

## SUNDAY SERVICES FOR AUG AND SEPT

<u>Date</u>	<u>BARTON</u>	<u>POOLEY BRIDGE</u>	<u>MARTINDALE</u>
<b>2nd Aug</b>		10am Church4All	10.30am Communion
<b>9th Aug</b>	10am Morning Prayer	10am Church4All	
<b>16th Aug</b>		10am Church4All	10.30am Communion (tbc)
<b>23rd Aug</b>	10am Communion	10am Church4All	
<b>30th Aug</b>		10am Church4All	5.30pm Old Church Evening Service
<b>6th Sept</b>		10am Church4All	10.30am Communion (tbc}
<b>13th Sept</b>	10.00am Morning Prayer		
<b>20th Sept</b>		10am Communion	10.30am Communion
<b>27th Sept</b>	10am Communion		<b>5pm</b> Old Church Evening Service

All services listed above are subject to government and C of E Covid 19 regulations and should therefore be regarded as provisional. Please check on a weekly basis on the website: [www.ullswaterchurches.org.uk](http://www.ullswaterchurches.org.uk). Full details of the arrangements in place in each church in the benefice are to be found on this website – click on the COVID 19 tag. Please do not attend any church service if you have any Covid 19 symptoms or if you have had contact recently with anyone with such symptoms. The church buildings remain closed except for published services – this enables each church to establish a safe environment for Sunday services.

# GRAPEVINE

August and September 2020  
A Bi-Monthly Notice Sheet for BARTON GROUP PARISHES  
Barton Pooley Bridge Martindale  
[www.ullswater-churches.org.uk](http://www.ullswater-churches.org.uk) [www.barton-church-ullswater.uk](http://www.barton-church-ullswater.uk)

## CHURCH NEWS

The parishes of the benefice have now been in interregnum for close on two years. During this time consultations have been ongoing to establish a Mission Community in the Ullswater area and this has now been established. A Mission Community leader has been appointed – the Ven Morris Rodham, House for Duty Priest at St. Patrick's, Patterdale. An introductory letter from him explaining the arrangements either already now in place or about to be implemented is printed inside this bulletin.

For this benefice, with all the problems and restrictions arising from Covid 19 on the appointment of clergy to parishes in vacancy, the PCCs of the churches have received a very generous offer from the Archdeacon of Carlisle, Ven Lee Townend, who resides in Pooley Bridge vicarage, to be Interim Incumbent of this benefice for 12 – 18 months from the beginning of October 2020. Under this arrangement Archdeacon Lee would add the responsibility for these churches to his already existing much wider diocesan workload and would plan to be generally available for Sunday services in the benefice churches for three Sundays each month as well as holding responsibility for weddings, funerals and baptisms. We look forward to welcoming Archdeacon Lee as our Interim Vicar.

Until this new arrangement is in place services continue in all the churches led by local ministry or visiting clergy as indicated on the back page and during this period enquiries for each of the churches should continue to be addressed as below:

St. Michael, Barton	Mr H Pitt	01768 890500
St Peter & St Martin, Martindale	Mrs J Cooper	01768 868055
St Paul, Pooley Bridge	Mrs A Strong	017684 86034

All enquiries for baptisms, weddings and funerals should be directed to the Rural Dean, Revd David Sargent on 01768 863000

*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

(Deuteronomy 33 verse 27)

## From Ven Morris Rodham, Ullswater Mission Community Leader

The good news for the newly formed Ullswater Mission Community is that despite the COVID-19 situation and significant financial difficulties the Diocese is facing, we have heard from Bishop James that he is content to endorse some temporary interim arrangements for this area. We thank Archdeacon Lee and Gary for advocating for this on our behalf. The details of these arrangements, subject to all of the legal processes being completed successfully, are as follows:

### NEW CONFIGURATIONS

The new configurations for the Ullswater Mission Community, subject to the legal processes and current financial reviews, will be:

- Dacre, Watermillock and Matterdale (Half-time - 0.5 post).
- Barton, Pooley Bridge and Martindale (Half-time - 0.5 post).
- Patterdale (House for Duty post, plus 0.2 Ullswater Mission Community Leader paid for by Patterdale PCC).

Greystoke, Penruddock and Mungrisdale will form a group north of the A66, and join the former Inglewood group as part of the Blencathra Mission Community.

Newton Reigny, who were originally intended to be part of Ullswater Mission Community, will remain as part of the St Andrew's group in Penrith

### ULLSWATER MISSION COMMUNITY – INTERIM ARRANGEMENTS

The Diocese has had a significant shortfall in income due to the effects of COVID-19 and churches being closed. Significant reductions in clergy posts are expected, so almost all existing appointment processes have been put on hold until after a full review of Diocesan finances and its effects on future deployment. This review could take up to 18 months. So what does this mean for the Ullswater area? The good news is that there is a creative approach to a difficult situation. It is as follows:

The Diocese will provide support from September to both the Dacre/Watermillock/Matterdale group and Barton/Pooley Bridge/Martindale group, by appointing Gary Cregeen to Dacre et al, and Archdeacon Lee to Barton et al, as incumbents on an Interim Ministry basis, for a period of up to 18 months. These will be official, fully licensed positions as incumbents. This gives both Gary and Lee the authority of incumbents to, for example, conduct PCC meetings and APCMs etc, if required.

Despite the Diocesan hold on all appointment processes at the moment, the Bishop has also, uniquely because of the circumstances of the significantly long interregnum at Dacre, allowed Dacre/Watermillock/Matterdale to advertise for a permanent appointment, on a half-time (0.5) basis. It should be noted however that currently, any posts allowed to be advertised will be restricted to internal candidates only in the first instance.

Archdeacon Lee and Gary will continue as Interim incumbents until such time as an appointment is made at Dacre et al, or a maximum of 18 months, whichever is the shortest time-frame. During this time the necessary legal Pastoral Schemes will be implemented (they usually take about 6 months under normal circumstances).

The other piece of the jigsaw is the Barton group of parishes. The expectation now is that Gary Cregeen will apply for that permanent post if/when it becomes available, on a single candidate basis. This has been proposed and accepted by the PCCs of this group. Our hope therefore is that Dacre, Watermillock and Matterdale will benefit from Gary's Interim Ministry and that a permanent appointment can be made there sooner rather than later, and that we can collectively as the Ullswater Mission Community raise sufficient funding in advance to prove to the Diocese that we can not only cover our own costs but also support other poorer areas of the Diocese. If we are able to achieve all this, and if this is accepted by the Diocese, then Gary will be free to apply for the Barton group.

This is all subject to any further decisions by the Diocese in the light of the current financial situation, but is outlined above so that everyone in the Ullswater Mission Community knows our preferred direction of travel. Please bear in mind though that this is all based on the Bishop's informal permission thus far, and the legalities still have to be carried out properly. A more formal announcement about the Interim Incumbencies will be made once the legalities of all the above have been fulfilled.

God bless  
Morris

### Barton Educational Foundation

Grants from the above trust foundation are available to students in higher or further education. Students living in the ancient parish of Barton, comprising the present civil parishes of Barton, Sockbridge and Tirril, Yanwath and Eamont Bridge, Martindale and the Patterdale ward of Eden District Council are eligible to apply.

Closing date for applications 30th September 2020

Application forms are available from:

[gillmackey@aol.com](mailto:gillmackey@aol.com) or

Gillian Mackey, Eusemere Farm House, Pooley Bridge, Penrith, Cumbria CA10 2NN

Please send email to [gillmackey@aol.com](mailto:gillmackey@aol.com) or if this not possible a stamped addressed envelope.

## POOLEY BRIDGE COMMUNITY FUND

As you may be aware, in late 2019 / early 2020 we undertook a project to sell 300 engraved pavers to be laid on the pavements either side of Pooley 'New' Bridge. In total we sold 301 and after costs will have raised around £50,000 for a community fund to help support projects and causes that benefit and enhance the community and village life.

Ideally we'd have liked to hold community meeting to seek your feedback on the types of projects we could support. However given Covid, we've had to resort to email – so our apologies.

### Join Us

We need your help! If you'd be interested in helping to choose how and where the money is spent, please do get in touch via [pooleybridgefund@gmail.com](mailto:pooleybridgefund@gmail.com)

### What is the fund for?

We're now actively looking for great causes to support in two areas:

Supporting those in need and the outstanding achievements of individuals from the community

Community causes and projects that celebrate and enhance village life

If you have a project or cause in mind, here's what we can offer:

- Up to £500 for an individual
- Up to £2500 for a project or an event that celebrates and /or enhances village life
- The fund aims to allocate a maximum of £5000 per annum in total – this is to ensure the longevity of the scheme.

Our aim is that, with legacy funding, donations and future fundraising events, the initial £50,000 raised will be the basis of a long-lasting community fund that will extend well-beyond the initial 10 year plan.

To apply, simply email: [pooleybridgefund@gmail.com](mailto:pooleybridgefund@gmail.com)

We look forward to hearing from you

Mark Vause

Chair, Pooley Bridge Community Fund

Items for the October and November Grapevine should be sent to [veronica@thewrightsof.org.uk](mailto:veronica@thewrightsof.org.uk) by 21st September ,