

For Your Diary

Mind Yourself Sessions: These will begin on Wednesday 3rd May at 5:30pm. Although the focus is Christian meditation, there will be no proselytizing and all are welcome to join in a short time of silence away from the world's bustle.

Our Corpus Christi service Thursday 15th June at 7:00pm. The Feast of *Corpus Christi* (Latin for Body of Christ) is a Latin Rite liturgical solemnity celebrating the belief in the body and blood of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. It emphasizes the joy of the institution of the Eucharist.

St Peter's Day weekend – Words and Music in the evening on Saturday 24th and the Sunday service on 25th with 'Tours of the Tower' and a BBQ after the service. Come for a Sunday brunch. Our Patronal Service is in the evening at Fins-thwaite on the 29th June. All are most welcome.

From the PCC

Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry: We were disappointed that the Bishop's long-awaited decision on the future of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry was not in our favour. The team has been suspended for five years. We will continue to work with Cartmel Priory aiming for our two parishes to form one benefice, when a final decision is reached.

St Peter's Church of England – who to contact?

Vicar: Reverend Nick Devenish 36261

Church Wardens: John Hibbert 36411 & Ben Crossley 36331

We can also be contacted via the website

Pastoral Visitor: Judith Slater 36361



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From the Vicarage

Desperation to Hope

In our media drenched existence words are spuriously thrown at us from all directions. Every headline seemingly needs to be exaggerated to the extreme in order that we will read or listen to it. Shock value.

The word 'desperate' should be used with caution. It can be defined as someone, or a situation, that has lost all hope.

I wonder if there have been times in your life when you have felt 'desperate'. Having nowhere and no one to turn to. This will be of little comfort, but if you have felt like this, then you are not alone.

At these extreme points in our lives we may consider that the only hope is to be found in something 'other' than ourselves. Could there be a Creator God?

Words written thousands of years ago in Psalm 61:

Hear my cry, O God;

Attend unto my prayer.

There is that cry born out of desperation. There is seemingly nowhere to turn, but if there is anybody out there please hear my cry. The word 'attend', holds a sense of action. If there is somebody listening to my

prayer, will you please help? Will you bring about hope where there seemingly is none?

The Christian tradition teaches that there is something 'other' that longs to be in relationship with each one of us. We may use the word God to describe this 'other'.

You may be searching, wondering as did the Psalmist. Could there be something 'other' out there, who can help?

I would like to offer you an invitation to come and be with our community in our church. Let us be in relation with one another and possibly something 'other' than ourselves.

Thank you for reading.

The Reverend Nick Devenish

What's been happening in the Parish?

Valentine's Sunday

Our Valentine's Sunday service was a resounding success. Couples who had been married at St Peter's returned to join in our celebration of LOVE in all its forms, exemplified by Christ's love for humanity. The church was decorated



with a few strategically placed Valentine's hearts, and cup cakes with a similar theme were added to our post-communion biscuits. (Thanks, Fiona!) A particularly nice touch was

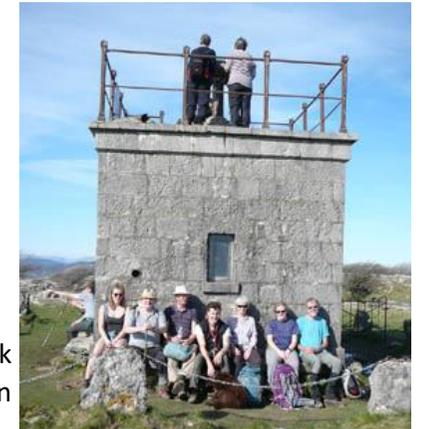


when, at the Peace, Claire and Philip (who married at St Peter's last May) distributed chocolates to the congregation. (Yes, heart shaped ones!) We certainly hope that this special Sunday will become a regular addition to our worship calendar.



The Lady Day Parish Walk

According to the Community News of May 2013, those who beat the bounds of the parish had to contend with a 'bitter wind' and considered themselves lucky to have avoided snow. Conditions this year were in complete contrast — perhaps the most glorious day of the year so far. The only snow was evident on the tops of the distant fells, which made the views from the Hospice a real delight. The intrepid few set off from Broughton Bank at 9:30am and picked up others



en route. Lunch at *The Crown* and then back 'home' for a Hibbert cream tea. Do join in next year, and pray for a fine day.



Resting at the Hospice & (left) St Peter's sitting proudly at the centre of the parish (but a bit small in the pic!)

Two Christenings at St Peter's



Recently we have celebrated two christenings in church. Sadly we only have pictures of one to share with you, but welcome to both Harper Louise Ross and Oliver John Sewell. Oliver is in the photos, as well as his proud parents and the vicar!