



# THE VILLAGER

A Monthly Church & Community Newsletter

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## Longing for Light...

It's often said that a good walk can help to clear the mind, but I find that when I'm out walking, either alone or with the dog it is the complete opposite; I find myself thinking about all sorts of things and while out this morning I was hoping that would be the case as my mind turned towards The Villager. Unfortunately, it wasn't one of those walks today as I found myself, in the snow, thinking about how cold it was, a sentiment shared by everyone I met along the way, and how the dog just wanted to get home. It certainly cleared my mind.

On returning home, cold and wet, I walked into my study, still pondering, and the first thing I saw was the music book open on the piano and the opening words to a modern worship song called 'Christ be our Light', which begins with the words '*Longing for light, we wait in darkness*'. This brought an ironic smile to my face as the study in the Vicarage is probably the darkest room I have ever worked in, apart

from in a submarine casing in my dim and distant past!, but the words gave me something to think about and share.

As we journey into April and towards Easter, I'm sure that many people are '*longing for light*', for an end to the cold, dark days of winter and the brightness of spring and the warmth of the sun. Thinking of this made my mind turn towards the last few days of Lent and moving towards the joys of Easter. I thought of the long days and cold nights that Jesus spent in the wilderness, alone and the cold, dark and empty tomb that his body was laid in on that first Good Friday. The cold he would have experienced would have been painful and the darkness would have been lonely, and together with the knowledge of what lay ahead of him I'm sure he too would have been '*longing for light*'.

Thankfully, the events of Easter, which we will soon celebrate bring that light, as well as joy and the warmth of

God's love. From death new life emerges, and I always look forward to the significant combination of Spring and Easter, as new life emerges out of the ground, plants and hedgerows are full of colour and beauty, the birds are singing, and the fields are full of new life as sheep and cattle give birth.

The light that we all long for us just around the corner, but the life and light that we long for is always there through the death and resurrection of Jesus and the joys of Easter. As we approach this very special time of the year, which, to quote a Christmas (did I really say that!!!) song, is The Most Wonderful Time of The Year, may I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter.

May the Light of The Risen Christ bring hope, joy, and warmth to your lives.

- - Rev. Ian Grainger - Vicar

### 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 28<sup>th</sup> April at 4pm**. Messy Church is a different way of 'being church' for families. We also have our usual activities after the Family Service on Good Friday morning, **7<sup>th</sup> April**. Come along and join in on the fun. All children are welcome!

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

This month's Wives & Mothers will be on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**, we will be hosting a Holy Week Service. Meeting starts **at 7pm** in Church, not the regular time of 7.30pm.

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

March's Mothers' Union meeting will be on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm in the Church Hall**. This month there is a talk by Daphne Sissons on Action and Outreach within the Mothers' Union. **Everyone welcome.**

## **LOAVES & FISHES LUNCHES**

Loaves and Fishes lunch will be on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April**, held **at 12 noon** in the Church Hall. **All welcome.**

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> April**. Tickets need to be booked for this, priced £5. Please contact Rev. Ian if you would like tickets.

## **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.

## **PARISH PRAYERS**

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In April, our focus is on Derwent Avenue, Derwent Bank, Derwent Ridge, Branthwaite Lane and Braeside. 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.

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES, ST. PAUL'S**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April: Palm Sunday**  
9.30am Family Service with Distribution of Palms.

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** 10am Holy Communion and short reflection.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April** 7pm Wives and Mothers' Holy Week Service.

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April** 10am Holy Communion and short reflection.

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April: Maundy Thursday**  
9.30am Holy Communion and 7pm Holy Communion with Stripping of The Altar.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April: Good Friday**  
10.30am Family Service at St. Paul's followed by activities and refreshments in the Church Hall.

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Eve**  
8pm Service of Light.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day**  
9.30am Parish Communion with Baptism.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Day**  
7am Early Morning Service on Camerton Hill (weather permitting). 11am Parish Communion at **St. Peter's, Camerton.**

## **ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HEATING APPEAL**

Over the years, we have had significant issues in the boiler house with flooding at St Paul's and each time there has been a flood further damage has been caused to the boiler. The boiler, which is at least 35 years old and not as efficient as it should be, is now in need of replacing. The Parochial Church Council has submitted an application to the Diocese of Carlisle for this work to be done. The estimated costs of the work in total is £22,000, and although we have some funds that we can use we still need to raise between £6,000 and £9,000 to reach the target. As well as seeking donations to help with

the work there will be various fundraising initiatives over the next few months.

If you would like to help donations can be made through our crowdfunding page [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/st-pauls-heating-appeal-2023](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/st-pauls-heating-appeal-2023) or via Rev Ian or any church members.

## **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'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 March 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.

## CAMERTON VILLAGE HALL

Coffee Morning will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April 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.

## SEATON CHILDRENS CARNIVAL

Seaton's Children's carnival **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2023**. Notification of Road Closure, all roads on the carnival route will be closed from 12noon - 5pm on carnival day with access only to emergency vehicles. Any questions or queries please contact a committee member or our Facebook page. Thank you for your continued support.

## SEATON VILLAGE HALL

Seaton Village Hall will be holding a King's Coronation/ Fun day event on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**. Inside the hall there is a lunch box for the people of a certain age (pensioners) who want to watch the Coronation being shown on a big screen, there will be a children's drawing competition where the best "crown" drawing will receive a prize.

Outside there will be bouncy castles which includes the assault course. There will also be face painting, imagination parties, and super heroes on the field. Children will get sweets, crisps and a drink and a small

memento of the occasion. All of the above is free, and is being funded by Seaton Parish Council.

There will also be a food van, ice cream van and stalls where items can be purchased.

On 29<sup>th</sup> July we will be holding the second motorbike/ scooter show and in the evening a function inside the hall details will be advertised in the next Villager or look out for posters around the village.

## SEATON BOWLING CLUB

Seaton Bowling Club's annual Public Open Day will be held on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm. All welcome** to try lawn bowling, held behind the Village Hall, off Causeway Road. A pair of flat shoes required.

## THE VILLAGER

The May 2023 issue of 'The Villager' will be in church on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023**.

Please send items for inclusion to **seatonvillager@outlook.com** by **23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**.

There are currently 7 advertising spaces available on the back of 'The Villager'. Adverts in The Villager cost £30 per block per year. There are 10 issues a year so it is only £3 per issue. This is not only a good way to promote your business but also without this support we would not be able to fund printing costs 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 **seatonadverts@outlook.com**.

## FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection and the life"

### 1<sup>st</sup> March

Joyce Mustow (77)

*Low Seaton*

### 20<sup>th</sup> March

John Ray (85)

*Whitestiles*

William (Billy) Scott (87)

*Ling Road*

### 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Kathleen Donnelly (73)

*Peatfield Road*

### 31<sup>st</sup> March

Audrey Crellin (93)

*Formerly of Camerton*



## 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.

## Walking in the Light





God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But, if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.



## Let us pray

You have always shown us the way from darkness into the light. For those struggling now to see the light, we ask that You shine it a bit brighter in our world. Grant us all the grace to see a way forward through the present darkness through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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