



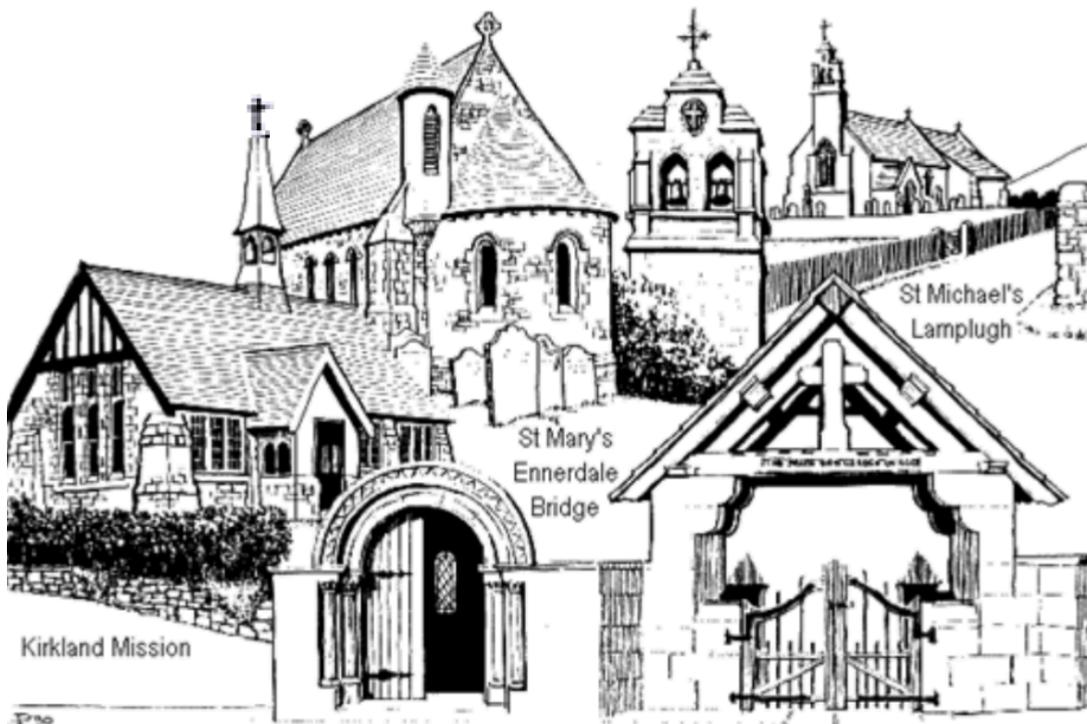
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April 2026



*This month we celebrate Easter (5th), Earth Day (22nd), St George's Day (23rd),
World Health Day (7th) and Bat Appreciation Day (17th)!*



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As Easter approaches I wish to thank all those who have supported our three churches in so many ways. Thanks to those who have given financially – whether by regular giving or by occasional donations, enabling us to meet our ever increasing commitments.

Thank you also to those who keep our churches going – by taking part in services, cleaning and maintaining our churches, the flower providers and arrangers, those cutting the grass and keeping the churchyards tidy, those organising social events, and generally making the churches welcoming for our local community and for visitors too.

The production of “Contact” is a mammoth task which recurs each month – writing, editing, printing, and delivering all carried out by volunteers too.

Thank you to all those volunteers involved, who give so much of their time.

Finally, to all in the parish, we wish you a joyful and happy Easter

Robin Megan

Praying for the Parish April 2026



The Church Council has decided that we should be more intentional in praying for our parish.

In more urban areas churches often list particular streets that are being prayed for that week / month. That obviously isn't possible in a scattered rural area, so we have divided the parish into 12 areas, one for each month. The list is not set in stone; we can tweak it if anyone feels left out.

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Grace

Submitted by Mary Johnson

It is inevitable that our thoughts will be turning to Easter in April. This is why I chose the word Grace as a subject which stands for the word forgiveness associated with the cross.

The hymn "Amazing Grace," written by John Newton, a former slave ship captain, in 1772, functions as a personal testimony of redemption from a "wretch" to a forgiven believer through divine Grace.



*Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost
But now am found
Was blind but now see*

*'Twas grace that taught
My heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious
Did that grace appear*

*Through many dangers
Toils and snares
I have already come
Tis grace hath brought
Me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home*

*When we've been there
Ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days
To sing God's praise
Than when we've first began*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God be with us all forever amen.

“*The best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men, gang aft agley*” is a famous idiom from Robert Burns, or in more modern parlance means: even the most carefully prepared plans often fail. This is certainly the case for me, as I had carefully composed a list of poems to review in “Contact”, which didn’t originally feature Oxland. However, that was before I received a book as a present for Christmas, called “Chasing the Phantom”. It is a remarkable collection of poems and short stories, along with a description of the life of a young Cumbrian man, who grew up in Alston.

Nowell Oxland was a keen sportsman who played rugby for the then county of Cumberland, and also for Rosslyn Park in London, when he was an undergraduate. Tragically he was killed in action at the age of just 24, at Gallipoli in 1915.

In order to safeguard his writings, he passed them on to a close friend... but more of that later.

Cumberland

*The Wild for us! our sensuous palate tires
With surfeit of insipid battenings:
Give us the North - and keep your level shires -
The high wet North, lit by a gleam of Spring
And all aglow with opalescent fires;
Great fells and leap of waters glittering
Down from the heights, that stand the whole year round
Star-gazing in the clouds, and hear no sound
But the sheep cropping and the curlew’s cry:
Pine-tops that roar like thunder in the blast
And bend like switches till the gale is past:
Then stillness falls. The shepherd sees on high
A fading glory in the western sky,
The moon’s rim golden o’er an Eastern hill,
All dark between. A far-off plover’s wail,
A lone owl hooting in the quiet dale
Making that wizard hush profounder still.*

Oxland clearly shows a deep love of his native Cumberland, writing this piece in a single stanza. It has end-line rhymes, but not always in a set order. For me, the third line “Give us the North - and keep your level shires” really hits home as you can imagine him yearning for his original habitation, with visions of his beloved homeland of hills and mountains, which he much prefers over flatter counties, yearns for them you could say.

When he writes of tree-tops that “bend like switches”, I think that he is referring to reeds,

locally called sieves, as they certainly do bend and wave about in strong winds. He also speaks of sunset and moonrise, and of a quietness where the only sounds are from wild creatures - not just any silence, but a “wizard hush”, which gives a feeling of a profound, magical calm.

Immediately prior to setting off overseas to fight, Oxland passed his handwritten manuscripts on to his close friend, Amy Hawthorn. They consisted of poems and short stories, and he entrusted her to do with them what she willed. He did not think that they were worthy of merit, but Amy thought differently, and she selected one of his poems, “Farewell” which it turns out was very prophetic, as he never returned home. It was published in The Times newspaper just a few days after his death, though because of this, the editor changed the poem’s title to a less sombre “Outward Bound” and it was also printed without his name being credited to its writing.

Following Nowell’s death, as a tribute to him and his talent, Amy went on to gather all of his handwritten work, and had it printed. Just 20 copies were made, which were meant for sharing with friends and family. This work lay dormant for over a hundred years but has resurfaced following painstaking research and a chance discovery, and now republished in “**Chasing the Phantom**”. It not only faithfully prints Nowell’s work, but also tells the story of his short life, and makes his love of the northern hills and people shine through.

I had great difficulty in deciding which of his poems I should review, though no doubt, he will be most remembered for his very last poem “Farewell” as his life was lost just a few weeks later. Very close to selection were “The Secret of the Hills” and indeed the humorous “Taffy” a poem about the family dog which he described as an “Unwieldy yard of canine hideousness”! But, I shall let you explore that yourself, and if you purchase the book, profits from its publication will go to support the work of *Fix The Fells*, which is fitting as Nowell Oxland loved the fells and the wild.

*Tek care
Steve Steele*



Example of a WW1 medal awarded around the time of the Gallipoli Campaign (possibly to ANZAC forces)



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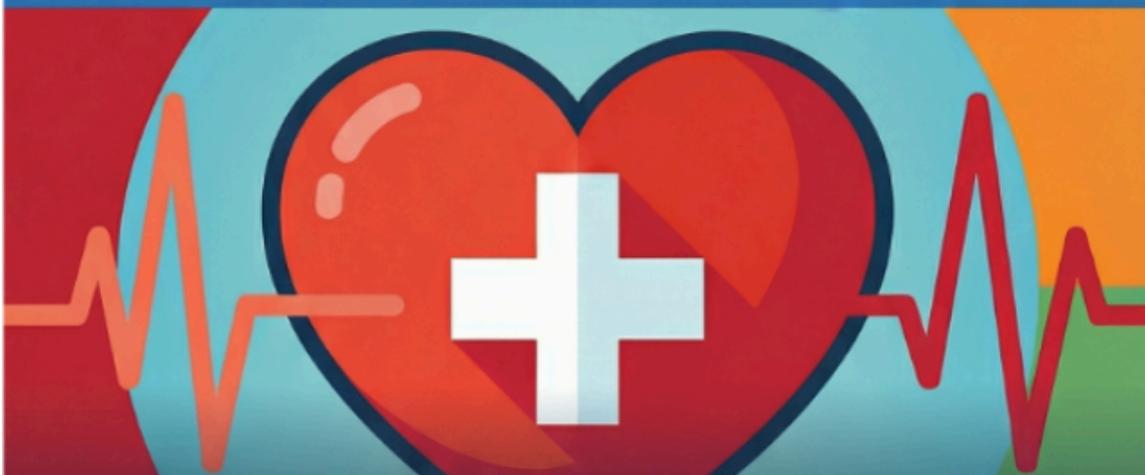
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A Farmer's Observations

By Will Rawling MBE

Vanya theer.

Yea, spring looks like it is just around the corner. The dykes (hedges) are taking on a green tinge and the parish is yellow with daffodils. The first trees to welcome the new season are the willow and hazel, catkins are emerging on both species.

Things got a bit warmer towards the end of the month, after a dismal start of wind and rain, we have reached the critical 6 degrees centigrade, the soils have warmed and dried out a bit and the grass is starting to grow.

For farmers, spring means lambing, and March is a busy time making sure the expectant mums are in good condition. Although the weather is a major factor during lambing, having the ewes in good condition is probably the most important. If a ewe is not very fit she will easily get exhausted, when trying to give birth and she won't have made enough milk to feed her offspring. We don't feed any of our ewes, other than those expecting twins or triplets, (remember we scanned them in February), but we do move them around the fields to keep a little bit of fresh growth in front of them. Those wintering on the fell seem to manage without any help. They are the younger ones and Herdwicks are bred to do it.

Come the 10th of April we will know if we have got it right or not.

Our first new arrival this year was a leverett (baby brown hare). I think it's mum must have got a bit mixed up because we don't usually see them before mid April and considering she will have carried her young, usually two or three, for about 40 days, she must have mated very early. Maybe she had a night out?

We have all heard the expression "as mad as a March hare", that's when they usually get together. You might have seen them, apparently, boxing with each other but it is either two males fighting for the attention of a female, or a female objecting to unwanted attention. It is like that night out again, I wonder if they dance around their handbags?

Hares have a rather different way of rearing their little ones. They will produce two or even three litters in a season, they can actually get pregnant again, while carrying an almost mature litter. When they give birth they spread them out in different little nests, called forms, which are little more than a bit of flattened grass. They then visit each leverett in turn to suckle it until it starts eating grass. I guess this technique is designed to reduce the predator

risk, they are just out in the open but they are very camouflaged, they sit dead still and are barely visible. I think most survive, we have loads of hares, but badgers, foxes, stoats, otters and all the airborne predators will have them if they find them. The same can be said for lambs, another reason to have a healthy mum.

We spotted a peewit (lapwing) exploring potential nest sites the other day, great to see them, they do turn up most years, along with curlews. Both lapwing and curlew nest on the ground and the predators do cause them serious damage. Crows, raven, buzzard, magpies, herring gulls all like a ground nester and that's without the four legged nest thieves. The owls don't bother them, if you are wondering.

One of the most important creatures in the food chain are the insects. Bees, butterflies and hover flies for pollination and all the other buzzy things as a food source for many of the smaller birds. I notice the bumble bees are out and about already, humming around the cultivated flowers in the garden and around the houses. We need pollinators to grow our grass, honey bees will be around before long.

The starlings and field fare are flying around in a mixed flock, they seem to get on fine. The field fare will be flying back to Scandinavia for the summer in a couple of weeks.

We have been repairing the fences ready for lambing, replacing rotten posts and fixing gates. The winter floods often damage culverts and water gates and some of them need attention as well, there is always something that needs fixing.

Sam has been spreading muck on the dryer land to ensure that he has plenty of storage to get him through lambing. We will be full on with the sheep and can do without other jobs. It is all part of the farming cycle. The muck from the cows, eating silage in the buildings, will provide nutrients for a new crop of grass. Some will be grazed, the rest will be made into hay and silage for the coming winter. The wild grazers take their share as well. This has happened for centuries, nothing changes, just the workforce gets smaller and the machinery gets bigger.

Reet, that'll do f'noo, sith'e.

Will Rawling



AI generated line drawing of a Herdwick ewe with her newborn lamb



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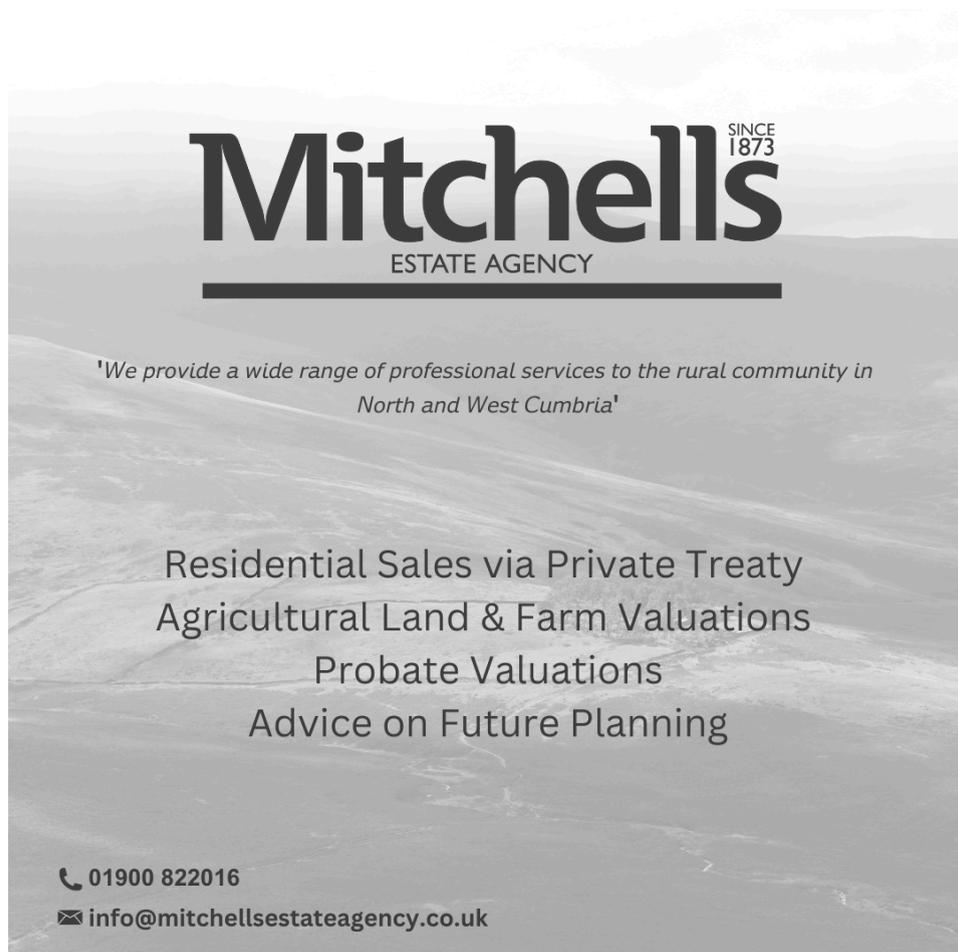
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- Tuesday 21st April - Book Group - 11:00am
- Wednesdays - Gentle Yoga with Bettina - 10:30am
- Wednesdays - Cumbria Coast Karate - 6:00pm
- Thursdays - Chair Based Exercise - 9:30am
- Thursdays - Baby Massage - 11:00am
- Thursdays - Baby Yoga - 1:00pm
- Thursday 23rd April - Sketch Club - 1.30pm
- Thursdays - Zumba with Lauren - 6:00pm
- Thursdays - Mindfulness|Meditations|Relaxations - 7:30pm
- Fridays - Beginners Drawing - 10:00am
- Fridays - Tai Chi - 10.30am
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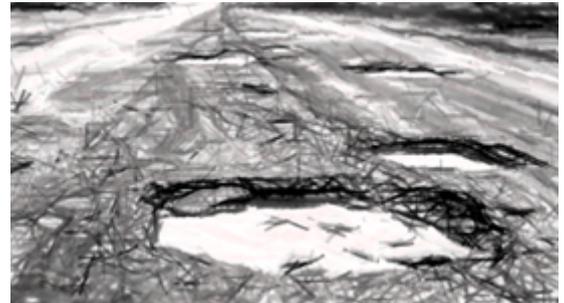
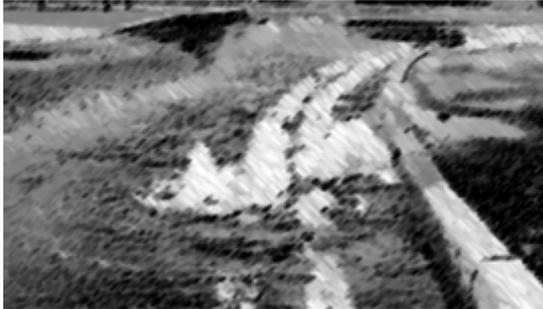
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Unhappy With Your Roads? Fed Up With Water Leaks?

Ed Surman, Vice-Chair, Lamplugh Parish Council writes:

Roads



If you are unhappy with the state of your roads because of potholes, blocked gulleys, overflowing drains, damaged verges, trees/vegetation blocking visibility like these (who isn't!) take things into your own hands and report them.

Go to www.cumberland.gov.uk and click on the 'Report a problem with street or road' button on the homepage. Then click on the green 'Report a problem' button and complete the details, you will need the following details:

- The location of the problem, you can either plot the location, use the closest postcode or what3words
- Photographs or supporting documents (if you have any)

Now wait patiently for **Cumberland Council** to rectify the problem, you can get updates online using the reference number. This does work but it may not be quick!

Water Leaks

If it's a water leak that's irking you, (not a blocked drain because that's Cumberland Council's responsibility, see above) then **United Utilities** are your port of call. Go to www.unitedutilities.com and click on the 'Report a leak' button on the homepage and complete the details.

Now wait patiently for United Utilities to rectify the problem. They talk a good story about fixing leaks, but action speaks louder than words; not sure how effective the reporting service is in getting things done but worth a try!

*Patience is a
Virtue!*

United Utilities at Ennerdale Water

Representatives from **United Utilities** attended the recent *Ennerdale & Kinniside Parish Council* meeting just to re-introduce themselves and state that further engagement would soon be happening. Since their last visit to the community, when they hosted an expansive “drop-in” session at The Gather in September 2024, they have been progressing with developing the project. The scheme for Ennerdale Water is now moving into “outline phase” and the team will shortly be announcing further “drop-in” sessions. Keep checking for updates online at: <https://www.unitedutilities.com/ennerdale/>

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Beavers at Ennerdale Water

The **Ehen-Calder Beavers Project** proposes to release wild beavers into the *Ennerdale Valley* and wider *Ehen-Calder catchment area*. The proposal is to release 15 pairs of adult beavers (with any additional dependent kits or sub-adults in their family groups) over a three year period (5 pairs per year) on up to 20 sites where permission can be secured from the landowner. Once released they'd be here to stay, there's no going back.

The application will be submitted to the government in the autumn of 2026, and a phased release - if approved - would start in September 2027.

Forestry England and the **Wild Ennerdale** partnership want to hear your views. See the following link for more information:

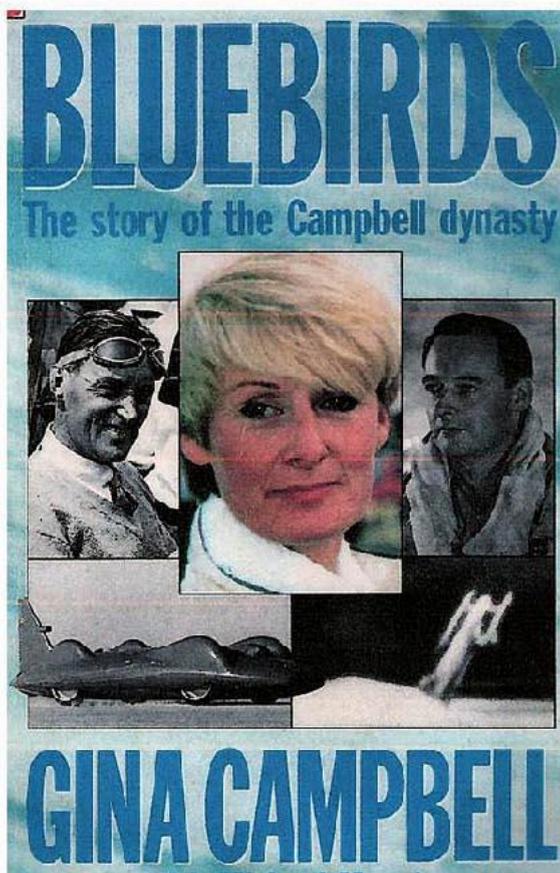
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Lamplugh and District Heritage Society

Dawn Sempill - my 30 year involvement
with the Campbell family and their Bluebirds



Above - Dawn is with "Bluebird K7"
in the Ruskin Museum, Coniston

It started with this book, becoming
a member of Bluebird Team
Racing for Donald Campbell's
nephew and his "Bluebird Electric"
car. Then helping to restore Donald
Campbell's iconic boat "Bluebird K7"

Thursday 16th April 2026
Lamplugh Village Hall 7.30 pm
Admission £3 inc. refreshments

Lamplugh Parish Council



Minutes of the March 2026 Lamplugh PC meeting [367]

Full minutes are posted on the Parish Council Notice Boards, if you want more details.

1. The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

- Declarations of interest were received from Cllr Braithwaite on a planning application.

2. Public Participation Slot

- The meeting was asked if reports were still received with crime statistics for parish councils. Clerk responded there had been talk of online meetings between parish councils and the police.
- It was raised that large Nitrous oxide cylinders had been found in a layby in the village. They were disposed of by the Resident, but it was agreed it would be a good idea to keep an eye on the situation.
- It was raised about the amount of litter being deposited on the Roads and verges. Some down to discarded waste but some were down to the fact refuse was not collected in a timely or professional manner. This will be monitored by the parish council.

3. Correspondence received and discussed

- Email re: Re-painting of the Winder Telephone Box. An ex-councillor mentioned that he had some paint from when the works were conducted previously and this has now been handed over to the PC.
- Email re: Various issues around the Parish of Lamplugh. It was discussed that some of the points raised were out with the remit of the parish council. Comments relating to Highway issues can be reported through the Highways portal at www.cumberland.gov.uk/reportaproblem. Equally problems with water and drainage should be reported to United Utilities using their own online systems.
- Neighbourhood Policing Group. There are no meetings scheduled for this yet.
- email received from Community Resource for voluntary services and help available in the area; the posters will be put on the LPC Facebook page.
- LDNPA Parish Council Engagement Plan email was noted,
- Rocket Sites merger email, stating that they are merging with Lake District Web Services.
- Follow up email received from a Parishioner about Fuel Deliveries of LPG to their property with a breakdown of costs. This email will be forwarded to MP Josh MacAlister.
- Email received from Cumberland Council looking for the Parish to confirm the location of bus shelters. Meeting noted that there are no bus shelters, however, there are three bus stops (A5086)

4. Financial Matters:

- **Statement No. 99** dated 28th February 2026 – start balance £17,498.74, end balance £17,498.74.

6. Planning- Applications/Decisions

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DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
5.4.26	EASTER	D NEVINSON	EASTER
12.4.26	EASTER	D NEVINSON	EASTER
19.4.26	TBA	D NEVINSON	TBA
26.4.26	TBA	M ABBOT	TBA
3.5.26	TBA	M ABBOT	TBA

SIDEPERSONS ROTA - April 2026

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
5.4.26	B FEARON	-	-
12.4.26	-	M WATTS	R HODGSON
19.4.26	C AYLING	M ABBOT	-
26.4.26	-	M WATTS	J DAVIS
3.5.26	B FEARON	C ABBOT	-

READERS ROTA - April 2026

DATE	ENNERDALE	KIRKLAND	LAMPLUGH
5.4.26	M LACHLAN & M ROBSON	-	-
12.4.26	-	M ABBOT & A MORGAN	J MEGAN & R MEGAN
19.4.26	S GUISE & B FEARON	D BEAK & S WATTS	-
26.4.26	-	R WATSON & C ABBOT	J MEGAN & J DAVIS
3.5.26	M LACHLAN & M ROBSON	M WATTS	-

READINGS - April 2026

DATE	1ST READING	2ND READING	GOSPEL
5.4.26	ACTS 10:34-43	COLOSSIANS 3:1-4	JOHN 20:1-18
12.4.26	ACTS 2:14a. 22-32	1 PETER 1:3-9	JOHN 20:19-end
19.4.26	ACTS 2:14a. 36-41	1 PETER 1:17-23	LUKE 24:13-35
26.4.26	ACTS 2:42-end	1 PETER 2:19-end	JOHN 10:1-10
3.5.26	ACTS 7:55-end	1 PETER 2:2-10	JOHN 14:1-14

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April 2026

3rd April Good Friday	11:00am St Michael's, Lamplugh: United service – Holy Communion, Methodist
5th April Easter Sunday	11:00am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Holy Communion
12th April	9:00am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion 2:00pm Kirkland Mission: Messy Church
19th April	9:00am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Morning Prayer 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Service of the word
26th April	9:00am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Holy Communion
May 2026	
3rd May	9:00am St Mary's, Ennerdale: Morning Prayer tbc* 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Cafe Church
10th May	9:00am St Michael's, Lamplugh: Holy Communion 11:00am Kirkland Mission: Morning Prayer/The Vine tbc* 2:00pm Kirkland Mission: Messy Church
<i>*a service without communion</i>	

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