



# THE VILLAGER

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## Always with us.....

Life has been chaotic lately. As I was putting away the Christmas decorations suddenly my TV fell off its stand and crashed to the floor, resulting in having to get a new one. Then last week my wood burning stove door fell off. It reminded me of when I pulled onto my driveway and opened the car door that fell off!

My Mum was accident prone to say the least and I know I am not that bad thank goodness. One Shrove Tuesday she was making pancakes and decided that she would toss one, big mistake as it landed on her arm instead of in the pan. On another occasion she had got bifocals and was trying to get used them. Having gone upstairs to clean the windows she looked out and saw that to her amazement

the bay window below was really near, on stepping out of course the bay roof was as it always had been, she fell and bounced onto the lawn below!! Suffering no injuries she just as the old song says picked herself up and started all over again. There are countless tales of her to tell, another one was cutting the lawn with a pair of scissors and many times forgetting she had a pan on the hob. My Dad was a saint many times. I hope, well I guess I know our God must have a great sense of humour.

Last Sunday Ian spoke to us about God always being with us, he must have some laughs at us mortals. However, thinking about that thought it is reassuring as well, we are never abandoned. Of course there

are times when we can feel that way, when we can share Jesus's sense of being alone, especially in the forty days in the wilderness, that our God is a million light years away.

We do have many examples of that not being the case. We sing a hymn, "Do not be afraid" based on Isaiah 43. 'Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name, you are mine'. It tells us that no matter what, our God is there. If we walk through the waters, if the fire is burning, in times of loneliness, "You are mine O my child, I am your Father, and I love you with a perfect love".

God bless and lots of love to you all.

Rev Irene xx

### ST. PAUL'S CHURCH SEATON (C OF E)

9.30am Sunday Parish Communion & Children's Church and Crèche.

9.30am Thursday morning Communion Service.

### ST. PETER'S CHURCH CAMERTON (C OF E)

11am Holy Communion

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly

There is car parking available at the church but due to its location there are no toilet facilities.



Messy Church will return on **Friday 23rd February, 4.00 pm to 5.30 pm**

Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' for families. Come along and join in on the fun. All children are welcome, just remember to bring an adult!

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## **ST. PAUL'S SEATON WIVES & MOTHERS**

February's Wives & Mothers will be on Tuesday 13th February beginning at 7.30 pm. This will be a charity night with cheese and wine. New members most welcome!

## **LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHES**

There will be NO lunch in February, however, on SHROVE TUESDAY (13th February) there will be a Pie, Peas and Pudding Lunch at 12 noon in the Church Hall. Cost £7.00 tickets available from Julie Bethwaite on 07714715256 All welcome.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, falls on the 14th February. As with last year, there will be a service of Holy Communion in St Paul's at 10.00 am.

## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND GRAND DRAW—THANK YOU!**

Many thanks to all who supported our Annual Christmas Fayre and Grand Draw in any way. A grand total of £4134.66 was raised. Congratulations to all prize winners.

## **CHRISTINGLE 2023**

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare the Christingles and to all who came to our services at St Paul's and St Peter's. Through your kindness and

generosity we were able to send £290 to help the continued work of The Children's Society.

## **ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION**

The next meeting will be Wednesday 21st February at 2.00pm in the Church Hall. This will be an AGM followed by refreshments and chat!

Everyone welcome

## **PARISH PRAYERS**

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In February, our focus is on Whitestiles, High Seaton, Sunnyside, Fernleigh Drive, and Fernleigh Close.

If you do have any concerns or items for prayer, please do let us know. Please do let us know especially if you have family or friends who are ill, and we can ensure that they are included in our prayers and visits arranged if required.

## **COMMUNITY LUNCHES**

Seaton St. Paul's C of E Junior School will be holding community lunches **every Thursday at 1.30pm**. Lunch will **cost £6** & this includes a main meal (roast dinner), dessert & tea/coffee. To book a place for this lunch, please contact Mrs Magill in the school kitchen on 01900 844651. Everyone is welcome & we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible!

## **FUNERALS**

"I am the resurrection and the life"

30th November 2023

Herbert Horsley (84)

Calva Park

1st December 2023

Marjorie Richards (82)

Kings Avenue

James Davidson (78)

Braeside

5th December 2023

Mary Smallwood (85)

Ling Road

14th December 2023

Wilda Ashbridge (89)

Whitestiles

19th December 2023

Martin McMullen (43)

Calva Road

4th January 2024

Victor Kilgore (90)

Lowca Lane

16th January 2024

Daniel O'Neill (75)

Seaton Road

17th January 2024

Allan Boyd Thompson (89)

Fernleigh Drive

23rd January 2024

George Clague (79)

Firth House

## **SEATON VILLAGE HALL**

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Children's Christmas party and the over 65's party for their kind donations which will go towards the balcony fund.

We would also like to thank T.D.A who provided funding for the parties, and Claire Routledge who provided the entertainment for the over 65's party. Both parties went very well with everyone enjoying themselves the feedback received has been excellent. Sorry me and Jean couldn't make the over 65's but Covid got in the way and we didn't want to pass it onto anyone. Mike.

The Annual General Meeting for the Village Hall will be held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Rooms.

## **SEATON CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL AGM**

This will be held in the PACK HORSE, Low Seaton on

Monday 12th February at 6pm

All new and old committee members welcome.

## **SEATON PARISH COUNCIL FIT 4 LIFE**

Seaton Parish Council is asking drivers to park their vehicles courteously in Seaton. Vehicles should not be parked blocking pavement access for users of wheelchairs, pushchairs & mobility scooters; such parking is illegal & can be reported, with photographic evidence, to Cumbria Police at:

101emails@cumbria.police.uk.

The minutes from the Parish Council meetings are available to read at Seaton Library every second Monday of the month. The meeting is held every third Monday of the month.

## **SEATON LIBRARY HOURS**

Opening Hours:

Monday: 1pm - 5pm

Tuesday: 10am – 5pm

Thursday: 10am - 5pm

Friday: 9am - 12 noon

Wednesday/Saturday:  
CLOSED

Recently, there have been some police changes for Seaton. The new contacts are PC Sarah Parkinson and PSCO Luke King.

A gentle exercise class for over 50s held in Seaton Village Hall every Friday from 1pm – 2pm, £3.50 per session. Suitable for all abilities. Contact Fit4Life on 01900 814782.

## **YOGA FOR SENIORS**

Why not give it a try? You are welcome in Seaton Village Hall on Wednesdays 2:00pm - 3:30pm. Please bring a mat or a blanket to lie on. Loose fitting clothes is advisable (jeans not suitable). £3.50 per session. Contact Jo Hodgson on 01900 602898 for more information.

## **CRAFTIES**

'Crafties' is held in the Church Hall on Wednesdays, 7.00pm to 9.00pm. Please bring along your knitting, crochet, sewing, art project, etc and come and join us. Everyone welcome.

## **THANK YOU**






On the closing of their business, Linzi, Theresa and Shanade from Top Kutz would like to say a very big thank to all their customers over the last 23 years. Hope to see you all soon.



Do to others as  
you would have  
them do to you.

Luke 6:31



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