



THE VILLAGER

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A new year...

Hi everyone, have you all got over the hectic time of Christmas, not to mention all the flu and bugs that have made so many of us really ill? I can't remember ever having such an awful time! We had a lovely roast beef for Christmas lunch, all I could cope with was that and a bit of a jacket potato. New Year turned out much the same as all I wanted to do was lie down and rest. I know full well how many of you have been the same.

Yet here we are approaching February, and at last the days are getting longer, the snowdrops are ready to burst open other spring bulbs are on their way, we can finally look forward to spring and hopefully warmer temperatures.

How difficult the times are just now for so many people and love and prayers go out to everyone.

At the moment the farmer is rounding up his sheep in the field next door, I always feel

sorry for the sheep as it is so cold and wet in winter, I really couldn't be a farmer, I would have to give them a nice warm shed for them all. Of course, they are close to having lambs, so they need extra care right now, and that is another reason to look forward. Spring lambs are so cute.

We all need some help and guidance, and our Lord is there for us all, sometimes we can feel that he is a million miles away, but that is not so, He is there watching over us. A prayer from Minnie Haskins 1875-1957. "I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown", He replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God, that shall be to you better than light, and safer than a know way". May that Almighty hand guide and uphold us all.

So here we are entering a new year, may we all look forward if we can, there are so many

difficulties for us all to face, but there is the hand, our great help and guide.

God bless you all, with my love,

- - **Rev. Irene**

LOOKING FORWARD...

The new year is steeped in tradition, the first month being named after the Roman god, Janus, who legend said, had two faces one looking forward and one looking back.

As a church we have things to look forward to. In this new year we will be working towards replacing our inefficient gas central heating system, and striving towards Gold Eco-Church status with a modern electrical system. For this to happen we will be looking for funding towards the St. Paul's Heating Fund. Fundraising events will be published in forthcoming Villager issues.

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 1st 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 24th February 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 months Wives & Mothers will be on **Tuesday 14th February**, we will be hosting a Charity Night, with cheese and wine - donation of £5 with proceeds to St. Paul's Heating Fund. Meeting starts at **7.30pm**.

ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS' UNION

February's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Wednesday 15th February at 2pm in the Church Hall**. This month is the branch AGM and 'Biblical Bring and Buy'. **Everyone welcome**.

LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHES

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be on **Friday 17th February**. There will also be a Shrove Tuesday pie, peas and pudding lunch on **Tuesday 21st February**, tickets are £6 and can be bought from the Vicar or Julie Bethwaite (01900 64073). Both held at **12 noon** in the Church Hall. **All welcome**.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR WEDDING & BAPTISM BOOKING

Please remember that we request bookings and arrangements for weddings and baptisms are made by contacting the Vicar on **01900 602162** or via the '**Contact**' on the website and not through social media messaging systems. It is quite easy to miss messages so a phone call is preferable.

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who supported our Annual Christmas Fayre and Grand Draw in any way. A grand total of **£3080.45** was raised. Congratulations to all prize winners.

CHRISTINGLE 2022

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 **£300** to help the continued work of The Children's Society.

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, Fernleigh Close. 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, falls on the **22nd February**. This year our service will be held in **St. Paul's at 10am**.

EASTER BREAKFAST

Following on from the success of Breakfast with Santa, we are looking to hold an Easter Breakfast (with the Easter Bunny) on **Saturday 8th April**. Further details will be in the March Villager.

PARKING ON ST. PAUL'S AVENUE

Parking outside the Church Hall is strictly for users of the Church and Hall only. St. Paul's Avenue is a Private Road, and, whilst we understand parking is difficult in the area, we would request that the polite '**No Parking**' notices are observed at all times, particularly in the area of the disabled ramp access. Thank you.

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!

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

We respectfully ask that when family members are placing flowers on the Garden of Remembrance that they are fresh and removed from their plastic wrapping.

On removing dead flowers and greenery these should be placed in the green compost bin, all other waste (oasis, wrappings, artificial embellishments, plastic holders etc.) must go in the black general waste bin. Thank you for helping our environment and being an Eco-Church.

SEATON'S PCSO DROP-IN

Seaton has a new PCSO, Luke King, who will be available in Seaton Library this month (date and time to be confirmed). Please contact Seaton Library Customer Service Desk (01900 68441) for further details. If you have any concerns or issues you wish to discuss with him, please come along.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Are you interested in playing Scrabble? Our sessions held in the Library at 2pm - 4pm. Meetings are fortnightly. All welcome. For February dates and further information ask Seaton Library Customer Service Desk on 01900 68441.

SEATON BABY & TODDLER GROUP

The Seaton Baby & Toddler group meets in the Village Hall on **Thursdays** (term time only) **10am - 11.30am. £2 per Child**.

Including Tea/Coffee, Juice & Snack Children 0 - 4 years welcome. Walk ins welcome.

SEATON CHILDRENS CARNIVAL

There will be an Annual General Meeting on **Monday 6th February at The Pack Horse at 6pm**. The meeting welcomes committee members old and new.

If you have any questions or interest, please contact our FaceBook page or get in contact with Lauren on 07595245620.

CAMERTON VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning will be held on **Saturday 11th February 11am - 1pm**. Call in for a coffee, cake, savouries and a natter. We will also have boxes of cakes and pies for sale to takeaway. **All welcome**

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.

ST. PETER'S CHRISTINGLE

The Ancient Parish Church was beautifully decorated by the Lishman and Spiers families, with a huge floral display donated by Sylvia Elliot. Many local families and those from further afield enjoyed the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve, led by Rev. Irene.

SEATON VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall held its annual children's Christmas party on 17th December with up to 100 children attending. On 14th January we held the annual over 65s party with again up to 100 attending. All who attended the above two parties enjoyed themselves and the entertainment, feedback has been brilliant. A big thank you to Whythegill Wind Farm Community Fund for supporting the hall with these two parties.

On December 25th a Christmas lunch for 25 people was held in the hall. A big thank you to The Decommissioning Alliance for providing funding for Christmas Day. A massive thank you to all our helpers on the above events

they could not have happened without your help.

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held on Monday 6th March in the Parish Rooms if anyone wants to attend please get in touch with Mike on 07513167955.

USED STAMP APPEAL

Friends of Samaritans West Cumbria are appealing for used Stamps in order to raise some money for the local branch. This will be a long term project, beginning January 2023, and ending 31st December 2023. If you would like to participate, when cutting the Stamp from an envelope, please leave about a half inch border around the perforations of the stamp. Any queries, or stamp donations, please ring , 01900 68678. Thank you.

THE VILLAGER

The March issue of 'The Villager' will be in church on **Sunday 26th February 2023**.

Please send items for inclusion to **seatonvillager@outlook.com** by **19th February 2023**.

There are currently 4 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.

WEDDINGS

St. Paul's Seaton

10th December

Marriage Blessing for

Tom and Becky Chapman



FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

1st December

Marlene Ormiston (85)

Fernleigh Drive

13th December

Keith Gibson (64)

Bolton Street, Workington

16th December

Nora Farish (101)

Milburn Croft

19th December

Irene Hall (80)

Derwent Bank

20th December

Denis Lawman (72)

Yearl Rise

18th January

Maureen Edwards (77)

Ling Road

Peter Cartmer (54)

Barnett Drive

19th January

Kathleen (Kath) Jones (88)

Meadowvale

25th January

Dorothy Greenhalgh (89)

Newlands Care Home

HOLY BAPTISM

"Let the children come to me"

St. Paul's Seaton

18th December

Oakley Warwick

Ollie Thornthwaite

15th January

Theo McAllister



A New Year

As we start a new year this is the perfect opportunity to start afresh. Jesus famously said "Behold I make all things new". This year, focus on small, significant changes that you can make in your life that positively impact you and those who are around you.



Surprised by Joy

Lent is the season in which we ought to be surprised by joy. Our self-sacrifices serve no purpose unless, we are able to focus on our heart's deepest longing: unity with Christ. In him- in his suffering and death, his resurrection and triumph, we find our truest joy.

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