

CAMEO

Friday 8th June from 6.30pm

Family Quiz | Pasta bolognese & hot dogs | Kids crafts

Bring your own choice of drinks including alcohol
(tea and coffee available £1 with free refill)



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Entry £1.50 per adult, 50p per child



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Barrow-in-Furness

TEAM TALK



June & July 2018

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"The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

TEAM TALK

The next edition of TEAM TALK will be in August 2018. News items and articles should be forwarded to ALISON OTTO by Sunday 22 July 2018 at the latest.

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THE COFFEE CLUB

The COFFEE CLUB has resumed for the summer and happens fortnightly at Roose School, North Row, on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month between 9.30 am and 10.30 am. Children in Year 6 will be provide cakes, so come along for a coffee and meet up with friends old and new!

Richard Corrie's Sunday Breakfast

6.00am to 9.00am

BBC RADIO CUMBRIA

bbc.co.uk/cumbria

"Reflecting faith across the County"

Daphne reflects on her time in Barrow...

Before Daphne leaves us, we thought it would be good to ask her a few questions about her time here in Barrow and the UK, and find out what she wants to say to us as she leaves.

Q. What will you miss most about England - and what will you not miss at all?

- I will miss the gloomy winter, sitting next to the fire, the feeling of waiting for spring, lovely sunshine, the amazing lake district, snow, sheep, puddings, Ruth's yummy food, reading Bible with Zoe, the kids, London, and of course, my dear church family. I will not miss potatoes (but I really like roasted potatoes.) and being sick!

Q. How do you think God has grown you during your time in England as an Intern?

He gives me many opportunities to learn and experience lots of different things in life. I think I grow the knowledge of Bible and the love for God. And the most important thing is – God is the one in control of everything. It's wonderful to be His child and doing what pleases Him.

Q. Barrow has become part of your story, especially with Jerry proposing to you in Ruth & Ted's conservatory! Will we see you in Barrow again?

I'd love to visit Barrow again! Not only because Jerry proposed here, but also the wonderful people I know here.

Q. What have been some of your favourite memories of your time in England?

There are too many..... but I really love being at lake district. The nature always reminds me that God is the creator!

Q. Do you have a message for us in South Barrow as you leave us?

It's good to know you in my life. No matter where we are, we're God's people. I pray that we'll keep knowing Jesus better, love Him more, and live our lives to please God. *'I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'.* (2 Timothy 4 v7)



Sunday Worship during June & July 2018

3 June	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
10 June	*9.30 am All-Age Worship at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
17 June	*10.30 am Team Service at St George's 12.15 pm Civic Service at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
24 June	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am All-Age Worship at St George's 12 noon Baptisms at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
1 July	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
8 July	*9.30 am All-Age Worship at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's 11.15 am Baptisms at St Aidan's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
15 July	*10.30 am Team Service at St Aidan's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
22 July	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am Holy Communion at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy
29 July	*9.30 am Holy Communion at St Aidan's *10.30 am All-Age Worship at St George's 12 noon Baptisms at St George's *4.00 pm Grace Church at Yarlside Academy

**Refreshments will be served after these services.*

The South Barrow Team Register

Baptisms

29 April	Evelyn Annie Minnican (26/8/17) at St George's
13 May	Jude Thomas Mattimore (B:5/10/17) at St Aidan's
26 May	Daryl Benjamin Archer (Adult) at St George's
26 May	Farhen Skye Matthieson (Adult) at St George's
26 May	Karl Benjamin Horwood (Adult) at St George's
26 May	Callum Marc Pearson (Adult) at St George's
26 May	Rebecca Hetherington (Adult) at St George's
27 May	Brant Stanley Vickers (31/3/15) at St George's
27 May	Alexander Ray Archer (11/7/17) at St George's
27 May	Lainey Louise Griffiths (24/7/17) at St George's

Wedding

28 April Matt. Hargreaves & Jenni Hayes @ St George's

Renewal of Marriage Vows

27 April Bob & Violet Clarke @ St George's
26 May Brian & Sheila Kerr @ St George's

Funerals

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of:

4 April Irene Dawes (77) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
10 April Gladys Conway () at St George's Church
13 April Don Bennett (74) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
23 April Jean Clapperton (91) at St George's Church
4 May Alison Benson (48) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
10 May Marian Griffiths (85) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
10 May Irene Whalley (91) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
18 May Christine Smith (55) at Thorncliffe Crematorium
22 May Harry Miller (89) at Thorncliffe Crematorium

Enquiries about Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child, Baptism, Weddings, Renewal of Marriage Vows and Funerals should be directed to any of the clergy (see page 2 for contact details)

Thank you

Annual Parochial Church Meetings

The APCM's, which took place in April, provided an opportunity to review and further God's work in our two parishes which make up the South Barrow Team. As in previous years,, the APCM's took place within the context of worship (this year at St George's). At the St George's APCM Geraldine Southam and Ted Fenton were re-elected as Churchwarden's for 2018/19. There were no nomination for Churchwarden's at St Aidan's; thus, there remains a vacancy for two Churchwardens there. Geraldine, Ted and peter Gardner were thanked for their hard work & valued support.

All those currently serving on the St. Aidan's **Parochial Church Council** were re-elected; while Alison Otto we re-elected to serve on St George's PCC. Though not a member of the St George's PCC Pat Liddicott has continued to provide invaluable help with the church finance at St George's and she was thanked accordingly. Likewise Sheila Simpson was thanked for her diligence and care as PCC Treasurer for St Aidan's, not least with the additional financial demands relating to 'Fit For Purpose'.

The names of those who will serve **Stewards/Welcomers** for 2018/19 were read out and duly appointed. All those involved were thanked for their important ministry of welcome.

There remains one vacancy on the **Barrow Deanery Synod**; ideally this should be someone from St Aidan's to ensure the whole Team is evenly represented. Peter Gardner is one of the Synod's nominated Trustees for the Barrow Foodbank.

The APCM included various reports representing the breadth and life of the local church in South Barrow, including Grace Church which was formally 'planted' in October 2017 (www.gracechurchbarrow.co.uk). Our churches are rooted in the local community and the potential opportunities for reaching the local community with the good news of Jesus Christ by improving our church buildings and making them more welcoming and accessible is phenomenal. Copies of the combined 2017 Annual Report are available at the back of church - pick up a copy today! In the meantime, please pray that God will guide us in all that we do in South Barrow. '*Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labour in vain*' Psalm 127 v.1

Barrow Foodbank News

Did you know that Trussell Trust Foodbanks receive no government funding, and rely entirely on the generosity of the public and grant giving bodies? Barrow Foodbank receives some Barrow Council and Cumbria County Council grants to support specific areas of their work only, such as money to relieve child food poverty, or for some Christmas gifts, so your support is vital.

You can now order food online from Tesco, Amazon etc, to be delivered directly to Barrow Foodbank during opening hours of Monday to Thursday 11am to 1pm and Friday 11am to 3pm. This is useful if you cannot visit the Foodbank yourself.

Due to recent high demand, stocks are running low, especially pasta sauce, tinned tuna, custard and rice pudding, UHT milk and fruit juice. Other items always needed are: tinned meat, vegetables, fruit, tomatoes, instant mashed potatoes, pasta, tea, coffee, biscuits, snack bars, baby food, nappies, toiletries and ladies sanitary products.

If you would like to volunteer at the Foodbank, please ring 01229 343436 or email projectmanager@barrowfoodbank.co.uk

Thank you for your support.

Sheila Simpson



SPEAKERS INCLUDE:
WEEK 1: Christopher Ash
WEEK 2: Chris Wright
WEEK 3: David Cook

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SERVING GOD'S MISSION

Convention 2018
WEEK 1: July 14-20 | WEEK 2: July 21-27 | WEEK 3: July 28-August 3

For details about the Keswick Convention visit:

<https://keswickministries.org/convention/2018>

CHRISTIAN AID 'BIG BREKKIE'

A big thank you to all those who supported Big Brekkie for Christian Aid. Almost £90 (with gift aid to be added) was raised to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

A special thank you to Amanda Dennison for organising this event and to the wonderful 'kitchen crew' who did a sterling job!

CHRISTMAS SHOE-BOX APPEAL

Thanks for the generosity of those who participated in last years Operation Christmas Child Shoe-box Appeal have been received. As a result of people's generosity the lives of millions of children and families around the world have been blessed - 678,000 children received shoebox gifts from the UK in 2017!

Well done & thank you!



BEETLE DRIVE
at St George's Hall
on Friday 15 June
at 6.30 pm
*Fun for all the family
with hotdogs and fries!*



SUMMER FAIR & BRUNCH!
Saturday 7 July : 11.30 am to 2 pm
at St George's Church Hall

As well as bacon baps and sausage sarnies there will be various stalls: cakes, books, jewellery, homemade-jams, bric-a-brac, etc. As well as face painting and a bouncy castle!

All welcome!

Saying Farewell to Daphne!

It has been an absolute joy and privilege to have had Daphne Hwang with us in South Barrow these past eleven months as part of the Diocese' IX12 Intern Scheme.

Sadly on July 12th her time as an Intern will come to a close and she'll fly back to Taiwan to be re-united with her family and Jerry, her fiancé.



Leaving family and friends and moving to a completely new place in a completely different culture is not an easy thing, as you'll know if you've ever tried it! And yet Daphne has gone about this with a wonderful Christian maturity. She has thrown herself into life in Barrow, despite those differences. Her humility, servant-heart, love for God, and sense of fun have been evident throughout. I have been personally struck by Daphne's desire to always be growing in her own relationship with God - she embodies being a disciple of Jesus.

Daphne has been instrumental to Grace Church being viable in its first ten months, not least in her time teaching the children in Grace Kids and playing keyboard, and she's served and got stuck in at St George's & St Aidan's too.

There'll be a chance to say more on July 8th (see below!), but Daphne, thank you so much. We praise God for you and thank him for the way in which he brought you to us!

We're also really grateful to Hilary Dean and Ted & Ruth Fenton for hosting Daphne during her time here, as well as the different partner churches from across Cumbria and beyond that have supported us financially to allow Daphne to be with us.

If you would like to contribute to a **gift for Daphne**, please speak to Robin.

There'll be a **special 'bring & share' farewell tea for Daphne** after the 4pm service at Grace Church on Sunday 8th July at Yarlside Academy - **all are really welcome!**



'Imagine Church' Cumbria Hub 2018

Do you ever feel like church seems disconnected from the rest of your life? Do you ever imagine that there must be a way of doing church differently so that faith is more connected to everything else in your life?

Back in Spring 2017 a few of us from the South Barrow Team went to Ulverston for an 'Imagine Church' Day put on by Carlisle Diocese. The idea was to be inspired as to how our church services could better equip us for living out our faith the rest of the week.

Here's what Marek Mozdzynski from St George's said, "In the past I've tended to be enthusiastic about church and enthusiastic about so-called 'mission' work, but I'd almost disregarded my workplace as a place where God might use me. I've tended to keep a low-profile, just get the job done and get my money. It's not that I wasn't kind or thoughtful as you might expect of a Christian employee, but I was pretty passive about it all. But work is a really significant parts of our lives, and our approach to church needs to encourage us in that."

"The Imagine day helped me to start thinking of myself as a tool for God, and gave me loads of ideas. As a church it's also helped us start thinking about how what we do on a Sunday can support us the other six days, rather than being disconnected."

Off the back of attending that taster day, as a Team we were invited to explore this further by being part of a Cumbria based 'Imagine Church' Hub in 2018. The idea is that anyone from the church is able to attend three days of input & discussion, as well as then committing to reflecting on this together as PCCs to embed what we've heard.

In February this year eight folk from St George's attending the first Imagine Day at Ambleside, which was really encouraging and the feedback featured in a subsequent weekly Newsletter. The next Imagine Day has been arranged for Saturday 16 June, again at Ambleside, between 10 am and 3.30 pm. Whether you attended the previous Day or not, it doesn't matter—anyone is welcome to attend as each day 'stands alone'. If you would like to come along please let either Gary or Robin know by Sunday 10 June, to arrange transport and book for lunch—which is provided free of charge.

IMAGINE DAYS:

16th June 2018

6th October 2018

Your SHAPE for God's Service

Do you wish... You could discover your gifts; you could live a more joyful and fruitful Christian life; you could serve God more fully; you could become the person God has designed you to be? **Then why not take part in SHAPE!**

What will it involve?

"Your SHAPE for God's Service" involves six meetings in a small informal group. It will be enjoyable and interesting! We will help each other to explore our unique God-given "SHAPE," and how we can use this in his service. We will look at:

Your Spiritual Gifts (God's unique gifts to you)

Heart's Desire (what motivates and excites you; what you love to do)

Abilities (your talents, knowledge and skills)

Personality (your character, personal qualities and strengths)

Experience (your life experiences and what you've gained from them)

Why?

Most of us are very aware of our own weaknesses and failings, and so lack confidence in our Christian lives. We need to discover more of our gifts and strengths, the way God has shaped us, and what we have to offer!

What will we do?

There will be some input from the leader on the topics, and on Biblical teaching. There will also be practical exercises, plenty of lively discussion and prayer. Between each session, you will be asked to do about an hour of Personal Reflection and activities to help you discover more about yourself. By the final session you will have created a picture of your "shape" and gained insights about how God has designed and grown you. It's important to come to all six of the sessions, as they build on each other. At the end, you will have a private sit-down with a Church leader, to talk and think through how you might be using your "SHAPE" to serve God in the church, at work, with your family and friends, in the community and in your voluntary or leisure activities. **Do join us! SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF CHURCH!**

From Thursday, 14th June from 2.00 to 4.00 pm

in The Pennington Room, St George's, Barrow led by Liz Currie & Alan Scantlebury.

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CIVIC SERVICE

SUNDAY 17 JUNE AT ST GEORGE'S @ 12.15 pm All welcome!

PEOPLE...

As you will have picked up in recent Newsletters, Elaine Bates has been appointed Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral. As well as being a Self-Supporting Minister at St Paul's Elaine has invested much time and energy into Curacy Training across the Diocese, mentoring Local Lay Ministers and currently she is a Ministerial Support Officer for Cumbria Christian Learning.

Aimee Lynch will be ordained Deacon at Carlisle Cathedral on Saturday 30 June. Aimee is married to Matt and they will live at St John's Vicarage, Barrow Island. Andy Batchelor, Vicar of Walney & Barrow Island, will be Aimee's Training Incumbent, though she is being Licenced to the Barrow Mission Community.

The Revd Tony Ford, currently Vicar of St Mary's, Balderstone, in Manchester Diocese has been appointed Vicar of St Mark's. Tony and his wife, Denise, will be moving to Barrow in early September, prior to Tony's Licencing on 23 September at 3 pm at St Mark's.

The Revd Derek Price, Vicar of St Paul's, Barrow, for the last 14 years, is to retire in July. He and his wife, Debs., will be moving to Tyne & Wear. Their last Sunday at St Paul's will be 1 July when there will be a Farewell Service at 3.30 pm that day.

Please pray for these different people and the churches affected in this period of change and transition. Remember the promise given in Deuteronomy 31 v.8?
If not, look it up!

NEW BISHOP OF PENRITH



The Revd Dr Emma Ineson, currently Principal of Trinity College, Bristol, has been appointed as the next Suffragan Bishop of Penrith. She will be based in Kendal and will have particular responsibility for the county's God for All strategy; that everyone in Cumbria – of all ages and backgrounds – has the opportunity to know more about God and God's purpose in their lives that they may become followers of Jesus in a Christian community.

Emma was born in Birmingham and brought up in Kenya, where her parents helped train Kenyan teachers, and in South Wales for her teenage years. Emma, 48, is married to Mat who is currently Vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Stoke Bishop. They have two children, one doing A Levels and the other training to be a secondary science teacher. In her spare time Emma enjoys cooking and entertaining, reading, walking the couple's two dogs, going to the theatre and gardening. Emma succeeds the Rt Revd Robert Freeman who retired in April. She will be consecrated on Wednesday 27 February, 2019 at York Minster.

Addict

The following article was written by Robin for the weekly 'Christian Comment' section of the NW Evening Mail. After Barrow's appearance in the national press a few weeks ago, owing to twelve fatal drug overdoses in the last few months, it seemed the sad but important 'story' to cover...

Addict. What thoughts come to mind when you hear that word? **Shame? Blame? Pain?** Maybe it opens up old wounds, taking us back to agonising memories of our past. Maybe it brings to mind a present struggle, one that's waging war in our own life – or in the life of someone we love. We know all too well how 'I want' becomes 'I need'. Or maybe it's a word that makes us angry. Maybe we're frustrated at the negative press our town seems to have had in the national media over the past few weeks, and we feel it's not representative of all the natural beauty, community spirit and positivity in the area.

Addiction Bigger Than The Statistics

Of course on one level it's hard to argue with the statistics. **And that's all the more painful when those 'statistics' are people that mean the world to us.** And yet, without wanting to dismiss the challenges, social complexities, and dangers of substance abuse, the reality of addiction goes way beyond the stories we've seen on the news or in the papers recently.

It might be an addiction to illegal drugs, but equally it might be to online gambling or excessively buying things we just don't need. After the #MeToo scandals, it was striking to see how many individuals described themselves as 'sex addicts'. **And whilst we're used to people confessing a 'drinking problem', what about an addiction to porn, or food, or even an addiction to approval?** Maybe you think that last one sounds silly. But then tell me why so many of us struggle to stay off Facebook for more than half an hour?

Complexity takes us deeper

Whatever it is, being addicted is complex. It's never as simple as the sound-bites. **Often we're both in-control and out-of-control.** We're making our own choices and yet we're hopelessly spinning off-the-track, being

re-wired and enslaved to a compulsion that never satisfies. **And all that convinces me the solutions must go deeper than often suggested too.**


Of course, if we're made by a personal God, then we shouldn't expect life to fully make sense without that God in His rightful place. **When we take Him out of the picture and put other stuff in the 'God spot', then we're effectively giving our lives to things never meant to satisfy.** The 12 step programme, which so many have found helpful, describes turning our lives over to a higher power, a 'God'.

Hope for the Shamed

In Christianity, this God introduces himself as Jesus Christ. And He's full of surprises. **Knowing you're in the grip of addiction feels shameful, but Jesus identifies Himself with the shamed.** And rather than cracking the whip or laying the blame, He says He can buy us back from the slavery of addiction – whether it's hidden or public, illegal or respectable.

One writer, Ed Welch, has described addictions as a "banquet in the grave". **They promise pleasures, but end in agonies.** But whilst there's no quick-fixes and it's always a fight, the claim of Christianity is that because of Jesus Christ there can also be hope.

Robin Ham



But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31