

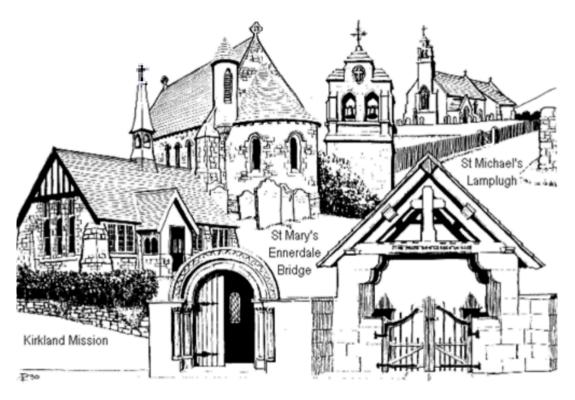
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## Minister's Letter

So, it is September. The Ennerdale Show has taken place, and children are going back to school. With a bit of luck there'll be a few more weeks before we need to put the heating on, but the days are starting to get shorter. From my perspective, I have just four months before I retire.

There has been much comment recently about an increase in the level of interest in spiritual matters. It has been linked to the uncertainty over whether economic growth can be resumed, and anxiety about possible future threats from war, climate change or even another pandemic. However, this interest has not manifested itself in a significant increase in attendance at traditional church services! People do seem to be interested in finding places where they can discuss with others existential questions, such as 'What is the meaning of the universe?' or 'Does my life have a purpose?' or 'Are there questions which science can't answer?' I imagine such places would ideally not have the weight of centuries of religious dogma and authority hanging over them.

So, I am wondering whether it might be a good use of my time this autumn to create a non-judgemental space where people can meet to share their questions and to seek answers from the spiritual resources humanity has found helpful over the centuries. We would meet from the end of September or the beginning of October until mid-December, probably on a weekly basis. The meetings could be in the afternoon or the evening, depending on what suited those people who were interested. If that appeals to you, please get in touch with me and indicate what time would suit you best. I'm really interested in the questions people have at the present time. I have no ready-made answers, but in sharing together we might find a way forward.

Tan Parker

## From the Registers:

Baptisms:	Poppy Eden Grace Thwaites at Lamplugh on 29th June.
Weddings	Allyce Rose McCulloch to William James Edmondson at Lamplugh on 2nd August
	Ellie Scott to Adrian Gary Parslow at Lamplugh on 16th August

# Praying for the Parish September 2025

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 **September** we are praying for:

Homes, Farms and businesses in **Whinnah**, **Woodend**, **Asby Road**, **Todholes and Havercroft**.

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## **Prayer for the Month**

I'm looking at the sheep God. Are you really a shepherd?
I can't see the shepherd. Is the shepherd really there?
The sheep seem to be happy, content.

They don't seem to be lacking at all. But I can't see the shepherd.

Some are lying down, but most are standing up, but they seem happy.

They are safe, they are fed, they are free from danger, but I can't see the shepherd.

Even though I can't see the shepherd, they must be there.

Feeding the sheep, caring for them, looking after them.

Does the shepherd spend much time with the sheep? I don't know.

What about me, God? Are you there? I can't see you at the moment. Are you there? I'm fed, I'm watered. I have plenty to eat, but are you there?

I can't see you.

You must be there. If you weren't there, what difference would it make?

Would I be fed? Would I be warm? Would I be safe? Probably not.

You are there, God. Just because I can't see you doesn't mean you are not there.

Thank you for being my shepherd.

Luke Smith, Lincolnshire.
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## How to pray about the refugee crisis

- Pray for peace around the world and a decline in the need for asylum
- Ask God to protect refugees on their journeys and to provide a way home
- Pray that refugees in Britain hear the gospel and have opportunities to respond
- Keep the Government in your prayers and ask God to enable them to govern fairly
- Pray for safe, flourishing communities, powerfully impacted by their churches

From the Bible Society

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## Save the Dates!!!

Rev Ian Parker writes



We are concentrating our celebration of all things agricultural this year into one service:

## 7 p.m. on Sunday October 12th at Lamplugh

This service will include the traditional Blessing of the Plough, as well as Harvest Festival.

The day before, on **Saturday October 11th**, we shall hold our **Harvest Supper**, which will be at **Kirkland Mission**.

Please save these dates and remember to invite your friends!

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Ennerdale's "Christmas Tree Blessing & Carol Concert"
St Mary's Church & then Memorial Gardens, Ennerdale
Sunday 30th November
4:00pm at the Church

Diana Stewart writes:



Save the Date! This year, the switching on of the lights on the Ennerdale Christmas Tree will be on Sunday 30th November at 4pm. We will once again have Sethera Brass Band.



We'll meet at St Mary's Church, Ennerdale for carols and refreshments, and then move to Memorial Gardens for the blessing and more carols around the tree.

## I WAS BORN TO BE A FARMER

Submitted by Mary Johnson

I was born to be a Farmer. It is what I know and what I love. Up before the crack of dawn with a morning ritual that includes a strong cup of tea and a quick glance at the weather and always check on the market because... I was born to be a Farmer.

We oversee the beauty of earth and the smell of freshly tilled soil entrusted to the vastness of what we call a field. We watch and wait to see all of those millions of little seeds start to sprout through the ground in rows as straight as a ruler bringing great satisfaction because... I was born to be a Farmer.

We have great faith as the storm comes in knowing that the green tender plants could be wiped out in a matter of seconds. Or when the rain simply doesn't come and we watch the plants wither until at the last minute a rain cloud comes. The sky opens right at that moment with just enough to get a little relief and renewed faith because... I was born to be a Farmer.

We keep up with technology, realizing it's a sure necessity, but always looking back with the fondest of memories and great admiration of how dad and granddad did the things because...I was born to be a Farmer.

We're in a partnership, a working partnership with the good Lord almighty, and without him it couldn't be done. It's his divine guidance that gets us through each season, from planting to the harvest. Through the storms and the drought, the highs and the lows. Some say it's a gamble, but to me it's a way of life because... I was born to be a Farmer.

Finally, the farmers have an oath of allegiance as follows:

I believe in the Farmer. I believe in farm life. I believe in the inspiration of the open country.

I am proud to be a Farmer, and I will try earnestly to be worthy of the name.



### PRAYER FOR FARMERS

God of all creation we give you thanks for those who cultivate the earth,

For those who wake before dawn and labour in fields,

For those who care for livestock,

For those who plant and tend with care.

We pray they know they are appreciated beyond measure.

Too often we overlook the gift of farmers,

We grow ever more distant from the processes,

We pray for the farmers we see and know,

Those who do the planting, tending and harvesting.

They are a community of sowers on whom our survival depends

For farmers who keep food on the shelves we give thanks

Guide them and bless them, O God of abundance, with favourable weather

Thank you for the communities of support as they tend to the gift of creation.

AMEN



## Are you able to help?



## Could you spare the price of a cup of coffee each month to help towards the cost and on-going presence of a minister within our Parish?

All those associated with the work of our three parish churches St Michael's Lamplugh, Kirkland Mission and St Mary's Ennerdale are very grateful for the financial support of those attending the various church services and events but especially for those who are regular givers by standing order or pledged envelope whether that be on a weekly, monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

There are currently 40 or so such regular givers of whom only 60% are regular worshippers at one or more of the three churches suggesting that others living in the parish also value the role of the church and its ministry in the local community.

It seems to be ever more the case these days that costs are rising and more and more worthy charitable causes are "tugging at our heart strings" in the hope that we will feel compelled to make a donation in their support. Against that background do you really want to read another appeal for help?

We are all constantly making choices as to what we do with our money, after all we only have so much to spend on what we consider to be essentials, "nice to haves" etc. or maybe we are saving for something special.

The question is would we be prepared to forgo a "nice to have" to help ensure that the local church ministry continues?

Our current minister Rev Ian Parker retires at the end of this year and the process of seeking a replacement is underway. As a Parish we need to find an additional £1,200 next year to meet the agreed Diocese cost of providing our minister.

If 40 parishioners, whether churchgoers or not, whether existing givers or not, gave £2.50 per month or an additional £2.50 per month, this shortfall would be met. These days you are very likely to pay more for a cup of coffee!

Could you spare the price of a cup of coffee each month to help towards the cost and on-going presence of a minister within our Parish?

If so please contact **David Beak** on 07792 640478 or by e-mail at david.beak@talk21.com who will be able to answer any questions you may have, provide bank and gift aid details as required.



# POFTIC LICENSE 1 - Stevie Smith

Welcome to the first in my series of poetry reviews. I didn't really start noticing poetry until the covid pandemic in 2020, when for some reason I became more and more interested, and I started to look forward to reading material from different authors. I became enthused about trying to form an understanding regarding what the poet was trying to convey, as sometimes a seemingly simple poem can contain multitudes of meaning, and layer upon layer of emotion.

Each month I will review a poem from a particular poet and explore what the poem means to me. However, different people can read the same poem in different ways, and therefore experience it, as no other person does. I will be showcasing some well-known poets and poems, and some less well known. The Greek philosopher Heraclitus said, "you cannot step into the same river twice". Which of course means the water flowing by is everchanging, and not the same as when you first stood in it - and so it is with poetry, because if you read the same piece more than once, you will gain a deeper understanding of what it means to you.

If my selected poem is short, I will write it out in full, but for longer poems I will take some highlights and delve into its meaning or meanings

So here we go: My first poet, is Stevie Smith, and her famous poem:

## Not Waving but Drowning

Nobody heard him, the dead man But still he lay moaning: I was further out that you thought, And not waving, but drowning.

Poor chap, he always loved larking And now he's dead It must have been too cold for him His heart gave way, They said,

Oh, no no no, it was too cold always (still the dead one lay moaning) I was much too far out all my life And not waving but drowning.

Straight away, you wonder how a dead person can actually be speaking? Is the man really dead, has he drowned? Or is this some figurative way to convey non-involvement in life, a social outsider? Is this a lesson in water safety?

The first paragraph, or stanza, is in the voice of the "drowning" man, whereas the second stanza is written from a different perspective, from onlookers, who perhaps thought that they knew him, but not well enough to even know his name. The third stanza is in the voice of the man again, but correcting what people are apparently thinking of him.

For me, it is about a man, who is lonely and is crying out for contact with society, and has been trying to attract attention, for just some sort of social involvement. But instead, people around him have just gone about their daily lives and not really noticed him before.

I hope that you have enjoyed this, and I look forward to reviewing more poets soon - some of whom are quite local to our parish.

Tek care Steve Steele



## **Lamplugh Parish Council**



Summary of the July 2025 Lamplugh PC meeting Full minutes are posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards, if you want more details.

**Minutes of meetings** held in May and June were approved.

## **Public Participation,**

- 1. A member of the public questioned the Council's view on Emergency Planning, and enquired if Lamplugh was interested in joining Ennerdale and Kinniside. Councilors discussed and concluded with the spread nature of Lamplugh there was little to gain in such a plan, in isolation, and to await guidance from Cumberland.
- 2. A member spoke about the potential changes to boundaries which would affect Cumberland Wards and numbers of Councillors. Lamplugh have changed Wards in the past, and will await concrete proposals

## Received correspondence was reviewed:

- Cumberland Council call for sites email was received, suggestions to be sent to Cumberland Council by January 2026. This is linked to the Local Plan. It was agreed that the link should go on the website and Facebook page.
- CALC roadside verge cutting email was received. It was agreed that there are no roadside verges belonging to Lamplugh Parish Council, Clerk to confirm this with CALC.
- Friends of the Lake District Outreach and Pop-Up Campsites letters were received.
   There have been a few pop-up campsites since rules were relaxed during COVID. It was agreed that there has been no contact from residents over this, but the Parish Council would be keen for a consultation to be done on the subject, with the stance being that regulations should go back to what they were pre-COVID.
- Visibility at Crossgates was discussed. This has been mentioned to Highways and recently was cut back by a member of the public. It was discussed that the visibility is not too bad at the moment, however, the speed that people drive at this part of the road is still a concern.

### **Finance Matters:**

To note the balance held in the building society confirmed with statement as below:

• Statement No. 90 dated 31st May 2025 – start balance £27565.54, end balance

- £27565.54; no money in, no money out.
- **Statement No. 91** dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 start balance £27565.54, end balance £23652.10; money in £1500.00, money out £5413.44.
- The parish insurance has renewed with Zurich Municipal at a premium of £668.74,
- Schedule of Income and Expenditure was discussed and agreed,
  - CN 290 £1,215.24 Clerk Salary April to June 2025.
  - CN 291 £52.00 Home Working Allowance June-July 2025 and postage costs.
  - o CN 292 £606.00 Arborscape, grounds maintenance and hedge cutting.
  - CN 293 £62.50 Lamplugh With Ennerdale PCC CA2111 Contact Magazine.
  - o CN 294 £10.00 Lamplugh Village Hall, Room Hire, June.
  - CN 295 £1,250.00 Lamplugh With Ennerdale PCC, toilet block repairs donation.

## **Planning- Applications**

Several planning applications were discussed, but no objections are to be made.
 Full details are in the minutes

### **Parish Matters/Business**

- "Thank you" messages were received from the organisations that had grant donations made following the annual meetings.
- An email from Lamplugh with Ennerdale PCC was received about the possibility of a further donation, after a quote for repairs to the toilet block was much higher than anticipated. It was agreed that as this was a community toilet, a further donation of £1,250 would be given.
- A Cumberland devolution update was received, elections for the mayor will now be held in 2027.
- Cllr Wilson spoke about the need for better footpaths between the village and the Countryman Pub as the road was very fast and dangerous for pedestrians. It was agreed that Cllr Wilson would look into this; the Clerk suggested he also contact Cumberland Councillor Linda Jones-Bulman, as she is working on speeding problems on other parts of this road.



## Community Owned Cafe and Meeting Space

## The Big Kitchen Renovation

### Be A Brick In Our Wall

We are raising funds to update and improve our 10 year old kitchen to enable us to continue to offer a vibrant cafe and gathering space in the Ennerdale valley Sponsor a brick and have your name displayed on our wall

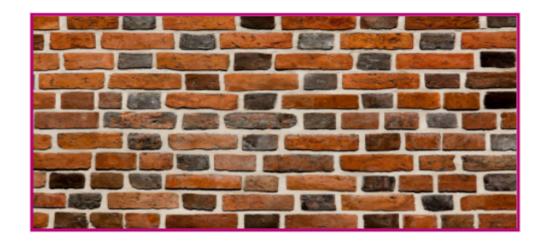
Small Brick £100 Medium Brick £250 Large Brick £500 Header Brick £1000

Donations to: Ennerdale Hub Limited, a/c 27254089, sort code 01-02-17
Reference: donation and your name
Cheques to Ennerdale Hub Limited and write 'donation' on the back
Cash or card at The Gather, please tell the staff you are making a donation
Or speak to a member of The Gather staff

Alone we can do so little,

Together we can do so much

- Helen Keller





The Village Hall AGM will be held on **Monday 13th October** at **6:30 pm**. All welcome to attend.

Forthcoming events at Lamplugh Village Hall will be:

- Saturday 20th September An Evening of James Taylor 7pm Admission £15 a concert to celebrate the music of the legendary American songsmith.
- Friday 10th October The MustangZ Trio Admission £10 an evening not to be missed with a West Cumbrian rock and roll combo.

### Doors for all events open at 6:15pm

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:

https://www.lamplughvillagehall.co.uk/

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

## **Movement with Miriam**

Pilates class – Lamplugh Village Hall Wednesdays 7.45–8.45pm

> For more info movementwithmiriam@hotmail.com \*\*new number\*\* 07756395256

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### **Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council**



Updating the Ennerdale & Kinniside Community Led Plan.

In the last edition of Contact I mentioned the ambition of the Parish Council to produce a new Community Led Plan (CLP).

To make progress it will be useful to know what the community thinks are the broad issues that are facing us. Similar questions were asked when we last produced a CLP. I wonder if your answers will be the same all these years later? Here are some broad questions for you to think about:

- What do you like about the community?
- What are your concerns for the community?
- What would you change about the community?

The Gather have kindly agreed to host a "Suggestions Box" where you can pop your answers to the above, plus any other comments or contributions you would like to make regarding the CLP or the Emergency Plan. Alternatively, please respond via email using my Parish Council address below.

### **Emergency and Resilience Planning Update**

As mentioned in the previous edition of Contact, the Parish Council is also working on producing a new Emergency Plan and we would really like to hear your views on this too. If you would like to be involved in these discussions or contribute your own thoughts and experience then we would love to hear from you.

### What type of emergencies do the community think we are at risk of?

- Flooding and if 'yes', what is the extent, and frequency?
- Fire, is there an increasing risk of wildfires affecting people?
- Loss of power?
- Pandemic?
- Loss of vehicular access into or out of the area?

### In what ways do you think our community can become more resilient?

A resilience plan could mean that the impacts of an emergency are reduced, and the community affected can recover more quickly. What are your views?

Community Led Plan - Cllr Ric Outhwaite: ric.outhwaite@eandkpc.co.uk

Community Emergency Plan - Cllr Sandra Guise: sandra.guise@eandkpc.co.uk

## <u>What's on at</u> <u>Lamplugh</u> Village Hall



To book, visit us online at: www.lamplughvillagehall.co.uk For more information Contact:

Mark on 07543 876 490

We're on Facebook too!



## A Night of James Taylor Music



Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7pm - Tickets £15 *A Musical Evening* 

'How Sweet it is', 'Something in the way she moves', 'Fire and Rain', Plus lots more....

## Weekly Activities

#### Monday

10.00am - 12 noon Cuppa & Chat 10.30am - 12 noon Breath Yin Flow & Restore Yoga 6pm - 8pm Cumbria Coast Karate

#### Tuesday

10.00am - 11.30am East to West Wellbeing

#### Wednesday

9.45am - 1.45pm Baby Sensory West Cumbria

6.00pm - 7.30pm Yoga & Somatics

7.45pm - 8.45pm Pilates

#### Thursday

9.30am - 11.30am Little Monkeys

1.00pm - 4.00pm Art Group

#### Monthly

7.00pm - Lamplugh W.I. Second Tuesday of the month

### Hall for Hire!

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The Village Hall also has a smaller room for hire too at £10 an hour, seating 16 comfortably for those smaller gatherings/meetings or book them both for your private events.



## The MustangZ Trio

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm - Tickets £10

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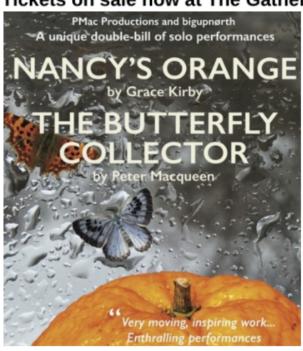
## Community Room Calendar

- Mondays Yin Yoga 6:30pm
- Mondays Baby Sing & Sign 9:30am
- Tuesdays Zumba with Lauren 6:00pm
- Tuesday 16th Book Group 11:00am
- Tuesday 16th Parish Council 6:30pm
- Wednesdays Cumbria Coast Karate 6:00pm
- Wednesday 3rd Cumbria Police Desk -2:00pm
- Thursdays Zumba with Lauren 6:00pm
- Fridays Tai Chi 10:30am
- Friday 19th Nancy's Orange + The Butterfly Collector - 7:00pm
- Saturdays Creative Writing 10:00am
- Sunday 14th Spiritual Space
- Sunday 28th Spiritual Space

## Friday 19th September - Arts Out West -Nancy's Orange and The Butterfly Collector

In this unique double bill, two actor-writers perform their own one-person shows, each directing the other. Working with acclaimed sound artists Mark Melville and Jose Guillermo Puello and set designer Martin Johns, they have created two intensely realised worlds. Funny, entertaining but poignant and thought provoking.

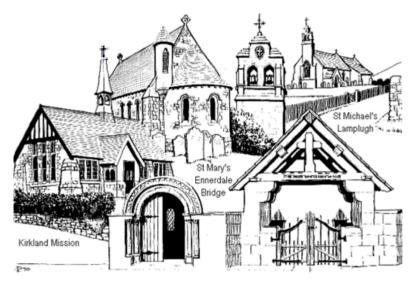
### Tickets on sale now at The Gather



Officers from your Neighbourhood Policing Team will be at The Gather on Wednesday 3rd September from 2:00pm until 4:00pm for a "Police Desk". Call in if you have any community issues or would like some crime prevention advice.



## Your local churches are OPEN for everyone



And not just on a Sunday when a service is being held or for a celebration of one of life's events or a Christian festival but every day.

St Mary's Ennerdale and St Michael's Lamplugh are always open during the day for all to visit whether that be for quiet contemplation, to visit the grave of a dear relative, or to learn more about the history of the buildings.

Keys to gain access to Kirkland Mission Church can be obtained from one of the Church Officers listed on the inside cover of this magazine.

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# Church Community Room

Available for hire £8 per hour Contact Muir Lachan 01946 862237 or Chris Ayling 01946 861087

# Kirkland Mission Church

Available for hire from £12.50 per hour Contact Michael Watts 01946 861856



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## **Editor's Notes - September 2025**

The long summer holidays are drawing to a close, and it's time for the children of our communities to get ready for a new academic year. Whether they're returning to a local classroom or starting a new adventure at a new school or university, we wish them all the very best for the year ahead.

I'm delighted to announce that taking over from *Julian Berkeley* and his excellent "*Going Green Gracefully*" series, we have a new contributor: **Steve Steele**. Steve has volunteered to share his love of poetry in a new series called "**Poetic License**." I hope you will welcome him and enjoy his first installment as much as I did - great work, Steve! I'm already looking forward to reading more.

This edition is packed with information I hope you'll find interesting. You'll find our regular notices for events at Lamplugh Village Hall and The Gather, Ennerdale, where I hope you find something to go and enjoy! We also have informative updates from both the Lamplugh Parish Council and the Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council.

Given this is our September edition, I have to give a special mention to Diana Stewart at The Shepherd's Arms for thinking ahead and giving us early notice of the **Christmas Tree Blessing and Carol Service!** While the "*Picnic in the Park*" didn't happen this year, we hope you'll all come and enjoy the festive celebration she's planning for **November 30th**.

Diana has already secured the attendance of the **Sethera Brass Band** and a cash donation from **Wild Ennerdale**. Additionally, **David and Lynne Atkinson** have once again generously donated a tree. Further contributions of either cash or offers of assistance are most welcome—please contact Diana directly if you can help.

As always, my thanks go out to all our regular contributors: **Reverend Ian Parker**, **Jo Willmott**, **Michael Watts**, **David Beak**, and **Mary Johnson**. A special mention to **Celia Malone** for the picture of her beautiful garden, which is featured on the front page this month.

If you have a contribution - an article, notice, funny ditty, or picture - then please get in touch using my contact details below.

Lastly, I am also very grateful to our small army of volunteers who help assemble and distribute this newsletter. A huge thank you to **Michael and Susan Watts**, **Mary Abbot**, and our newest volunteer, **Jude Wildwood**, for all their hard work stapling, folding, and batching the 560 copies we produce!

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## **Forestry England**

Phytophthora Larch Disease Tree Felling 2025 - Updated 01/08/2025

Forestry England continues its works to respond to the Phytophthora larch disease, having been issued with Plant Health Notices to fell or kill standing larch across three sites in the Ennerdale valley.

#### Broadmoor.

Tree felling and extraction is continuing in Broadmoor at the west end of the Ennerdale valley. The harvesting site is closed to public access. However, the right of way through the site is safe to use at weekends and bank holidays. Please be aware that there will be delays accessing the car parks at Bleach Green as larch trees are being felled along the roadside.

#### Latterbarrow

Tree felling and extraction is continuing in Latterbarrow just north of Ennerdale YHA. Please avoid this area and the forest road through the site which are closed to public access. Please see the which is posted around the main entrances to the site.

### **Silvercove**

Tree felling and extraction has completed in Silvercove, the area is open to public access. Please look out for brash debris and areas of mud. Forestry England will reinstate the surface of the rights of way through the site.

Falling trees are very dangerous and so are the felling and extraction machines. If a machine's saw chain breaks, metal can shoot through the forest like a bullet. Harvesting machines operate long hours including late night, early mornings and at weekends. Please, look out for timber lorries and follow instructions on signage and the advice of banks persons where they are managing public safety.



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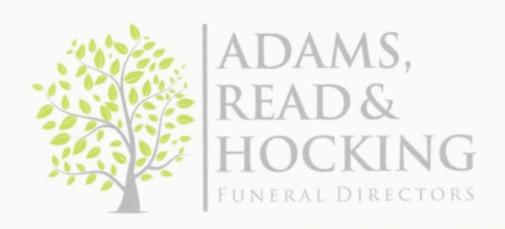
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## FLOWER ROTA - September 2025

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
7.9.25	TBA	J JENNINGS	TBA
14.9.25	TBA	A LEE	TBA
21.9.25	TBA	A LEE	TBA
28.9.25	TBA	M ABBOT	TBA
5.10.25	TBA	M ABBOT	TBA

## SIDEPERSONS ROTA - September 2025

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
7.9.25	C AYLING	C ABBOT	-
14.9.25	-	M WATTS	R HODGSON
21.9.25	B FEARON	D NEVINSON	-
28.9.25	-	M ABBOT	J DAVIS
5.10.25	C AYLING	M WATTS	-

## READERS ROTA - September 2025

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
7.9.25	S GUISE & B FEARON	C ATKINSON	-
14.9.25	-	M ABBOT & M WATTS	J MEGAN & R MEGAN
21.9.25	M LACHLAN & M ROBSON	A LEE & R WATSON	-
28.9.25	-	D BEAK & S WATTS	J MEGAN & R MEGAN
5.10.25	S GUISE & B FEARON	C ABBOT	-

## READINGS - September 2025

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
7.9.25	DEUTERONOMY 30:15-end	PHILEMON 1-21	LUKE 14:25-33
14.9.25	EXODUS 32:7-14	1 TIMOTHY 1:12-17	LUKE 15:1-10
21.9.25	AMOS 8:4-7	1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7	LUKE 16:1-13
28.9.25	AMOS 6:1a,4-7	1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19	LUKE 16:19-end
5.10.25	HABAKKUK 1:1-4;2:1-4	2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14	LUKE 17:5-10

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	SERVICES AND EVENTS	
September 2025		
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion	
1	11:00am Kirkland Mission: Cafe Church	
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion	
1	11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion	
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	9am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion	
<b>I</b>	11:00am Kirkland Mission: Service of the word	
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion	
	11:00am Kirkland Mission: All age Holy Communion	
	October 2025	
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion	
	11:00am Kirkland Mission: Cafe Church	
11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	7.00pm/tbc Kirkland Mission: Harvest Supper	
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	9am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion – Harvest Festival	
	11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion	
	2.00pm Kirkland Mission: Messy Church	
	7pm St Michael's, Lamplugh: Harvest Festival & Blessing of the	
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