

## An April message from our Clergy

We've just been through Easter, a time of reflection and sadness through the terror of the crucifixion to the joy of the resurrection. Life seems to be a constant rollercoaster of the joys and sorrows of our existence. The church buildings that we all love, and we all come to at different times, contain all of that joy and sorrow: the churches are a spiritual home across this benefice. They are precious. They are sacred. They stand there as a sign of what our communities yearn forhope, peace, and the kindness of God.

Being one of the vicars for this area is a humbling experience and a great privilege, and Fran and I are truly here to serve you, to stand by you, and to walk with you through the joys and the sorrows of your life. But church is not by any means just about Sundays, for our faith is about our existence. It sits at the very core of who we are.

If you're pondering about whether or not you should come to church on a Sunday to be with us, don't resist the temptation - pop down, pop-up, pop across and come and worship with us, come and sit quietly with us, allow God to gently embrace you in the sorrows and rejoice with you in the joys of life.

God bless, Rev Andrew Burrell

#### **Editorial and News**

Welcome to the April edition of "Asby Matters". Lots going on in the village as ever this month - the Church coffee morning is back with a new name and a fresh look, so have a look at the '**Three C's'** advert on page 5 and come along on the 20th. If you are at all interested in gardening, check out the piece on page 10. And we have an all-new 4-page supplement of events going on outside the village but mostly not too far away (only in the on-line version of "Matters" at present).

As usual your comments on these items and anything else you think we should cover are always welcome for the next edition (send to secretary@asbystpeters.org).



# ASBY CHURCHES TOGETHER and the ASBY FELLOWSHIP

The churches in Asby have been working together for many years, with regular monthly united services. More than twenty years ago ACT set up the Asby Fellowship, so that members of all the churches could meet together on a regular basis to study the Bible and to learn about & discuss a wide range of Christian issues.

Meetings are held on a fortnightly basis in term time, in members' homes, currently on a Wednesday evening (see page 3 for times etc). Meetings are led by guest speakers (usually, but not always, local priests & pastors), and by members.

Meetings this month:

10th: An Introduction: the "need" for the Gospel; the dating of the Old Testament etc. Led by John Bevan.

24th: The Incarnation & The Infancy of Christ. Led by Pat Bevan.

Meetings are very much not members-only occasions. Attendance is by no means limited to regular church worshippers: occasional, or 'one off' attendance is welcome.

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cover image: spring comes to Asby Gill





# **April Church Services**

## St. Peter's Church

Church normally open every day for private devotion, access to books, food bank and spectacle collection point

Sun 7th 6.30pm HOLY COMMUNION with Rev. James Clarke

Sun 14th 11am UNITED SERVICE with John and Lesley Riley

Sun 21st 6.30pm EVENING PRAYER with John Bevan Sun 28th 11am MORNING PRAYER with Pat Bevan

## **Asby Baptist Chapel**

Sun 7th 11am Flore Watson
Sun 21st 11am Wesley Brewer
Sun 28th 11am Nicholas Watson

## Other Church / Chapel Events

Wed 3rd 7.30pm Prayer Meeting. Asby Baptist Chapel

Wed 10th 7.30pm Asby Fellowship at The Hollies, with John Bevan

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Wed 17th 7.30pm Prayer Meeting. Asby Baptist Chapel

Wed 24th 7.30pm Asby Fellowship at The Hollies, with Pat Bevan

## Everyone is warmly invited to all these Services



## What's happening in the village?

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Thurs 4th BOOK CLUB. Lessons in Chemistry. With Pam, at The Hunting House, 8	3pm 6
Wed 10th HISTORY GROUP. Whitley Roman Fort. Village Hall, 8pm	8
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Tues 16th MOTHERS UNION. The Belfry, with Lisa.7.30pm. Subject to be confirmed	ed. 10
Sat 20th THE THREE CS. Coffee, Cake & Chat. St.Peter's Church, 10.30am-12.3	30pm 5
Thurs 25th QUIZ NIGHT. The Three Greyhounds. 8.30pm	6
Sat 27th CINEMA NIGHT. The Old Oak. Village Hall, 7.30pm	5
Mon 29th KNIT AND NATTER. The Hunting House, with Pam Cowey. 2-4	7
Every Wed TABLE TENNIS. Village Hall.11am-12noon.	4
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## **Asby Table Tennis**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY** 

11am-12 noon, Asby Village Hall All welcome!

Not played for years? Fearful that you won't meet the standard? Well fear not. Our sessions are simply designed to provide some gentle exercise, with a few laughs thrown in, for anyone who has the time. Other times can be arranged!)

For further details, please contact: Reg Dorset

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Email: regdorset32@gmail.com



## **Great Asby Remote Cinema**

presents



"The future seems bleak for the last remaining pub, The Old Oak, in a village of North East England where people are leaving the area as the mines are closed. Houses are cheap and available, thus making it an ideal location for Syrian refugees .... "

#### Saturday 27th April - Asby Village Hall - 7.30pm

Doors open at 7 pm Admission: £5.00 (card payment preferred)
Tickets available online

Why not collect a takeaway pizza from the pub to bring with you? Orders with the 3Gs by Friday evening please ...and do bring a bottle of your favourite tipple!

# Coffee ... Cake ... Chat ...

Saturday 20th April

10.30am -12.30pm In St.Peter's Church

This is a community-building event and not fundraising, so there will be no charge, although a donations pot will be available.

Come along and join the chatter and friendship. We hope to see you there.

NB. Changes to the church interior may take a little time - but they **will** happen!



At last month's **3 Cs** event, members of Asby Mothers' Union (from left: Helen, Pam and Sheila) prepare to dispense their coffee and cakes to all comers ...



## **WINTER OPENING HOURS**

Monday-Tuesday - closed Wednesday to Friday - open from 5pm Saturday and Sunday - open from 3pm

#### **MUSIC NIGHT**

Saturday 13th April - Free entry!
An eclectic mix of



An eclectic mix of popular music from local musicians with piano, guitar, whistles and vocals covering a wide range of songs from REM to Bob Marley, and Van Morrison to Coldplay.

## **FUN QUIZ NIGHT**

**Thursday 25th April** 

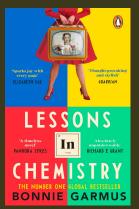


## ASBY BOOK CLUB

Thursday 4th April at The Hunting House, led by Pam

### **LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY**

by Bonnie Garmus



A multi-million pound bestseller, and book of the year for The Times, Sunday Times, Guardian, Mail on Sunday .... and many, many more.

"The most charming life-enhancing novel I've read in ages. A perfect delight" -India Knight.

But not everybody liked it - read it and come and say what **you** think!

**ALL WELCOME** 

# Asby Diners Main course plus tea or coffee £7.50

Main course plus tea or coffee £7.50 plus dessert £2.50

2nd Thursday in the month at 12 noon (so the11th April)

at The Three Greyhounds

Please let the 3Gs know by Wednesday lunchtime if you're going. The menu will be advertised via the Asby Parish Messenger Service.

**ALL WELCOME!** 



## **ASBY POST OFFICE**

Thursday afternoons 3.00 to 4.30pm in the Village Hall

A wide range of PO services are available, including:

Mail & Parcels
Everyday personal & business banking (except The Cumberland)
Bill payments

Travel services \*

Driving Licence and Passports \*

\* Pre-order by calling the Appleby branch (017683 51594)





## The Asby Buddy Group

A village-wide group of individuals has been formed, who are happy to give help and support In the event of a medical emergency. Your first step is to call 999 and request professional medical support and to follow the instructions the operator gives you. Using any means possible, alert one of the names listed below (these are also on the yellow card which had been distributed to everyone in the village). They will activate a call system to bring members of the buddy group to support you. The buddy group members have received training in using the defibrillators located in Great and Little Asby and can give CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) until professional medical help arrives.

#### The Asby Buddy Group members are :

Elaine Barnes: 07802 427759 CENTRAL VILLAGE

Gareth Cozens: 07443 479170 LITTLE ASBY lan Hutchings: 07999 556892 GOODLIE HILL

Sue Leather: 07789 867711 CENTRAL VILLAGE

Steve Lucas: 07968 836289 TOWN HEAD Graham Parkin: 07768 936068 CENTRAL VILLAGE

Louise Reeve: 07763 783228 DRYBECK

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## **ASBY VILLAGE HALL**

## The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Asby Village Hall Committee

will take place on Thursday 11 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
The agenda has been posted on the Village Hall website.

#### Membership of the Village Hall Committee

The village hall committee consists of elected managing trustees and appointed representatives of various village groups. We take care of the building and provide the facilities needed to make the village hall available to all residents to use for meetings, recreation and leisure. Would you like to become a committee member? Does your group currently not have a representative but would like one?

In either case, please contact the Village Hall Secretary:

Kay Dorset: 017683 51006 fitzgibbon\_k@hotmail.com

## **Asby History Group**

Wednesday 10th April at 8pm in the Village Hall

## WHITLEY CASTLE ROMAN FORT

An illustrated lecture presented by

## **Alastair Robertson**



This little-known, remote Roman fort near Alston in the North Pennines is not only the highest stone-built Roman fort in Britain, it has the most complex defensive earthworks of any known fort in the entire Roman Empire. This will be a useful 'follow-up' to our July 2023 visit to the site, and an excellent introduction to this important site for those who were not able to join us then.

AHG members free - non-members £5

**EDEN ANIMAL RESCUE.** Their quiz night at the Crown and Cushion in Appleby last month was a great success and raised over £500, which will help to build a new kennel block. A team from Great Asby took part, and even appeared (just!) in a photo of the event in the *C. & W. Herald*. We didn't win, but we were not last either, and greatly enjoyed the event.



# SIR CHRISTOPHER WREN AND THE BAROQUE IN ENGLAND

### A lecture by Barbara Peacock, FRSA

An enlightening exploration of the Baroque era in England, with a focus on the legacy of Sir Christopher Wren. From his groundbreaking designs to his lasting impact on English craftsmanship and architectural influence this lecture is a must-attend event for enthusiasts of art, architecture, and history.

APPLEBY MARKET HALL. Wed 10th April, 11am coffee 10.15 -10.45, entrance: £9.00 (members free)



## PENRITH AND DISTRICT RED SQUIRREL GROUP

Your native red squirrels need you! Become a member of Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group for £20 a year. If you see a grey or sickly red please ring Gary Murphy on 07974788434.

To donate, visit our website at <a href="https://www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk">www.penrithredsquirrels.org.uk</a>





### A NEW ASBY GARDEN GROUP?



It is now almost four years since the old Asby Gardening Club was dissolved. Ideas have changed in many ways over that period, and a few of us are now beginning to think the time might be right to start again, albeit in a different form.

Climate change, new ways of looking at the spaces around our houses and how we might use them - for growing our own additive-free food, for the conservation and enrichment of the wild life and flora of the area, for the promotion of our well-being, and so on.

The Asby Tree Group are already doing sterling work in the wider area, but many of us do not wish, or are not able, to undertake the hard work of planting trees and hedges, or even digging holes in the verges for wild flower plugs. But we can still do our bit to enhance our environment in so many ways, even in a window-box or a pot or two, and it is never too late to start.

We envisage a small, informal group of like-minded folk who would like to look around each others gardens, swap seeds and plants, and just talk about what we can and would like to do in our garden spaces, perhaps over a coffee in each others houses or a pint in the pub. No committee, no bank account, nothing formal at all!

If this sounds a nice idea, have a chat with your friends and neighbours and let one of us know if any of you would be interested in being (even ever so slightly!) involved, and we will go from there ...

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## **ASBY MOTHERS UNION**

We are a small but active branch and regularly welcome visitors and non-members of all denominations from across the local area and beyond. You don't have to be a mother to be a member, you can be single, married, a parent, a grandparent or a young adult.

**Our Meetings**. We meet regularly, mostly on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm; though we like to have a summer break in July and August.

Some meetings are hosted by individual members in their own homes & others in St Peter's Church. These typically start with some short prayers followed by a speaker or activity; then an opportunity to catch up with news and views over a cup of tea. Why not come along to one of our events and get a "taster" of what we do?

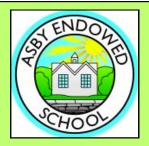
**Other Events.** Other events include a meal out, an annual trip in June and a special Mothers' Union service at St Peter's Church in September. In between meetings we support our local churches in a number of ways including fundraising and by offering Christian friendship. The group has strong links with our friends from the Low Hesket branch, just north of Penrith, visiting and supporting shared events with them.

Meeting this month: At The Belfry, with Lisa. 7.30pm. Subject to be confirmed.

#### Contacts:

Chair – Sheila Braithwaite 017683 51624 Secretary – Wendy Fairey 017683 53609

Programme Planners - Denise Frisby 015396 23542 and Carole Cozens 01539 623112





It was been another busy month at Asby Endowed School. March started with Class 2 pupils bell-boating on Ullswater, followed by the whole school swimming lessons at Appleby pool. Towards the end of the term, Years 5 and 6 have attended an outdoor adventurous residential with pupils from Long Marton, Bolton and Crosby Ravensworth schools, walking up Catbells, gorge walking, canoeing and archery! Whilst they were away, the rest of the school have been creative and designed our Easter window for St Peter's Church as well as planting trees with the Asby Tree Group in Mask Woods and going on a spring walk to Grange Hall.

After an extremely busy term, pupils and staff are looking forward to our Easter holidays and a well deserved break! When we return for the Summer holidays, we have lots of exciting activities happening such as camping, paddling boarding, visiting Glasgow, more swimming lessons, wheelchair basketball and rugby but to name a few things!

If you would like to know more about our fantastic village school, please contact Michelle Clark, the headteacher, on 01768351154 or <a href="mailto:admin@asby.cumbria.sch.uk">admin@asby.cumbria.sch.uk</a> to arrange a visit.

Our school website is <u>www.asby.cumbria.sch.uk</u> or follow us on Facebook!



#### **HELPLINES**

The Farm Community
Network:
03000 111 999

Child Line: Counselling: freephone: 0800 1111

The Clergy: see page 7

Samaritans: freephone: 116 12

email: jo@smmaritans.org
Child Concerns? Contact

Children's Services -Westmorland and Furness Safeguarding Hub (24 hrs) 0333 240 1727

The 'Silver Line' helpline links the elderly with local services, help if abused or neglected, befriending if lonely. 0800 470 8090 (24 hrs.)

**Defibrillator** is available outside the village hall

Police NON emergency: 101 National Suicide Prevention Helpline UK: 0800 689 5652 from 6.00pm - midnight daily

Shout 85258 is a free and confidential text support service for moments when you may be dealing with suicidal thoughts and need help.

## SASBY TREE GROUP

This group has been set up to plant more trees in response to environmental and climate concerns, as well as to attempt to replace the many ash that will soon be lost to dieback disease. For more information on current activities contact the secretary - Keith Cooper on 017683 52204 or visit the website https://asbyparish.org.uk/tree-

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## Asby Parish Clergy and Church Contacts

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Tel: 07966 371044

St. Peter's Church Warden:

Vacant

**Methodist Minister:** 

**Rev. Andrew Sterling** 

(017683) 51244

**Roman Catholic Parish Priest** 

Fr. John Winstanley

(01768) 862 273

## **Parish Amenities**

Paper/Cans/Bottles and Plastics, kerb side collection (bags & box):

Thurs 4th and 18th April 2024

Recycling at St Peters: Charitable donations of spectacles can be left in the church.

Upper Eden Food Bank collection point in St Peter's Church.

Green Waste Skip opposite Village Hall:

Only household garden waste, emptied monthly. Please ensure the surrounding areas are left tidy.

Wheelchair available on temporary

**loan:** contact John Bevan, The Hollies, (017683) 53433 or any PCC member.

**Information Boards**. Outside the Village Hall and in the Bus Shelter.

### **Asby Parish Council - Your Parish Councillors**

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# Tell us what's going to happen in Asby next month Review what has already happened

Please send full full details of events for May 2024, with photos (jpegs or similar preferred) if applicable, for inclusion in the next edition of Asby Matters, **by the 15th of this month.** If you would like to discuss any previous events or occasions in the village, or if you would like to air your views on any aspect of village life past or present, please "write to the editor", and we will include it in the next issue (with the usual editorial reservations). Please send all correspondence to **secretary@asbystpeters.org** (note new email address).

## **OUT AND ABOUT**

Some April events in nearby villages, or a short drive away





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#### LOCAL FARMERS' and MAKERS' MARKETS

APPLEBY. Makers' Market. Sat 27th April, 9.30am-3.30pm, Appleby Public Hall.

**BROUGH.** Entirely under cover. 20th April, 9.30am-2pm. Brough Memorial Hall. **ORTON.** The nearest, one of the first to be formed, and still one of the best!

Sat 13th April, 9am-2pm. In and around Orton Market Hall.

**SEDBERGH.** Every Wednesday. 8.30am -12.30pm. Joss Lane Car Park **SHAP.** Farmers' and Makers' Market. Sat 27th April, 9am-1pm. Shap Memorial

Hall & The Old Courthouse.





27 March - 26 May 2024

# Spring Rising



Upfront Gallery Nr, Hutton-in-the-Forest Penrith CA11 9TG Wednesday to Sunday



greendoor.org.uk



#### Patrick Monahan's Exclusively

Thurs 25th April, 6.30pm

Adult £12 | U18s £8 | Unwaged £8

Kirkby Stephen Sports & Social Club

Patrick Monahan has performed in over 1,000 cities and towns, and dozens of countries around the world! Travelling more miles than the whole of NASA's space flights! Come see him now before he does his Mars stadium tour 2024! Exclusively yours!

Everybody's favourite comedian, lovable Patrick Monahan blends a high energy comedy style with hilarious and engaging topical and observational material.



#### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Saturday 22nd June, 11am-4pm

## **Open Garden**

at Harlea House, Great Asby in aid of the Penrith Red Squirrel Group Save the date and put it in your diary or calendar now!

full details in due course



## **Penrith Repair Café**

13th April, 10am-1pm
Old Fire Station, Bridge Lane,
Penrith. Free admissionl.
f it's broken, don't bin it, fix it at the
Penrith Repair Café. Our volunteers
will try to help you repair your item if
possible.
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## MMVI (Maulds Meaburn Village Institute) Gather Inn



## Friday 12th April

Doors open 6:30pm for 7pm start

£20 per team (4 to 6 people)

Or £5 per person (to join a team)

email hollyhowe15@me.com to book

#### Raffle prizes!

Free wedges and sandwiches!

Trophy and glory for the winning team!

Wooden spoon for the losing team!



Get a team together (or come on your own and we'll find you a team)! Sandwiches and wedges will be your half-time treat!



## **Jazz and Supper**

12th April, 7.00pm Great Salkeld Village Hall Tickets £15.00 including supper

A Music Night in aid of St Cuthbert's Church. Music from Gail Bashall, Mario Caribe, Martin Kershaw and Kevin Mackenzie. A pie and pea supper will be served with a bar and raffle.



# MARMALADE AWARDS AND FESTIVAL

Dalemain Mansion, Near Penrith 20th April, 10.00-16.00

The winners will be announced at the Award ceremony. This will be followed by a day of Marmalade celebrations with tastings, stalls, lectures, children's activities and more.

Entrance £11.00



## **Gin Tasting**

Langwathby Village Hall 27th April 19.000-23.00

4 premium gins, some food and entertainment plus it's for a great cause. Gins and talks 7-9 and then live music 9-11pm. Enjoy the evening with entertainment from Annie Jackson-Elliott Music. Entrance £25.00

## **FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT**

Soulby Village Hall, Friday 19th April, 7pm



Pie & pea supper. Teams of four. Adults £10, ages 10-16 £5, under 10s free. Please bring your own drinks.



#### **Gertrude Lawrence:**

A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening

with Lucy Stevens

Lazonby Village Hall, Thurs 11th April 7.30

The 1930's star of musical comedy Gertrude Lawrence tells her own story for the first time in her own words. A feisty, strong woman from Clapham, Gertie leads the audience from her childhood in Clapham, to London's swanky night clubs and the bright lights of Broadway.

A theatrical cabaret performed by actor and singer Lucy Stevens with pianist Elizabeth Marcus. Tickets £12.00 (tel. 01768 870824 or from ticketsource.co.uk)









## The Holy Land In peace and war

An evening of Sabbatical Reflections on the Holy Land by the Venerable Stewart Fyfe Archdeacon of West Cumberland

Stewart will be sharing photos and stories from his sabbatical in Israel, Palestine and Jordan, including the start of the Gaza war.  $\textbf{On: Thursday 25}^{th} \textbf{April}$ 

Time: 7.30pm

At: The Sands Methodist Church, Appleby
There will be a collection in aid of the JAI's Olive Tree Project
in Bethlehem



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For various roles in youth groups across the mission community

#### Do you feel called to work with young people?

If so, we would love to hear from you. Network Youth Church creates a safe and welcoming space to all young people across this area. Leading with Christian values, we aim to support the young people, teach and challenge, love and serve them, whilst they make new friends and have fin.

We rely on our wonderful volunteers, who lead with kindness, love and patience, to forge real relationships and re-imagine church in a modern, inclusive way.

Our volunteers come from all walks of life. Do you have any skills or experience which may be useful to our team? Or do you simply have a heart for your community and wish to see fresh expressions of church flourish? From cooking simple meals and serving snacks, playing games, doing crafts, assisting with sports, playing a musical instrument, to listening-in on Bible study - if you could spare a couple of hours a week, we would love to hear from you!"

Contact Rachel Milburn on: 07920186673