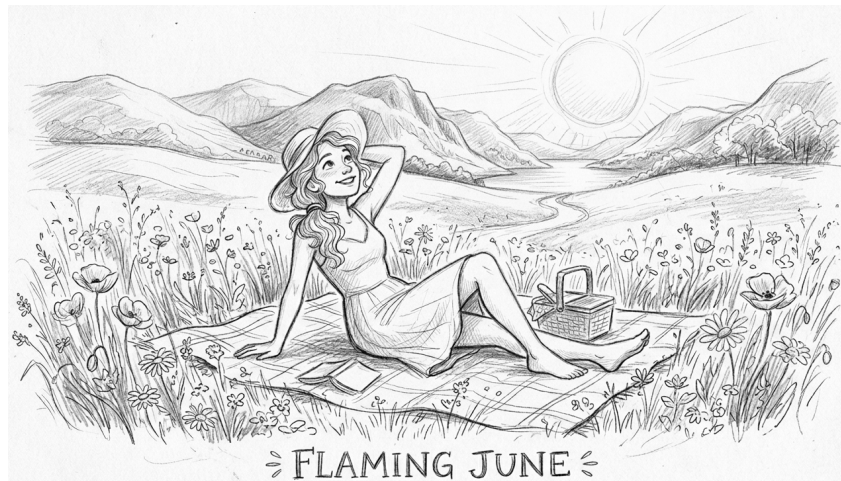




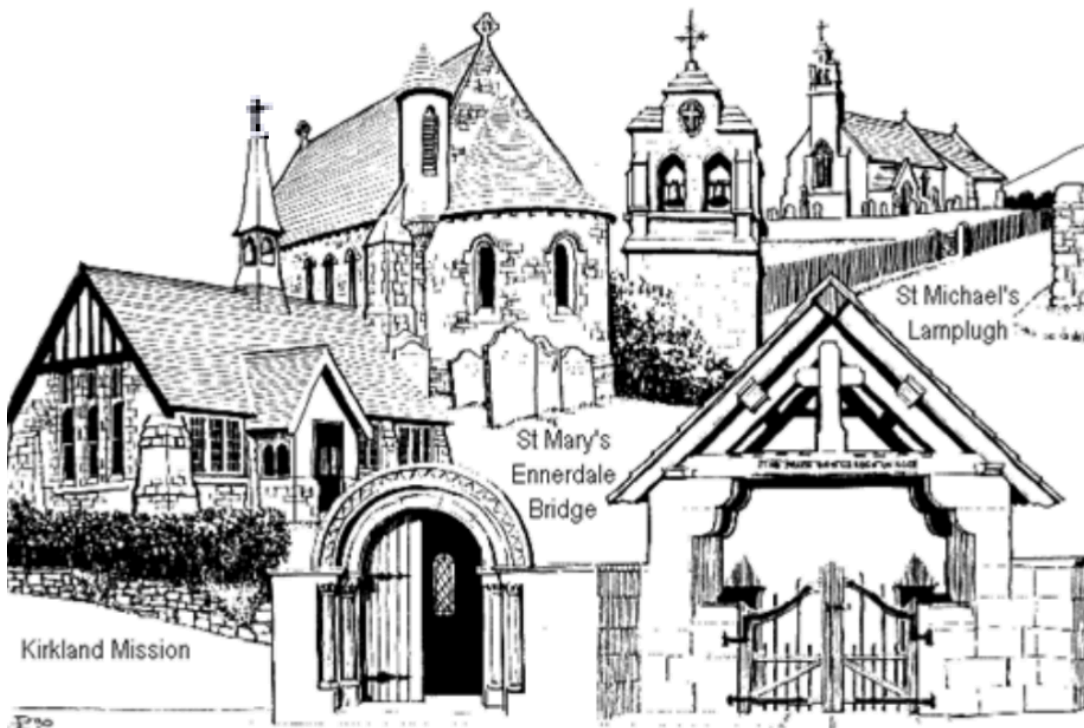
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This month we can look forward to celebrating the King's birthday (13th), the longest day of the year at the Summer Solstice (21st at 9:24am) and the start of Wimbledon (22nd - mmm, Strawberries and Cream)!



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New Minister Appointment - Update

On February 22nd the official announcement was made of the appointment, subject to usual legal checks, of Revd Lindsay Gray as 'Priest in Charge' of this Ecumenical Parish. Several people have asked (and more may be wondering) when Lindsay will be in post.

When the process to replace Ian Parker commenced a year ago we were warned by a senior member of the diocese that the Church of England is not noted for its speed – and so it has proved. To misquote an ancient proverb, the mills of the Church of England grind slowly but they grind exceedingly fine.

We hope to report shortly the date when Lindsay will be licensed by the Church of England, which will allow her to commence officially as our Minister. She will continue to take services in the meantime (as she has done on occasion for the last 12 years when Ian Parker was on leave or otherwise unavailable).

Robin Megan

Praying for the Parish June 2026



The Church Council has decided that we should be more intentional in praying for our parish.

In more urban areas churches often list particular streets that are being prayed for that week / month. That obviously isn't possible in a scattered rural area, so we have divided the parish into 12 areas, one for each month. The list is not set in stone; we can tweak it if anyone feels left out.

For the month of **June 2026** we are praying for:

*The homes, farms and businesses between **Ennerdale village** and the head of the **Ennerdale Valley**.*

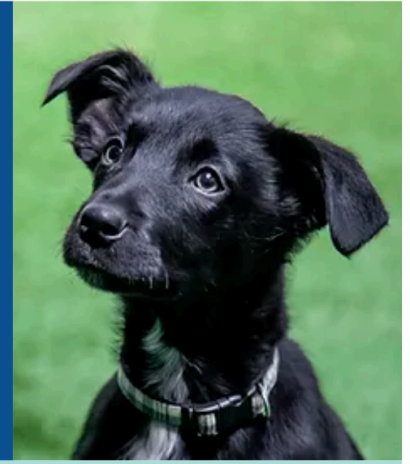
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Food for Thought

Submitted by Mary Johnson

When the world was created by God, according to the record we have in Genesis in the bible, God put everything together in perfect order.

Firstly day and night, then sea and sky, then the land, plants and trees - all to reproduce.

Then the sun, the moon and the stars, the fish and birds. And all the other creatures and insects.

Everything was in place and then he made men and women the 'pinnacle' of his creation and put into this amazing world to live. They lacked nothing they needed and that provision still continues today.

We have the means to grow and produce our food and we have water too - all we need for life.

God took care of every detail for our existence - what an amazing thought!

God saw all that he had made and it was very good.



Genesis chapter 1 verse 31

Keys Found

Have you, or someone you know, lost a set of keys recently?

On or about the 1st May a set of keys was found by a local resident outside St. Michael's Church, Lamplugh (on the road or grass verge) and they remain unclaimed.

If anyone has lost some keys, which could have been in that location, please ring **01946 862904**.

A Shepherd's Hand is an award winning short film by Geoff Cox - poet as well as film maker. This is the spoken word narration that accompanies his film, which relates to endurance fell running in the harsh unforgiving environment of the lakeland fells. By focussing on Joss Naylor, the king of the fells, it highlights the hardships and mental fortitude required by runners over long distances. For example the Bob Graham Round: 42 peaks in 24 hours, covering 66 miles, with 27,000ft of ascent...

A Shepherd's Hand

A dark ridge broods in the dead of night,
Round shoulders hunched, silent, waiting for reluctant dawn
To light vague cairns and summit stones
Head-torches scour a Roman ditch
Flaring night birds from deep shadowed roosts
Then light's slow graze the granite trace
Of harder hills and quarry face.
And day finds a quickened tread
On harder hills that mark the route ahead
For I know as sleeping valleys wake
I have a shepherd's hand to shake.

Across the pass and Red Screes rise
A slab set path, stone hard in ribboned cloud
Then fast downhill to softer ground
Wall line, fall line - easy Street!
Talking race lines, advantages gained
In duels and past mistakes.
Focus now, the craic soon stops
For the stretch above Dove and Fairfield tops
Then through Seat Sandal's bracken maze
To waiting cars on Dunmail Raise
Keep an eye on the time I take
For I have a hardman's hand to shake.

Steel Fell, ha! Steel Fell, steep unreasonable
Another hard bargain with scheduled time
Shepherd to long green miles under leaden skies.
Reflective now, head down to a job in hand
Then unannounced, the central fells
Broken paths grate like cracked teeth in a dry mouth
Boulderfield crawl and scree shoot slide
All noise and action, arms thrown wide
Straight line madness from Great End top
To Styhead box, and another stop

Yet strive for calm as I take a break
I have a quiet man's hand to shake.

Now with the afternoon's sun, stone giants wake
Gable all faded beauty in grey tattered skirts
Her face deep wrinkled, by the feet of hard souled men
Then to Kirkfell, her younger twin, still fresh.
Old and somber, Pillar gathers her fell family
On ageless shoulders and out-thrown arms
But pacers nursed the morning hours
And time's a friend through lakeland towers
In the beating heart of a silent clock
Time slides, like oil over sundrenched rock
And a small voice says "this could be your day"
You have a Fellsman's hand to shake.

Evening gathers soft light, the silver shield
Of the Irish sea, first lights on at Sellafield.
Now the hard dance with giants has given way
To flowing tops, graceful, green, generous.
Hills to savour, sweeping skies
Seatallan, and bands of friendship burned in time
But the veil of calm is stripped away
By friends who wait to mark the day
A mad descent down Middlefell ridge
To grey slate roofs and Greendale Bridge
Then take a moment to celebrate
For it's Joss Naylor's hand that's there to shake.

Had Joss Naylor still been alive today, this year he would have celebrated his 90th birthday. Of his many notable achievements, he celebrated two of his milestone birthdays, namely 60 fells at 60 years old (60@60) and the scarcely conceivable 70@70 in 1996 and 2006 respectively. Also in 1996 I had the great fortune to complete the Bob Graham round, and in 2006 the great honour of accompanying Joss for part of his colossal 70 peaks challenge.

I have selected this poem as it not only captures the spirit of long distance fell running, but it makes me re-live it. It is a long piece, but I make no apology for sharing it in its entirety, as it is largely self evident, though it leaves me precious little space to give a more detailed review. The speaker is giving an account of his "crossing", the Joss Naylor challenge from Pooley Bridge, to Greendale Bridge in Wasdale. Starting the trial in the evening, running through the night, and all the next day. Battling through weariness and fatigue, but ultimately conquering the challenge. The reward for all of this? - a handshake, the company of friends who pace and navigate, the unforgettable memories and perhaps a celebration drink with loved ones.

*Tek care
Steve Steele*



A Farmer's Observations

By Will Rawling MBE

Ower cauld still.

May continued dry but very cold winds kept the temperature down. From a lambing point of view this was better than wet and windy but not ideal. Thankfully most of the lambs arrived before the rain, which was actually needed to make the grass grow. It still needs to warm up a bit and hopefully it doesn't rain too much in the next couple of months.

Despite the weather, the ewes have lambed away without much trouble and calving is now in full swing.

Once the Herdwick lambs are about five to six weeks old, they are returned to the fell with their mums. This takes pressure off the field grazings and allows us to shut some fields off to grow for silage later in the year.

Returning to the fell also transfers the heafting (territorial fixing) of the lambs, from mother to daughter. Before they go back to the mixed grazings on the fells, the lambs are smit and earmarked. Each Lake District farm has its own identification marks. The ear marks are a series of notches and holes of different shapes and sizes, in different places in the sheep's ear. Each one is, pretty much, unique to the individual farm. We do this very early in the lambs life, when they have very little, if any sensation in the ear, a bit like getting your ears pierced. This method of identification is ancient and dates back to the time of the vikings. The reindeer herders use the same system in Lapland and northern Russia. The word lug, which we use to mean ear, is actually derived from an old Norse word, lugge (pronounced lugger) which was a written record of all the marks and who they belonged to. In English it would be a log of information.

We still produce a Lake District shepherds guide, about every twenty years, recording all the marks and keeping things up to date. The last edition produced in 2025 is now also online. The ancient system meets high tech but it's nice to have an old fashioned, hardback book. In Iceland it is a legal requirement to register your earmark with the government. It was one of the things that the world's first parliament felt was important. Most upland regions, across the northern hemisphere, use lug marks to identify their different flocks and herds. The lug marks are with the animal for life and cannot be easily changed, whereas fleece marks are removed when the sheep is sheared and plastic ear tags can be removed and replaced.

The fleece mark we apply when we are processing the lambs is a colour which is applied to the wool, we call this a "smit" mark, and again it is unlikely to be duplicated anywhere that a sheep might stray to. Most of the Lakeland sheep are marked using a red paste which forms all sorts of shapes and lines, which we call strokes, on different parts of the body.

The reason that the marks are red is because, originally, the marking paste was made by mixing wool grease, lanolin, with the dusty residue from the local mining activity. In the fells, this was usually iron ore. The miners called this rusty red dust "smit" and the name passed to its use in sheep marking.

It is possible to get a good idea of what was mined in an area by looking at the colour of the sheep marks. Black would suggest lead mining, blue would be a cobalt area, green a copper area, and so on. A good example of rural industry and farming supporting each other. Often the people were involved in both enterprises.

When we are marking the lambs, we also humanely castrate most of the male lambs, a few of the best looking ones will be kept to grow up into breeding tups. This way we retain all the best bloodlines and associated breed attributes that the sheep need to be able to live on fells.

As well as new lambs and calves the wild guys are popping up all over. The deer will have young now, the squirrels are rushing about and the hares are parking leverets around the fields. One leveret sat motionless, about a metre away from Sam, for a couple of hours, while he marked a batch of lambs. It was perfectly happy.

Some of the early born ones have grown into young hares and run around the fields having a great time. A few of the lambs try to keep up with them, but they are easily out sprinted. They look really confused and look at their legs, as if to say, why can't mine do that. The lambs do enjoy running around in groups skipping and jumping. Gamboling lambs are always good to see. We have one lamb who gets everybody else organised and leads the games. Maybe she will go on to captain England.

Many of the birds are now feeding their young, a whole new generation of wild creatures are joining the new farm arrivals. The secretive ones will appear, playing about in the late evening sun, before long. Nothing new really, this has happened, pretty much, unchanged for millennia. Long may it last.

Hooivver, ah'd better gah and hev a luok aboot.

Will Rawling



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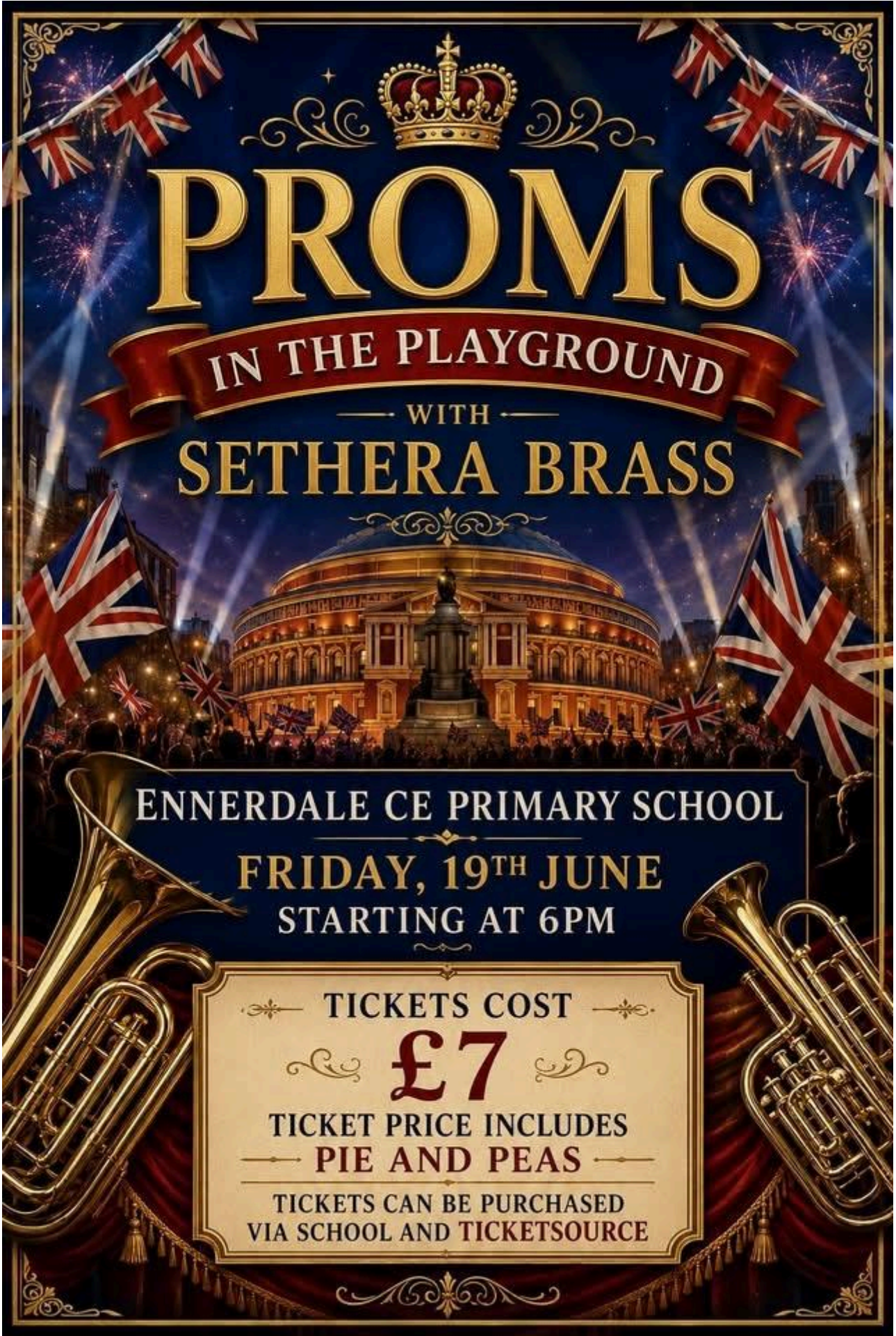
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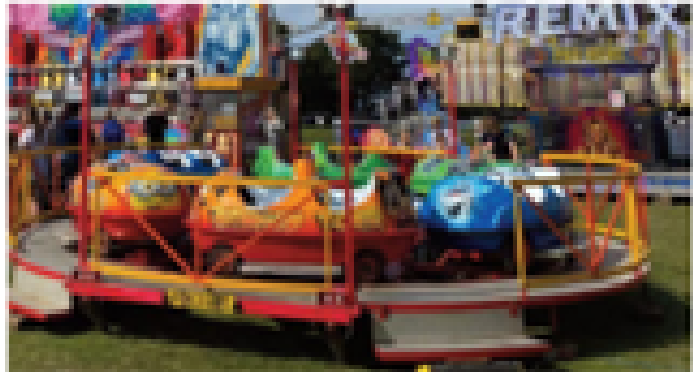


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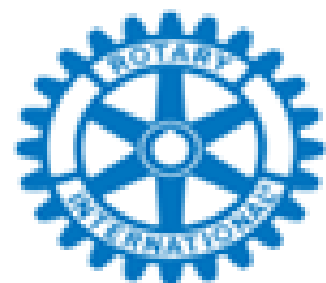


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7.6.26	TBA	S WATTS	TBA
14.6.26	TBA	M ABBOT	TBA
21.6.26	TBA	A FEARON	TBA
28.6.26	TBA	A FEARON	TBA
5.7.26	TBA	D NEVINSON	TBA

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7.6.26	B FEARON	C ABBOT	-
14.6.26	-	D NEVINSON	R HODGSON
21.6.26	C AYLING	M WATTS	-
28.6.26	-	M ABBOT	J DAVIS
5.7.26	-	C ABBOT	-

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DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
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READINGS - June 2026

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
7.6.26	HOSEA 5:15-6.6	ROMANS 4.13-end	MATTHEW 9:9-13.18-26
14.6.26	EXODUS 19:2-8a	ROMANS 5:1-8	MATTHEW 9:35-10:8(9-23)
21.6.26	JEREMIAH 20:7-13	ROMANS 6:1b-11	MATTHEW 10:24-39
28.6.26	JEREMIAH 28:5-9	ROMANS 6:12-end	MATTHEW 10:40-end
5.7.26	ZECHARIAH 9:9-12	ROMANS 7:15-25a	11:16-19,25-end

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June 2026

7th June	9:00am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Cafe Church
10th June	PCC meeting 7pm at St Mary's Ennerdale
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21st June	9:00am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Service of the word
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