



# THE VILLAGER

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## We will remember...

November is often seen as a month of Remembrance in a number of ways but in particular because of Remembrance Sunday, but did you know that a few years ago discussions took place as to whether the time had come to end the annual Remembrance Sunday commemorations?

The generation which fought the First World War has now passed and those who remember the Second World War are only those who remember it as children, with a few exceptions. However, even though the First World War was understood at the time to be 'the war to end all wars' we all know that was not to be, and the events of recent times in Afghanistan, Ukraine, and currently Israel and Palestine show quite clearly that we are a long way from where we need to be as a world where people can live in peace and harmony, and, if you were to work backwards from the present day you would see that there have in fact been very few years when there hasn't been conflict and war with UK forces, in particular, being involved in Korea, the Falklands, Afghanistan, Iraq and Iran to name but a few. There have at times been suggestions that Remembrance Sunday

should be renamed Peace Sunday; thankfully this has never happened because it is important that we continue to remember, especially as it is through remembering that we learn, and as we learn we can continue to teach future generations about the futility of war and the vitality of peace.

Sadly war and conflict has always been around, even Jesus himself, the Prince of Peace, lived in a violent world as we do, and like us he could not escape the violence and the brutality of the times he lived in. Thankfully, he didn't have the 24/7 access to what was happening, where it was happening and how it was happening that we do, but he was aware of it and spoke out against it, while at the same time living a life that spoke of the need for peace, unity, harmony and forgiveness. Like some today he knew what it was like to live in a country occupied by foreign soldiers and he lived in a part of the world where there was internal conflict between factions and tribes – not too different to what some experience today!!

You would have thought that over two thousand years later we

would have learned wouldn't you? But sadly we haven't and that is just one of the reasons for not giving up on Remembrance Sunday and 'Remembering'. Our lives are dominated by remembering things – whether that be what we need when we go shopping, where we put something to keep it safe and even, dare I say it, what we walked into a room for!! Add to that the very fact that much of what we do today is a direct result of what we learned and remember from our school days.

And so, as we approach Remembrance Sunday this year, please do take time to 'Remember'. Not just those who gave their lives in war and conflict for our sakes, and those who continue to serve in the Armed Forces today, but also to 'Remember' that the peace and unity we all long for in our world, the peace and unity that Jesus prayed for, is something we must continue to strive for. We can only do this by learning from the mistakes of the past, and the present. That way we can all play our part in ensuring a better future.

- - Rev. Ian Grainger

### 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.



Our next Messy Church will be on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 4pm**. 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

This month Wives & Mothers will be on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**, the theme will be Christmas craft night.

## ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION

September's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm in the Church Hall**. Rev. Irene will entertain and inform us! **Everyone welcome.**

## LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHES

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon** in the Church Hall. **All welcome.**

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND GRAND DRAW

St. Paul's and St. Peter's Christmas Fayre and Grand Draw will take place on Saturday **2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Our main prize in the Grand Draw will be £250 cash. Grand Draw tickets are now available to purchase or sell, please contact Rev Ian if you would like some. This is always our biggest fundraising event of the year and there will be various stalls and attractions.

Offers of help on the day and prizes for the Grand Draw would be greatly appreciated as always.

## PARISH PRAYERS

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In October, our focus is on Meadowvale and Hazel Grove. If you do have any concerns or items for prayer, please do let us know. This is especially the case 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.

## FORTHCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS

A number of events are being arranged, please have a look on the church website on the News section or 'Church Notices' section where you will be able to see a list of dates and details of events.

## BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

We are once again hoping to hold this popular event this year. On **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December** we will be hosting 'Breakfast with Santa.' The cost will be £6 per child which will include breakfast and a small gift from Santa. There will be 2 sittings – 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. and 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Numbers for each sitting will be restricted to 30. Hot drinks and breakfast sandwiches will also be available for accompanying adults to purchase. To help with catering **booking is essential**. For further information and to book please contact The Vicar by **6<sup>th</sup> December**.

## ETHEL FISHER CELEBRATION DAY

On **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November** there will be an Ethel Fisher Celebration Day in the Church Hall from 10am-4pm. This will be a unique opportunity to view Ethel's collection of photographs, books, and newspaper cuttings from 1967 onwards. Admission will be £2, which includes refreshments. In the evening, again in the Church Hall, there will be a Cumberland Night consisting of a meal and the entertainment being Cumberland dialect, poetry and readings. Tickets for this are £10 and can be bought from Rev. Ian or Susan Shepherd.

## OCTOBER QUIZ NIGHT

In October our social event was a quiz with cheese and wine. Our thanks go to Richard Ashcroft who compiled and hosted the quiz. The winning team was **The Ricequizbees**. Everyone had a good night and it is hoped this will be an annual event. £590 was raised for church funds.

## ST. PAUL'S HEATING

Work on the heating is now complete with two new boilers being installed. Many thanks to everyone who helped to raise the funds for this much needed upgrade to our heating system.

## COMMUNITY LUNCHES

Seaton St. Paul's C of E Junior School will be holding community lunches **every Thursday at 1.30pm**. Lunch will cost £5 & 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!

## 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.



PCSO 5421 attended an assembly at Seaton Juniors School this morning to speak to pupils about Antisocial Behaviour (ASB). The following topics were discussed:

- The long-term consequences of ASB ✓
- The impact of ASB on suspects, victims, and the local community ✓
- The different organisations police work with to reduce ASB ✓
- The role of the Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) ✓

It was a great morning overall. Thank you for having us!  
#AllerdaleNPT #CommunityPolicing #AntisocialBehaviour



## 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.

#### FIT 4 LIFE

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.

#### SEATON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Seaton Christmas Lights will be switched-on on **Saturday 2nd December at 5pm**. Prior to the switch-on, Seaton Parish Council is planning for some family entertainment at Seaton shops in the build up to the big switch-on. Come along & enjoy the fun!

#### SEATON PARISH COUNCIL

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.

#### SAMARITANS

The Samaritans West Cumbria Friends Group Appeal for used postage stamps, will be entering its ninth month on the first of September. The Appeal will continue up to and including the 31st December 2023. Please would you carry on saving your stamps for us until the end of the year. For further information contact Joan on 01900 68678.

#### SEATON VILLAGE HALL

Thank you to those that attended the table top sale in the Village Hall on Sunday 8th October a total of £212.50 was raised for the Samaritans.

The Children's Christmas party will be held on Saturday 16th December in the Village Hall 2pm to 5pm. Tickets can be collected from the Village Hall on Sunday 26th November between 2.30pm and 4pm or Saturday 2nd December between 10am and 11.30am. numbers are limited and it will be on a first come basis. Cost of tickets are £2.50 each.

The over 65s party will be held in the village hall on **Saturday 6th January 2024** 2pm to 5pm. Tickets again £2.50. Please contact Mike on 07513167955 if you want to attend.

The Village Hall are hoping to have the balcony at the hall finished by the end of the year (fingers crossed).

The hall is booked up until the end of the year and we are now taking bookings for 2024.

#### JIGSAW SALE

Jigsaw Sale (mostly 1000 pieces) on **Saturday 18th November** from 10.00am - 3.00pm in the Church Hall.

Puzzles are priced at £4.00 each, or you can purchase 3 for £10.00. There will be refreshments available. All of the proceeds will go towards the Church Funds.



#### THE VILLAGER

The Dec/Jan 2023/24 issue of 'The Villager' will be in church on **Sunday 26th November 2023**.

Please send items for inclusion to [seatonvillager@outlook.com](mailto:seatonvillager@outlook.com) by **19th November 2023**.

There is currently 1 advertising spaces available on the back of 'The Villager'. If you have a local business and would be interested in taking a space or would like more information please contact us on:

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#### FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

19th September

Frank Holmes (76)

*Whitestiles*



20th September

Edward (Ted) Wilson (81)

*New Kelsick Farm*

18th October

Alan Bell (76)

*Formerly of Derwent Avenue*

19th October

John (Jack) Wilson (90)

*Formerly of Barncroft Avenue*

31st October

Ronald Bruce (65)

*Lowca Lane*

#### Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day we unite across faiths, cultures and backgrounds to remember the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces community from Britain and the Commonwealth. We also take the opportunity to reaffirm our promise that we will never let what happened in the World Wars, happen again.



#### Let us pray

As we look to that day when you will gather people from north and south, east and west, into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom, guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel for the nations of the world, that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**



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