

WHO'S WHO IN THE CHURCH

BENEFICE OF HAWKSHEAD WITH LOW WRAY, SAWREY, RUSLAND AND SATTERTHWAIT

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Dear Friends,

What is Christmas all about? Family gatherings? Presents? A big dinner? Mistletoe and wine? Yes, it is about all these things. But I am sort of contractually obliged to say at this point that it is *really* about the birth of Jesus, God coming among us as a baby.

What I want to say this year, though, is that even for the most devout Christian it is not *just* about the birth of Jesus. This is partly because it is about all the other things as well and I like all those things, and partly because the Christian festival of Christmas is not just about something God did a long time ago. It is about who he is now and who he has always been, loving the world so much he has to be part of it. A Christian Christmas is not just a celebration of what was- it is also a celebration of what is. We let this holy child show us the reality and truth of our own lives. In him we see all the goodness, love, holiness, beauty, and possibilities for the life that we wish for ourselves, the life for which God made us in his own image.

In some deep way the Christmas baby, the Christ child, shows us who we are, who we can become, and what our life is really about.

This is the child of peace. Let us not be violent or anxious.

This is the child of love. Let us not hate or be angry.

This is the child of compassion. Let us not be indifferent to the needs of others.

This is the child of gentleness. Let us not be harsh or hurtful or judgemental.

At Christmas we behold the child. Let us become what we see.

John

Any comments, articles or queries for the Link should be emailed to:
esthwaitelink@gmx.com or given to Kathleen Farnworth or John Dixon

Deadline for inclusion in the September edition is

Sunday, 10th January

Items should be no longer than 300 words.

To advertise in the back pages of The Link, please contact:

Peter Irvine: 015394 36635/peterirvine26@talktalk.net

We are grateful to those who advertise in The Link and hope that readers will use their services.

DECEMBER SERVICES

6th	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hawkshead
	9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Hawkshead
	9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	Satterthwaite
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sawrey
	5.00 p.m.	Evensong	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Churches Together Holy Communion, Methodist Chapel	Hawkshead
13th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School	Hawkshead
	11.15 a.m.	Matins	Sawrey
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Satterthwaite
20th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hawkshead
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sawrey
	4.00 p.m.	Carol Service	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Christingle Service	Hawkshead
24th	6.00 p.m.	Carol Service	Sawrey
	11.00 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Hawkshead
25th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rusland
	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hawkshead
	11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Satterthwaite
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sawrey
27th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hawkshead
	11.15 a.m.	H.C. joint with Rusland	Satterthwaite
	11.15 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sawrey
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Hawkshead

From the Registers

Funeral at St Matthew's, Barrow (acting as crematorium chapel)
on 22nd October Desna Phizacklea

Funeral at Lancaster Crematorium on 26th October Joyce Park

Married at Hawkshead on 31st October Stephen Van Tonder and
Jean Quinn

JANUARY SERVICES, 2016

3rd	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	Hawkshead
	9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship	Hawkshead
	9.45 a.m.	Holy Communion	Satterthwaite
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sawrey
	5.00 p.m.	Evensong	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Churches Together Holy Communion, Methodist Chapel	Hawkshead
10th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School	Hawkshead
	11.15 a.m.	Matins	Sawrey
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Satterthwaite
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Hawkshead
17th	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion & Sunday School	Hawkshead
	9.45 a.m.	Service for All Ages	Satterthwaite
	11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion	Sawrey
	5.00 p.m.	Evensong	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Hawkshead
24th	9.30 a.m.	Unity service and Sunday School	Hawkshead
	11.15 a.m.	Morning Worship	Sawrey
	11.15 a.m.	H.C. joint with Satterthwaite	Rusland
	6.00 p.m.	Evensong	Hawkshead
31st	10.00 a.m.	Joint Benefice Service	Hawkshead

SERVICE TIMES OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS –

Baptist Chapel, Hawkshead Hill, Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Christmas Day Celebration 10.30 a.m.

Methodist Chapel:

6th December 6.00 p.m. Churches Together Holy Communion

13th December 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship

3rd January 6.00 p.m. Churches Together Holy Communion

10th January 11.00 a.m. Morning Worship

24th January 10.00 a.m. Unity service in the Parish Church

Society of Friends (Quakers) Meeting House, Colthouse, Sunday 10.30 a.m.

Anne Bee and Family would like to thank friends and neighbours for all the cards, flowers and kind messages received at the time of their recent loss, and for donations given in memory of John. We were able to send £517.70 to St. Mary's Hospice. Thank you everyone."

FAITH STORY: Thursday, 3rd December at the home of Nick Hallam (Wetherlam, Gallowbarrow). You are very welcome to join us from noon to 1.30 p.m. when Kath Dodd will share the second part of her story. Please bring a packed lunch.

HAWKSHEAD OUTGATE WI
Tuesday, 8th December,
Christmas Lunch:
12 for 12.30 at
Sawrey Country House Hotel.
Book with Claire.

OPEN FORUM is a series of evening discussion meetings on a range of topical issues and open to everyone. The next meeting will be at 7.30 pm on Thursday 10th December 2015 at St Mary's Church, Ambleside. The topic will be - "**The Current Refugee Crisis**" with Tim Farron MP. There is no need to book and no charge to attend. Please bring guests. Tea and coffee will be available. Please contact Rev Nick Hallam for further details (015394 36069, Nick.Hallam@uwclub.net).

SCHOOL REPORT

The children put together a lovely Harvest Festival service held in the church. They sang an assortment of songs and shared work including; Harvest of the World, the Arctic, the temperate lands and the tropics plus work about fair trade. Afterwards at a Macmillan Coffee Morning in school, the pupils served drinks and cakes kindly donated by many establishments in the village. Everyone enjoyed the disco held to raise funds. A school walk into Grizedale forest along with parents and family was enjoyed by all. Year 5 & 6 have started their link project with Ghana looking at early settlers in each of our countries and how this has affected our cultures and traditions. They have collated data on birds and invertebrates in the soil for a national Eco project on changing populations of birds. Years 5 & 6 have also played in a netball tournament hosted by Cartmel Secondary School. Year 3 & 4 have been studying soils in science. The National Trust joined the school to embark on a grounds tidy afternoon. Activities included creating paths, making willow fences and litter picking in and around the village. Pupils enjoyed an amazing Planetarium workshop where they learned about various astronomical features including planets and constellations.

HAWKSHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Saturday, 5th December, as part of the Christmas Fair,
Tea, coffee and cakes will be available in church from 12 noon
Cakes, Fair Trade, Christmas cards and goods will be on sale

2.00 – ‘Flute Fiesta’ -

David Edmonds – flute & Charles Edmondson - piano
will perform a varied programme of light music
Retiring collection for church funds

9.30 a.m. Sunday, 6th December – Morning Worship
& Fair Trade Stall – all welcome

The Church will be floodlit in the evening during the
Christmas Fair weekend and the Twelve Days of Christmas

If you would like to make a contribution to the cost, perhaps in
memory of a family member or friend, please contact the
PCC Treasurer, Sue Maxwell:
015394 36972/hawkshead.treasurer@gmail.com



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, SAWREY

Thursday, 10th December

Christmas Coffee Morning with mince pies

10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

in the **Braithwaite Hall**, Far Sawrey

Bring and Buy, Home produce and Christmas goodies



HAWKSHEAD PARISH CHURCH

Friday, 18th December

Christmas Coffee Morning

10.00 a.m. to 12 Noon

in aid of church funds,

at the home of Susan and John Dewhurst,

Bridge View, Hawkshead

Cake stall and raffle. Admission £1.50.

Tuesday, 15th December - Carol singing in Hawkshead. Meet at the School at 6.00 p.m. - all welcome.

Wednesday, 16th December at 6.30 p.m. Candlelight Carol Service in the Methodist Chapel followed by coffee and mince pies. All welcome.

Monday, 21st December

St Margaret's, Low Wray, has been open during the recent half term and at weekends until Monday, 21st December when there will be Community Carol Singing in the Church at 6.00 p.m. to which all are warmly invited.

HAWKSHEAD MEDICAL PRACTICE

As mentioned in November's Esthwaite Link, the Hawkshead Surgery's Patient Participation Group is fundraising to buy equipment for the new surgery, due to be built next year.

A few local residents have asked if they can donate directly to the fund and, if so, how should they do this.

The surgery has two accounts, a current day to day account, and an equipment account. The boundary between the two is very clear and all transactions and paperwork are kept entirely separate and completely transparent.

The equipment fund has to provide the equipment and fittings for the new surgery and no help is given for this from the NHS, hence the

need to fundraise for this new equipment, which will be used to provide the best possible service to patients.

If you would like to make a donation to the equipment fund, and no donation is too small, you can do so in two different ways. Firstly, you can write a cheque made out to 'Hawkshead Medical Practice' and post it or drop it into the surgery. The address is 'Hawkshead Medical Practice, Red Lion Yard, Hawkshead, LA22 ONU. Secondly, you can donate money by making a bank transfer - ask the surgery for the right bank details if you would like to do this.

We are very lucky to have such a dedicated team at the surgery working hard on our behalf.

Equipping the new surgery will mean they have the resources needed to provide an even better service for patients.

Hawkshead Medical Practice
Patient Participation Group.

**Bingo for the Surgery
Equipment Fund**

Thanks to the donors of wonderful prizes and to the attendees at the Bingo on 9th November. The Patient Participation Group was able to give £550.85 towards the purchase of equipment for the new surgery, expected to open in 2016. Many thanks also to John Hadow and all those involved with the organisation of this event.

The NHS flu vaccine programme offers free vaccination to everyone aged over 65 as well as people with certain medical conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, weakened immune system, respiratory disease. Pregnant women should receive the vaccine, which protects both themselves and their baby.

A full list is available in the medical practice and the pharmacy. Hawkshead Medical Practice (015394 36246) and Collins and Butterworth Pharmacy (015394 36201) both offer the NHS vaccination service free of charge to eligible individuals. The pharmacy can also offer the vaccine to those not eligible for the NHS service at a fee of £10. Get your vaccine before the peak risk in December/January.

The Windermere and District Foodbank continues to be needed, and as things are at the moment it seems likely that their services will be even more essential as new cut-backs to in-work benefits are introduced. A large proportion of clients are already using us because zero-hour contracts and low wages mean that they are unable to make ends meet. It often surprises people that benefits go to people in work to top up meagre wages - when this safety net is removed there will be increased hardship.

The box for food donations has not been in use during the summer months, but will be replaced in the Methodist Chapel in September. As well as food and toiletry items, we also need money to fund the operation of the Foodbank. Please contact the Treasurer, Paul Milling, if you would like to make a financial contribution.

THE SAWREY INSTITUTE would like to express its gratitude to the Sawrey Marrow Show Committee for their donation of £450 from their very successful Marrow Show. This money will be saved for our eventual roof repair. Snooker nights are Wednesday Evenings from 7.30 p.m. and membership is open to all.

SAWREY & CUNSEY SOCIAL GROUP wish all our Senior residents from the village a happy and peaceful Christmas. Personal invitations will be sent after Christmas for the annual lunch, which will be held mid-January.

Grasmere Players present Cinderella in Grasmere Hall. Thursday 17th – Saturday - 19th December, at 7.30 p.m. (matinee Saturday 2.30 p.m.) Tickets from Barney's Newsbox 015394 3562



Ambleside & District Choral Society

MESSIAH

Conductor: Jolyon Dodgson

Soprano: Emily Robinson,

Alto: Wendy Sharrock

Tenor: Alex Banfield,

Bass: David Houlton

South Cumbria Ensemble

(Leader Julian Cann)

St. Mary's Church, Ambleside

Saturday, 12th December

at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £10.00 (*including
refreshments*)

from choir members or at the door
(Children under 12 years free)

To book in advance:

015394 32096 or 36260

NATIONAL TRUST UPDATE

As we approach Christmas, a big thank you to everyone who has supported us throughout 2015, and a reminder that some of our places are still open for visits and for your Christmas shopping. Wray Castle is open Friday to Sunday until Christmas (the grounds are open daily); Hill Top shop and garden daily and Hawkshead corner shop daily except Thursday and Friday. We'll then be working towards our indoor places reopening for February half term.

Hopefully many of you saw the news footage about our opening of Claife Viewing Station and have

been down to have a look. If not, then do pop down – it is open access and Louise and her team are looking to keep the café open on a daily basis for hot drinks and food. We are very pleased with the end result and thanks again to the many volunteers in the local area who have helped us bring this special place back to life.

You will all have seen yellow AA signs up this year to direct and steer visitors to our places by certain routes (avoiding Cunsey and Far Sawrey for Hill Top and Colthouse and High Wray for Wray Castle). We think that they have helped and are going to be looking to get permanent brown signage – if you have thoughts on this (perhaps extra ones needed), please get in touch.

Next year we will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the birth of Beatrix Potter, so keep your eyes open for more info about this, including open evening. We're looking for staff and volunteers to help us and recruiting will begin in early January – if interested, please get in touch.

Finally, may we wish everyone a great Christmas and a safe, happy and successful 2016.

John Moffat, Tel. 41197

Citizens Advice

UK consumers spend on average a £90 billion a month! More than one in five of them in the UK experience problems with goods

and services. A quarter of them spend more than four hours trying to sort out these problems, one in ten having to take time off work to do so. The Consumer Rights Act came into force on 1st October 2015 and streamlines eight pieces of legislation into one. This should make life a little easier for shoppers. Most of the changes were important updates to existing laws. But two new areas of law were also introduced.

For the first time rights on digital content have been set out in legislation. The Act gives consumers a clear right to the repair or replacement of faulty digital content, such as online film and games, music downloads and e-books. The law here had been unclear and this change has brought us up to date with how digital products have evolved. There are now also new, clear rules for what should happen if a service is not provided with reasonable care and skill or as agreed. For example, the business that provided the service must bring it into line with what was agreed with the customer or, if this is not practical, must give some money back.

In addition, Alternative Dispute Resolution is now available to all businesses to help when a dispute with a consumer cannot be settled directly. The Citizens Advice Consumer Service can give advice

and information on these new laws, telephone 03454 04 05 06 helplines are open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.00 p.m. or you can download a leaflet type 'Citizens Advice know your new rights' into your search engine for the link within our website

JANUARY EVENTS

HAWKSHEAD OUTGATE WI

Tuesday, 12 January, 2.00 p.m.

Lower Market Hall: Spring Flower Arranging with Joanne Dann from Lily Lou's, Ambleside.

Monday, 18 January 7.45 p.m.

Lower Market Hall: Introduction to Tai Chi and Chi Kung with Steve Tomlinson

A CONVERSATION ABOUT TIME

with John Gunner.

Sunday, 17th January, at 7.30 p.m.
at Hawkshead Hill Chapel.

John will explore what we know about timescales - human, archaeological, geological and cosmological - and raise puzzles that they pose for people of any faith or none. All welcome

UNITY SERVICE on January 24th at

9.30 a.m. in Hawkshead Parish Church, when we will take the theme 'Salt of the Earth', a theme which is brought to us by the Christians of Latvia.

HAWKSHEAD AND SAWREY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT.

Call 07808 508997 and a friendly volunteer will help you.

HAPPY P C CHRISTMAS (SORRY, WINTERFEST)

All employees planning to dash through the snow in a one horse open sleigh, going over the fields and laughing all the way, are advised that a Risk Assessment will be required addressing the safety of an open sleight for members of the public. This assessment must also consider whether it is appropriate to use only one horse for such a venture, particularly where there are multiple passengers.

Please note that permission must also be obtained in writing from landowners before their fields may be entered. To avoid offending those not participating in celebrations, we would request that laughter is moderate only and not loud enough to be considered a noise nuisance.

Benches, stools and orthopaedic chairs are now available for collection by any shepherds planning or required to watch over their flocks at night. While provision has also been made for remote monitoring of flocks by CCTV cameras from a centrally heated shepherd observation hut, all users of this facility are reminded that an emergency response plan must be submitted to account for known risks to flocks.

The Angel of the Lord is additionally reminded that, prior to shining his/her glory all around s/he must confirm that all shepherds are wearing appropriate Person Protective Equipment to account for the harmful effects of UVA , UVB and the overwhelming effects of Glory.

Following last year's well published case, everyone is advised that Equal Opportunities legislation prohibits any comments with regard to the redness of any part of Mr R Reindeer. Further to this, exclusion of Mr R Reindeer from reindeer games will be considered discriminatory and disciplinary action will be taken against those who are found guilty of this offence.

While it is acknowledged that gift bearing is common practice in various parts of the world, particularly in the Orient, everyone is reminded that bearing gifts is subject to Hospitality Guidelines and all gifts must be registered. This applies regardless of the individual, even royal personages. It is particularly noted that direct gifts of currency or gold are specifically precluded, while caution is advised regarding other common gifts such as aromatic resins that may evoke allergic reactions. Finally, in the recent instance of the infant found tucked up in a manger without a crib for a bed, Social Services have been advised and will be arriving shortly.

Anon

Age UK	0800 169 6565
Alcoholics Anonymous	0845 769 7555
Carers UK	0808 808 7777
Child Death Helpline	0800 282 986
Childline	0800 1111
Community Legal Advice	0845 345 4345
Consumer Direct	0845 04 05 06
Crimestoppers UK	0800 555 111
Cruse Bereavement Care	0844 4779 400
DIAL UK	01302 310123
Domestic Violence Helpline	0808 2000 247
DrinkLine	0800 917 8282
Frank	0800 77 66 00
GamCare	0845 6000 133
Lesbian & Gay Switchboard	0300 330 0630
Message Home	0800 700 740
Missing People	0500 700 700
National Debtline	080 808 4000
Neighbourhood Watch	0116 229 3118
NSPCC Helpline	0808 800 5000
Parentline	0808 800 2222
Samaritans	08457 90 90 90
Shelterline	0808 800 4444
The Farming Community Network	0845 367 9990
Victim Supportline	0845 30 30 900

