

## St Bees Priory Church

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## St Bees Parish A B C

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<b>Over 60's Club</b>	meets in Hodgett's Club on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Gill Richardson Tel. 822394.
<b>Parish Council</b>	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Coulderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, email pc-clerk@stbees.org.uk, who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
<b>Parochial Church Council</b>	meets 10 times a year. Elections 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 - r.e.rendell@gmail.com, 07977 096426.
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<b>Prayer Group</b>	Currently not meeting. Contact Susan Sanderson for information.
<b>Priory Singers</b>	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. Details from Frank Bowler. (01946) 825307.
<b>Priory Web Site</b>	The Priory web site has up to date information on the ministry team, church services and activities. See <a href="http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk">http://www.stbeespriory.org.uk</a>
<b>Rangers</b>	meet on alternate Mondays from 7.00 – 8.30 p.m. in NCH. Contact calderdivision@gmail.com for info on your nearest unit of Brownies .& Guides. New Rainbows unit starts in Bigrigg on Mondays.
<b>Seagalls</b>	meets first Tuesday of month at 7.30pm in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Judith 07772523742
<b>St Bees Triers</b>	Friendly running club for all abilities. Every Thursday 6pm & 7pm. Email running@triers.uk Tel. 823497 Web www.triers.co.uk
<b>St Bees Youth</b>	Currently not meeting.
<b>Village School Association</b>	Organising events for the pupils and community, raising funds for the school. : <a href="mailto:stbees.vsa@gmail.com">stbees.vsa@gmail.com</a> or @stbeesvsa Facebook or Instagram
<b>Village Hall</b>	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
<b>Village in Bloom</b>	Details from Eileen B Todd, 14 Main Street. St Bees. (Tel 822522).
<b>Village Web Site</b>	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is <a href="http://www.stbees.org.uk">http://www.stbees.org.uk</a>
<b>Women's Institute</b>	meets 2nd Monday of month at 7.30 p.m. usually in the Seacote Hotel. Contact Roxanne Benson Tel 823137.

## *Calendar for April 2023*

1	Saturday	12 – 2 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Last Lent lunch - NCH West Cumberland Choral Society Concert, Priory
2	Sunday	10.30 a.m. 2.00 - 4.00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Communion (Palm Crosses) Friends Pond Dipping, Priory Paddock
4	Tuesday	7.30 p.m.	Service of Compline, following Walk with the Cross
6	Thursday	12.15 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Organ recital for Holy Week Maundy Communion, Food & Chat in NCH
7	Good Friday	12 – 2 p.m. 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. 5.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Meditation Two hours at the Cross, Priory All Age Meditation, Priory Walk with the Cross from the Priory to Egremont Come and Sing Stainer's Crucifixion, Priory
8	Saturday	1 – 3.30 p.m. 7.00 p.m.	Village Primary School VSA Easter Fair Easter Eve Vigil in the Chancel
9	Sunday	9.00 a.m. 10.30 a.m. 6.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Easter Holy Communion, followed by egg hunt Evening Prayer
11	Tuesday	2.00 p.m.	Over 60s – Easter egg dump. Village Hall,
16	Sunday	10.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	APCM during service Roots Down concert and ceilidh. Village Hall.
17	Monday	6.00 p.m. 6.30 p.m. 7.30 p.m.	Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall St Bees WI, Seacote Hotel
18	Tuesday	10.30 a.m.	Over 60s – John's Plaice & Houghten Garden Centre
22	Saturday	10.00 a.m.	RNLI Station, Beach Clean
23	Sunday	9.00—9.45 a.m.	Story Service, Priory
27	Monday	7.30 p.m.	Village Hall - Cards at Hodgetts
28	Friday	4.30-6 p.m.	Friday Fun session, Priory

## *May Calendar*

6	Saturday	7.30 p.m.	The Mystery of the Blue Moon Saloon, Village Hall
14	Sunday	2 – 4 p.m.	Clothes swap – Adams Rec.

## *Editor – May 2023 magazine*

The May issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Jon Mellor, Cross Hill House, St Bees**, who would appreciate contributions not later than **Saturday 8 April** please.  
**Email: jonmell@hotmail.co.uk Tel: 01946 824936**

## *St Bees News*

*April 2023*

Six years ago in my first “Vicar’s letter” in this magazine I wrote about my love of growing things. Since 2017 I have been pleased to meet and work alongside many of you who are not only passionate gardeners but skilled too. From raising roses to cultivating cabbages this village has it all!

St Bees vicarage has a large garden with lots of lawn and several flowerbeds. Thanks to generous volunteers who look after the vicarage grass (as well as the church grounds) our lawns get a regular trim. Friends and family help me with the flowerbeds when they come to stay.

We also have a huge walled garden, which has the potential to be a really special community space. Since 2018 I have felt blessed to work with parishioners with a love of all things horticultural clearing the “jungle” to make room for a space for everyone. Thanks to our efforts it’s been transformed and we now have raised beds, a shed, a wildflower walkway and even a bench for resting visitors and workers! Do stop by and see us for a rest and a chat one Saturday morning. It’s such a special place and there’s a space on the bench just for you.

The idea of gardens as sacred spaces isn’t a new one. The Bible tells us that God was with Adam and Eve and they “heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze” (Genesis 3:8) Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane the night he was betrayed (Matthew 26:36) and Mary mistook the risen Jesus for a gardener when she met him on Easter day (John 20:15)

When I wrote to you in April 2019 I was looking forward to our 900<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations in June 2020. I wrote that “throughout human history, God’s presence is experienced as much outside church buildings as it is in them. This sense of God’s presence both within the Priory, amongst the village and in the wider world will be obvious, we hope, in all the 900 years events”.

Sadly, almost all the 900 years events were cancelled due to Covid but that didn’t stop God being present both inside and outside the church. And it didn’t stop the Priory embroiderers, who, after four years of planning and skilful craftsmanship, have produced a beautiful homage to 900 years of worship and witness. We look forward to a special service to bless this new addition to the Priory furnishings sometime later this spring.

In the meantime, this April there’s plenty to get involved with, both inside and outside the Priory. Maybe join in with the next stage of the community garden project on Saturday mornings throughout April, or come along to one of our Holy week services? Our Easter Day service on April 9<sup>th</sup> starts inside the Priory and ends with a chocolate egg hunt in the church grounds. A chance to enjoy the Priory, both inside and out.

Praying you will know God’s presence and blessing wherever you are this Easter,

With love from Becky

## *Friends of the Priory*

**Events planned – Pond-Dipping in Priory Paddock on Palm Sunday afternoon 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2 to 4.00 pm** - all welcome to join the Discovery Trail with Neil Bettinson

Egremont Town Band Concert is booked for Friday 12 May in the Priory at 7.00 pm

The Friends agreed to fund 50% of the cost of reprinting the revised booklet ‘Guide to the History of St Bees Village’ on sale in the Priory.

**Film Night** – A small but enthusiastic group of families enjoyed the ‘Frozen 2’ film night at the priory and raised £91 for Friends’ funds. Many thanks to Rev Becky for organising the film showing, and to committee members and viewers for joining us. Thanks too to Frank for his film tunes medley.

**African Talk** – Huge thanks to Dr Claire Summers for her entertaining and informative talk. Good to hear that Resuci baby doll Emily got through customs safely!

## *Anne Ross*

**Deepest Sympathy** is extended to all friends and the family of Anne Ross who died suddenly after a long illness and recent operation in Carlisle Hospital. Her many friends, neighbours and all who knew her are greatly shocked and saddened. Anne was a dearly loved and faithful friend to many in St Bees and further afield, being involved in local choirs such as the church choir and West Cumberland Choral Society; as a Friend of the priory, a PCC member and Pop-In team leader, amongst many other roles. She was well-known to former staff and students of WestLakes Academy (formerly Wyndham School) in her role as a much respected biology teacher throughout her career.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Emma, grand-daughter Indigo, and Anne’s brothers Geoffrey and Clive and their families. Lovingly remembered and greatly missed.

## *Joyce Shaw*

**Sincere Sympathy** is offered to the family and friends of Joyce Shaw, much loved wife of Chris and dearest mother of Clare Hayes and devoted gran to Lucy and Rhys. Joyce was also known to many at the Priory as the sister of Maureen Barratt. She and Chris were regulars at Pop-in Café, where Chris assisted on one of the teams, and supported the Priory in worship. We remember the Shaw and Barratt families in their sad loss and keep them in our prayers.

## *From the Priory Registers*

### **Holy Baptism**

19 February Amyah Amanda Coward North Road, Egremont

### **Christian Funeral**

2 March William (Bill) Black McGowan 1 Station Road, St Bees

14 March Joyce Shaw 4 Corkickle, Whitehaven

## *Parish Council News*

**Coronation Celebrations** – St Bees Parish Council are planning to hold a ‘Bring and Share’ Coronation Tea Party on Sunday 7th May 3-5 pm. This will be held on Cross Hill between Main Street and Finkle Street. Everyone will be welcome and if anyone would like to help with the organisation of the tea party or any other event, then please contact Councillor Claire Hale on 07740717481.

**Local Government Reorganisation-** From 1 April the new Cumberland Council will take over responsibility for all council services currently provided by Copeland Borough Council & Cumbria County Council. There will be no change in the services provided with bin collections, lighting and highways repairs etc continuing as before. The new council will still have a base at the Market Hall in Whitehaven and the telephone number will remain unchanged. The elected councillor representing the St Bees/Egremont North Ward will be Graham Minshaw (email [graham.minshaw@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:graham.minshaw@cumberland.gov.uk))

**Parish Council Election** –All 14 seats on the Parish Council are up for election in May. There are 13 seats for St Bees Ward and 1 for the Rottington Ward. The closing date for the submission of nominations is 4pm on 4 April and the list of those nominated will be published the following day. If you are interested in standing for election now or in the future, the Clerk would be happy to provide information on the role of a parish councillor.

**Annual Parish Meeting-** Every parish council is required to hold an Annual Parish Meeting in the spring of each year. This is not a council meeting but is a meeting of electors in the parish so all are welcome to come along. The Parish Council will provide his annual report on the parish council’s activities during the previous year and there will be an opportunity for residents to raise any matters which they would like the Parish Council to take up. This year the meeting will be on **Monday 17 April at 6pm in the Village Hall.**

**Next Parish Council Meeting** –. The next Parish Council meeting will take place on **MONDAY 17 APRIL** in the Village Hall and will follow immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting. All council meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

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## ***Priory Services for Holy Week & Easter Festival***

**Palm Sunday 2 April** – Services at 9.00 am, 10.30 am and 6.00 pm (Palm Crosses for everyone)

Cross Buns & traditional oranges for children & under 21s/young at heart

**Maundy Thursday 6 April**

**Organ recital for Holy Week** by Frank Bowler, 12.15 pm

**Maundy Communion service** at 7.30 pm, with chat and food in New College hall

Please inform Becky if you wish to attend or sign up by Monday 3rd April. Let her know any dietary needs.

**Good Friday 7 April**

Meditation Two hours at the Cross 12 noon - 2.00 pm (Come & go as wished)

All Age Meditation - 2.00 to 3.00 pm.

Oratorio - Come & Sing Stainer's Crucifixion at the Priory at 7.30 pm

**Holy Saturday 8 April** – Easter Eve Vigil at 7.00 pm in Chancel

**Easter Sunday 9 April** – Holy Communion at 9.00 am & 10.30 am followed by Easter Egg Hunt in Church grounds

Evening Prayer at 6.00 pm

All welcome to come and celebrate the Easter festival! Alleluia – give thanks to the Risen Lord!

**Annual Parochial Church meeting (APCM)** The APCM will be held within the service at 10.30 am on Sunday 16 April this year. Elections of officers and church councillors will take place; and reports of Priory organisations and the financial accounts will be presented. Rev Becky Gibbs and the Church Council are keen to encourage new members to join the life, mission and governance of the church.

Malcolm Lightfoot will be standing down as churchwarden this year – planning to continue as a Building & Works member and supervisor of the Holy Mowers squad. Sincere thanks to him for his dedication.

**Secretaries of Priory organisations** - are requested to print and pin their annual reports to the large board at back of church from Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April onwards, saving time and resources in producing booklets of reports. PCC secretary Rebecca Rendell will remind all Priory committees.

**Holy Week Walk with the Cross** – Organised by Churches Together in Egremont & District, the Walk will leave Egremont RC church on Tuesday 4 April at 6.30 pm and arrive at St Bees Priory at 7.30 for a short service of Compline. Then it will proceed from St Bees on Good Friday 7 April at 5.30 pm to Egremont Methodists, arriving at 6.30-ish for a service. All welcome on the walk or to the services. Please wear HighVis jackets if possible.

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## Just for this once

Much too long, mostly... and much too confined to St. Bees. This double grumble comes from someone new to our village history articles. Well, I'm sorry about the length, but pages set aside specifically for *local* history are never going to take us far afield.

Still, for this one month only, let us make an exception.

Could we turn our attention instead towards London? That is what the Revd. Canon Richard Parkinson did in 1851. Our Vicar and Theological College Principal was already a leading figure in his own right. But nevertheless he seems to have been awed by eminence in others, cultivating friendships with such figures as the Wordsworths and Lord Lonsdale, with George Hudson "The Railway King", and Sir Robert Peel, the ex-Premier.

1851 was the year of London's great Crystal Palace Exhibition. Properly it was entitled The Great Scientific Exhibition of the Industrial Works of All Nations. As a modern-minded and forward-looking person the Canon had attended the Exhibition's Introductory lectures in Whitehaven, and he must surely have been ready to marvel at much that he would see at the Exhibition itself. Yet his letters home say barely a word of it.

What we hear more about is another encounter with eminence. In the Canon's own words:

*"... as we walked in the Park, we met the Duke of Wellington, whom I saw for the first time. He looked like Wordsworth. He kindly touched his cap to us, and turned about so that we might see him better, at the evident hint of the Marchioness of Down who was with him. Then the whole tide of horse-omnibuses stopped so that he might cross the road to us. No other earthly power could have stopped them ..."*

*Bob Jopling, Village History Group*

## St Bees Green Future

Join us for our next clothes swap on Sunday 14 May, 2 till 4 p.m. at Adams Recreation Ground. Declutter and update your wardrobe, while you save money and help the planet. Clothing for all ages and in all sizes and styles is welcome. Please bring any clothes and accessories that are still in good condition along to the start of the event. £4 for unlimited swaps and refreshments. We look forward to seeing you!



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## Priory News

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake party** raised an amazing £376 for the UNICEF fund for Ukrainian children, which will be gratefully received. Many thanks to organiser Sally Kennedy, her Soroptimist and Pop-In volunteer helpers and expert chefs Helen and Mark Kennedy who flipped at least 150 pancakes!

**Lent Lunch in April** The Lent Lunches for our chosen charities continue – the last one on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April in New College hall from 12 noon to 2.00 pm. Do come along to share home-made soup with bread & cheese, in aid of NSPCC (St Bees branch) and the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal for Turkey & Syria Earthquake Relief. Sincere thanks for all donations to date.

**Polite Notice** – To all churchyard visitors and those tending graves – please could all Christmas wreaths and decorations be removed, now that mowing is due to restart soon? The wire wreaths and metal hoops can cause damage to the mowers (men and machines). Thankyou!

**Please Note :- The Story Service** with Rev Becky Gibbs is held on the fourth Sunday morning of the month for young families at 9.00 am to 9.45. Next one on 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

**Friday Fun for 5-11year olds:**  
**last Friday of the month 4.30-6pm in the Priory**

February saw 8 youngsters cooking their own pizzas, making pop up cards and little gift bags for someone special.

The next session is Friday March 31<sup>st</sup>, when we will find out about a little man who climbed a tree, to see what he could see! We will cook brownies, make things and have lots of fun.

The session in April in on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>. See you there  
For more information contact Deb on 823470 [lee535877@aol.com](mailto:lee535877@aol.com)

### Flower Rota for April

2	Palm Sunday – Palms	9	Easter Day – Pat Crichton
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## News from the Village School

We are continuing to work towards conversion to Changing Lives Learning Trust. If anyone in the community has any queries or comments please feel free to contact school. Thank you so much to our volunteers in the community who came to help out over the half term holidays to spread wood chippings across our wilding area. Your support is hugely appreciated and we cannot manage these activities without it. We will continue with this work over the coming months, planting saplings and wild seeds as well as fruit trees.

We celebrated World Book Day in March and the children had the opportunity to dress up as a character from their favourite book. The whole school shared a book, The Barnabus Project, read by Miss Telford in assembly at the beginning of the day. The children then went back to class to undertake various activities linked to the book such as creating their own creature and making a book for younger audiences. The children also had the opportunity to discuss themes throughout the book such as friendship, perfectionism, acceptance and individuality.

Reception class visited Strudda Bank farm near Seascale as part of their Topic lessons. They learned about general farming life and caring for the different farm animals. The best part of their visit was feeding the lambs! Year 5 also visited Strudda Bank to link in with their DT work on 'Farm to Fork', learning about where our food comes from, caring for livestock as well as how to eat sustainably. They particularly enjoyed seeing lambing in progress! Many thanks to 'Farmer Kev' and the Strudda Bank team.

We have been fundraising once again for Comic Relief; Red Nose Day was marked by a non-uniform day in school. Our donations will help support amazing projects and organisations who are making a difference for people across the UK and around the world.

Our Year 3 & Year 4 children entertained their families with their Spring performance. Exploring the place of animals in a human world, "Bamboozled" is an extraordinary tale of survival and friendship. The children executed the production brilliantly – well done! Year 5 took part in a drum workshop where they learned to play the Djembe drums and other traditional African instruments, as well as create their own pieces of traditional African music.

We finished the term with a lovely whole school Easter service at the Priory – many thanks to Rev Becky Gibbs.

### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April School opens  
Whole month of May KS1 national assessments (SATs) period  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May Bank Holiday – School Closed  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday – School Closed  
W/C Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May KS2 national assessments (SATs)  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June Half term holiday  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June Back to school

Thank you for your continued support.

*E Sharp, Headteacher*

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### St Bees Swimming Pool



General swim sessions are now available EVERY DAY at St Bees School pool. Check out our website to find the up-to-date timetable.

<https://www.stbeesschool.co.uk/sports-and-facilities/swimming-pool/>

## ***Cumberland County Council - Cllr Graham Minshaw***

The new council for north and west Cumbria - Cumberland Council - comes into being on April 1st. It represents a chance to change the way local government services are delivered and I am both honoured and pleased to have been elected as the first Egremont North and St Bees Cumberland councillor.

I am currently councillor for Moresby on Copeland borough council - an ex-Wyndham school pupil and sometime Mirehouse resident. I've lived in west Cumbria (almost) my whole life. Away from the politics I work in the nuclear sector, am an active fell-walker, follower of Carlisle United and student of history. I am married with one grown up son.

Cumberland council aims at making local government more local and accessible. This opportunity is where it can make a real difference and I hope to be at the forefront of this as I am a firm advocate of decisions being taken or influenced by those who are affected.

I look forward to meeting you in the coming years. You can catch me at St Bees parish council meetings or contact me on 07840844424 or by email at [Graham.Minshaw@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Graham.Minshaw@cumberland.gov.uk)."

## ***Youth Anti-social Behaviour.***

Cumbria Constabulary has had a steady increase in reports of youth anti-social behaviour across all our areas. We are aware of incidents occurring in St Bees and are continuing our uniformed and plain clothes patrols in the area and will deal with those identified as responsible for any disorder or criminality. It has come to light that a large percentage of incidents are going unreported to the police and in order for us to deal with the issues effectively we need your co-operation in reporting matters. In the run up to Easter this year, we would like to remind parents of their parental responsibilities and knowing where their children are and what they're doing in the local community.

Anti-social behaviour can have a detrimental effect on every member of society, especially those particularly vulnerable. Cumbria Constabulary strives to reduce anti-social behaviour and make all areas a safe place to live.

Please report by calling 101 or complete our non-emergency crime and incident reporting form that can be found on our website at [www.cumbria.police.uk](http://www.cumbria.police.uk) , You can also use our 101 Live Chat service . We are reminding parents to be aware of where their children are and what they are doing in order to prevent incidents and prevent children becoming victims.

## ***St Bees Litter Champions***

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Great British Spring Clean. Let's continue to keep our parish free from litter year-round. Let's also keep our pavements, footpaths, parks and verges free from dog mess. If you are without a bag to pick up after your dog, St Bees Parish Council continues to provide these in the dispensers around St Bees, as well as from the Post Office and beach cafe. Thanks to everyone already helping to keep St Bees clean.

## ***Grassroots***

**West Cumberland Choral Society** presents 'Western Lights' in St Bees Priory on Saturday 1 April at 7.30 p.m. Performing amongst other pieces: Adiemus; Songs of Sanctuary - Karl Jenkins; Lux Aurumque - Eric Whitaker; Song of Miriam - Elaine Hagenbach. Conductor: Kaytie Harding; accompanist: Frank Bowler.

Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for students (u18, free) at door or available from Claire: [chale025@gmail.com](mailto:chale025@gmail.com)

**Lowes Court Gallery** has many new products for sale this springtime from their local artists. Do visit and view – cable owl gloves and dragonscale wristwarmers by Any Art Netty; felted handbags and cushions by Ruth Moore; paintings by Natalie Burns and Rachel Metcalfe; Herdwick coasters & mugs from Lorri Lou Photo Art; wooden carved candlesticks by Les Campbell @ £20; and cute bunny decorations @ £3.50 for your Easter tree. Extra - King Charles III Coronation tea-cosy @ £25!

**Jennifer Crooks** would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their beautiful flowers, cards, messages and presents I received after my recent stay in Carlisle Hospital and now recovering at home.

**Laura Huertas and Tom Kirk** are getting married in Kendal on the 21 April and will have a celebration in Alicante, Spain (where Laura is from) with their families.

**Summer serenade** - Saturday 24 June starting 7 p.m. Enjoy a programme of music from 'Voce' (winners of The Lakes Got Talent Competition 2015) and the village orchestra, both performing music from the Opera, Classical and Contemporary repertoire. Tickets: £10 adult, £5 children. Interval refreshments. All proceeds go to St Bees Priory Church.

**Over 60s** - On April 11 at 2 p.m. in Hodgetts club we are holding an Easter egg dump. Please come and have some fun. On April 18 our first outing of the year is to John's Plaice for fish and chips, and then onto Houghton Hall garden centre. The bus will leave from the Oddfellows at 10 30 a.m. with usual pickups. This trip is open to non-members. Please contact Gill Richardson Tel 07890195727 or Dot Amor Tel 822622 if you would like to book a seat.

## **Village School Association Easter Fair 2023**

The Village School Association (VSA) would like to welcome pupils and their families, friends and wider community to our Easter Fair. It's on Saturday 8 April (Easter weekend), 1 to 3.30 p.m. in the Village School hall. As well as fun for the little ones, there will be hot drinks and bakes, tombola and raffle prizes, Easter crafts and Egg Hunt, and a St Bees Beach Trail.

Volunteers and prize donations needed. Volunteers: to help set-up, run a stall, tidy up... even if you can help for just an hour, we would love to hear from you. And we will welcome any raffle/tombola prize donations, gifts, vouchers, etc. Please drop off at the school office. We look forward to seeing you all there.

If you'd like to join or help the VSA in general, contact us via [stbees.vsa@gmail.com](mailto:stbees.vsa@gmail.com) or via Facebook or Instagram @stbeesvsa.

## *WI News*

Our March meeting was our Annual General Meeting where the Committee presented all our financial and administrative correspondence from 2022, also, members were given a flavour of events still to come in 2023. This was followed by a general knowledge Quiz hosted by Jon Mellor and the winning team members were Helen, Dot, Gaye and Joan, this was followed by raffle and refreshments.

Our next meeting will be held on Monday April 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm at the Seacote Hotel, we will be Welcoming Val Marshall who is a Modern Celebrant. If you would like to know what a Modern Celebrant does please do join us and be enlightened! Val will give a talk on the celebrations she conducts, happy occasions like weddings and celebrating the life of a loved one when they have passed. Please be advised that 2023 WI Membership Subscriptions are due in this meeting. New members and visitors most welcome, just turn up on the night.

Further information from Roxanne Benson on 823137, or our Facebook page [www.St-Bees-WI/facebook](http://www.St-Bees-WI/facebook)

## *Seagalls*

Seagalls' March meeting was overcome by the hush of concentration. Quiet is not usually what prevails when we all get together, but it seems the making of an Easter Bunny decoration did the trick. Thanks to one of our own Maggie, expert upholsterer and crafter extraordinaire, who "expects St Bees will be awash with bling bunny silhouettes peeping from behind curtains and hanging from doors." It was a lovely evening with great company and good to welcome some new faces.

Autumn last year saw us welcome Amy Linton for a talk on how we in St Bees can be greener. Somehow, we missed your summary write up Amy, so apologies and here goes. Amy gave us tips on how we can reduce our carbon footprint. This included advice on how to reduce our personal use of fossil fuels, save energy and increase recycling of waste products e.g. trying to increase our use of public transport where possible. There were also ideas for a possible 'fix and mend' initiative, the now well-established 'clothes swap' as well as St. Bees Litter Champions who contribute to keeping the village and the beach clean. Thank you to all involved and hopefully we can all contribute in some way in the future.

Fancy joining us for afternoon tea at Stonehouse Farm in Coronation week, Tuesday May 2nd?

Contact details at the back of the magazine.

## *Toddler Group*

The Toddler Group meets on Tuesday from 9.30 to 11/00 am at New College Hall, St Bees Priory. Cost £3 a family including drinks and snacks. Plenty of toys to play with, including arts & crafts and singing at the end of the session. Contact Christine at [glitznglam1610@yahoo.com](mailto:glitznglam1610@yahoo.com) for more details..

## *St Bees School News*

St Bees School win big at popular Lego League event for the sixth time.

A team of four girls, along with three members of staff, made the journey to Lakes College last week to compete in the FIRST LEGO League Challenge where they walked away with one of the top prizes, the Robot Performance Award.

FIRST LEGO League Challenge sees teams from all over the county design and code their own robot which then has to compete in multiple games with the aim of scoring the highest points to be in with the chance of winning one of the top prizes, including a ticket to the National Final.

Students learn all sorts of core skills and also have to complete an 'Innovation Project' that solves a problem that they may face in their school or in life in general. They have to do research into the problem and come up with a solution for it, while also creating a model, sharing feedback and communicating the impact it would have.

St Bees scored the highest by far in all three of the Robot Games with scores of 230, 185 and 215 adding up to a grand total of 630, which bagged them a trophy.

The teams head coach, Ann Stott, said: "These girls have worked incredibly hard all year leading up to this event and that hard work definitely paid off.

"We might not have made it to the National Final this year but to take home one of the top awards is an absolute testament to each of the girls on the team.

"I am very proud of all of them and can't wait to see what they come up with next year!"

## *Village Hall events.*

**Monday 27 March at 7.30 p.m.** - Cards at Hodgetts. Tickets £4 a head at the door. Try your hand at different types of card games

**Sunday 16 April at 7.30 p.m.** - Roots Down - A Concert and Ceilidh with Striding Edge ([www.striding-edge.org/roots-down](http://www.striding-edge.org/roots-down)) an Arts Out West Show. Music, followed by a Ceilidh - bring dancing shoes. Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for u18, £22 for family Book online at [www.kirkgateartsandheritage.org.uk](http://www.kirkgateartsandheritage.org.uk) or available from Claire: [chale025@gmail.com](mailto:chale025@gmail.com)

**Saturday 6 May at 7.30 p.m.** - The Mystery of the Blue Moon Saloon: a comic radio play presented live on stage with the assistance of the audience !!!! And performed by the cumbrian theatre company 'Ragged Edge' - [www.raggededgeproductions.co.uk](http://www.raggededgeproductions.co.uk) - An Arts Out West Show.

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## The Priory perspective



### Follow Daily

We will help each other to follow Jesus more closely, seeking to grow as his disciples in all aspects of life, both corporately and as individuals.

#### Mothers Union is coming to St Bees.

The Mothers' Union is a worldwide movement founded on prayer with members from all walks of life. Every midday, a wave of prayer circles the earth from the Solomon Islands in the Pacific Ocean to Belize on the Western Atlantic. Daily prayer is central to members. St Bees used to have a Mothers Union Branch but we hope to start an online branch in the autumn. The Mothers' Union is inclusive, with membership open to anyone, of any sex who is baptised in the Holy Trinity and agrees with the MU aims which are:



**Help** the most disadvantaged at home

**Advocate** for the rights of families

**Build** supportive, loving relationships

**Strengthen** communities all over the world

**Develop** your own relationship with God and commit to regular prayer

It is passionate about fighting for justice, speaking up for the voiceless and finding practical ways to help people out of poverty. To continue to support communities round the corner and around the world it needs members to pray for the MU work and that of the Church, but also the income membership subscriptions bring.

You can find out more on the new diocesan website <https://carlisediocesemothersunion.org.uk/>

Please contact Deb Lee on 823470 or [cdmudp@gmail.com](mailto:cdmudp@gmail.com) if you want more

### Care Deeply

We will listen to our local communities, and respond in loving service, seeking to transform injustice, challenge oppression and pursue peace &

### Speak Boldly

We will share our faith in Jesus Christ in everyday ways, seeking to connect with everyone, especially those currently unrepresented in our churches. We'll do this in both time-honoured & pioneering ways.

## The Priory perspective



### Tread Gently

We will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, seeking to sustain and renew the life of the earth.

#### **Walled Garden update...**

Spring has come and our snowdrops and daffodils have bloomed. By the time you read this, the ladies among you may well have received daffodils from the garden in your Mothering Sunday posy! Preparations for the new growing season are well under way. Unfortunately we've lost a couple of our gardeners in the last few months. There's always a lot to do in the Spring – preparing the ground, weeding, planting new seeds and seedlings and keeping the path areas strimmed. There's also still a fair bit of "pioneer gardening" to be done – digging out dock, blackberry, sedge and so on from some of the wilder parts so that we keep it under control. We also try to keep a note of any wildlife we see or hear in the garden, too. We'd love to welcome some new gardeners to the team. We generally meet weekly on Saturday mornings, but in the busy months we meet at other times too. Please get in touch with Becky if you are interested or would

#### **Regular Fair Trade stall comes to the Priory**

Tread gently is about protecting God's creation, seeking to sustain and renew the life of the earth. As part of our commitment St Bees Priory is a Fair Trade church. We have been serving fair trade refreshments for a few years now. To, more effectively, live out our Tread Gently commitment, we will make it easier for people to purchase Fair Trade products. It also provides an opportunity to share the Fair Trade and Eco message with visitors by holding a stall offering Fair, Eco and Ethical products. The stall will be take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month, after the service.

We need to find ways to lessen the impact of the loss of Traidcraft from the Fair Trade arena. People centred, Fair trade is sustainable rather than wasteful, the supply chains are transparent with producers and consumers in partnership, with rewards shared. People centred, fair trade treats women with equal dignity, opportunity and power, human rights are respected, rather than abuses going unchecked and the ownership is shared widely rather than monopolised by those with capital.

A list of products available can be collected from the church and Deb will deliver to St Bees and the surrounding villages. Most Crafts will still only be available at the Egremont farmers' Market (3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 9.30-12.30). Please support the Fair Trade stall, if you can. I am also happy to bring a stall to your event!



**Matthew 28.1-10**

As Mary and Mary Magdalene visit Jesus' tomb, an angel appears and tells them Jesus is risen. As they leave the garden, they meet the risen Jesus.



The angel's message brought fear and joy.

??????  
**Puzzle**

Help Mary and Mary get to Jesus' other followers to tell them the good news. Who do they meet on the way?



**Jesus Love Write**

Number the letters of the alphabet from 1 to 26. Use this number code to find what the angel said to Mary and Mary.

4,15 14,15,20 2,5 1,6,18,1,9,4

a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m
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**Draw**

Draw expressions to show how people responded to the resurrection.

