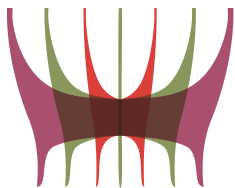
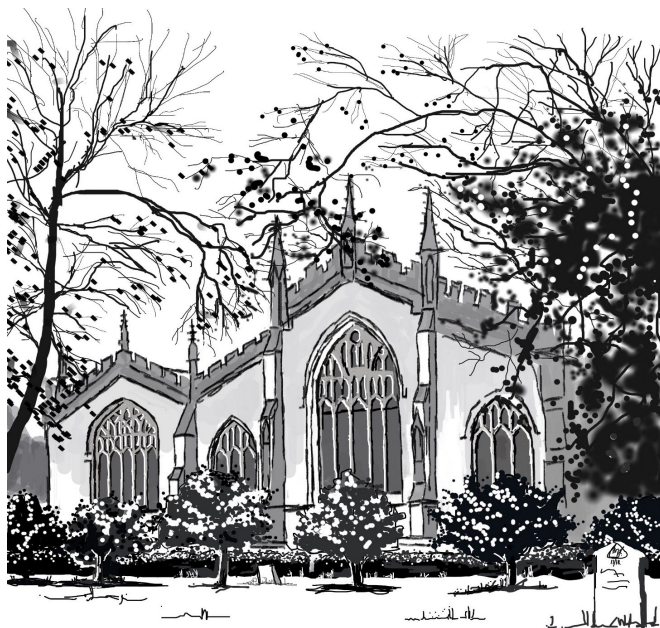


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Reflection from Lowther Park

Three of the most important dates in the Church's year occur later this month. Together **Ascension, Pentecost, and Trinity** connect the life of Jesus 2,000 years ago to the ongoing life of the Church today.

The Ascension, 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, marks his return to heaven, bringing to an end his physical ministry on earth and marking the beginning of his heavenly reign. He takes his place at the right hand of the Father, establishing his sovereignty and becoming the intercessor between earth and heaven. Ascension moves the work of the Gospel from Jesus to his disciples, who are tasked with being his "witnesses to the ends of the earth". The Kendal Deanery Ascension Day service will be held at St Peter's, Heversham on Thursday 14th May at 7.30 pm.

Pentecost (24th May), 50 Days after Easter and 10 days after the Ascension, fulfils the promise of the Father that he would send the Holy Spirit to guide and empower his followers. Pentecost is usually regarded as the official start (or birthday) of the Christian Church and its mission to the world. The Holy Spirit, descending on the disciples in wind and flame, replaces the physical presence of Jesus, providing guidance, strength and comfort to believers. The disciples suddenly become filled with power and confidence and the ability to preach a universal language of love in "tongues of fire".

Trinity (31st May), celebrated on the Sunday after Pentecost, establishes the core mystery of the Christian faith: the belief in one God existing as a perfect communion of three distinct persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - in one co-equal Godhead. The doctrine of the Trinity shows God as a community of love, rather than a solitary figure (though the word "Trinity" is not mentioned in the Bible). It highlights that creation by the Father, redemption through the Son and sanctification by the Holy Spirit are united acts of one God. This year we will be joined by members of other churches in our Mission Community as we host the service on Trinity Sunday, our patronal festival.

If you are able to attend all 3 services there is a powerful continuity to Ascension, Pentecost and Trinity. They move believers from witnessing the resurrection to living out the "kingdom on earth". God's mission still stands and endures today as we are called to actively participate in spreading the gospel message in the places where we live, work and move.

Every blessing

Ashley

Revd Ashley Henderson – secondment to South Lakes

From May Ashley will be on a part-time, temporary secondment helping the South Lakes Ministry Team (Windermere, Troutbeck, Ings, Staveley and Kentmere) following the departure of Revd James Richards. This is expected to be for a period of 6 months initially and will be similar to the temporary secondment he had when supporting the Western Dales Team at Sedbergh from Sept 2023 to Sept 2025. Just to clarify - he hasn't left KPC, he will still be here when not at South Lakes..... and he hasn't retired!

Christian Aid Week 10-16 May



The following personal memories of one of Christian Aid's key workers makes interesting reading.

Janet Lacey started her charitable career at the YWCA in Kendal.

Janet grew up in Sunderland and later Durham, the granddaughter of a Methodist minister.

After school and technical college, she briefly worked as an actor visiting poverty stricken pit villages but chose not to pursue acting any further.

In 1925, at the age of 22, she arrived in Kendal to train as a youth leader at the YWCA. She remained for six years using her drama skills at the YWCA youth club. From Kendal she moved to Dagenham to a YW/YMCA project.

In 1947, she became the field youth secretary for the British Council of Churches, where she was introduced to the World Council of Churches. Five years later, in 1952, she moved to British Church International Aid and lived in a basement flat of a BCC house in Sloane Square, London. In the upper storeys of the house lived Revd Kenneth Slack and his young family. Janet became a firm friend of the family and it was over dinner one night, during a discussion of a new name for the charity that 'Christian Aid' was decided on.

She commissioned Sydney Carter to write a hymn for Christian Aid which resulted in 'When I needed a Neighbour'.

Retiring from Christian Aid she became director of the Family Welfare Association. She was the first woman to preach at St Paul's and later Liverpool Cathedral. She was awarded a CBE in 1960.

In the late 1970s and early 80s the Revd Dr Kenneth Slack himself went on to become Director of Christian Aid.

Her friendship with the Slack family continued and she was a frequent visitor to their home in Ambleside. They continued to support her in her later life until she died in 1988 in a nursing home in Kensington.

Janet was a tough, autocratic lady who had a formidable presence despite being small in stature. Even her critics admired her compassion.

Kathy and Nick Slack



FELLas Men's Choir and Hutton Harmonies ladies' choir are giving a concert for Christian Aid at Sandylands Methodist Church on Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm. Conductor: Emily Robinson: Accompanist: Andy Plowman. The concert features a sparkling programme of accompanied and a cappella music, including classics, folk, pop, and modern pieces.

Tickets £10 (children £5) at the door, to include interval refreshments.

Cathedral Music Trust Oxford Weekend 2026

In March, along with some 120 other supporters, I spent a long weekend in Oxford at the National Gathering of the Cathedral Music Trust. Their CEO, Jonathan Mayes, had visited our Church on his fund-raising Cycle ride earlier in the year. It was a very busy and unique occasion in which we were privileged to visit places normally closed to the public. Friday began at Merton College, where TS Eliott and JR Tolkien had been Dons. We had a tour of the college and its fascinating Library of 1378; the oldest continuously functioning library in Britain where a collection of old documents with musical connections had been arranged for us. We left via a Quad where Magnolias were in full bloom and went into the college chapel to a recital by the Director of Music, Benjamin Nicholas, on their remarkable Dobson organ (built in Iowa USA in 2013 and donated by a rich American benefactor!) After tea and cake in their imposing Hall several of us went to evensong at The Queen's college (Walmsley, Darke, etc.) featuring its outstanding choir conducted by Prof Owen Rees. (This choir has occasionally sung at Grasmere Church, where Queen's holds the Living.) As the sun was setting we returned to Merton chapel for wine and a stunning concert by their superb College Choir which included pieces by Purcell, Howells, and Bob Chilcott, who was sitting quietly listening.

Saturday took us early to Christ Church Cathedral where we had been invited to observe the young boy choristers' rehearsal taken by Director of Music, Peter Holder. I was impressed by their warming up exercises and impeccable behaviour and discipline!!! Also their superb singing of difficult modern music by Mathew Martin, Gillian Weir and Nico Muhly which they were practising for the later concert and broadcast Evensong. Afterwards we had a tour of the wonderful college library where we saw the famous Taverner part books as well as 'Alice' memorabilia. (CS Lewis was a former student at the college). I must have looked weary as I was told to sit on one of their priceless Chippendale stools!!!

At lunchtime, we headed back to Magdalen College chapel for a terrific organ recital by the senior organ scholar of Christ Church, George Balfour playing Bach, Harvey, Dupre etc. As I sat in the choirstalls I thought of Jonathan Bielby looking at the same stained-glass windows when he was there as a boy Chorister.

Saturday afternoon featured a most fascinating talk at New College by Director of Music Prof Robert Quinney about the history of Evensong followed by delicious tea and cake in their Hall. In the evening we were back to Christ Church Cathedral for a truly special service: a 'three choirs'



Evensong featuring the combined choirs of Christ Church, New College and Magdalen in a programme of new music (composer Nico Muhly was present at the service) – a quite wonderful sound from about 50 children and 40 adults who delighted a packed cathedral, not a spare seat to be had. We then crossed Tom Quad up into Christ

Church Hall for a glass of bubbles on the grand staircase (featured in the Harry Potter films) and a formal Dinner in the remarkable college Hall – what a memorable occasion! (The College boat team, including 4 men who were due to row in the actual Boat Race for Oxford, were also dining at the back of the Hall.) Afterwards we all retired to lodgings with the sounds of sublime music and conversation ringing in our ears.

Sunday morning's Eucharist, at Magdalen started with a most beautiful Motet by Cecilia Mc Dowell and the gripping Langlais setting of Messe Solennelle. Lunch followed and then we heard a talk and demonstration of the splendid German Herman Eule organ (2023) by the Director of Music Mark Williams. On Sunday afternoon we visited the University Church on the High, where a year ago I had read a lesson at my Brother's Memorial service, rather a poignant return for me. After a farewell reception back in New College Hall, Evensong featured the delight of hearing the Howell's New College service in the chapel for which it was written – A fitting conclusion to a wonderful (if exhausting) weekend, where we had listened to some of the best Choirs in England, visited amazing buildings and met some inspiring musicians. Long may Church music enrich our worship, and our organists and choristers continue to be encouraged and supported by this worthwhile Trust. Please do look at their website.

Janet Thompson

Church Quiz No. 16



Last month's picture was a carved "W" on a pillar in the Parr chapel just to the right of William Parr's tomb.

Visitors to church have mistakenly asked if they could see "The witches mark" and have been disappointed to find that it is not the case here.

It is in fact nothing more sinister than a mason mark which was quite a common site during early church and castle constructions.

They can be found in both the north and south aisles of the church and were made to distinguish the work of the individual tradesman.

He would leave his personal mark on his pieces in order to distinguish his work and get correctly paid for it.

This method of payment would have been the basis for what is now commonly known as "piecework"

This Month's Picture



KEPCEA (Kendal Parish Church Environmental Action)

RECYCLING

We're used to putting cardboard, paper, tins, bottles, plastics and garden waste into the recycling boxes, bins and bags that the Council provide.

But you probably find that there are still things that you put into the general bin because you don't know what else to do with them!

So here are some other ways of recycling that you might not know about.

SOFT PLASTICS

Things like bread bags, sandwich bags etc. If you save them up then you can now recycle these at Aldi, Sainsburys and Booths.

FREecycle

This is an organisation that has groups all over the country. You sign up and if you have something that still has some life in it you advertise it. People then contact you via the site and come and collect it.

Half a tin of paint left over – someone might be needing just half a tin.

The rabbit hutch you no longer need; some timber you don't need; lots of odd things people will often take.

COMPOSTING

I have one of those plastic 'dalek' type compost bins. It is sited near my kitchen door, in semi shade. Into it goes all my peelings, tea bags, soft prunings, leaves, dead flowers, weeds. Every now and then I put half a watering can of water onto it. If your compost is too dry it won't decompose. At the end of the year I take the 'dalek' off, put stuff that it not composted enough to one side and use the rest to mulch my garden and top up my pots. It is worth having a go. No need to faff around turning stuff.....

CHARITY SHOPS

Don't forget that the Charity shops will often be very happy to take things you no longer need – a type of recycling.

Linda Hunter



Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem

Many folk my age suffer from 'Anecdotis'. Repeating experiences from their past to Friends and Family. Sadly I am one of them.

However I thought this one may interest readers.

For my son's Gap year he worked for six months on a banana Kibbutz in Israel. At the end I joined him for a couple of weeks and using H V Morton's book 'In The Steps of the Master' as a guide we visited many places connected with the birth, life and death of Jesus. We were warned to get to the Grotto, the traditional place of his birth in the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, early as it was very popular! So we did and were there alone. However we were asked to wait until the cleaners had finished. Eventually two nuns appeared carrying mops, buckets and brushes. They said it was now ok to go down into the Grotto. On the right, set in the floor, was a large gold star indicating the birth place and on the right a stable area. It was awesome for the two of us to be there alone in the traditional birthplace of Jesus. Then a clergyman appeared followed by an excited group of American tourists. He explained the layout to them and they took photos and individuals said a prayer over the star and some kissed it. We quietly stood by waiting to leave. Their leader asked if we were tourists and where from. We explained from the UK, Anglicans. He told us it was his intention to hold a brief communion service before it got busy and we were welcome to join them. So in the birthplace of Jesus we had Communion. What a privilege and blessing. Of all the many places I have received communion over the years this is the one I hold most dear.

David Donnison

Revd Prof. and Mrs Ian James

Sue and Ian extend a huge thank you for all the good wishes, cards, prayers, contributions to the KTC1000 fund, help and support which they received from so many people on such a very memorable Easter Day wedding.



As one who was present it was indeed a most memorable and special day and we all thank you for letting us share in it.
Editor.



Stronger Together for Dementia Support

A Community Information & Wellbeing Event

Saturday 23rd May
Parish Hall, Kendal
10:00am – 3:30pm



Across Cumbria, many families are affected by dementia. This special event brings together local organisations, health services, and community groups to provide information, advice, and practical support. **Whether you are living with dementia, caring for a loved one, or simply want to learn more, you are warmly invited to attend.**

On the day you can enjoy support groups such as:

- Age UK
- Temple Heelis Solicitors
- Holdens Solicitors
- Anna Chaplaincy
- Heron Hill Care Home
- Carers Support South Lakes
- The Resilience Team
- Sight Advice South Lakes
- Signing in Mind
- St Mary's - Dementia Support
- Health Watch
- Stroke Support
- Just Company

Working Together for Our Community

This event is proudly organised by Home Instead and Lions International, two organisations passionate about supporting people living with dementia and raising awareness in the community. By bringing services together in one place, we hope to show that support is available and no one has to face dementia alone.

**For more information call
01539 267220**



Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The APCM will be held on Sunday 10th May at 11.00am

(NB. No Gathering Service that day).

Christianity Explored -

Starting Monday 18th May from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. Join us for seven conversations exploring WHO life is all about. Over seven sessions "Christianity Explored" wanders through the Gospel of Mark, thinking about who Jesus is, why he came and what it means for us today. Please talk to Rev. Andy Ward for details about how to join the course.



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Summer 2026

SUNDAYS AT 4

- May**
3rd **Come and be a Chorister Choral Evensong**
Kendal Choristers and KPC Choir
- 17th** **Prayers for Peace**
- Choral Evensong for the Ascension**
(NB. at St. Mary's, Windermere)
Kendal Choristers
- 24th** **Choral Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost**
KPC Choir
- 31st** **Choral Evensong for the Feast of the Holy Trinity**
(Patronal Festival)
Kendal Choristers
- June**
7th **Music for the Feast of Corpus Christi**
The Ladies of KPC Choir
- July**
12th **Prayers for Peace**
- 19th** **3.30pm Choral Evensong (NB. at Cartmel Priory)**
Choirs of Cartmel Priory and Kendal Parish Church
- August**
23rd **Prayers for Peace**

ALL WELCOME



HOLY TRINITY
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FRIDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

April - July 2026
12.30 - 1.15 pm

- April 17 Nigel Spooner Blackburn
May 1 Andy Plowman Kendal
May 15 David Pipe Huddersfield Town Hall
May 29 Music for 2 organs Jonathan
Bielby & Andy Plowman Kendal
June 12 Karen Au Kirkham
June 26 Philip Crozier Montreal, Canada
July 10 Ian Pattinson Lancaster Priory

Admission free. Retiring collection.
Proceeds to Organ Restoration Fund

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Sunday Services in May

Sunday 3rd

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
11.15am The Gathering, Café Style
4.00pm Evensong

Sunday 10th

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
11.00am NO GATHERING - APCM

Sunday 17th

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
11.15am The Gathering

Sunday 24th

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Morning Prayer, with Baptism
11.15am The Gathering, with Communion
4.00pm Evensong

Sunday 31st

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am Mission Community Communion Service
11.15am The Gathering
4.00pm Evensong

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Communion (CW)
The Gathering, Café Style
Evensong

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Communion (CW)
NO GATHERING - APCM

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion (BCP)
Parish Communion (CW)
The Gathering

Pentecost

Holy Communion (BCP)
Morning Prayer, with Baptism
The Gathering, with Communion
Evensong

Trinity

Holy Communion (BCP)
Mission Community Communion Service
The Gathering
Evensong

From the Registers

Baptism

April 12th Harvey Curwen

Wedding

April 5th Ian James and Sue Charnley

Funerals

April 2nd Peter Gardner

April 8th Joyce Savory

Thank you very much to all who have contributed to this magazine. We would love to include your articles, notices, funny stories etc in future magazines. Do let us know if you would like any help or advice with articles.

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