

**Holy Trinity Church Rosley** - Rev.Eileen Reid 016973 43089 ereid2002@yahoo.co.uk

### **Christmas Holy Communion Services**

Thursday 24th December (Christmas Eve) - 21.30 (9.30pm) Rosley

Friday 25th December (Christmas Day) - 9.00am Westward

These will be held in church buildings, socially distanced and you will be required to wear a face mask please. I'm sorry but we are unable to have congregational singing at these services.

**Carol Services** We are hoping to hold short Carol Services with congregational singing outside (whatever the weather I'm afraid), socially distanced in churchyards, on

Sunday 20th December 14.00 (2pm) at Rosley and 14.00 (2pm) at Westward

**The Crib Scene** is now on display outside the Church stable. Many thanks to Mike Turnbull for reinvigorating it and setting it up - lovely to see.

I was thinking recently about Christmas traditions. Some are ones which we share, such as Carol services and present giving. Others may be particular family ones. Christmas 2020 will be very different as we are unable to gather together in the way that we usually do. For many there will be a sense of loss as we reflect on the changes to so much of our normal life. We may think about those who have lost jobs and all who have been bereaved. Sometimes it can feel overwhelming. On a positive note we can also reflect on the ways that our communities have offered care for one another in these challenging times and the way the Christmas message of goodwill to all has been embodied in many acts of kindness.

The first Christmas was also a time of great uncertainty and upheaval. Joseph was summoned to register as part of the Roman Census and had to travel over 70 miles from Nazareth to Bethlehem. There was no transport other than a donkey and Mary was heavily pregnant. To make matters worse, by the time Joseph and Mary arrived in Bethlehem all the rooms were taken. So, the Christ child was born in an animal shelter, probably a cave under the house. Once King Herod found out about the new king from the Magi, visitors from the East, Mary and Joseph had to flee for their lives with their son and escape into Egypt where they stayed until Herod died. It was not an ideal start in life for the baby whom the angel had told us was to be the Son of God.

Jesus said he came to bring light in the darkness and hope in troubled situations. As we prepare for a Christmas like no other our celebrations may be very different to usual. But the heart of Christmas remains the same. Jesus, God's Son came into the world to bring us into relationship with God. He came to show how much God cares for each one of us. He came to bring peace and hope. May you know that peace and hope this Christmas.

**Wishing you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year, Eileen**

**There will be a Holy Communion service at Rosley at 9.30am on Sundays 13th and 27th December**

**The Warnell Magazine** lists church services and news and is available to view online, [www.warnellparishes.org.uk](http://www.warnellparishes.org.uk)

### **Cumbria's Big Carol Sing**

A challenge has been set to create Cumbria's biggest socially distanced Christmas Carol Singalong. The Diocese of Carlisle is working in partnership with BBC Radio Cumbria & other churches across the county, to run Cumbria's Big Carol Sing, on Sunday 20 December. The radio station will broadcast a special programme from 6pm that evening, with as many people as possible being asked to join in with singing the carol "Silent Night" on their doorsteps, at 6.15pm.

BBC Radio Cumbria's Richard Corrie, who will present the show, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole county to come together in song and to help lift the mood for everyone, after what has been an unprecedented year, due to the coronavirus. My hope is that as many people as possible will tune into the programme that night and will sing their hearts out from their doorsteps. We'd encourage all our listeners to let their family, friends and neighbours know, so as many people as possible can join in

### **Rosley Church 100 CLUB - 2021**

£12 per ticket. Quarterly draw. March, June, September, December. 1st Prize £40, 2nd Prize, £25, 3rd Prize £10

Please send a cheque for £12 made payable to Rosley PCC to: Anne Burgess, Becks Cottage, East Woodside, Wigton CA7 8BB. Tel 016973 49741 If you are already a ticket holder your number will remain the same.

Thank you for your support in 2020. It has been a difficult year for so many and any fundraising events planned for our Church have had to be cancelled. We hope that 2021 will see the return of many opportunities to meet in friendship and fellowship.

**Solway Red Squirrel Group** thank you to everyone for your support, **please continue to report all squirrel sightings, red or grey, to 01228 711520 marion.grave@hotmail.co.uk** Reds numbers are slowly increasing particularly in Westward and Top Rosley areas, let's hope you get one visiting your garden soon.

### **Westward Parish Council**

Clerk Mrs Julia Webster

[westwardpc@gmail.com](mailto:westwardpc@gmail.com) or 07796123425

If you have any issues you would like raised with the Council please contact the clerk.

## **Northern Fells Group (NFG)** [www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk](http://www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk)

If you are online then the NFG Bulletins really are a must. Full of information, advice, things to do, anecdotes etc. etc. More recently the Barter Board which gives you an opportunity to find a new home for items you no longer need and acquire something that's useful to you that someone else no longer has a use for. Activities are still happening, mainly via Zoom - Getting Active exercise, Art, Coffee Mornings, chats, discussions, quizzes and the Spinning and Woolcrafts Group issue a weekly newsletter full of ideas and have been very busy and creative. The walking groups have been meeting in smaller socially distanced groups.

These are still very difficult and worrying times for many people, carers, coping with dementia, health and financial worries, loneliness and how to keep warm over the winter months to name a few. The hardest thing is to admit you are struggling and it's often perceived as a weakness to ask for help, it isn't, it's one of the strongest thing you can do. So pick up the phone and contact Village Agent, Barbara, for confidential, impartial and non-judgemental advice.

**There is a lot of help available** and if she can't help Barbara will direct you to someone who can.

### **NFG Village Agent Barbara Stoddart**

**016973 42452** or email [barbara.stoddart@northernfellsgroup.org.uk](mailto:barbara.stoddart@northernfellsgroup.org.uk)

**THE VIRUS DOES NOT SPREAD ITSELF, WE SPREAD IT. CORONAVIRUS IS STILL HERE SO PLEASE REMEMBER cover FACE – wash HANDS – make SPACE**

### **Rosley School dates**

10th Dec - Christmas lunch & Christmas jumper day  
15th Dec - Christmas parties 16th Dec - Virtual Pantomime  
18th Dec - School finishes at 2.00pm. **No** after school club  
05th Jan 2021 - Term starts. Breakfast club opens at 8.00am

### **Rosley Pre-School Busy Bees**

We have spaces for 2 to 4 year olds, and visits are welcome by appointment. Contact us: [bustybees.rosley@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:bustybees.rosley@hotmail.co.uk) or on 07919 422527 for further details and follow us on Facebook.

**The Royal Oak** - Now under new management the general manager Ben and head chef Peter are looking forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the pub to try their new menu (it looks delicious, can't wait to see the specials also)

**Opening hours:** Mon & Tues closed.

Wed - Fri 12noon -3pm & 5pm -11pm Sat & Sun 12noon -11pm  
For more details follow us on Facebook or phone 01228 936978

### **Thursby Advent Trail**

Find the 24 decorated windows. Each window has a letter which will then spell out a Christmas phrase. Maps are available on 'Thursby Social' and 'Thursby Parish in Cumbria' Facebook pages, and hard copies are available in the Parish Hall, and posted on the Green Notice Board, and the Hall notice board.

**Post Office Outreach** hours at Thursby Parish Hall:  
Tuesdays 9:00 -11:00 and Fridays 12:30 - 2:30.  
The Post Office will not be at the Hall 25th Dec. and 1st Jan.

### **Christmas Lights**

It is always nice to see Christmas lights at this time of year but this year many more people seem to have made a special effort to decorate their house, garden or even just a window. As you travel around the Northern Fells area look out for and enjoy the amazing displays on show in the area. Thanks to everyone who has put up visible decorations to help make the area festive and make us smile. Also don't forget the magnificent displays that nature gives us with such beautiful sunrises, sunsets and rainbows they also lift the spirit.

### **Rosley W.I**

Dear Members, the campaign resolutions for 2021 have been published in this months W.I. Life. If you would prefer to enter a group vote rather than an individual vote please ring me, 01228 711215, and I will enter our choice before the January closing date.  
Thank you and all the very best for a safe and happy Christmas season, Linda.

### **Caldbeck Film Club**

For many years our first film has been in September, but this year, not unexpectedly, we haven't managed it. We had hoped to have "The Personal History of David Copperfield" on December 4th, but with the situation in Cumbria worsening, we've decided to wait until next year. The Parish Hall is very roomy and we know that it could be arranged safely, however, with the situation being so unstable at the moment, we feel that it is not worth the risk. We have some great films lined up so let's hope that we can enjoy them in the New Year.  
Further details from Roger Gook: [roger@vicargate.uk](mailto:roger@vicargate.uk)

**Broadband** - Vouchers are currently available across rural areas in the UK to subsidise the cost of bringing gigabit-capable broadband services to areas suffering from slow internet speeds. As part of the £394.5m Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, up to £4m of additional Government funding has been made available in our region to 'top-up' these vouchers, so more money is available to improve digital connectivity and boost the regional economy. The Government's Rural Gigabit Broadband Vouchers Scheme (RGBVS) currently provides up to £3,500 funding for eligible businesses and up to £1,500 for eligible residential properties to install gigabit-capable connections. The £4m made available is being used to match the level of funding available under the RGBVS in areas where available services are less than 30Mbps download speed, so that eligible businesses can now apply for up to a maximum of £7,000 and eligible residential properties up to £3,000. Further information from [www.borderlandsgrowth.com/Digital-Voucher-Scheme](http://www.borderlandsgrowth.com/Digital-Voucher-Scheme). Scheme closes 31st March 2021