details on any events: Tel: 015396 24239. Email: admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk

The whole school is receiving gymnastic training on a Wednesday from Bianca Cousins, who works for Eden Valley Sports Partnership. Year 1 and 2 children are taking part in the Basic Moves Festival at KSGS on Thursday 9th November.



The school is delighted to welcome Miss Michelle Fisher who has joined the school as a Teaching Assistant working throughout the school.



Thanks to Abbie and Pete Clarke for coming into school to judge our bonfire pictures. Winner of Class 3 was Katie Lewis, 2nd Josh Wilson and 3rd Eris Mooney, the winner of Class 1 and 2 was Evelyn Foster, 2nd Jacob Haygarth and 3rd Katie James.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

With Tebay Community Choir

AN EVENING OF CAROLS AND FESTIVE TUNES

Monday 11th December

7:30 pm

Tebay Club

FREE ADMISSION • DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

Thank you

Tebay Community Choir would like to thank all who attended their recent concert.

Owing to excellent attendance and generous donations £350 has been sent to help some of the poorest people in the world. The humanitarian crisis in east Africa has gone from the news headlines, but the hunger and poverty remain.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HELP.



Upper Eden Food Bank

(Supported by Co-op Local Community Fund)
would like to thank

Orton Methodist Church

and **All Saints' Church, Orton,**

for supporting the food bank and helping to feed

332 Adults, Children, Babies

in the last 12 months

It would not have been possible without your help

Matthew 25:35

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty
and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you
welcomed me."*

www.upperedenfoodbank.org.uk

Christmas Prize bingo and raffle

Orton Market Hall

Friday 8th December @ 7.30pm

All welcome - Good prizes Free children's game

In aid of Air Ambulance

We would just like to thank everyone for coming to
the last bingo in November. We made £320

for Lyvennet Nursery

Thanks from Jillian and Sharon

Hope to see you in December!

We would also like to thank everyone for supporting
the table top sale on 4th November; we made £350
for Lyvennet Nursery! Thanks



CHRISTMAS ORTON DROP IN INVITATION

Wednesday 13th December

10.00 at Chapel Schoolroom

EVERYONE WELCOME

10.15: Orton School Choir

followed by

Poems by Jackie Huck

Music with Paul Dunford

Fresh coffee and Mince Pies

**REV CHRISTOPHER JENKIN WILL KEEP US IN
ORDER!**



You are invited to a

CHRISTMAS PARTY

at Tebay Sports and Social Club

Wednesday 20th December

5-7pm

£3 entry

Come along and enjoy party food, games and a
visit to see Santa in his grotto

Everyone welcome!

Tickets available from Tebay School - 015396 24239
Email - admin@tebay.cumbria.sch.uk



Orton

Orton Farmers' Markets

The next two of these popular markets will be:

**Saturday 9th December
Grand**

Christmas Market

with

Carol Singers

And Mince Pies

In Church

and

Saturday 13th January

Join us for refreshments and a chat in a friendly atmosphere.

At the November coffee morning we raised
£583.18

to help us continue God's work at All Saints.

Many thanks for your continued support.

We wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year!

Advent Devotional Services

Wednesdays 7.30pm

6th December **Listening**
in All Saints' Church, Orton

13th December **Watching**
in The Hub at Tebay

20th December **Waiting**
in All Saints' Church, Orton

This will be part of our preparation for Christmas

Christian Aid

Thank you very much to everyone who has supported the Emergency CHRISTIAN AID Appeal.

A total of **£350** has been donated and forwarded to Christian Aid; £295 of this was Gift-aided.

Join us to

celebrate Christmas

at our Family Carol Service On Christmas Eve

Sunday, 24th December, 10.30am

at Orton Methodist Chapel

led by Rev Stephen Radford

(The congregation of All Saints' Church join in this service.)

*Coffee and mince pies afterwards
Opportunity to give to Action for Children*

A warm invitation is extended to all



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HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Don't forget to **Order your turkey for Christmas** (by the 11th)
015396 24225 or ortonvillagestore@gmail.com

Christmas Opening Hours

Saturday 23rd December	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 24th December	Closed
Monday 25th December	Closed
Tuesday 26th December	Closed
Wednesday 27th December	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.
Sunday 31st December	Closed
Monday 1st January	Closed
Tuesday 2nd January	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Last posting dates:

UK 1st Class: 21 st December	2nd Class: 20 th December
Europe: 15 th December	USA & Canada: 14 th December
Australia & New Zealand: 9 th December	

Appleby Deanery Mothers' Union

Advent Service

St. Michael's, Kirkby Thore

Monday 4th December,
2pm

Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families

Orton Surgery

Orton surgery is usually open from 9.15am to 10.30am on Tuesdays and from 4.00pm to 5.45pm on Thursdays.

Orton Branch Surgery will be closed on Tuesday 26th December (Boxing Day). It will also be closed on Tuesday 2nd January but medication will be available for collection between 10.00am and 10.30am.

Shap Practice: 01931 716230
Out of hours: 03000 247 247

Christmas at All Saints

Pram Service

Pre-school children and parents
are warmly invited to join the
nursery children from school
in Church
Wednesday 6th December
9.30am



Christmas
Festive Food

Tree Trimming

Christingle and Carol Service

'Bethlehem'
competition
for the children



Everyone is welcome to our
Christingle and Carol Service
in All Saints' Church
Thursday 7th December 7pm

School Carol Service

End of term Service in
All Saints' Church
Friday 15th December
1.30pm



Everyone welcome

Carols by Candlelight

Come and enjoy a selection of
Christmas readings and Carols
with a united Choir
in Orton Church
Sunday
17th December
6.30pm



Collection in aid of
Hospice at Home

Bethlehem the Musical



in School
Tuesday 12th December 2pm
and
Wednesday 13th
2pm & 6pm
Tickets must be obtained
from school
All welcome

Orton Carol Singing

Join our happy group of
Carol Singers on Christmas Eve
Sunday
Meet outside the Village Shop
6.30pm
and make our way round
the village
Money raised is for
The Children's Society
and
National Children's Homes



Christmas Eve Midnight Communion 11.30pm

St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale



Christmas Day Holy Communion

10.30am St James' Church, Tebay



Confirmation

A message from the Vicar

In the New Year I am intending to start a group for those who might be interested in being confirmed at some point later in the year, or who just want to explore the Christian faith without any commitment, or perhaps renew and refresh their existing faith.

It will be an opportunity to discuss, challenge, understand, develop, contemplate and many other things in a convivial setting and atmosphere.

If that appeals to you, and you want to find out more, call me on 01931 716048, or speak to me when you next see me, and I will be happy to try and answer any questions you have.

Alun

The growing Christian Church in Algeria *wants more Bibles!*

Ali Khidri is the Bible Society rep in the Muslim country of Algeria. Churches are threatened with closure. Ali has been interrogated by police. A church where Bibles were to be stored was torched in an arson attack.

But the Anglican church continues to grow! In 30 years it has gone from some 2,000 people to between 100,000 and 200,000 believers - impossible to quantify as so many keep their faith secret. But despite the risk, people want to know about Jesus. They knock on the door of the Bible Society office in Algeria, because it is the one place they can get a Bible! See biblesociety.org.uk for more news.

Saturday 2nd December, 3.00pm

Highlights Rural Touring presents

Norwich Puppet Theatre

The Steadfast Tin Soldier

A puppetry play for all the family ages 3+

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

A unique retelling of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale '*The Steadfast Tin Soldier*'. There once was a remarkable tin soldier who fell in love with a beautiful paper dancer and then tumbled out of a window so beginning a perilous journey into the unknown...

New life is breathed into Andersen's romantic tale of adventure and love; with a combination of paper-cuts and puppets, projected animations, music, shadow play and the transformation of everyday objects and toys to create the characters and situations. The show's inventive design combines with great storytelling and character acting to portray the tale of a resilient one legged toy soldier and his extraordinary adventures out in the world after falling out of a window in the rain.

One of only a handful of dedicated puppet theatres in England, Norwich Puppet Theatre is a hub for leading international puppeteers and theatre makers. Using traditional and contemporary puppet craft, Norwich Puppet Theatre productions bring a fresh twist to well-loved fairy tales and stories which entrance children and adults alike. The show is aimed at children aged 3+ and their families and all are invited to see the puppets after the show.

£8 adult | £4 child | £20 family

Book in advance on 07584 251352 or lynn@vistaprojects.co.uk or online at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/EMFMKM>

Christmas Dominoes

Tuesday 5th December, 7.30pm

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

Fabulous Seasonal Prizes - Everybody Welcome
Entry £3

Sunday 21st January

12.00 noon to 2.00pm

Winter Warmers

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

Come and tuck in to some Hearty, Homemade
Winter Dishes, Sweet & Savoury!

£7.50 Adult | £4.00 Child

Proceeds to Village Hall Funds

Friday 26th January

Crosby Ravensworth Village Hall

REMOTE Touring Cinema presents

DUNKIRK (PG-13)

In May 1940 Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire, Canada, and France were cut off and surrounded by the German army from the beaches and harbour of Dunkirk, France. Telling the story from three perspectives; air, land and sea, Oscar nominee Christopher Nolan retells the story of an epic evacuation. Starring Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Kenneth Branagh

Curry Supper 7pm. (Veg Option Available) Film 8pm

Film & Supper £8 or Film Only £4

Book 07584 251352 or email lynn@vistaprojects.co.uk

News from Orton School



World war 2



World war 2 is our topic this term.
We are learning fast and we will all be experts on it at the end of the term!
We are all enjoying this topic
(how can you not be!)

By Lochlann and Jacob!

Dancing with Meg

At the moment we have been doing WW2 dancing with Meg. We are also doing freeze frame dancing. It has been very fun, we were pretending to be people doing every day jobs in WW2 listening to a wireless Radio, and then heard the bells and all of a sudden dance.

Pink day

We had pink day on the 20th of October, which is where you raise money for breast cancer, we raised £200.48. We had a great time and we ate lots of cakes. By Olly and Sam.

^^ BONFIRES ^^

On Sunday the 5th you might of known it was Bonfire Night!!!
I (CALLUM) went to a bonfire in my field!!!

Some people went to Bampton, Carlisle. It was the night guy Fawkes failed to blow up The Houses of Parliament.
BY CALLUM AND ISSY

A new Christian Value

Our Christian value this term is
Thankfulness.

A Christian Value is a "topic" that we base our RE around.

Student teachers

Class 2 and 4 have two new student teachers. In Class 4 their names are Miss Booth and Miss Fenwick. In Class 2 the student teachers are called Miss Graham and Mr McCooey.

By Katie, Autumn and Carley

Class one's teddy bear picnic:

Class one has had a teddy bear picnic to thank Jill, Andrew, Mr and Mrs Thorpe and Emma Thorpe, for all the work they have done to their class room in the summer holiday.

Here's what class 1 say:

"It was really good!"

What did they eat?

They ate cakes, sausage rolls and sandwiches.

Phoebe

HALLOWEEN PARTY

On the 28th of October there was a Halloween party at the Market Hall. There was some great music, funny dancing, scary costumes, crazy games and yummy Halloween food. It was a really good night.

By Lucy



This year Orton school is filling up shoe boxes to help make children go WOW!

Operation Christmas Child is for children who are in poverty, homeless, effected by war or many more reasons.

George

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Orton Churchyard Conservation Project

Tree Planting

After the removal of all the Leylandii trees, at last we have reached the stage of planting new trees.



A team of our valiant volunteers have made a start on this task, and have planted an English Oak (*Quercus robur*), a variegated Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), a Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*), and three Rowans (*Sorbus aucuparia*).

We are awaiting four more trees, which we hope to plant shortly.



Stumpery

After the felling of the Leylandii, though many of the stumps were ground up to chippings, four or five were left, and with enormous effort have been shifted into the north-western corner of the churchyard, to make a Stumpery - an ornamental feature, decorated by ferns and small shrubs.



Mary Jenkin, Becksides, Orton.

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Coffee Break!



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NEXT MEETING:

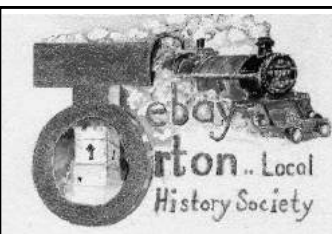
Our Christmas gathering is on **Thursday 14th December** with **Dan Pattimore** as the speaker.

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Refreshments. Everyone welcome for lively Christian worship and fellowship

As usual it is in the Appleby Hub (Centre 67), Chapel Street, Appleby.

<http://www.thefillingstation.org.uk>



Orton & Tebay Local History Society

NO meeting in December, January or February

Next Meeting:

Thursday 15th March:

"James Barker Bland, Sheep Farmer"

with John Sharpe

Tebay Methodist Church at 7.30 p.m.

Visitors always welcome - £3.00

Orton & Tebay Local History Society

Unusual Job Titles

and their Descriptions from the Past

Every month we bring you different jobs starting with different letters of the alphabet.

Jobs beginning with T

Tapiter or Tapicer One who weaves worsted cloth

Tawer or Tawyer One who taws (bleaches) skins; a maker of white leather.

Tiemaker One who made wooden railway ties

THE FRIENDS OF ORTON SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER

6:00PM - 7:30PM

THE GEORGE HOTEL ORTON

£2.50 per person

maximum 4 people per team

Great prizes plus a raffle

Contact Julie on 07792742415 or
just come along & join in the fun!

Are you interested in
**Sewing / knitting / quilting /
sharing skills and chat ?**
Please ring Ann Wappett on
015396 23565

Upper Eden First Responders

November Lottery winners

- 1 Wendy Bennett, Brough
- 2 Caroline Nicholson, Barras
- 3 Diana Barnes, Brough Sowerby

This is our last draw.

Thank you to all our contributors over the years.

For information contact mtyoung@btopenworld.com

Parish Registers

Funerals

Burra: The funeral of John Burra (89) took place in All Saints' Church, Orton, on Friday 20th October 2017, followed by burial in the churchyard.

Barlow: The funeral of Janet Barlow (89) took place at St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale on Friday, 27th October 2017, followed by burial in the churchyard.

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ORTON CHURCH EXHIBITION

It has come to that time of year again, to start thinking about the Annual Church Exhibition in Orton.

The theme for 2018 is 'The Four Seasons'. We will be meeting every Monday at 7pm in the chapel room, from the 20th November.

Everyone is very welcome to come and help in any little way. If anyone has any material, paper, rustic wood, wire, etc. that they could donate we would be most grateful.

Let's make this village event a great success! Many thanks.

Helen Wearmouth and team

Biblical Names

An occasional series by Christopher Jenkin

Names go in fashions, and in recent years parents have started to call their children by names which are found in the Bible – though they are not always aware of that, nor of who the Bible character was.

Benjamin: Benjamin was the youngest of the twelve sons of Jacob, and therefore the brother of the more famous Joseph (of the "coat of many colours"). When Joseph disappeared to Egypt (sold as a slave by his hostile older brothers), Benjamin became the favourite of his father Jacob. His name means "Son of the right hand" or possibly "son of the south". He played an important part in the story of the eventual reconciliation of Joseph and his brothers (*Genesis 42*).

Bethany: Bethany is not a person in the Bible, but a place – a village near Jerusalem. It is still there, with a population of about 700 people. It often features in the story of Jesus. In particular, it was the home of Mary, Martha and Lazarus (whom Jesus raised from the dead (*John 11*), which is why its modern name is 'Al-Azariyeh, a form of the name Lazarus). It is on the east slope of the Mount of Olives.

NORTH WESTMORLAND ARTS

2017-2018 Concert Season

All concerts are at 7:30pm

in Appleby Public Hall.

Tickets £12 at the door.

Sun 3rd Dec: JOHN LAW - Piano.
Bach's Goldberg Variations
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Sun 28th Jan: THE DELTA PIANO TRIO

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Tel: 017684 83777

Supported by Westmorland Arts Trust, Hadfield Trust, Bryan Lancaster Trust

Notes from the Herald, December, 1917

Stormy (wet) at times. Christmas was sunny with frosty moonlight that night.

The War continues to restrict those at home. Use only six matches a day now. The issue of sugar is now a bureaucratic muddle. The Government has restricted the supply of butter.

Orton's G.P., Dr. R.W. Gibson was re-elected Vice Chairman of the Fell Pony Committee at its AGM which debated a proposal to merge with the Dales Pony Society, but rejected this.

Tebay has two bad lads in it – 1) Albert Warriner, 15, of South Terrace saw a Kendal farmer's bicycle outside the Tebay Livestock Sale on 18th October and stole its lamp and repair-kit. Court sent him to a reformatory till he's 18. 2) Robert Sharp, 15, of Loupsfell, who stole a raincoat and two halters from an outbuilding at Red Hill near Longdale Bottom on William Atkinson's farm (Gaisgill). He and his dad bound over to behave for 12 months. Retirement of Tebay Locomotive Shed's three oldest staff, Messrs. Edmund Porter (56 years service), Charles Ferguson (55 years), and Alexander Remington (54 years). Died at Kendal Sanatorium on 28th November, Hert, the beloved husband of Annie Lewis, 3 North Terrace, Tebay. He was aged 40.

Ravenstonedale One of Mr. Ralph Lisle's cows fell off the bank (eroded) at Cross Bank into the beck in spate and was swept into the bridge, jammed there. Mr. Lisle struggled to hold her head above water while waiting for help from his neighbours but they came too late. She was worth £40 (now £320). Wanted – a Carter, ineligible for call-up and preferably married – Dixon and Son, Millers, Ravenstonedale.

Married at Sedbergh Congregational Church on Saturday, 1st, James Wilfrid, only son of Mr. & Mrs. Longstaff, Soulby, to Miss A, eldest daughter of the late Mr. William Steel, Ravenstonedale; then reception at Pedge Croft Farm.

A farm-labourer beat up a farmer's son in quarrel over sheep on fell. The latter sued. He was Richard Braithwaite of Banks. The former was Edward Cooper of Hill View, Ravenstonedale; both were bound over and Cooper was fined £2 + costs – now £160 and costs. Ravenstonedale Congregational Church Sunday School annual Tea Party on 27th in School and public meeting in the Church after. On Christmas Eve, carollers from the Congregational Church sang round the village.

Newbiggin on Lune Primitive Methodists Sunday School's Tea Party was on Christmas Day with public meeting and concert that evening – a lot there.

150 years ago, December, 1867 The Vicar of Tebay has just told the Sunday School about Jesus the Good Shepherd gathering the sheep into his fold. Turning to one pupil, he asked him "And what will you be in the fold, Bobby? – A lamb – And what will you be when you grow up? – Mebbe an owd tup."

To our Readers:-

All the best for Christmas and 2018, Jeremy Godwin.

Many thanks and Happy Christmas and New Year to Jeremy.

AN ADVENT PUZZLE

The word "Advent" means "coming". Can you put the right words in the poem below, which is all about the season of Advent?

birth birthday candles Christmas four green pine unending wait

Jesus' is not far away,

And we must be ready for day.

As we light the candles on our Advent ring,

We begin to prepare for the of our King.

Like the ring of holly and that we see,

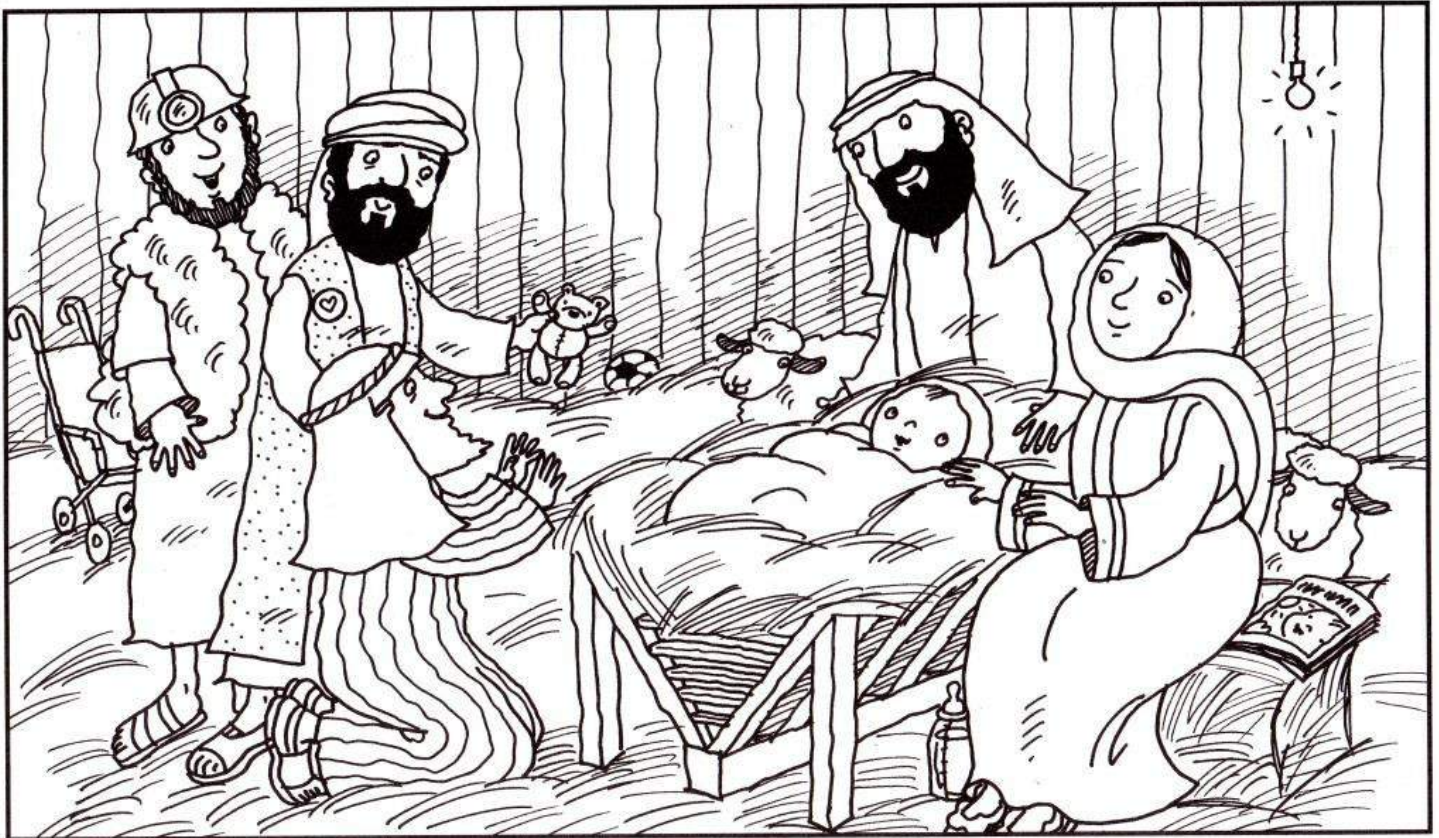
God's love is and will always be.

As the light from the grows brighter and strong,

We watch and we as time draws on.



Children's Page: We hope to have a Children's Section in every issue!



After the angels' visit, the shepherds rushed to the stable in Bethlehem to find baby Jesus. In this picture of the shepherds visiting the stable, the artist has included some silly mistakes.

Circle all the mistakes you can find.

Read the story in Luke 2:15-20.

Why not colour it too?

Ravenstonedale

Forthcoming events

December 2017-January 2018

Tuesday, 29th November

Bible Discussion Group

Manor House, Ravenstonedale

7.30pm. All welcome

Sunday, 3rd December

Exchange of Millennium Embroideries

St Oswald's Ravenstonedale at 10.00.am

Friday & Saturday, 8th & 9th December

FoSO present 'Norman's Christmas Special'

7.30pm. St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

Tuesday, 12th December

St Oswald's Church 2.30pm

Golden Oldies Tea Party

Wednesday, 13th December

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

7.30pm Christmas Get-together

High Chapel Community Centre at 7.30pm

Monday, 18th December

Carols in the Pub

Black Swan Hotel 7.30pm

Wednesday, 20th December

Carol service 7.00pm. St Oswald's Church

Wednesday, 17th January 2018

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

7.30pm Val Fermer -

'Parish Hostelrys, Past and Present'

High Chapel Heritage & Community Centre

Monday, 29th January

Parochial Church Council Meeting

7.30pm St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

Wednesday 21st February

Ravenstonedale Parish History Group

7.30pm - Jackie Wedd

'The Life and Work of Edward Jeffrey,

Ravenstonedale Artist'

High Chapel Heritage & Community Centre

St Oswald's Flower List

Would anyone like to add their names

to the 2018 Flower List?

If so please fill in the week or weeks you could do the flowers.

The new list is hanging at the back of the Church

Thank You. M Beaty.



Ravenstonedale Folk Dance Club

**Meets in Newbiggin Village Hall
on Thursday evenings at 7.45 p.m.**



- No experience necessary
- Everyone made very welcome
- Partners not essential

£2 per night:

For more details

Phone 015396 24258

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Winter opening hours:

Open Tuesday to Sunday inclusive

Daily: Doors Open 10.00am to 3.30pm

Last admission 2.30pm

Bible Discussion Group

Manor House, Ravenstonedale

Tuesday 29th January, 7.30 p.m.

Led by Fran Parkinson

*An open discussion about the meanings/
interpretations of the Lord's Prayer, considering a
different section each meeting.*



*Such discussions
can throw up a
variety of ideas
which make one
think!*

**You are all most
welcome**

Friends of St Oswald's Supper Theatre
presents

Norman's Christmas Special

An entertainment for all ages

**Friday 8th December &
Saturday 9th December**

St Oswald's Church, Ravenstonedale

In aid of Friends of St Oswald's
& Annie Mawson's Sunbeams Music Trust

Doors open & drinks available from 7pm

Performance starts 7.30pm

Dinner served at 8.45pm

Adults £10 (includes supper) - Children free with
accompanying adult

Limited ticket availability

To reserve phone 015396 23415

or contact any member of cast

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

Come along on Thursdays 2.00pm - 4.00pm
to **High Chapel Community & Heritage
Centre**

(other times by arrangement)
to view

**Transcribed Parish Registers from
1650 - 1826**

Census Returns 1841- 1911

Old maps, showing many properties

**Poor Law Returns for 1780, 1856,
1867, 1869 & 1871 showing**

occupiers and owners of properties

Many old photos including school

photos with pupils named

AND MUCH MUCH MORE!

For more information: Contact Val Fermer on
07798 688057 or post a comment at
www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk



Report from

Janet Allinson - PCSO 5169

North Rural NPT /

Kirkby Stephen

Preventing doorstep crime

Doorstep crime can include rogue traders offering home improvement or gardening services, or bogus callers who claim to be the council, police, health carers or energy companies.

What should I look out for?

Rogue traders

- May say they are in the area and have spotted a problem with your home or garden
- May claim to have materials left over from another job, like paving or tarmac.
- May try to pressurise you to buy goods or sign up for services on the spot.
- May offer to carry out work cheaply, but charge an extortionate price after it has been completed.
- May offer to drive you to a bank so you can withdraw money to pay them.
- Provide false names, addresses or telephone numbers.

Pedlars

- A pedlar is someone who calls at your door to sell items that they have on offer. This can often include cleaning or household goods.
- By law, they are required to carry a pedlar's certificate, which are issued by the police force in the area where they live.

Bogus callers

- May claim to be working for the council, water, gas, or electricity company. They could also say they are a nurse, doctor or from the police.
- May say they need to come into your home, or try to get you to go outside.
- May try to distract you so they can steal your money.
- Can be male, female or even children.

Tips to keep you safe:

- If you are not sure who is at the door, don't open it.
- Check the identity of any caller. Confirm who they are by calling the company they work for using their number from the telephone directory or a bill.
- Ask a neighbour to come around to check them before you open the door.
- Tell them to come back at a time when someone will be at home with you.
- Keep doors and windows locked and use the door chain every time you answer the door.

Newbiggin-on-Lune

Newbiggin on Lune Methodist Chapel.

Come and join us for:-

- Sunday Services – weekly at 10.30am until further notice.
- Sunday School – weekly at 10.30am

We are friendly and welcoming and would love you to come and spend time with us.

For more information phone **Andrea** on **24644**

Monthly Lunch Club - Coffee and Chat

The church will be open every Tuesday morning. You are welcome to pop in between 10 and 12 for coffee, cake and chat.

We would love to see you every week or just once in a while. It's good to get together.

Indoor Bowls evenings

at Newbiggin-on-Lune Village Hall

Every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m.

£2.00 per night. You don't need a partner.

Why don't you join us? For any further information please ring Joyce Allison on 017683 72990

LUNE LADIES WINTER PROGRAMME

6th Dec. Talk by John Brain of Kelleth on "Adventures with C.P.R"

10th Jan. Talk and slides by Andy Miller - Fighter Pilots and the Dam Busters.
(PLEASE NOTE .. THIS IS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY IN JANUARY)

24th January – Postponed Christmas Meal at the Jolly Farmers, Kirkby Stephen

Men's Meeting

Wednesday 6th December - The Revd. S. Radford speaking on Steam Trains

Meeting in Newbiggin-On-Lune Methodist Church Hall, 7:30pm. All Men Welcome!

Newbiggin-on-Lune Public Hall

Contacts:

Chairman : Ian Clayton Tel: 015396 23226

Secretary: Jim Wardrope Tel 015396 23288

Treasurer : Carl McLaughlin Tel: 015396 23674

The Vicarage, Newbiggin-on-Lune, Kirkby Stephen

Caretaker : Marjorie Beaty Tel: 015396 23682

All bookings should be made with the Caretaker

All payments to the Treasurer.

Newbiggin-on-Lune Baby and Toddler Group

Every Friday morning (term time)
9.30am - 11.45am

Methodist Chapel Schoolroom

Children under 6 months - free

Children over 6 months - £1.50

First session is free

(includes a healthy snack)

Just turn up, or for
more details contact

Chairperson : Fi on
017683 71921



LUNE SPRINGS LUNCH CLUB

Lune Springs Lunch Club welcomes anyone who would like some company and a meal. It is held on the **second Monday of each month** at Norman Ousby's Garden Centre and Cafe at Newbiggin on Lune.

The cost is **£10.00** for a main course, sweet, and coffee or tea.

It would be lovely to welcome new people - we are a friendly group and there is quite a lot of chatter! Please let Sally Cannon know if you are able to come

(015396 23230 or 07531 544048)

as the meal is prepared specially for us.

We should be very pleased to see any of you!

Newbiggin-On-Lune Methodist Chapel

Events for December

Saturday 16th - Christmas Fayre 10am – 3pm

Craft Stalls, Festive Drinks and Nibbles

Sunday 17th - 6.30 pm Candlelight Service

Monday 18th - 6pm Carol Singing around the village

Sunday 24th - 10.30am Family Carol Service

For more information please call Wilfred on 23600 or Angela on 07980 418078

Thank you

Ian and I would like to thank family, friends and neighbours most sincerely for all the cards, flowers, donations to the kitchen, and offers to help in any way on the occasion of my accident.

Thanks also to the staff at Carlisle Hospital for their care and help. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness and feel honoured to live in such a kind and caring community. Thank you again.

Carole Clayton

Ravenstonedale Methodist Church

Ecumenical Christmas Service

in aid of Sightsavers

Sunday 24th December

2.00 p.m.

This will be a service of

**Carols, Readings and Prayers for
Christmastime**

Everyone is welcome.

This service is being organised by Jacky Ousby
with Nancy Balmer at the organ

THANK YOU

to all the people who supported
Ravenstonedale Methodist Church
Coffee Morning
which raised **£444.00**
for **Macmillan Cancer Care**

Carols in the Pub

Carol singing

Black Swan, Ravenstonedale

7.30 p.m.

Monday, 18th December

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Donations for local charity

'Sole Survivor'

which helps to fund young people
in this area to attend

a national Christian Summer Festival

Charity Walker seeks a bed for the night!

Mrs Pip Bowhay, a worshipper at All Saints' Church, Kenton in Devon, is raising money for Exeter Hospice (where her husband Richard recently died) by doing a 3-months Fundraising Walk from Dunnet Head (near John O'Groats) to Lands' End, via Holy Island. She will take a tent and camp wherever possible, but is begging for accommodation along the way. She expects to be in the Orton area on the **25th June 1918**. Respond by email to pips2018plod@yahoo.com.

Packing Away the Sewing Machine

After 17 years of making, mending and altering I have decided that it is time for a change and new ventures. After completing the sewing that I currently have on hand I will not be undertaking any new work.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who over the years have brought their sewing to be done. I have enjoyed the many and various jobs and I have met some lovely people on the way and it will be the people that I will miss most.

I will continue to sew as a hobby and will always be willing to talk to people about projects they are considering.

Gillian Wainhouse, Stouphill Gate, Ravenstonedale

RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

7.30 PM

**Ravenstonedale High Chapel
Community & Heritage Centre**

CHRISTMAS GET TOGETHER

**FOR SEASONAL REFRESHMENTS,
(Bring & Share)**

CONVIVIAL CONVERSATION

& hopefully,

A QUIZ

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Bring your own Mulled Wine or Soft Drink

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RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH HISTORY GROUP

WEDNESDAY 17th JANUARY 2018

7.30 PM

NEWBIGGIN VILLAGE HALL

(note different venue)

**THE HISTORY OF THE PUBS OF
RAVENSTONEDALE PARISH**

with

Val Fermer

**Admission: Members £2.00 Non Members £3.00
including refreshments**

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688057 or leave a message on
www.ravenstonedalehistory.org.uk**



Monday 11th December:

The Stainton West excavation, Carlisle northern relief road, with Fraser Brown

All meetings are held at Tebay Methodist Chapel, 7.30 start

Non-members welcome £3

Weekday Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday morning at 9.30 a.m. there will be a short service of Morning Prayer (whether from the Book of Common Prayer or a modern form) in one of our five churches, led usually by one of the clergy; and everyone is welcome to join them.

December 2017

5th Tebay
12th Bampton
19th Orton

January 2018

2nd Ravenstonedale
9th Shap
16th Tebay
23rd Bampton
30th Orton

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Ravenstonedale School	10.43	15.44 Garshill
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Junction 38, Tebay	11.00/11.15	
Mount Pleasant bus stop, Tebay	11.18	15.26
Barnaby Rudge bus stop, Tebay	11.20	15.27
Kendal Morrisons bus stop	11.45	15.00
Stricklandgate	11.51	
Blackhall Road	11.55	14.55
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	OUTWARD	RETURN
Ravenstonedale School	10.10	16.35
Shap	10.45	15.57
Orton	11.10	15.37
Mount Pleasant bus stop, Tebay	11.18	15.26
Barnaby Rudge bus stop, Tebay	11.20	15.27
Kendal Morrisons bus stop	11.45	15.00
Stricklandgate	11.51	
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Ravenstonedale to Hawes

Easter to end of October	Outward	Return
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Ravenstonedale School	10.23	16.25
Kirkby Stephen Station	10.40	16.15
Kirkby Stephen Square	10.50	16.10
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	Summer	Winter
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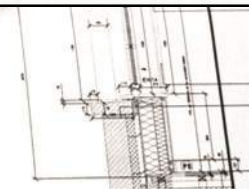
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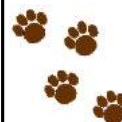
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SERVICE

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4.00 p.m.



Sun. 17th Dec.
CAROLS AT
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St. James,
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Sun. 17th Dec.
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Newbiggin
Methodist
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6.30 p.m.

Sun. 17th Dec.
CAROLS BY
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with choir
All Saints',
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Mon. 18th Dec.
CAROLS IN
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Sun. 24th Dec.
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SERVICE
Tebay Methodist
Church
10.30 a.m.

Sun. 24th Dec.
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CAROLS
Orton Methodist
Church
10.30 a.m.



Sun. 24th Dec.
CAROL
SERVICE
Ravenstone-
dale Methodist
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2.00 p.m.

Christmas Eve
MIDNIGHT
COMMUNION
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Ravenstone-
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