

Calendar - December 2009 and January 2010

December, 2009

Wednesday 2nd	7pm "Christmas Cratchits" - Family Play with Music - Kirkland		
Friday 4th	10am Lamplugh School's Christingle Service at St Michael's		
Saturday 5th	3pm Lamplugh Senior Citizens Christmas Party-Village (WI) Hall		
Sunday, 6th	2nd of Advent	9.00am Ennerdale (HC)	10.30am Kirkland (HC)
Monday 7th	7pm PCC Meeting at Kirkland Mission		
Saturday 12th	3pm Lakesiders Senior Citizens Christmas Party Shepherd's Arms		
Sunday, 13th	3rd of Advent	9.00am Lamplugh (HC)	10.30am Kirkland (HC)
Tuesday 15th	6.30pm Christian Fellowship Christmas Dinner-The Stork Rowrah		
Wednesday 16th	12 pm Soup Lunch - Community Room, St Mary's Ennerdale 7pm Carol Singing round Ennerdale - meet at St Mary's		
Thursday 17th	7pm Carol Singing round Kirkland - meet at Kirkland Mission		
Friday 18th	1.30pm Ennerdale and Kinniside School Christingle at St Mary's		
Sunday 20th	4th of Advent	10.30am Kirkland (HC)	6pm Carol Service (E)
Thursday 24th	4.30pm Carol Sing-in Lamplugh	11.30 Midnight Mass-Lamplugh	
Friday 25th	10.00am Christmas Day Service with HC - St Mary's Ennerdale		
Sunday 27th	1st of Christmas 10.30am United Service - (HC)		

January, 2010

Sunday 3rd	2nd of Christmas	9am Ennerdale (HC)	10.30am Kirkland (HC)
Wednesday 6th	The Epiphany 6.00pm Kirkland - with Holy Communion		
Sunday 10th	1st of Epiphany	9am Lamplugh (HC)	10.30am Kirkland (HC)
Wednesday 13th	12.00pm Soup Lunch - Community Centre, St Mary's Ennerdale		
Sunday 17th	2nd of Epiphany	9am Ennerdale (HC)	10.30am Kirkland (HC)
Tuesday 19th	2.00pm Christian Fellowship at St Mary's Ennerdale		
Sunday 24th	3rd of Epiphany	9am Lamplugh (HC)	10.30am Kirkland (HC)
Wednesday 27th	12.00pm Soup Lunch - Community Centre, St Mary's Ennerdale		
Sunday 31st	4th of Epiphany	10.30am United Service	

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Flower Rota - January 2010

	<u>Ennerdale</u>	<u>Kirkland</u>	<u>Lamplugh</u>
3rd January		C Atkinson	
10th January	M Thurz	M Johnson	
17th January	L. Adams	M Johnson	R Mather
24th January	I Sharp	J Prince	R Mather
31st January		J Prince	P Bruce
7th February	B Fearon	TBA	P Bruce

SidesPerson Rota – January 2010

	<u>Ennerdale</u>	<u>Kirkland</u>	<u>Lamplugh</u>
3rd January	G Bruce	M Abbot	-----
10th January	-----	F Pearson J Ball	T Monkman
17th January	K. Eastman	D Nevinson	-----
24th January	-----	C Atkinson	S. Cross
31st January			K Eastman
7th February	C Ayling	C Abbot	

Rota for Reading: January, 2010

Date		<u>Reading</u>	<u>Ennerdale</u>	<u>Kirkland</u>	<u>Lamplugh</u>
03/01/10	OT	Jeremiah 31.7-14	M Bibby	B Fearon	
	NT	Ephesians 1.3-14	M Lachlan	C Abbot	
	G	John 1.1-18	Rev JM	Rev JM	
10/01/10	OT	Isaiah 43.1-7		F Preston	T Monkman
	NT	Acts 8.14-17		J Jennings	C Graham
	G	Luke3.15-17,21,22		Rev RV	Rev RV
17/01/10	OT	Isaiah 62.1-5	C Murphy	C Atkinson	
	NT	1Corinth 12.1-11	E Bateson	B Fearon	
	G	John 2.1-11	Rev RV	Rev RV	
24/01/10	OT	Neh 8.1-3,5-6,8-10		M Abbot	M Robson
	NT	1Corinth12.12-31a		J Ball	P Benn
	G	Luke 4.14-21		Rev RV	Rev RV
31/01/10	OT	Ezekial 43.27-44.4			T Monkman
	NT	1 Corinth 13.1-13			C Eastman
	G	Luke 2.22-40			Rev G Wilson

Flower Rota - December 2009

	<u>Ennerdale</u>	<u>Kirkland</u>	<u>Lamplugh</u>
Dec 6 th	A. Crellin	M Smith	E. Jackson
Dec 13 th		S Shepherdson	E. Anderson
Dec 20 th	Christmas	S. Shepherdson	E. Anderson
Dec27 th		C. Atkinson	

Sides Person Rota – December 2009

	<u>Ennerdale</u>	<u>Kirkland</u>	<u>Lamplugh</u>
Dec 6 th	C Ayling	C. Abbot	-----
Dec13 th	-----	D. Nevinson	K. Eastman
		J. Gray	
Dec 20	C. Coley	J. Ball	-----
Dec24 th	-----	-----	M. Jackson
			J. Gray
Dec25 th	C. Ayling	-----	-----
	M Bibby		
Dec27 th	-----	C. Atkinson	

Rota for Reading: December 2009

Date		Reading	Ennerdale	Kirkland	Lamplugh
06/12/09	OT	Malachi 3.1-4	S Guise	F Preston	
	NT	Philippians 1.3-11	L Guise	J Jennings	
	G	Luke 3.1-6	Rev JM	Rev JM	
13/12/09	OT	Isaiah 12.2-6		M Abbot	P Benn
	NT	Philippians 4.4-7		H Vincent	S Marshall
	G	Luke 3.7-18		Rev RV	Rev RV
20/12/09	OT	Micah 5.2-5a	Carol Service Readers and Readings to be announced	T Monkman	
	NT	Hebrews 10.5-10		C Barwise-Atkinson	
	G	Luke 1.49-55		Rev JM	
24/12/09	OT	Isaiah 52.7-10			M Abbot
	NT	Hebrews 1.1-12			M Robson
	G	John 1.1-14			Rev JM
25/12/09	OT	Isaiah 9.2-7	M Bibby		
	NT	Titus 2.11-14	A Coley		
	G	Luke 2 1-14	Rev JM		
27/12/09	OT	1 Sam 2.18-20, 26		J Ball	
	NT	Colossians 3.12-17		C Atkinson	
	G	Luke 2.41-52		A Moore	

Floods - A Call to Prayer and Action

Bishop James has paid tribute to all those members of the emergency and rescue services and other volunteers who have been working tirelessly to help those affected by the recent flooding. "Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who have been caught up in these terrible events, but particularly they are with the family and friends of PC Bill Barker. The community grieves at their loss. We are so grateful for the dedication and bravery of all those who have been involved in rescue and support." Bishop James also spoke of his pride and gratitude to clergy and congregations who have been part of the huge community effort and called on Christians across Cumbria to pray, and to look for whatever practical ways they can to help. Churches Together in Cumbria has also released a 'Call to Prayer':

Psalm 46:1-3

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though it's waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with it's tumult.

In the presence of God:

We wait to see what the immediate future will bring
we grieve with those who are facing great loss
we yearn for respite and peace
we pray to God for strength and courage

Pray with us:

For those whose homes are at the mercy of the floodwaters
for those whose livelihoods have been washed away
for those working selflessly for the good of others

Give thanks with us:

For communities that help each other in times of trouble
for volunteer and statutory rescue services working together for good
for our church families playing their part in bringing healing and hope

The Rev Richard Teal - Chair of the Cumbria Methodist Circuit also passes on prayers, and a communication from Revd David Gamble, the President of the Methodist Conference asking to convey his deep concern and love for those people Cumbria who have been affected in any way by the severe weather.

Knock on the door

The nice thing about Christmas certainly isn't the prospect of floods, or high winds, or icy roads, or colds, or flu, or a broken arm. It certainly isn't being lonely, hurting because someone has left, mourning because someone has died, grieving over a lost pet, a lost job, a lost home. It definitely isn't being hungry, having nothing special to eat, or to celebrate, or to be glad about. No, the nice thing about Christmas is, perhaps the one we remember as a child.

The one which had snow at the right time, and of the right consistency for sledging and making snowmen; crunchy enough for snow-ball fights, and firm enough to make a good slide on a hard surface. The one where children and adults seem to find common ground - not children or adults anymore, but people, enjoying the activity; keeping warm through moving and running about; feeling the exhilaration of the snow on the hills; and the fun of the chase in clean, clear, frosty air. Being fascinated by the thickness and weight of the breath as it leaves our mouths and just hangs in the calm atmosphere of a REAL ENGLISH CHRISTMAS.

There's even something exciting in all the extra hard work which the season brings; the money it costs; the secrecy of thinking about, saving up for, buying, wrapping and hiding those special presents, for someone very special. The drudgery of writing Christmas cards becomes more delightful as you get into the swing of it, remembering fondly the people to whom they are addressed - whether next-door-neighbour, or someone you haven't (but wished you had) seen recently. And the cooking, the baking, the stocking up, the tidying of cupboards, fridges and freezers to make sure that it will all fit. The dragging out the decorations - again - and it was only ten months ago that you'd put them all back in their boxes. The testing of lights, the careful placing of baubles and tinsel - all shining out in the darkest days of our winter.

And, at this point, I should be telling you to come to all the services at church over Christmas, making some feel a little bit guilty, a little bit angered. I should be telling you, perhaps, that Christmas is becoming too commercialised, too wasteful, too selfish, too forgetful of all those who suffer around the world, in the next town, next door. And, perhaps, some of us, all of us, will feel some of these pangs of guilt, that we don't, individually do a bit more for the world. But maybe I'll leave that for each of us to ponder and react in our own way.

You see, I do believe that, as well as feeling that guilt, forgetting to care about others, turning inwards and enjoying Christmas, in our 2009 style of enjoying Christmas, I do believe that Christmas is a time for us to focus on our family, our friends, those whom we love, or maybe only tolerate.

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Autumn Fair at Kirkland Mission

The Autumn Fair, organised by the PCC on the 14th November, was a success. Our thanks to the willing helpers on stalls and serving teas.

Many thanks, also, for all who provided food for sale, and the generous customers who supported the event.

To date, the sum raised is £411.00, which includes Gift-Aid donations.

All proceeds towards general funds.

B Monkman

The November '09 winners of the **Ennerdale and Kinniside School Prize Draw** were: F Bibby (No 50 - 1st Prize - £15); S Hill (No 18 - 2nd Prize - £10); J McDonagh (No 19 - 3rd Prize - £5); C Brentnall (No 28 - 4th Prize - £5)

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Mary and Joseph had it rough enough themselves. You don't have to think too hard to realise just how uncomfortable life was for them socially, materially, physically, spiritually, financially, politically. They were used to being used by the Romans and God didn't seem to be making it easy for them either.

Our Christmas, 2009, is a time of upset and upheaval, re-adjustment and argument, tiredness and tetchiness. But at some time during Christmas, we will have good feelings towards one another, welcoming the visitors, being welcomed as we travel to parents and children to spend time with them.

Christmas is a good time - even our secular Christmas. We change our routines, we re-align our lives towards a time to spend with our families - time out in our busy worlds.

The knock on the door from our expected guests often leads to the culmination of our Christmas purpose. The knock on the door comes, and it's the village carol-singers - happy singing faces smiling red-cheeked into the light of your decorated hallway. Oddly, you smile and take the time to listen, even with the cold draught playing round your ankles. And not unusually, you give them money, perhaps more than you thought you might, because, well, it is Christmas, and anyway, it gives you a warm feeling to give that little bit more freely. The knock on the door to be told, "No room!" rings a little more true.

And suddenly, that cosy Christmas story and our childhood Christmas, and the one we have now, all seem to blend, somehow. And even the reality of the New Testament Christmas has a rightness in our lives.

Christmas. God became human.

Now there's a show-stopper. Jesus - baby, boy, teenager, carpenter, man. Jesus - well versed in the scriptures of what we call the Old Testament, not afraid to read and preach in the synagogue. Jesus - baptised and recognised. Jesus - teacher, healer, friend, master, messiah, saviour, God.

And each Christmas, each Eastertide, each and every day of our lives, he knocks on the door. With love, he knocks and waits. Usually, there is no answer, no welcoming smiling face, no look of expectation, but he knocks.

Forget the baubles and tinsel when you open the door. Smile, take his hand and welcome him in. He will bring no present, just himself and his love.

May God bless you all this Christmas. Be tolerant, kind and loving.

Amen.

Reverend Jim Marshall - 861310 revjimmarshall@googlemail.com

Bibles - Bible - Bibles - Bibles - Bibles - Bible - Bibles - Bibles - Bibles

I'm a bit concerned that we have no Bibles, to speak of, in our three churches and I have persuaded the PCC to buy some - twelve per church.

Why am I concerned and why am I telling you this?

Well - it does seem a bit strange that we do not use Bibles in church, but instead we print out the readings each week for all to follow. We don't even read aloud from a Bible.

What I would like to do is to use the pew sheets for a different reason - to give notices for the week, as usual, but also to help guide our prayer and Bible reading through the week.

So the Bibles will be available to those who want them each week.

I also thought that, both to increase our Bible stock in each building, and to allow for a longer-term memorial, parishioners might wish to purchase a Bible, which would then have a book plate inserted, carrying a dedication, by the purchaser for a loved one.

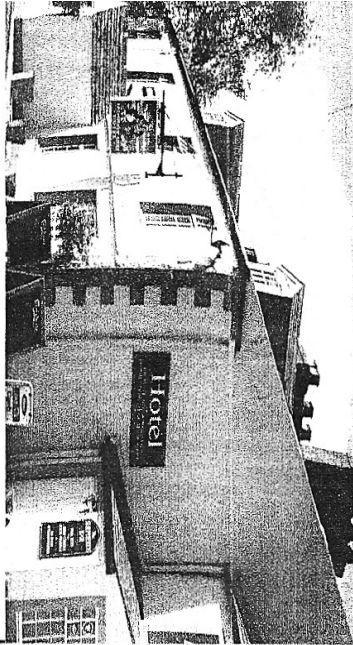
The cost? The edition I have bought is about £7.25, bought in bulk. The cost for anyone who would like to dedicate a Bible would be exactly the cost at

which we can buy them at the time - presumably, somewhere around that cost. I have already had some paper given for the inserts, so there would be no other charge. Judging by the pre-launch response, people are interested in the idea.

When a larger print version comes out in February, I intend purchasing one of those as the lectern Bible for each church. Full-sized lectern Bibles are very expensive - £300+, whereas the large print versions are about £25.

If anyone is interested in dedicating a pew Bible at about £7.25 or one of the three lectern Bibles, please let me know. The scheme will continue for as long as people wish to dedicate their Bibles.

If you are stuck for a present for a church-goer, or someone who likes to follow the readings published in 'contact' monthly, we use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). They are available in all shapes and sizes, by many publishers. **Reverend Jim Marshall - 861310**

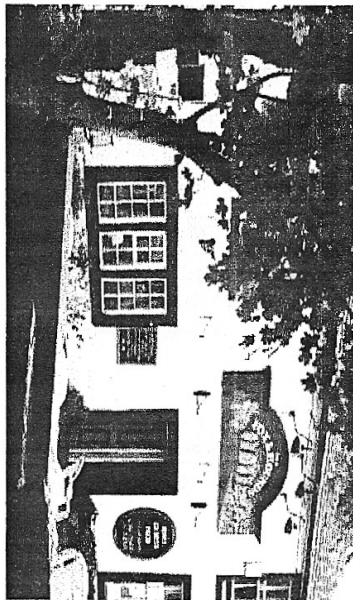


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Lamplugh Young Farmers

A big welcome from Lamplugh YFC. Once again the club has been busy with various events both at District and Club level. The junior Lamplugh 'B' quiz team progressed into the second round at Waverton Village Hall and after digging very deep to answer some hard questions finished a creditable joint second to a much older team from Brampton. Unfortunately this was not enough to go through to the final. Congratulations to all the quiz team members who have competed this year. The senior debating team finished 4th in the final at Greenhill Hotel, their inexperience at this competition showing but to reach the final at the first go is excellent and good experience for next year. Well done everyone.

At club level, the boys have had the annual shoot out for the Clay Pigeon trophy may be next year some of the girls could challenge their dominance. At the beginning of November the members exhibited the depth of their skills by entering classes on competition night. These varied from carving turnips, decorating buns and wellies, writing poems about Lamplugh YFC, making animals from vegetables and doing pencil drawings. The Reverend Jim and Sheila had the most important job on the night of judging the entries. The Annual Dinner Dance and Presentation night was held once again at the Hundith Hill Hotel, this has proved to be a popular evening over the years and this year was no exception. Black Tie dress code and "Young Farmers" from three generations enjoyed dancing to Dougie G, Young Farmers from other clubs came to support their friends which was good to see and all part of the YFC movement. All of which helped to make the evening a success. Rev. Jim and Sheila were once again on hand, on this occasion to present the trophies to the winners. Stock-judging, sheep shearing, clay pigeon shooting, bowling, competitions night, district competitions, field day competitions and club contributions are all competed for over the year. Well done to all the winners.

The Charity fashion Show should have been held last night (19th November) unfortunately due to the adverse weather conditions and the flooding it was decided to postpone the evening. Apologies to any inconvenience caused but it was felt it was the only sensible thing to do. The evening however will be rescheduled so please do keep an ear to the ground for information and if you could not support us this time around then maybe you can make the next date.

Our thoughts and best wishes go out to all those families and individuals affected by the floods. Over the December month the members will be participating in a craft night, hoping to learn a few tips for making Christmas decorations etc, they will be competing for the bowling trophy at Workington Super Bowl and have arranged a Christmas meal at the Wild Duck as a social evening and get together.

Seasons Greetings to everyone and if anyone is interested we hold meetings every 2nd Tuesday of the month in Lamplugh Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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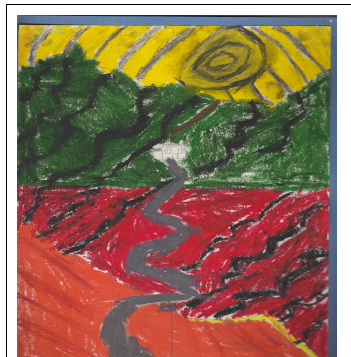
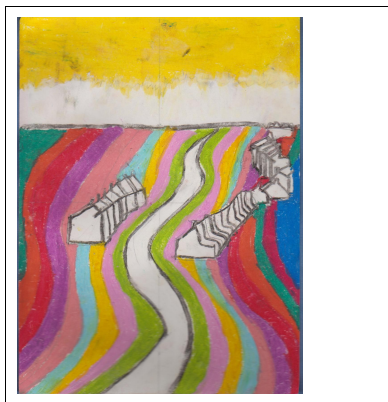
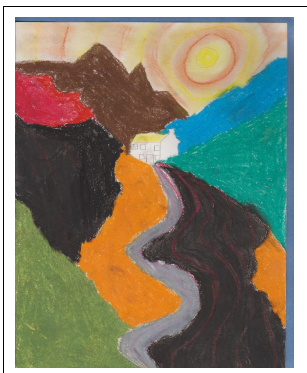
Lamplugh and District Heritage Society

Thurs Dec 3rd 7.30pm "Dr Joshua Dixon & the Whitehaven Dispensary" - Talk by Dr Michael Sydney. His book "**Bleeding, Blisters and Opium**" on the above, will be officially launched at our meeting. (Price £14-95). Tea, coffee, wine, nibbles and mince pies. Everyone welcome
Usual admissions - Members £1; Non Members - £2; Children - free

Lamplugh CE School

Key Stage 2 have been looking at the work of Derek Eland, a local artist who lives near Penrith.

He paints local landscapes looking for patterns which he highlights in strong dark lines. He often uses bright slabs of colour in his work. Here are some examples of the children's work:



Luke for a Year

Beginning Advent Sunday, we move into Year C in the Church Lectionary. If you were in church for every service, for every day of the year for three years, you should just about read the entire Bible.

Year C is based around St Luke's Gospel, but we are going a stage further.

From Advent Sunday to Ascension Day, we shall be reading through the whole Gospel of Luke, so that we can follow one Gospel in a year.

If you miss a Sunday, don't worry. The Pew Sheet and 'contact' carry the details. Hopefully we shall all become a little wiser about Jesus' ministry by reading the accurate and full story - written by Doctor Luke.

The Gift at the Top By Lewis Pritchard.

On the 13th of October 2009 Ennerdale and Kinniside juniors made a scramble to the summit of Rannerdale Knotts to find out about footpath erosion.

Firstly they got out of their car and ate their lunch.

Afterwards they started their scramble to the summit. But before they started on the journey to the top they met Paul, John and Ms Angus. Then they set off!!!! Soon after they stopped and went on a different path because the other one was boggy and people were avoiding it so they made a steep Stony path. Then they started walking up the mountain again. 15 minutes later they got to a steep crag. They nick named it the stairs! They were very steep and slippery but they made it. Then they had a rest.

Then the race to the summit... 10 minutes later they were there! A magnificent sight, that was the gift at the top. On the way down Ennerdale had to go through all that again. Almost at the bottom the children were really happy to be going back to school. So they got in the cars and went back to school.



Editorial

We would like to wish all our readers a very happy, joyous, loving and peaceful Advent and Christmas season, and our good wishes for 2010. Our thanks go to those who have contributed and advertised, to help make a success of the change-over to the more compact and fuller format. Copy date for the February 2010 edition is 19th January, to me, please.

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St Mary's Community Centre

At the AGM of the Community Centre on November 23rd the Treasurer reported a healthy financial balance, so that in addition to supporting money raising for the Recreation Field it was agreed to donate £100 each to Air Ambulance, Mountain Rescue and First Responders. Soup Lunches will continue on December 9th, January 13th, and January 27th (in honour of Robbie Burns). Otherwise it was agreed to plan next years events along similar lines to this year.

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From the Registers

Funerals:

13/11/09 John (Jack) Presho

16/11/09 Edward Gibson

Visitors Books:

Reverend K and P Shepherd - Thankyou for keeping the door open!

T and B Raggett - this day my great-grandparents were married here in 1869

Christmas Quiz: How much of what we know is really just tradition?

We've all heard the Christmas story so many times that we know exactly what God's Word says about it, right? Do we sometimes let tradition overtake the truth?

Dates and Mates

- 1. For the journey to Bethlehem, Mary and Joseph** a) walked; b) Joseph walked Mary rode a donkey; c) rode a bus; d) Who knows?
- 2. When Mary became pregnant, Mary and Joseph were** a) married; b) just friends; c) engaged; d) none of the above
- 3. When Mary became pregnant,** a) Joseph married her; b) Joseph wanted to dissolve their relationship; c) Mary left Nazareth for a while; d) an angel told them to go to Bethlehem; e) both b and c; f) both b and d
- 4. Christmas has always been observed** a) on December 25; b) on January 17; c) at Grandma's house; d) none of the above

Kings and Wings

- 5. Who directed Mary and Joseph to go to Bethlehem?** a) Herod; b) an angel; c) Caesar; d) the Inland Revenue
- 6. Just what is a "heavenly host"?** a) an angelic choir; b) the welcoming angel in heaven; c) an army of angels; d) none of the above
- 7. How many angels spoke to the shepherds?** a) a multitude; b) two - Gabriel and Michael; c) one; d) Who knows?
- 8. What song did the angels sing?** a) "O Little Town of Bethlehem"; b) "Joy to the World"; c) "Glory to God in the Highest"; d) none of the above

Barns and Yarns

- 9. The baby Jesus was born in a** a) cave; b) manger; c) hurry; d) barn; e) Who knows?
- 10. What animals were present at Jesus' birth?** a) cows, sheep and camels; b) cows, sheep and donkeys; c) lion and tigers and bears; d) none of the above
- 11. What is a manger anyway?** a) a barn; b) a place for hay; c) a feeding trough; d) a Greek term for the church nursery
- 12. When did baby Jesus cry?** a) when He opened the wise men's gifts; b) whenever babies usually cried; c) when the cattle started lowing; d) "No crying He makes"

Signs and Lines

- 13. Joseph's family was from** a) Jerusalem; b) Nazareth; c) Bethlehem; d) none of the above
- 14. Who saw the star over Bethlehem?** a) Mary and Joseph; b) shepherds; c) the three kings; d) both b and c; e) none of the above
- 15. What sign were the shepherds to look for?** a) a star over the stable; b) a barn outlined with Christmas lights; c) a baby in a manger; d) both a and c; e) none of the above
- 16. What did the innkeeper say to Mary and Joseph?** a) "I have a stable out back"; b) "Come back after the holidays"; c) "There's no room in the inn"; d) both a and c; e) none of the above

Wise Guys and Testing Lies

- 17. How many wise men came to see Jesus?** (Write in correct number)
- 18. What in the world are Magi?** a) Eastern kings; b) magicians; c) astrologers d) wise enough to follow the star; e) none of the above
- 19. When the wise men brought their gifts to Jesus, they found Him in** a) a manger; b) a house; c) Bible School; d) none of the above
- 20. In what books of the Bible will you find these fascinating facts?** a) Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; b) Matthew and Luke; c) Mark and Matthew d) Matthew, Mark and Luke

Answers could be given out at the Christmas Day Service - if I remember!

CHRISTMAS CAROL AND BIBLE QUIZ - but is it harder than the last one?

- 1) What baby was born to a relative of Mary's, about six months before the birth of Jesus?
- 2) What Old Testament prophet predicted the miraculous virgin birth of Christ?
- 3) As well as being a gift from the wise men, at what other time was "myrrh" associated with Christ?
- 4) Which Christmas carol has been voted the most popular one of all?
- 5) What is the meaning of the name "Jesus"?
- 6) Where did Joseph take Mary and the Baby to protect them from Herod's murderous intentions?
- 7) Herod ruled that area for the Romans. What was his reaction when he heard that a new King had been born?
- 8) What carol began in the ancient church as one single word? And what was that word?
- 9) What carol tells us, "Then entered in those wise men three, / Full reverently upon the knee"?
- 10) When hosts of angels appear to them, announcing Jesus' birth, a carol says the "shepherds quake at the sight." In what carol is the quoted line found?
- 11) One of our carols begins, "Angels we have heard on high, / Sweetly singing o'er the plains." What did the angels sing at Jesus' birth?
- 12) Since there were likely other babies in Bethlehem at the time what sign did the angel give the shepherds that would enable them to identify the baby Jesus?
- 13) Mary laid her newborn Son in a manger. A carol says Jesus had "no crib for a bed." What is the carol?
- 14) What carol contains the line, "Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing"?
- 15) What carol quotes the angels saying to the shepherds, "All glory be to God on high, / And to the earth be peace"?
- 16) What carol fancifully describes "angels bending near the earth / To touch their harps of gold"?
- 17) What carol says of Jesus' birth, "While mortals sleep, the angels keep / Their watch of wondering love"?
- 18) What carol says of Christ's coming to earth, "Mild He lays His glory by, / Born that man no more may die"? **(All answers, if you need them! - in February 2010)**

Grateful Thanks to Lamplugh Parish

Once again Rev Jim and the Parish of Lamplugh with Ennerdale have come to the rescue of Kirkland Toddler Group. In the rains that washed out the Ennerdale show in August we once again found ourselves a little damp underfoot as the cellar of Lamplugh school flooded. We have been gratefully welcomed with open arms at

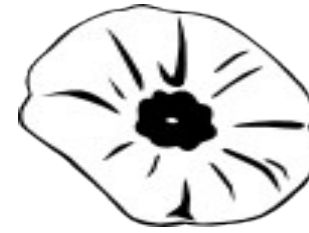


Kirkland Mission. Thank you. Work was carried out on the drains around the Lamplugh school and ironically we have had to wait until the middle of November to have enough bad weather to test for any further leaks. We have now moved back to Lamplugh School and meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:15. Children from 0-4 are all welcome with their parent or carer. For further details call Susan Denham-Smith on 01946 861270.



**The Children and Staff of
Ennerdale and Kinniside School
invite you to their performances of
Cinderella Rockafella
and
Born in a Barn
at 2.00pm on Friday 11th December
Refreshments will be served after the
performances**

A warm welcome will be given to those who would like to join our Christingle Service at St Mary's at 1.30pm on Friday, 18th December.



A Remembrance Poem

by Bethan of Lamplugh School

Wear your poppy, wear it with pride,
Remember all the brave who died,
Having lived in a world of violence and hate
Continually leaving in danger their fate.
Remember the injured, the gone and the dead
And those with fearsome injuries imprinted in their head,
Those living their lives in constant danger,
And those facing imprisonment by an unknown stranger.
Think of the families who've suffered the loss of a
Beautiful boy or a lovely lass,
Or the lost parents that will never know their child,
And the newly recruited lying asleep in the fields.
Don't worry about the time, don't grumble or groan,
What's more important: a minute or a life?
Especially one that is filled with trouble and strife?



Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund

Cumbria Community Foundation has set up a new fund for those who have suffered from the floods and storms.

Part of this is for individuals and families and part for community and voluntary groups, both those who have suffered themselves and groups who are helping others.

Usual group grants are up to £5,000 and are normally decided weekly.

Full details are on the website www.cumbriafoundation.org where online donations can also be made.

**More information from David Andrews david@cumbriafoundation.org
01900 820828/825760**

Christian Fellowship

The group met in St. Michael's Church, Lamplugh on Tuesday 17th November at 2.00pm for an afternoon service and a talk on "The Journey of Faith," an amusing story of Roy's early days as a young priest living on a canal barge with his wife and four children.

We next meet on December 15th, this time for a Christmas dinner in the Stork hotel at 6.30 in the evening. January's meeting will be at St. Mary's Ennerdale at 2pm on Tuesday 19th.

Sheila Marshall



On the lighter side!

Christmas Cheer

As it was coming up to Christmas a young boy is praying upstairs while his mother sits by him and his dad and grandma are downstairs.

He prays "Lord I pray for a train set, a remote control car, and A NEW BICYCLE!!!

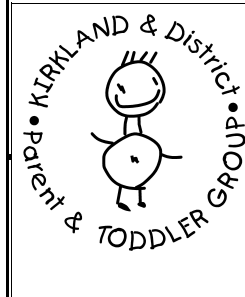
"You don't have to shout dear", says the mother "God's not deaf."

"I know" said the little boy,
"but grandma is."

Kirkland & District Playgroup

is a small, friendly playgroup for pre-school children. We meet on:

Tuesdays and Thursdays (term-time) from 9:15 – 11:15 am at Lamplugh School Ages 0-4 with parent or carer £1.50 per session Arts and crafts activity each session Summer outings Free Swimming some terms Toast and Juice - Tea and coffee for adults



No booking required

If you would like to talk to us before you come please call Susan on 861270

Directions: To find us cross the bridge after Edgars (heading to cockermouth) and turn immediately right the school is about ½ a mile on the right. The playgroup meets in the basement, the entrance is through the door facing you on the left as you come through the gate into the playground

Special Church Events during Advent and Christmas

Please come to take part in some of our Advent and Christmas events:

Come and join us Carol Singing around the villages:

Ennerdale - 7pm Wednesday, 16th December - meet at St Mary's

Kirkland - 7pm Thursday, 17th December - Meet at Kirkland Mission

(Any offers: we will finish the evening singing in your home in exchange for a cosy fire.)

Carol Service: 6pm Sunday, 20th December - St Mary's Ennerdale

Christmas Eve Carol Sing-In: Blessing of the Crib, Nativity Play and Carols around the Tree - 4.30pm Thursday, 24th December - St Michael's Lamplugh.

Midnight Communion: 11.30pm Thursday, 24th December - St Michael's, Lamplugh - Gospel by Candle-light.

Christmas Morning Service: 10am Friday, 25th December - St Mary's Ennerdale

Christmas Cratchits come to Kirkland Mission

"Christmas Cratchits" is a Christmas play with music for all the family, telling the story, a hundred years after Ebenezer Scrooge's death, of the return of the Cratchit ancestors to their old Victorian family home. No matter how many times you see the play, it will always be different, for the audience chooses the ending.

Tickets: Adult - £6; Child - 3.50; Family - 15.50 Phone 817545 for details