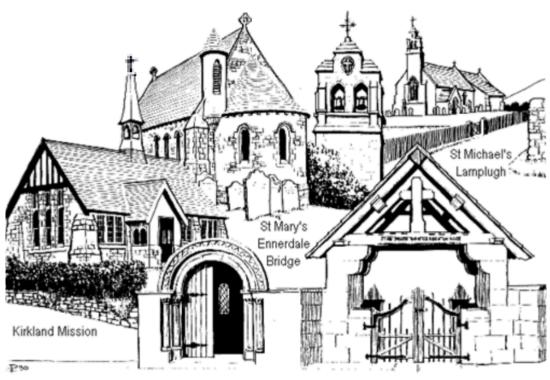


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Minister's Letter

At our first church council meeting of 2025, we were able to consider the draft accounts from 2024. The good news is that the parish is still solvent; the bad news is that our unrestricted reserves have continued to decline. One of the main reasons is the high level of expenditure on the maintenance of our three buildings.

It has occurred to us that there are probably some people in the parish who have no interest in attending worship in the church, or taking part in the church council, who nevertheless have great affection for one of our churches and its churchyard, perhaps through a long-standing family connection or through a recent discovery. It might be possible to organise these people into a group of "Friends of Lamplugh Church," "Friends of Ennerdale Church" or "Friends of Kirkland Mission." They would make a regular financial contribution to the upkeep of the building and its grounds, and might even be prepared to organise or assist at fundraising events. We have had successful fundraising events at all three churches in the past, but those who used to organise them no longer feel able to do so through advancing years and declining health.

If this appeals to you, please get in touch. If there is sufficient interest we shall call a meeting to set up the "Friends" and plan a way forward. If you are an enthusiastic and experienced fundraiser, we shall be particularly pleased to hear from you!

While I am on administrative matters, it is worth flagging up that this year we have to renew our parish electoral roll. Those who have been on it for the last three years will have to complete a new form. Everyone resident in the parish is entitled to be on the electoral roll without further qualification. If you live outside the parish there is a requirement to have been a worshipper for at least 6 months. Being on the electoral roll carries no responsibilities, but it gives you the privilege of attending the annual meeting, receiving the annual report and helping to choose the Church Council. The formal notice will be published at least two months ahead of our annual meeting at the end of April, but this is to give you advance notice.

Tan Parker

From the Registers:

Funerals: Elizabeth Cowburn, aged 88, at Lamplugh on 2nd December.

Gillian Mary Hick, aged 85, at Ennerdale on 13th December.

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Sunday 9th March 1:00pm - 4:00pm Community Room, The Gather, Ennerdale Bridge.



You are invited to a delicious, predominantly vegetarian & vegan, buffet lunch to raise funds for humanitarian projects in Gaza. After a leisurely, sociable lunch there will be the opportunity to enjoy aspects of Palestinian culture, including poems & artwork.

No charge will be made, I invite donations which will go to strictly humanitarian work in Palestine; notably the work of the charities *Medical Aid For Palestine* and *War Child*.

The Gather has very kindly waived their fee for the room, as their contribution and I will be footing the bill for the food.

Whilst the issues around the Israel / Palestine conflict are complex and longstanding, I hope that we can also see that it is Palestinian civilians who have suffered appallingly since 8th October 2023. Please come along and help raise substantial funds out of compassion for human suffering - oh, and to have a good time with friends and neighbours!

Please contact **Jude Wildwood** if you'd like to help, either beforehand or on the day. **Mob 07515469073**

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Why Pray?

It was said, (although nobody Is quite sure by whom) that there are no atheists in foxholes. Many people will pray when they are in a situation of extreme danger, and there is nothing else that they can do. But those who are following the vision of "God, for all" will try to pray every day, even though they are not in any kind of danger. If our aim is to follow Jesus, on a daily basis, it is a good idea to remind ourselves of this by beginning the day in prayer, so that we align ourselves with God's purposes for both the universe and our individual lives. Looked at this way, prayer has nothing to do with persuading God to help us achieve our objectives; rather it is to help ourselves to achieve God's objectives. Many believers also practice the Daily Examen in the evening, looking back on the events of the day, to discern God's presence and guidance, and to reflect on what they might have done better. A case can easily be made for this kind of prayer, along with other spiritual practices, such as meditation, to help us live our lives in accordance with our fundamental principles.

But what is the point of praying for other people? God knows of everyone's needs better than they know themselves, and certainly better than we know them. So why bother praying for people in Los Angeles, who have lost everything in the wildfires, or people almost anywhere who struggle to find enough to eat? I have two answers to that question: one practical, and the other mystical. (1) if our prayer life was just about ourselves and God, it would run the risk of being self-centred, if not thoroughly selfish. If we pray for another person or a particular concern, God may reveal to us something that we could do to help the person or address the concern. Praying for the work of the food bank might just influence our behaviour next time we are in the supermarket and see the collection bin. (2) inexplicably, there seems to be some mysterious way in which God uses the prayers of the faithful to bring about good. A nurse who survived a tricky and rarely performed operation attributed its success 50% to the skill of the surgeon, and 50% to the prayers of her congregation.

Finally, we are being asked to pray for two very significant appointments in the Church of England. Interviews are being held on the 13th and 14th of March this year in connection with discovering the next Bishop of Carlisle, and it is hoped there will be an announcement in May. I am not yet aware of a timetable, but the process of appointing the next Archbishop of Canterbury will be proceeding during the first part of 2025. Those involved in making both appointments will welcome everyone's prayers for their wisdom and discernment.



GOING GREEN GRACEFULLY No. 45

We're all going on a... Greener Holiday!



Well, that's Christmas done, a New Year cheered in and we're in the depths of winter, so it's traditionally the time when thoughts turn to warmer days, sunny climes and some much-needed time off: the summer holiday truly is one of the highlights of the year.

Now what do you tend to do: trawl the internet for good package deals, buy flights/hotel/hire car/etc. separately, have a chat with a local travel agent? If you've yet to take the plunge, and you're looking to try to reduce your impact on the world's climate when you take your summer holiday, then this month's article is just for you!

Of course, your intended destination will have a huge impact on the different modes of transport available. For example, if you're visiting Disneyland, California, you're almost certainly going to fly as a ship/train option is going to take a while (not sure about those carbon emissions, either). However, if you were visiting Europe, and including a trip to Disneyland Paris, then you have several options available to you:

Train - this is the most environmentally-friendly choice (unless you're on a cycling holiday!), with a return trip from Manchester to Paris likely to emit around 80% less carbon than a flight.

Plane - as I'm sure you know, flying has a significantly higher carbon footprint than other forms of transport; that flight from Manchester to Paris will release 150g of CO2 per passenger per km.

Car - perhaps car and Eurotunnel is a good option; well, it's certainly better if you fill your car with people, as a single driver between Manchester and Paris will emit more carbon than a similar train journey.

Bus/Coach - a coach journey to Paris is more carbon-efficient than the car, but still not as good as the train.

Of course, we're ignoring all sorts of things like train strikes, French farmers blockading motorways, internet glitches downing booking systems at airports, but let's be positive!

If you'd like to find out more about greener alternatives, when planning your summer hols, this website has loads of great ideas: https://www.greentraveller.co.uk/

Have fun!

Happiness

Submitted by Mary Johnson

As we begin enjoying Contact Magazine this year, let's thank those who work hard behind the scenes ensuring its timely delivery across all the outposts in our three parishes.

We are so happy to hear the wonderful news that Dr Chris Ayling, who lives in Ennerdale with his wife Mary, is to be awarded in the new year honours list with the British Empire Medal. Both Chris and Mary are recognised and known for their exceptional service to our community and deserve our many congratulations.

This news has given us a happy start to our magazine this month and reminds us to consider the meaning of "happy." Is it limited to those times of celebrations such as Christmas, birthdays, weddings, birth of a baby, christening or going on holiday? Or can we find happiness in our day to day lives?

Happy people are often altruistic, productive, friendly, healthy, and interested in others. They exhibit a sense of well-being, contentment, and pleasure. A plaque on our front door proclaiming "This is our happy place" brings smiles to everyone who passes by. And my daily "Happiness Project" diary encourages me to note a single moment of happiness, even something small like a cup of tea.

We know and understand that there are times in life when things seem to be against us and we have to pull on all our resources. Yet happy people make others happy – it's contagious! Even Ken Dodd, known for spreading happiness, recognized the importance of finding joy within ourselves. We can all discover it, perhaps by singing one of my favorite songs of his:

Happiness, happiness, the greatest gift that I posses
I thank the Lord that I've been blessed
With more than my share of happiness

To me this old world is a wonderful place
I'm just about the luckiest human in the whole human race
I've got no silver and I've got no gold
But I've got happiness in my soul

Songwriters: Derrick Anderson
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Editor's Notes - February 2025

February in the Lake District can be a bracing affair. We've recently had a period of exceptionally cold weather, which for all the beauty of the crisp white snow and the clear blue skies, proved somewhat treacherous on the icy roads and footpaths. And as I write we are tying everything down in anticipation of yet another named storm - **Storm Eowyn!** I hope everyone remains safe and well in this wild weather.

I hope too that while the daylight hours remain short, there's a sense of anticipation as the days begin to lengthen, hinting at the arrival of spring. We can start to look forward to colour in the fields and trees and the arrival of more birdsong in the hedgerows. **Mary Johnson** writes this month of a sense of *Happiness* that can be found, even in the day to day tasks or just walking in the forest or around the lake.

A sense of happiness and joy can also be found in the big news that a member of our community, **Dr Christopher Ayling**, has been awarded a **British Empire Medal** in **King Charles III New Year Honours List**. What a fantastic recognition for all the good work he has done for this community. I hope everyone gets a chance to congratulate him.

February also brings us Valentine's Day on the 14th of this month. As winter begins to wane, Valentine's Day offers a glimmer of hope and renewal. It's a time to celebrate love and look forward to the warmer months ahead. And also an opportunity to treat yourselves to a cozy meal at one of the local pubs within our three parishes!

There is much to entertain us this month too - Lamplugh Village Hall is hosting the Snake Davis Trio, while The Gather has its usual excellent selection of film shows, special events and regular courses and activities in the community room.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed time and effort in getting this edition of Contact ready and also to the many volunteers who help distribute it across this widespread set of parishes: **Reverend Ian Parker** is asking for more help in his monthly message; **Julian Berkeley** gives us some more ideas for *Going Green Gracefully*; Ed Surman for keeping us updated about Lamplugh PC; **Michael Watts**, for his continued help with editorial and, together with his wife **Susan Watts** and the stalwart **Mary Abbott**, for collating, stapling, folding, stuffing, and delivery organisation. And finally to **Jo Willmott** for another excellent flyer giving us the latest news about the upgrading of **Wainwright's Coast to Coast route**.

With warmest regards,

Steve Parker (steve_parker@msn.com) *Greenthwaite, Ennerdale Bridge, Cleator, CA23 3AR*



Forthcoming events at Lamplugh Village Hall will be:

• Saturday 22nd February - The Snake Davis Trio: An opportunity to enjoy this supremely gifted saxophonist, with John Thirkell on trumpet and flugelhorn and Mark Creswell on guitar. Tickets are priced at £20 and are selling fast. Don't miss out! Doors open at 6pm and the concert starts at 7pm.

Details of all events are on the website and tickets can be booked online or by telephoning **Mark Stevens** using the details below.

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

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Lamplugh Parish Council

"Sound Bites" from Ed Surman, Chair of Lamplugh Parish Council

New Clerk: LPC would like to welcome **Susan Stuart** as our new Clerk, Susan took over the position formally on 1st January 2025 following a transition period at the end of 2024. We would also like to thank our previous Clerk, Angela Meek, for all her hard work and we send her our very best wishes for the future.

Cumberland and Highways Issues: The council have had the Crossgates streetlight repaired. The requirement for the repair of the streetlight at the Village Hall has been reported to Cumberland; this work will be carried out when traffic management controls can be arranged.

The requirement for Dog bins at Fell Dyke and Fitz Bridge has been reported to Cumberland Council for action.

We are investigating ownership and status of the land to the left of the Crossgates junction with the A5086 where concerns have been raised about the visibility when exiting onto the A5086. We plan to define a scope of works and hope to use a kind offer of support to the parish from the local Young Farmers to get this work completed before the spring.

Consideration is being given by Highways to implement a 40mph limit on the A5086 at Crossgates.

Communication: The use of Facebook as a simple, accessible mode of communication of information is to be investigated. The intention would be to create a Facebook page and use it to post useful information in the form of an electronic noticeboard managed by LPC, access will be restricted, and there will be no facility for individuals to post comments or content.

Further updates will be provided as this project develops.

Planning Matters: There have been no new planning applications submitted for consideration since the last LPC Meeting in November 2024.

Get Involved: LPC has councillor vacancies and would be keen to recruit new blood, we are a friendly, informal bunch. We're responsible for a budget of <£15,000/yr, we're not running the NHS or wrangling with party politics so it's not a terribly onerous responsibility, but it is a great way to get involved and give something back to your community.

If you'd like to get involved, come along to one of our meetings, get a flavour for what's involved and get yourself co-opted.

Future Meetings:

- 7:00pm Wednesday 19th March, Lamplugh Village Hall, General Meeting
- 7:00pm Wednesday 21st May, Kirkland Mission, AGM and General Meeting

For more information and comments you can also email Susan Stuart, the Clerk to LPC, at lamplughpc@gmail.com

Congratulations to Dr Christopher Ayling BEM



A long time resident of Ennerdale, **Dr Christopher Ayling**, was awarded the honour of the **British Empire Medal** in **King Charles III New Year's Honours list, 2025.**

The King's New Year Honours list recognizes people who have made significant contributions to their communities or excelled in their fields. The British Empire Medal is granted by the monarch of the United Kingdom in recognition of meritorious civil or military service. Recipients are entitled to use the post-nominal letters "BEM" with special privileges to use St Paul's Cathedral for funerals, baptisms and weddings. BEM holders can also apply for a family crest designed by the Monarch's artist.

Our community has been very fortunate to receive all the wonderful support from Chris, his wife Mary, and his family, and we are very grateful for everything that he has done for us over the years. **Congratulations!**

















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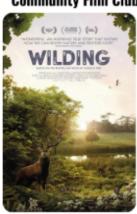
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- Monday 3rd, 10th, 24th Baby Sing and Sign 9.30am
- Mondays Yin Yoga 6.30pm
- Tuesday 18th Book Group 11am
- Tuesday 4th, 11th, 25th Intermediate Painting 10am
- Tuesday 4th, 11th, 25th Beginners Painting 1pm
- Tuesdays Zumba 6pm
- Wednesday weekly from 19th Art Break 10am
- Wednesdays Cumbria Coast Karate 6pm
- Thursdays Ballet 6pm
- Friday 7th, 14th, 28th Beginners Drawing 10am
- Fridays Tai Chi 10.30am
- Fridays Table Tennis 1.30pm (All Welcome)
- Friday Last Friday of every month Film Club 7pm
- Saturdays Yin Yoga 9.30am
- Saturday 7th Beginners Painting 1pm
- Saturday 1st & 15th Creative Writing 10am
- Saturday 8th Merry Neet 7pm
- Sunday 23rd Women's Circle 1.30pm AVAILABLE TO HIRE

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At the time of writing, at least ten members of the electorate of the parish had contacted the Returning Officer at Cumberland Council to request a by-election.

A formal notice declaring the election and giving information on the nomination process, who to contact and the relevant dates will be issued by the Returning Officer on Cumberland Council's website at the following address:

https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/voting-and-elections

For anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, the Electoral Commission has an excellent guide, which can be found here:

https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/guidance-candidates-parish-council-elections-england

JIGSAWS!



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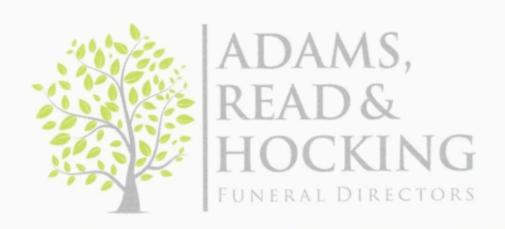
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DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
2.2.25	MRS IDA SHARPE	J PRINCE	TBA
9.2.25	TBA	J PRINCE	TBA
16.2.25	TBA	M JOHNSON	TBA
23.2.25	TBA	M JOHNSON	TBA
2.3.25	TBA	D NEVINSON	TBA

SIDESPERSONS ROTA - February 2025

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
2.2.25	B FEARON	D NEVINSON	-
9.2.25	-	M WATTS	R HODGSON
16.2.25	C AYLING	C ATKINSON	-
23.2.25	-	M ABBOT	J DAVIS
2.3.25	C AYLING	C ABBOT	-

READERS ROTA - February 2025

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
2.2.25	S GUISE & B FEARON	M ABBOT	-
9.2.25	-	C ATKINSON & M WATTS	J MEGAN & R MEGAN
16.2.25	M LACHLAN & M ROBSON	C ABBOT & S WATTS	-
23.2.25	-	A LEE & R WATSON	J DAVIS & R MEGAN
2.3.25	S GUISE & B FEARON	C ABBOT	-

READINGS - February 2025

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
2.2.25	MALACHI 3:1-5	HEBREWS 2:14-end	LUKE 2:22-40
9.2.25	ISAIAH 6:1-end	1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11	LUKE 5:1-11
16.2.25	JEREMIAH 17:5-10	1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20	LUKE 6:17-26
23.2.25	GENESIS 2:4b-9,15-end	REVELATION 4	LUKE 8:22-25
2.3.25	EXODUS 34:29-end	2 CORINTHIANS 3:12-4:2	LUKE 9:28-43a

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SERVICES AND EVENTS			
February 2025			
2 nd February	9am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Cafe Church		
9 th February	9am St Michael's Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion 2.00pm Kirkland Mission: Messy Church		
16 th February	9am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Service of the word		
23 rd February	9am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: All age Holy Communion		
	March 2025		
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5 th March	2 p.m. Kirkland Mission: Ash Wednesday Service for Parish and Kirkland Academy		

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