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Ideas for content welcome.
Dear Friends

Happy Easter!

After the long days of winter it is so good to be into British Summer Time, to have longer days and the promise (hopefully) of warmer weather. It has certainly felt like a long winter with the snow and bitter cold unusually affecting us well into March.

But seasons change, and in the church we move from the sombre season of Lent and Holy Week to the joy of Easter, as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. That celebration is not just one day (or even two if you count Easter Monday), it too is a season that all too often fizzles out, once the Easter eggs are eaten and the Simnel cake demolished.

But resurrection is what we celebrate every week. It’s why Sunday became the day for Christians to gather to worship, the day of resurrection. Resurrection, it seems is built into the way the world works. Dying and rising – autumn leaf fall and spring regeneration, the rhythm of life.

God is in the business of renewal, he is constantly offering us a new start. At our Messy Church session on 8th April we’ll be thinking about Easter and what it means for us that Jesus is alive!

In May/June we are going to be running a short course, called simply Start! It’s a gentle introduction to the Christian faith. It doesn’t assume any prior knowledge, but it is equally relevant to people who already come to church. You could come to refresh your understanding about your faith, you could come to ask questions and explore, you could come as a way of preparing for baptism or confirmation.

The details and dates are included in this magazine. If you’re interested but unsure if it’s for you, do give me a call (78092) and we can have a chat about it.

Enjoy the new season!
With very best wishes,

Judith
Start!

Start! introduces Christianity through six interactive, small-group sessions.

The Start! course makes no assumptions about participants’ background or experience or knowledge of Christianity or the church.

For more information email: revjudi@icloud.com or visit: tbnchurches.net/start

Wednesday 7-9pm
at: Braithwaite Church Hall
May 16, 23
June 6, 13, 20, 27
Host: Rev. Judith Ashurst

Dates for your diary!

8th April 2018
13th May 2018

St Herbert’s Church,
Braithwaite

4pm – 5.30pm

If you would like more information, do contact the vicar:
revjudi@icloud.com 017687 78092
The two sessions hosted by us and Messy Church during the Moving Mountains Mission generated lots of thought provoking questions. Bishop David Hawkins and his team certainly had their work cut out answering them. It was great to have their input and to see so many joining in.

If you sometimes wish you could talk to someone about what you do and don’t believe or what you’d like to understand about the Christian Faith. Come and talk to us about your thoughts and questions.

Visit: tbnchurches.net
Come and celebrate

**Easter**

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At 10.15 am

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http://biblepuzzles.org.uk
Book Day
In Braithwaite School we had to postpone our non uniform day planned for World Book on 1st March due to the snowy weather that closed the school. We rescheduled it for last week when everyone dressed up as their favourite book character, even the teachers!

School Cookbook
Parents past and present, will be familiar with the refrain "It's not like Mrs Dixon's..." so they can now find her favourite recipes as well as those of all the pupils and staff too in a school cookbook, produced by FOBS Friends Of Braithwaite School! An initial print run of 50 has already sold out so we will be putting another order in shortly. The books cost £8 each with profits to FOBS. Please contact the school if you would like to order one.

Community Race Night
Another victim of the snow on the planned date this has now been rearranged for Friday 20th April at the Braithwaite Institute. Please come along and join in the fun – all welcome!
Barrow Class
Mrs Roe has a baby due any day now and so Miss Rose is now teaching in Barrow Class. We have had great fun with Mrs Grant taking part in ‘Wild Art’ sessions, large scale sometimes messy outdoor art activities. In our recent sessions we have been using a metal detector to locate treasure buried in the school grounds. We looked at the portraits created by Mannerist painter 'Giuseppe Arcimboldo' who used fruit, vegetables, fish, books and many more items to create his imaginative portraits. We then used our imaginations to transform our metal treasure into portraits of our own with some fantastic results. We also had a go at arranging fruit and vegetables into our own Arcimboldo style portrait. Despite the rain, we also enjoyed learning about how charcoal is made, building a campfire in the school grounds and finding out about the history of charcoal in our area.
We were introduced to Artist Heather Henson who creates huge kinetic charcoal drawings using the motions of her body to create art on canvas. Her work inspired us to work together to produce our own large scale artwork which captured a wonderful feeling of movement and fluidity. Thanks again Claire Grant for these wonderful sessions and Derwent Pencil Museum in Keswick who kindly donated some boxes of charcoal sticks for this project.

Visits out of school for Skiddaw and Catbells classes
Both Skiddaw and Catbells classes have visited Keswick Museum this term to take part in workshops linked to the ‘Herstory’ exhibition. Catbells class also visited Low Stanger Farm, near Cockermouth and Thornby Moor Cheese Farm near Thursby. The children enjoyed making bread, feeding animals, grinding grain and then saw how cheeses were made. They finished by having a tasting session. Back at school on Tuesday they made butter to spread on their bread and thoroughly enjoyed it! There are photos on our Facebook page.

Nursery and Reception Places
We have places available in Nursery for September but it really helps us plan for next year if you can make sure you apply for a place as soon as possible. Sessions are only £4 per hour (or you can use your free Nursery hours entitlement which is up to 30 hours for eligible families). We also offer before & after school care. Please come and visit so we can tell you more about us.
Email admin@braithwaite.cumbria.sch.uk, phone us on 017687 78356 or just pop in when you’re passing by.

Community Lunches
You would be welcome to come and join us for lunch on Thursdays (cost £3.50 for a delicious two course meal). We have a special event lunches planned for Thursday 19th April St George’s Day (roast beef dinner)
Contact the school office for more information or to book your place – everyone welcome!
Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Will be held on
8th April at 7pm (refreshments from 6.45 pm)
In St. Herbert’s Church Hall.

This is the yearly meeting required by the Church of England where the members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) and officers are elected as necessary. Anyone is welcome to attend, but only people on the electoral roll can speak & vote at the meeting. Electoral roll and PCC forms are available in the churches.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Business)

Essential business:
The APCM shall receive from the PCC and shall be free to discuss:
- A copy of the electoral roll.
- An annual report on the proceedings of the PCC and the activities of the Parish generally.
- The financial statements of the PCC for the year preceding 31 December, independently examined.
- Audited statements of funds or property if any, remaining in the hands of the PCC at the preceding 31 December.
- A report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church or churches in the parish.
- A report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod.
Duties of PCC Members

Those who are elected to the PCC need to know what they are committing themselves to. The church is God’s instrument for bringing about God’s kingdom across the wider parish, and the PCC is the nucleus of the task force to help in this work.

Members are called to co-operate with the incumbent in promoting in the mission of the whole Parish. When talking of our Parish, it must be remembered that there are three churches to which members should relate with equal involvement and concern. Mission is not an optional extra for those who “like that kind of thing”. Mission is part and parcel of the work of every PCC, and it is clearly written into the constitution of the PCC. Serving on the PCC is a call from God not just to co-operate with the minister, but to co-operate with the Lord Jesus Christ himself.

It is assumed therefore that all PCC members will want to play a full and enthusiastic part in the life of the Parish. Therefore we would expect a PCC member to:

- seek to maintain a living faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.
- be a regular worshipper, both on Sundays and other days as appropriate.
- participate in the teaching and courses run by the church.
- pray regularly for the people and the mission of the Parish, Deanery and the Diocese.
- support the mission of the Parish financially and generously through the Stewardship schemes.

In addition we look for leadership from our PCC members in the following ways:

- A commitment to prepare for, prioritise and attend PCC meetings scheduled during the year. (6 meetings & APCM)
- A willingness to play an active part in all the PCC’s business, vision and decision making and to contribute to the work of the PCC sub-committees
- A willingness to uphold the decisions of the PCC (i.e. to share a collective responsibility) and to play a role in communicating them to the wider church family
- To keep themselves well informed about the breadth of views of church parish members, and the issues that concern them
- To develop an awareness of issues affecting the wider church, particularly in Derwent Deanery, and the Diocese.
**APRIL 2018 CHURCH DIARY**

**THORNTHWAITE CUM BRAITHWAITE WITH NEWLANDS**

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**MONTHLY PARISH LUNCH**

These shared lunches are very popular and a great time for relaxing together, enjoying company and are **open to all**. This month’s lunch is on 15th April.

If you would like to attend please let Liz Cave know on 78887
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THORNTHWAITE CUM BRAITHWAITE
WITH NEWLANDS

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SUN       6th       Easter 6
  10.15 am   St. Herbert’s, Braithwaite   Morning Prayer

THURS     10th     Ascension Day
  7 pm       St. Herbert’s, Braithwaite   Parish Communion

SUN       13th     Easter 7
  10.15 am   St. Mary’s Thornthwaite   Parish Communion
  4.00 pm    St. Herbert’s, Braithwaite   Messy Church

SUN       20th     Pentecost
  10.15 am   St. Herbert’s, Braithwaite   Parish Communion

SUN       27th     Trinity Sunday
  10.15 am   Newlands   Parish Communion

Every 8.30 am St. Herbert’s, Braithwaite   Short Morning Prayer
THURS

MONTHLY PARISH LUNCH
These shared lunches are very popular and a great time for relaxing together, enjoying company and are open to all.
This month’s lunch is on
20th May at 12.00

If you would like to attend
please let Greta Greenwell know on 78571
Along with everyone else we have been stunned by the sad news of Trevor Longley. He oversaw the primary education of a generation of our Newlands youngsters when he was Head at Braithwaite, and for the last years, since our amalgamation with Thornthwaite cum Braithwaite he was warden with responsibility for Newlands. He was energetic, enthusiastic and thoughtful in everything he did, and he will be missed by us all. We hold Tessa, Robin, Zoe and family in our thoughts and prayers.

It is the annual meeting on 8th April, and if you are on the church electoral roll, you will be receiving a copy of the report. Do have a look through it and if you can, come to the meeting and find out what is happening in the Parish.

Spring is on the way! –and so thoughts turn to our annual cleaning day. This year it will be on Wednesday 2nd May, commencing around 10am. There will be the usual pie and pea lunch so please let Ann or Jackie know if you are going to be there. In addition to cleaning there is some work to do tidying up around the churchyard, so a couple of able bodied men (or women!) armed with spades would be very useful.
Thornthwaite cum Braithwaite WI
meets on the second Monday of each month at St. Herbert’s Church in Braithwaite at 7.30 pm.

The WI plays a unique role in providing women with educational opportunities and the chance to build new skills, to take part in a wide variety of activities and to campaign on issues that matter to them and their communities.

We are very keen to welcome new members and visitors are very welcome. We do all we can to make them feel at home. Although there is a lot going on people are encouraged to take part in as much or as little as they wish.

Future meetings:
April 9th: David Kerry ‘Greyhounds & Rehoming of Ex-racers’
May 14th: Barry Porter ‘A Month Living in the African Bush’

Upper Derwent Group WI
Open Meeting
Sophie Neville who played Titty in the original film of Swallows and Amazons. She has written a book about her experiences making the film.

At Braithwaite Institute
24th May  7.30 pm

Everyone is welcome
Visitors £3.00
includes refreshments

Voluntary Car Service
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Bishop of Penrith, the Right Reverend Robert Freeman at his farewell service held at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal on March 14th.

Bishop Robert is retiring after Easter and is moving with his wife Christine to Leicestershire to be near family.

The Right Rev James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle, said his contribution to the diocese had been enormously valued. He presented Bishop Robert with a farewell gift of a X Box One game console.

Bishop Robert was very pleased with his gift and that so many people had attended his farewell service of Holy Communion. He hoped that everyone would enjoy the refreshments after the service, but that they wouldn’t linger as he wanted to get home to play!

St Herbert's Church Hall
Thursday, 12th April
Thursday, 10th May
10.30 until 12.00. All welcome.

Do come along, meet your friends and perhaps chat to someone you haven't seen for a while. As usual, there will be no charge for either event. See you there!
Greetings and love from St. Herbert’s Church of Uganda Nyapeya Parish.
We are grateful to the development of Nyapeya Nursery and Primary School being funded by ‘Fields of Life’ a Christian Charity with their Headquarters in Northern Ireland.
They are building seven classrooms for the primary section of the School and Head teacher’s Office. One block of teacher’s accommodation that will house 8 Teachers will also be constructed soon.
We are grateful. All these is as a result of our partnership with your church. You supported us to lead development and bring positive transformation in this Community.
Please convey our love and appreciation to your Clergy and all the Christians of St. Herbert’s Church (TBN Parish)
Thanks.
Rev. Lumumba Patrick

Bishop Johnson talking with the community at the ground breaking ceremony for building the seven classrooms.
Kenneth William Leslie
1929- 2018

Ken was born in Barrow in Furness on 16th February 1929, the youngest son with two brothers and a sister. He was a good student and won a place at Barrow Grammar School which then gained him a place at Manchester University studying Chemical Engineering.

Ken was called to do National Service and was in the Royal Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (REME). Playing cards, especially bridge, helped to pass the time and keep his wits sharp. He was based in the South east of England and he made several trips to Wimbledon enhancing his love of racquet sports, especially tennis. He played tennis throughout his life and joined the local tennis club wherever he lived.

After university he moved to Whitehaven and worked at Marchon Chemical Plant at Kells. He met Enid there and married, living in St. Bees. They had two children Claire & Howard.

The family moved to Newcastle when Ken worked at Clarke Chapmans in Gateshead. Ken then got a job in Saudi Arabia working at an oil refinery. Both Ken & Enid enjoyed their time there making many life long friends. Ken was also a volunteer fire fighter and was given an award by the Saudi royal family after helping to fight a week long fire at the refinery. Sadly Enid became ill and died peacefully back in the UK.

After leaving the Middle East, Ken retired and married Lily moving to Canada for part of the year. After Lily died he moved back full time to his house in Thornthwaite.

He loved Thornthwaite, feeding the birds and red squirrels each morning and sawing and splitting logs before breakfast. He always ate porridge and was an expert with the spirtle!

Ken enjoyed his bridge evenings and liked to support local clubs. He played tennis into his 70s. He was dedicated to his two grandchildren, Kristan & Emma. He led a very active, full and happy life and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
Tribute to Margaret Cave
18th Feb 1940 – 19th January 2018

Maggie was one of 4 children, born on 18th February 1940 in Harrow. She went to Junior school in Harrow then to Godolfin and Latimer secondary school. She was not particularly happy at school but kept in touch with friends and only last year went to a school reunion in London. She left school at age 16, joining ICI and training as a secretary.

She was married three times: First to Laurie in 1961 when she was only 21. She met him at the local Young Conservatives. This group was a large feature of her life. They divorced amicably in 1967.

She then married Ronnie Bainbridge in 1970. They had met at ICI, where he was a shipping agent. Maggie left ICI and got a dream job with Sainsbury’s. She rose to be PA to the Chairman, Lord John Sainsbury, only to give it up when Ronnie wanted to move to the Lakes.

She and Ronnie B moved to the Lakes when he retired in 1977. Maggie was only 37 and she gave up a good career to move. However, the Lakes were special to Maggie from early in her life when she had holidayed here. She worked as a letting agent for holiday cottages after moving up.

Ronnie became ill and Maggie took good care of him trying all kinds of therapies and took him on trips. He died in 1990.

She and her brother Geoff and his wife Jill took holidays together, their boys, Stephen, Andrew and Matthew thought the world of her.

In 1995 Maggie got back on her feet again and started going on Ramblers holidays, including treks in the Himalayas. She met Ron Cave on her first visit to India. Both were reluctant to commit to each other at first but love won the day and they married in 1997 and had 21 years of happy marriage together.

Her interests were varied and included cricket, theatre, opera, bird watching, travelling and walking – she completed the Wainwrights twice! She was very sociable and loved to entertain being a great cook. She was a committed member of the WI.

She died in the Mary Hewetson hospital with Ron at her side.
Trevor was born in Sussex in December 1947 to Elsie and Jack Longley. Trevor was the youngest of 9 children and grew up at Ashurst Wood. He did well in school, but left at age 15 to work for Plaice and Company Chartered Accountants in nearby East Grinstead. Life was not easy with Trevor’s father, and when Trevor was 16, he and his mother left the family home for a better life in Cheshire. His dream had always been to become a teacher and went to night school to gain O & A levels. At 21 he began training at Bishop Lonsdale College of Education in Derby where he studied art. Trevor loved college life and the camaraderie with fellow students.

Trevor met Tessa in 1969, she was also training for teaching. Tessa and Trevor both loved attending St Peter’s church in Derby, where they made more life-long friends. In 1973 Trevor and Tessa were married in Twickenham, honeymooning on the Isle of Wight. They had two children Robin & Zoë. They both secured teaching jobs in Burton-upon-Trent and they settled in Hilton, a village outside of Derby.

Trevor was very happy in his first teaching post at Landsdowne Junior School, where he worked for 9 years. In 1982 the family moved to Braithwaite when Trevor was appointed as head teacher at Braithwaite C of E Primary School. He taught at Braithwaite School for 16 years. One colleague – whose children also attended the school – said “the wonderful family atmosphere he promoted meant our family quickly settled and felt at home. As a family we all have such happy memories of him.”
He also ran various football, cricket and art clubs. Trevor’s glasses were broken several times during indoor football practice at Braithwaite Institute (not that he was being used as target practice or anything...).

After 16 years as head teacher, Trevor left Braithwaite school, and in time moved on to be the money advisor at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Penrith, and then Front of House manager at Theatre by the Lake. He loved the theatre. After his retirement he joined the large group of volunteers. He and Tessa enjoyed seeing many plays there. Trevor enjoyed a wide range of interests including playing badminton on Friday nights with Greta Badminton club, which he enjoyed almost as much as the pints of beer which followed. For many years, Trevor was a proud member of Bassenthwaite Rotary Club, and took his turn at being president.

Trevor was a member of many clubs and committees for local causes – youth club, local housing, and friends of the theatre to name a few. He and Tessa were instrumental in setting up the Shop in a Box in Braithwaite following storm Desmond. Trevor was creative in so many ways. Art of course, and he was a natural storyteller, a skill which came into its own in school assemblies and family church services. In recent years, one of his great passions was pantomime. He wrote 8 scripts for the Allerdale players, and appeared in seven of them. The final one was Aladdin, which was performed at Braithwaite institute the weekend he went into hospital.

Trevor has played a very active part in the local church. He was a churchwarden for many years, a Commissioned Lay Minister, and often took different roles in services. It’s important to say that church for Trevor wasn’t just a Sunday thing – it was a living faith every day of the week, and an integral part of his character. In his final weeks of life, Trevor talked of not being scared because he was sure of where he was going. Trevor has been a supportive and guiding light to Robin and Zoë, encouraging them to do whatever they wanted in life. He was proud of Robin and Zoë and of what great choices they made with their spouses, Laura & Stephen.

Trevor adored his grandchildren Evie, Olive and Elisha and was thrilled when he discovered that he was due to be grandpa again.

Trevor has always been devoted and loyal to those lucky enough to be counted as his friends. He was a great colleague and boss. Many have talked of his smile lighting up his whole face, and his sense of humour and laugh (which was heard often, and recognisable even in a crowded room). They have talked of his welcome, thoughtfulness and kindness, what a valued member of the community he was, and what a pleasure and honour it was to have known him. He will be greatly missed.

Tessa was his true life partner. Like two peas in a pod. Married for nearly 45 years. They had a wonderful life together and enjoyed many amazing holidays. Only last year they had their holiday of a lifetime to America – which included a fantastic helicopter ride in the Grand Canyon. They were truly happy. He said several times while in hospital that he had ‘no regrets’. What more can you ask for?
A PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE-AGED

Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody’s affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom it seems a pity not to use it all, but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others’ pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility, and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not expect to be a saint - some of them are hard to live with - but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places, and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so. Amen

A Mother Superior’s Prayer

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Funeral of Margaret CAVE of Braithwaite

Burial at St Mary’s Thornthwaite after a service at St Herbert’s, Braithwaite.

16th MARCH 2018

Funeral of Trevor LONGLEY of Braithwaite

Burial at St Mary’s Thornthwaite after a service at Crosthwaite.
Poem for Easter

Tell me:
What came first
Easter or the egg?
Crucifixion
or daffodils?
Three days in a tomb
or four days
in Paris?
(returning
Bank Holiday Monday).

When is a door
Not a door?
When it is rolled away.
When is a body
Not a body?
When it is a risen.

Question.
Why was it the Saviour
Rode on the cross?
Answer.
To get us
to the other side.

Behold I stand.
Behold I stand and what?
Behold I stand at the door
and
Knock knock.

Steve Turner