

St Bees Priory Church

The Ministry Team

Priest in Charge

The Revd Clifford Swartz (01946 822279)

Retired Clergy with the Bishop's Permission to Officiate:

The Revd David Cox (01946) 821601

The Revd Canon Dr Trevor Park (01946) 821799

Lay Readers

Chris & Charm Robson (01946) 822468

Services

Sundays

9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	(1st, 3rd & 5th - 1662)
10.30 a.m.	Family Service	
6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	

See Calendar for details of Family Services and Evening Prayer

N.B. This pattern may vary at particular seasons of the year. See magazine calendar. The sacrament of baptism is administered at the main service and must be arranged well in advance with the Vicar..

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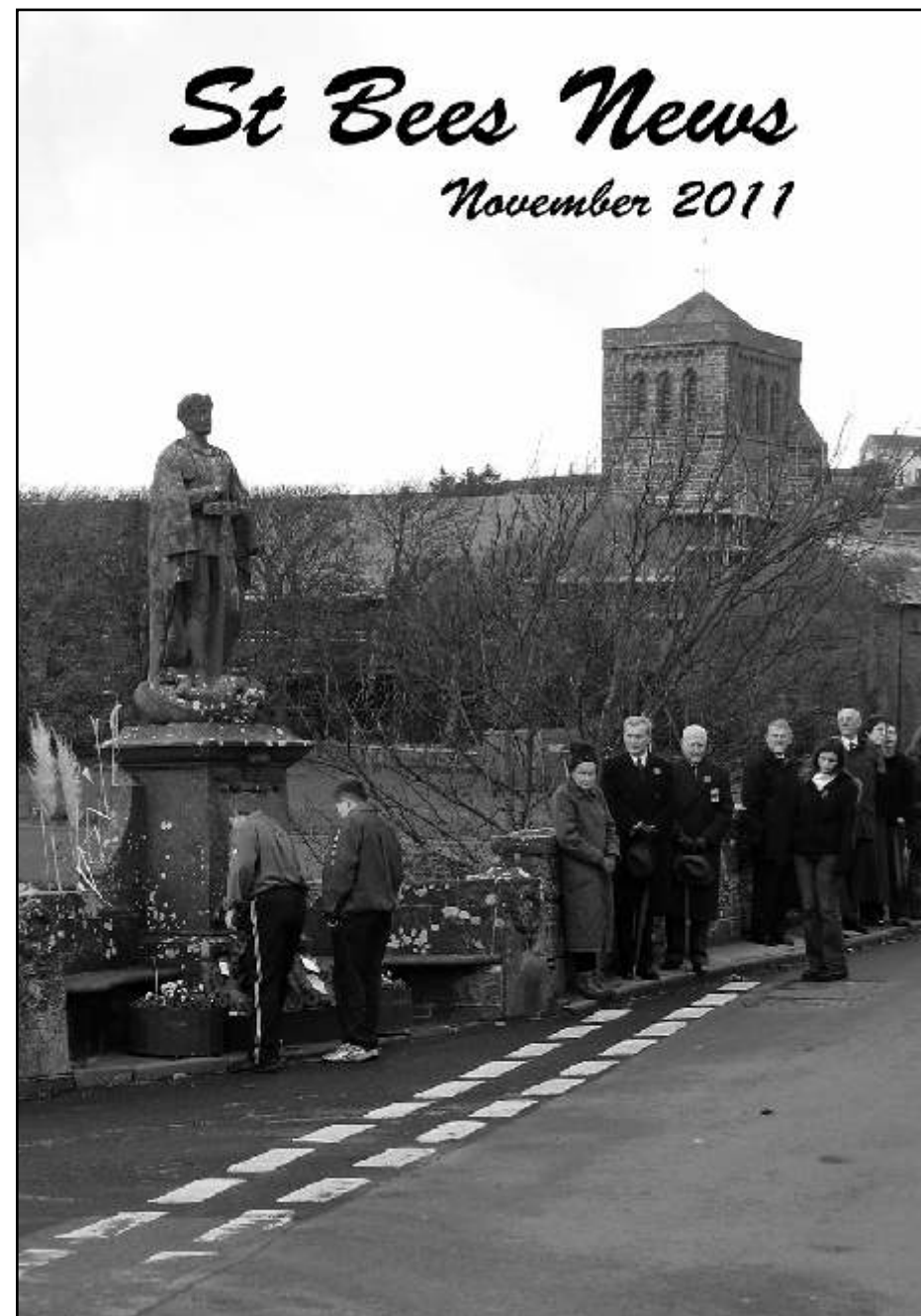
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St Bees Parish ABC

Area Visitor / Good Neighbour Scheme	The parish is divided into 30 small areas each with an official Church Visitor whose task is to welcome and help people in the name of the Priory. Co-ordinator - M Westhead (Tel. 822674).	Funeral Director	in the Village is Malcolm Reid (Tel. 822217).
Arts Society	meets every two months on the last Wednesday of the month at the St Bees Management Centre at 8.00 p.m. Details from Dilys Brownrigg (822584) or Alan Hawkins (822330)	Garden Society	Details from Mark Hewertson, (Tel. 019467 841325). Flower Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in August.
Bellringing	The Priory has a ring of 8 bells. Those interested in ringing or learning to ring, contact D Sim, 31 Main Street. Practice Wednesdays, 8.00 p.m. Sundays, ring at 10.00 a.m. and Evensong by arrangement.	Guides	meet in New College Hall on Mondays from 6.15 - 8.00 p.m. For further details please contact Lucy Scott (Tel. 821755).
Bridge Club	meets on Tuesday at 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. & Friday afternoons at 1.45 for 2.00 p.m. in Bigrigg Hall. Mike Brewer (Tel 019467 25835).	Library	is at the Village School (Tel. 822219), Tuesdays from 1.30 - 6.00 p.m. & Fridays from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Brownies	meet in New College Hall on Tuesday evenings. Details from Amanda Smith 823933.	Local History	Research on the Priory and the village continues. Details from History Group (Ian McAndrew - Tel. 822326 or Chris Robson Tel. 822468).
Cubs & Scouts	Cubs , Cubs, for children aged 8 - 10, meet on Thursdays, 6.30 - 8pm in the Youth Centre. Details from Sarah Servant (tel 01946 729687) Scouts meet on Tuesdays from 7.15 - 8.45pm in the Youth Centre. Details from Mike Greene, Fairladies, 102 Main Street (824302).	Methodist Church	Sunday Service & Sunday School is at 11.00 a.m. Family Service on the second Sunday.
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.30 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).	Over 60's Club	meets in Hodgett's Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Mrs M Brannon Tel. 822541.
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. They are John Kennedy (Tel. 822297), Rosalie McAndrew (Tel.822326), Derek McGee, & Wendy Mellor.	Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Couderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, e.mail pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk, who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
Cumberland Morris Men	meet on alternate Thursdays in Hodgett's Club. Contact Neil Bettinson, 22 Main Street, for details of these and of the Traditional Mummings.	Parochial Church Council	meets 10 times a year. Elections for 20 members are held in March at the A.P.C.M. Its task is to spearhead the mission and ministry of the church in the Parish. PCC Secretary - D McGee, E-mail - dm.mcgee@btinternet.com
Electoral Roll	is the list of all church members qualified to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. E.R. forms are available in church, to be returned to the Priory.	Pre-School	meets in the new building next to the Village School, 5 mornings a week. For children 2 years 9 months +. Contact Pre-School on 823880.
Finance	The Church Treasurer is Dr Geoff Burgess, 7 Abbey Farm, St Bees, Tel. 824416, who will gladly explain our Christian Giving system.	Prayer Group	meets on Thursdays from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. in New College Hall . All denominations welcome.
First Responders	provide an immediate Basic Life Support in association with the Cumbria Ambulance Service. Contact Phil Buxton 821176 or Andy Brock 823497.	Priory Fellowship	meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. Details from Gill Richardson, 822394.
Football Association	Contacts - Seniors Dale Jackson 823631 & Tony Barnett 590640. Juniors (U-12) - Alec Morton 823992 & Alastair Billson.	Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Details from Hugh Turpin (Tel. 828066).
Freemasons	St Bega Lodge meet 7:00 p.m. On 2nd Wed of each month, Village Hall. Details: 01946 64275 or www.cumbwestmasons.co.uk	St Bees Triers	Triathlon Club meets Seacroft House 7pm Thursday contact Andy Brock (Tel. 823497).
Friends of the Priory	assists in the conservation of the Priory and encourages interest in its historical and architectural heritage. Contact Philip Barratt or Tom Rice, Treasurer, Green Ghyll, Greendykes, Egremont.	Sunday School	for ages 3 - 11 meets during Morning Service New College Hall, at 10.30 a.m. Contact - Rosalie McAndrew (822326).
		Toddler Group	meets every Thursday, in term time only, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in Adams Recreation Centre. Details from Rachel Walker (825823) or Ann James (820957).
		Village School Association	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - via School - Tel. 822392.
		Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
		Village in Bloom	Details from Eileen B Todd, Chairman, 14 Main Street. St.Bees (Tel 822522).
		Village Web Site	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is http://www.stbees.org.uk

Calendar for November

6	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Family Communion
		2 to 4.00 p.m.	Hospice Flower arranging & Tea, Seacote
7	Monday	7.00 p.m.	Firework Display at St Bees School
9	Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	<i>The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew</i> , St Bees School
10	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	<i>The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew</i> , St Bees School
		7.00 p.m.	Prayers for Peace, Calderbridge Church
11	Friday	3 to 6.00 p.m.	Multi-Charity Christmas Sale, New College Hall
12	Saturday	10 to 6.00 p.m.	Multi-Charity Christmas Sale, New College Hall
13	Remembrance Sunday	10.15 a.m.	Parade, War Memorial
		10.45 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday: Priory Service
		11.45 to 1.00 p.m.	Multi-Charity Christmas Sale, New College Hall
14	Monday	7.30 p.m.	PCC Meeting, New College Hall
15	Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	Priory Fellowship, NCH
16	Wednesday	10.30-12.00	NSPCC Coffee Morning, Village Hall
18	Friday	7.30 p.m.	Pre-School Christmas Fair, Village School
19	Saturday	10 to 6.00 p.m.	St Bees Arts Society Winter Exhibition, NCH
20	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Family Communion
		12- 4.30 p.m.	St Bees Arts Society Winter Exhibition, NCH
23	Wednesday	8.00 p.m.	Arts Society, Business Centre
25	Friday	7.00 p.m.	Will Sim Mountaineering lecture, Business Centre
27	Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
		4.00 p.m.	Advent Carol Service
29	Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	History Group Talks, NCH
Calendar for December			
1	Thursday	7.30 p.m.	St Bees School Concert in the Priory
6	Tuesday	7 p.m.	RNLI Annual Carol Service (Whitehaven Brass Band and St Bees Village School), Lifeboat Station
16	Friday		End of Village School Term

December Editor

The December 2011 issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Phil Barratt, 16 Finkle Street, St Bees**, who would appreciate all contributions not later than **Tuesday, 8 November** please.
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St Bees News

November 2011

From the Vicar

Anglican preacher George Whitefield explained that peace within results from “coming clean” before God. Below are excerpts from his sermon on Jeremiah 6:14, preached a hundred miles away, which I encourage for reflection as we begin Advent this month.

“Peace, peace, when there is no peace.”

We are all desirous of peace; peace is an unspeakable blessing; how can we live without peace? What must be wrought in [people], before they can speak peace to their hearts?

First, you must be made to see, made to feel, made to weep over, your actual transgressions against the law of God. ‘The soul that sinneth shall die;’ We are not only to do some things, but we are to do all things, and we are to continue so to do...Before you can speak peace to your hearts, you must be brought to see, brought to believe, what a dreadful thing it is to depart from the living God.

Conviction must go deeper; you must [see] the foundation of all your transgressions. I mean original sin...which renders us liable to God's wrath...‘O! who will deliver me from this body of death,’ this indwelling corruption in my heart? This is that which disturbs a poor soul most.

You must not only be troubled for the sins of your life, the sin of your nature, but likewise for the sins of your best duties and performances. As Adam and Eve hid themselves among the trees of the garden, and sewed fig leaves together to cover their nakedness, so the poor sinner, when awakened, flies to his duties and to his performances, to hide himself from God, and goes to patch up a righteousness of his own. Says he, “I will be mighty good now...I will reform...I will do all I can; God hates [such deeds], if you bring them to him in order to recommend you to his favor. My dear friends, what is there in our performances to recommend us unto God?”

There must be a deep conviction before you can be brought out of your self-righteousness; it is the last idol taken out of our heart.

‘Come,’ says Jesus, ‘unto me, all ye that are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.’ This speaks encouragement to all that are weary and heavy laden; but the promise of rest is made to them only upon their coming and believing, and taking him to be their God and their all.

Is God your friend? Is Christ your friend? Then, look up with comfort; all is yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's. Everything shall work together for your good; the very hairs of your head are numbered; the apple of God's eye.

[Having] peace with God, if you are under trials, fear not, all things shall work for your good; if you are under temptations, fear not, if he has spoken peace to your hearts, all these things shall be for your good.

Whitefield spoke powerfully of sin and grace in an age in which Christianity was largely rejected by the general population -- his listeners were gripped by his sermons because they saw the truth of their own lives as he explained the Bible. May we likewise experience this peace through the Gospel!
Clifford Swartz

Priory News

Remembrance Sunday: The service at the Priory will start at 10.45 a.m. on Sunday 13 November. Before the service there will be a Church Parade of Scouts and Cubs, Guides and brownies, joined by ex-servicemen and RNLI crew members. The Parade will meet at the War Memorial near Beck Edge garden at 10.15 a.m. for a short wreath-laying ceremony and then to the Memorial near the lych-gate. All are invited to attend.

Peace Vigil. The Prayers for Peace service organised by Egremont & District Churches Together, will be held in Calderbridge Church at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 10 November by Rev. Lois Fulker.

Harvest Thanks

Many sincere thanks to everyone for your generous contributions to a beautiful Harvest festival - the flower-arrangers, gardeners and farmers, donors of produce, children with their decorated boxes, plus choristers and orchestra, and of course the bakers and servers!

Special thanks to the Brownies and the Sunday School for their delightful poems and songs.

Everyone enjoyed the buffet lunch in the Priory and the arty-crafty activities. Thanks to Helen Taylor for devising the tricky Quiz (well done to the Brownie trio on discovering not 2, but 4 carved angels on the organ), to the Walker family for providing the funny veggie-beastie activity, which entertained us all, and to Catriona Harris who had the older children absorbed in leaf-weaving.

Grateful thanks are due to the Area Visitors for their invaluable help in packing and delivering 70 harvest gifts around the parish, to Care Homes and folk in hospital.

Foodbank Donations This year larger packets and tins were kept for the North Lakes Foodbank – a crisis resource for families in distress. These will be added to the contributions from the two schools in St Bees at their Harvest Services (in the Priory on the Friday before midterm - 21 October).

Harvest Thanksgiving collections These raised £198 for the Bishop's Harvest Appeal, this year directed towards two farming projects. Both are dedicated to "better harvests" - operated by Christian Aid in Egypt and TEAR Fund in Uganda with new drought-resistant seeds and techniques.

Advent in the Priory. A special Advent Service of carols & readings will be held on Advent Sunday at 4.00 p.m. on 30 November.

Sincere Sympathy is extended to Mrs Jean Smith of the Crofts on the sad loss of her dear husband Alan who died in October after a long illness. Keeping the family in our thoughts.

Priory Paddock - And the waters rose and covered the earth.

Anyone who visited the Paddock over the summer will be aware that the water level in the central well, or "monks' laver", had risen until it had overflowed and flooded the surrounding cobbled area. The well is spring fed, and the problem clearly lay in a blockage in the outfall, which flows away into the pond via an underground pipe. As it was soon discovered that the actual outfall was clear, it seemed probable that the pipe had become blocked by roots penetrating from the rampant growth around the pond. In the absence of any plans, it was assumed that the pipe took the direct route from the well to the pond, a distance of some ten feet beneath the boardwalk, and so a working party met, complete with drain rods. With eight drain rods connected - twenty feet and in theory enough to reach the middle of the pond - no obstruction had been met, and the water level had not moved!

It was now clear that the pipe did not take the direct route to the pond, so divining rods were resorted to, and after much trampling of vegetation the pipe was eventually traced in a long semicircle from the well to a point in the pond beside the drive. A trial trench revealed the end of the pipe buried deep amongst the matted roots of horsemint, which were causing the obstruction. The well is now flowing smoothly once more, and the end of the pipe is now marked with a post so that it will not become lost again!

Neil Bettinson



Hospice at Home at Seacote Hotel

Christmas Flower Arranging Demonstration by Whitehaven Flower Arrangers Club on Sunday 6 November from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

Flowers donated by the Flower Basket. Admission £5, including Afternoon Tea. Cake Stall and Raffle too. All welcome.

St Bees School Sports Fixtures at Home

Saturday 5	1st & 2nd XV's Rugby & U15 v Dame Allan's, Newcastle	11.00 a.m.
Saturday 19	U15, U13 XV's Rugby v QEGS Penrith	1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 30	School House v Grindal House	2.30 p.m.

All other Rugby and Hockey Home matches will be held at Cleator Moor Astro Ground.

Old College Hall project

Fund raising for old College Hall project is well underway with applications currently being submitted to WREN, Copeland Community Fund and CWMET. If we are successful in our bids to all three for the full amounts, that would raise around £107,000, to add to the £65,000 from English Heritage and £1,500 promised by Friends of the Priory. We also have several hundred pounds, raised by individuals and groups in the village, to add to the total amount required - £187,000.

So what do we hope to achieve?

- ♦A new roof thus stopping current leaks from at least 4 places and new ones developing
- ♦Old unappealing and patchwork paintwork removed and where appropriate, original sandstone exposed
- ♦New efficient lighting system which will enhance the appearance of the hall
- ♦New heating system, probably gas fired, depending on advice from energy survey
- ♦New furniture & storage area for items not in use
- ♦Staging (portable so also useable in church), lighting and audio visual facilities
- ♦Display boards for art, photographic, history & other displays

In short, a multiple function hall, restored to its 1800s splendour, for use by the church and community for music recitals, drama, lectures, displays and social events.

See www.stbees.org.uk/priory_project for full details.

Would you and your friends and colleagues like to help with fund raising? If you do, contact Ian & Rosalie McAndrew (822326). Fund raising ideas welcome!

Social Fund Raising Events for the Old College appeal

If you would like to host a fund raiser, why not try offering a Lunch or Tea or Dinner for friends in your home? This scheme has worked well for charities.

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Love and prayers

Our love and prayers for healing and comfort go out to all who are ill at home or in hospital.

We remember Olaug Park, Audrey Broughton, Betty Robertson, Margaret Lorimer, Scott Woods and Fred Singleton. Our thoughts are with Evelyn Barwise of Lansmere, Seaview; Peter Lowe of Peckmill in hospital; and Bob Wilson of Nethertown Road, recuperating at home.

Our thoughts are with you all.



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Christmas Greetings

As in past years we will again be printing a centre spread of Christmas Greetings in the December magazine. If you would like to be included please send your greetings and donation (minimum £10) to Ian and Rosalie McAndrew (822326) or leave in the Post Office (Greeting and cash/cheque in an envelope please).

These must be received no later than Saturday 19 November.

Proceeds will be split between St Bees Priory and the Children's Society unless requested otherwise. Cheques should be made out to St Bees Priory or the Children's Society.

Save the cost and time of sending cards - why not send your Christmas message to all your friends in St Bees via the magazine. All in a good cause, two causes in fact!



Have you returned the questionnaire?

Thanks to everyone who has already completed and returned the short questionnaire included in the centre pages of the October St. Bees News. If you have not returned yours yet, can I ask that you take a couple of minutes to fill it in now. You can drop the completed forms in at 31 Main Street, the village school or the library. We really want to hear your views about your priorities for the village so that we can fix the things you care about most and make St. Bees an even better place to live. The summarised results will be in a future edition of this magazine.

Sean Moules on behalf of St. Bees Parish Council

Santa comes to St Bees

This year the St. Bees Parish Council is joining forces with the St. Bees RNLI to "launch" the Village Christmas Festivities. This has been organised for early evening on Tuesday 6th December and will involve, amongst other things:-

- * Santa passing through the Village in a traditional form of transport!
- * Ceremonial lighting of the Christmas tree lights.
- * Distribution of "goodies" to children.
- * Festive music

Santa will then continue to the Lifeboat station for the traditional Carol Service, Brass Band, Raffle and Mulled wine.

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News From St Bees School

We have had a busy start to the Christmas term and can't believe that so much has happened in such a short time. At the end of September the Headmaster, Mr. Philip Capes announced his retirement from the School at the end of the current academic year and the Governors have commenced the process to recruit a new Headmaster or Headmistress to take over the headship at the start of the Christmas term 2012. Mr. Capes joined St. Bees in 2000 and following 12 years at the School will be looking forward to moving down to Devon with his wife, Helen.

Dates for your diary are:

7 November, Fireworks Display and Refreshments, 7.00 p.m. – Tickets are currently on sale at the Village School and from our Main School Reception. Single tickets are £3 and family tickets (2 adults and 2 children) are £10.

Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 November, the Junior Drama – The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew by Robert Bolt. Curtain up at 7.30 p.m. – all welcome.

Friday the 11 November at 10.45 a.m. – the annual Act of Remembrance at the School's War memorial.

Saturday 12 November, St. Bees School Family Association in association with the School's Charity Committee – Coffee Morning at St. Nicholas Church, Whitehaven.

Monday 28 November, Music Scholarship Auditions – further information regarding the auditions and also our forthcoming 11+ and 13+ entrance examinations can be obtained from Jane Hawley, Registrar on 01946 828010.

St Bees School Swimming Pool

St Bees School is open to the public, including midterm, and is operating a holiday timetable as well.

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Parish Council News

Traffic Issues

The Traffic Calming Committee set up by the parish council has now recommended some further measures to help traffic safety in the village. These include a new section of pavement from the village school entrance on Outrigg to Hillside together with gateway features at the top of Outrigg as well as measures to reduce the speed of traffic entering the village along Egremont Rd. The recommendations have been accepted by the parish council who will now be looking at ways of financing these improvements. The new chicane by Barony House was achieved by the parish council contributing to a joint funding package and the parish council will be looking at similar opportunities to progress these further measures.

Parking Enforcement

New enforcement arrangements are to be introduced shortly and the parish council will be working with Cumbria Highways to identify areas where parked vehicles are causing a danger to other road users by obstructing junctions and limiting visibility. If you know of particular problem areas, please contact the Parish Clerk - pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk

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- 1) Find an empty shoebox
 - 2) Wrap the lid and box separately in Christmas paper
 - 3) Decide if your gift is for a Boy or Girl
 - 4) Fill your box with gifts
 - 5) Drop off your shoebox at the Priory by **Sunday 13 November**
- Leaflets at the back of Priory or call Sue 01946 822464 for more information.

<p>Fairladies Barn Guest House Main Street, St Bees Family run Guest House Fully Licenced Beer Garden to the rear Small parties catered for by arrangement Tel. (01946) 822718 E-mail - info@fairladiesbarn.co.uk</p>	<p>Lamberlea Pond & Garden Centre, Nethertown Aquariums and Tropical Fish Coldwater Fish, Pond Plants & Pumps Shrubs, Trees, Alpines Roses, Heathers, Herbs Tel 01946 820536 www.lamberlea.co.uk</p>
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News from the Village School

Diary Dates

Monday, 7 November		Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes to be in school ready for collection during this week
	7.00 p.m.	Firework Display at St Bees School
Tuesday, 8 November	7.00 p.m.	Governors Meeting
Friday, 18 November	7.30 p.m.	Pre-School Christmas Fair in school hall
Tuesday, 6 December		RNLI Concert at the Lifeboat Station
Wednesday, 14 December		Christmas Dinner Day
Friday, 16 December	1.30 p.m.	School closes for Christmas holiday

News from Christ Church in Vienna, Austria

In the Crossways magazine from this Anglican Church attended by David & Anne Hope, we read of their Assistant Curate Rev. Jady (J.D.!) Koch who just happens to be a friend and colleague of our Vicar Cliff Swartz, having trained together.

Christ Church is a truly cosmopolitan centre of worship serving Bratislava, Innsbruck, Klagenfurt, Ljubljana and Zagreb. Regular church members include not only folk from Austria and Germany but also Italy, France, Nigeria and Sri Lanka, to name a few!

Christ Church Hero - The October edition tells the amazing story of the wartime priest, the Rev. Hugh Grimes who saved the lives of hundreds of desperate Austrian Jews facing persecution by the Nazis, by baptising them as Christians, to help them flee the country.

An almost unknown "Schindler's List" story until it was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 series "Document" on 8 August this year. He was Chaplain of Christ Church which being the British Embassy Chapel, gave Rev Grimes diplomatic status.

His plan helped as many as 1800 Jews escape the extermination camps.

Priory Flower Rota

November

6	Mrs M. Thurlwell	13	Remembrance Sunday
20	Flower Fund	27	Advent No flowers
4, 11, 18 December	- Advent - No flowers	25	Christmas Mrs P. Crichton

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Grassroots

Many thanks to Hilda Cowman and the residents of Sandwith North and Lanehead for their donation of £90 towards magazine costs.

St Bees Arts Society will meet on Wednesday 23 November at 8 p.m. in the St Bees Management Centre. The lecturer will be Francis Milner, formerly Head of Art Galleries Education for Liverpool. His subject will be **Venice Perceived** 1400-1900 – a look at the way artists from Bellini to Monet, with many others in between, have depicted that beautiful city. For further information see our website stbees.org.uk/organisations/arts.htm

The National Blood Service will be holding sessions in our area during the month of November 2011. Please call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment.
14 November - Whitehaven Central
Civic Hall, Whitehaven. 14:00 - 19:00
24 November - Cleator Moor
Civic Hall, Cleator Moor. 15:00 - 19:00

St Bees Village History Group Next meeting on Tuesday 29th November at 7.30 p.m. New College Hall.

Remembering the past. The main focus of the evening will be two talks. Bob Jopling will explain the curious stories that are connected with some of those in the village who died in the two World Wars.

Then Ian McAndrew, Ian Hill and Chris Robson will give some medical and historical answers to the question “How did Anthony de Lucy (St Bees Man) die?”

This is an open meeting, all are welcome to attend. Refreshments served - Wine and Nibbles. Members free; guests £3.

St Bees Pre-School Christmas Fayre will be held on Friday 18th November, 7:30 till 10 p.m. in St Bees Village School Hall. Come along and do your Christmas shopping early! Stalls selling jewellery, plants, cards, Fairtrade toys and gifts, Dresses & Dreams, St Bees Hair Salon & Sereno, nearly new toys, and delicious cakes! £1.50 entry includes glass of mulled wine/tea/coffee. Tickets in advance from Pre-School or on the door. Contact Sophie Wrigley (824165) or Ann James (820957).

Arts Society Winter Exhibition (Art and Craft for Christmas) will be held in the New College Hall on Saturday 19 November between 10 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. and on Sunday 20 November between 12.00 and 4.30 p.m.. Come along, it is free entry, to have a look at a range of prints, photographs, cards and crafts, as well as a large number of original paintings and sculpture produced by local artists, different from last year, but a welcoming cup of tea or coffee is again on offer. Local artists and craft workers who would like to be involved should phone Chris Robson on 01946 822468 for details and an application form.

Priory Fellowship - next meeting will be on 15 November at 7 30 p.m. in New College Hall. Our speaker will be a representative from the charity Give us A Break talking about the work they do. All welcome.

Priory Concert The Autumn Concert by St Bees School will be on Thursday 1 December at 7.30 p.m. in the Priory. Retiring collection for the School's charities. All welcome.

Grassroots

Welcome to Stuart and Anne Charnley, recently moved into Fleatham Farm.

Whitehaven Brass Band and St Bees Village School are holding their Annual Carol Service at the Lifeboat Station at 7.00 p.m. on 6 December. All welcome!

Best Wishes and Bon Voyage to several local people setting off on various expeditions:- geography graduate Ruth Taylor of Abbeyvale going to Nepal to study glacier levels at Everest Base camp, with geologists; to Andrew King of Abbey Road leaving for Tasmania to research oceanic climate change on fisheries for his PhD; & to Rev David Cox returning to Malaysia after 9 years to revisit missionary friends and colleagues during the next 5 weeks.

St Bees School Drama The Junior Drama “The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew” will be performed in the

Memorial Hall on 2 evenings – Wednesday 9 & Thursday 10 November at 7.30 p.m. All welcome to attend.

Congratulations to Neville and Gweneth Denson on their Golden Wedding Anniversary in October – a wonderful “half-century” for the cricket aficionado and quipping subscriber to this publication and his lovely wife of the harmonious melody and nifty quickstep! Hope you enjoyed your “Anniversary Waltz” on the cruise ship in the Med.

The St Bees NSPCC Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday 16 November from 10.30 a.m. – 12.00 noon at the Hodgetts Club – St Bees Village Hall. Admission £1.00 (Children Free). Attractions include Raffles, Prizes & Grocery Hamper, Bring & Buy Stall, Produce Stall. All welcome!

Will Sim Lecture - St Bees Management Centre **Friday 25 November at 7.00 p.m.**

Will is one of the UK's best climbers and will be talking about his adventures and how he got where he is today.

Refreshments available.

Tickets £2.50 in advance, £3.50 at the door.

Available from Karen Greene (824302),
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