

CHURCH SERVICES FOR APRIL AND MAY 2021

<u>Date</u>	<u>BARTON</u>	<u>POOLEY BRIDGE</u>	<u>MARTINDALE</u>
4th April Easter Day	10.00am Communion Ven L Townend	10.00am Church4All Mr A Wright	10.30am Communion Rev D Jago
11th April	10.00am Communion Rev M Talbot		
18th April		10.00am Communion Rev N Reynolds	10.30am Communion by extension Mr A Wright
25th April	10.00am Communion Ven L Townend		
2nd May		10.00am Church4All Dr A McConkey	10.30am Communion Rev D Jago
9th May	10.00am Communion Ven L Townend		
16th May		9.30am Communion Ven L Townend	11.00am Communion Ven L Townend Fleet Air Arm Service (tbc)
23rd May Pentecost	10.00am Communion Ven L Townend		
30th May		10.00am Communion Rev R Campbell	5.30pm Old Church Evensong Ven M Rodham
6th June		10.00am Church4All Mr A Wright	10.30am Communion Rev D Jago

Church4All services are relaxed, informal, all age worship times lasting around an hour – children very welcome – activities provided for them. 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.ullswater-churches.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

April and May 2021

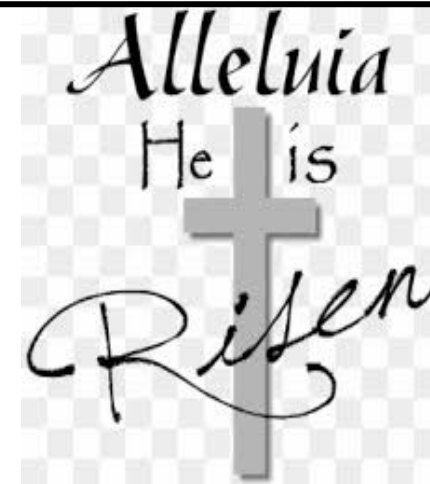
A Bi-Monthly Notice Sheet for BARTON GROUP PARISHES

Barton Pooley Bridge Martindale

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*Easter
Greetings*



After 3 months of closure all our churches re-open for public worship on Easter Sunday. Details of all services are given below. Social distancing will be observed and facemasks must be worn. Sadly, there will be no congregational singing. For the weeks ahead all service details are on the back page – please note there is a change to the usual times on Sunday May 16th

*Easter Day Services
in the churches*

St Michael's Barton 10.00am Holy Communion
St Peter's Martindale 10.30am Holy Communion
St Paul's Pooley Bridge 10.00am Church for All
(an all age family service)

A warm welcome to all to these services

VICAR'S LETTER

Dear friends,

A very Happy Easter to you all.

As I write there is a lot more positive news around with many of us having received vaccines and the nation beginning to open up again. Spring is properly upon us, the weather is better and life always, at least for me, feels so hopeful once the gloom of winter is over and the anticipation of summer is on the distant horizon.

Spring is a time of new growth and new creation. As I look at the garden and the fields, and look up towards the mountains (which I'm privileged to do where I live) you just get a breathtaking sense of the power of God in creation. I find it hard to imagine that all the beauty around us could possibly just be an accident. I'm reminded of the joke that used to do the rounds *"On the sixth day God created the platypus. And God said: 'Let's see the evolutionists try and figure this one out!'"*

Spring, which I began with, is often the time when our attitude towards life becomes more positive, or has the potential to be more positive. Someone once said *"Attitude is the mind's paintbrush. It can colour any situation"*.

In the Bible we hear this *"A joyful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones"* Proverbs 17: 22. How we view life has, to some extent, the ability to make our life better. There is no danger in developing eye strain from looking at the bright side of things. Counting our blessings can be a very real antidote to those moments when we are tempted to bemoan our lot.

Leo Tolstoy once said *"We lost because we told ourselves we lost"*. The odd times when I feel down are often those times when my focus rests on the negatives and this has the potential to spiral ever downwards. How much better to look upon the beauty, the light and the good in the world. How much better to look to God because it's not always the outlook that counts but the uplook!

Clement Stone said *"There is little difference in people, but that little difference makes a big difference. The little difference is attitude. The big difference is whether it is positive or negative"*

So what am I going to do this spring? I'm going to look up and look positive. In the Bible it says this *"Whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things"* Philippians 4:8.

We might not be able to change our circumstances but we can change the way we view our circumstances.

Every blessing
Lee

The Venerable Lee Townend
Archdeacon of Carlisle
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GOOD FRIDAY
2nd April
2pm
DEVOTIONAL SERVICE
on line by zoom
Leader and Preacher
Ven Lee Townend
For access details please
see website ullswater-churches.org.uk
or email alan@thewrights.org.uk

EVENTS CALENDAR

Dates for your diary

Sun July 11th BBQ at Barton House

Wed July 28th Joint Churches Coffee
Morning Parkin Hall
10.30—12noon

Sat Dec 4th St Paul's Christmas Coffee
Morning Parkin Hall
10.30—12noon

The Easter Monday Coffee Morning for World Church is cancelled. Donations in lieu of this event to support our mission partners welcome—please contact Cyril Wilson, World Church Treasurer 01768486990 or Email: cyrilwilson41@gmail.com

POOLEY BRIDGE AND DISTRICT WI

Pooley Bridge WI welcomes new members, guests and visitors.

15th April 7pm Jim Bliss
Conservation Manager of the
Lowther Estate

20th May 7pm Rosie Cumella
Calvert Trust

**The April and May meetings will
by zoom
Contact Jill Mackey for the
zoom code**

June 17th 7pm
Meeting in Parkin Hall speaker tba
All welcome to join us for our first
in person meeting since February
2020

Secretary : Jill Mackey
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Items for the June and July
Grapevine should be sent to
veronica@thewrights.org.uk by
21st May.

Churchwardens contact details

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