

Church and Parish APRIL 2020

For the People of the Parish of Bowness-on-Solway

Special Coronavirus C-19 Support Newsletter
temporarily replacing the Parish Magazine.



Rectory Ramblings

April 2020

Self-isolation, **fear** of infecting, exclusion from public meetings, and a future without **hope** ... no I'm not talking about the Corona Virus, but something that had similar social consequences in Jesus' day. Then, skin diseases like Leprosy were untreatable and considered infectious. Sufferers had to leave their families for good, living apart from society, and were considered as religiously 'unclean'.

Yet Jesus crossed the boundaries and rather than being infected, gave his 'cleanness' and health to **cure** the incurable and include the excluded when they put their trust in Him (e.g. Matthew 8:1-4). Jesus gave then a taster of what will be permanent on his return.

It is that anticipation of what is certainly to come that helps Christians fight fear - fear of sickness, poverty, hurt, death, exclusion or whatever troubles we face (whether actually or potentially).

In the bible letter to the Hebrews, chapter 11 lists many 'heroes of faith' who were strengthened in their time because they were not slaves of their circumstances...

Instead, they were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God... Hebrews 11:16

This is the wonderful sure hope that can empower Christians to heroics – exceptional or everyday! It is picked up in the second verse of the poem/hymn 'I vow to thee my country':

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, & all her paths are peace.

May we enjoy **hope & peace through Jesus**, whatever others fear

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Editor's note: I have been busy all week desperately trying to produce a full Parish Magazine. Given the seriousness of our current situation I was also requested to provide a copy for each household. However, the situation is changing daily and virtually every advert and article in the magazine is immediately out of date. To make production easier and in particular reduce the need for delivery to every household, I have focused on a 'special C-19 Support Newsletter'.

St Michael's Church now has a new Facebook site at:

www.facebook.com/BownessOnSolwayChurch/

The Parish Council already has a website at:

www.bowness-on-solway.co.uk/groups/parish-council

We will try and update these rapidly and frequently and email copies of the full magazine or newsletter (with updates) will be available by email if you send me an email request at steve@hinksfamily.co.uk (email addresses will be kept confidential) . We are also hoping to set up a spoken report for those that only have telephones. See 'Solway Samaritans' article in this newsletter.

Bowness-on-Solway Mothers' Union

I write this on the eve of 'Mothering Sunday' and therefore let us give thanks for our families remembering all that 'Mothers' stand for. This is not 'Mother's Day' that the Americans celebrate but our mid-Lent Sunday - Refreshment Sunday. Please re-think family life especially as we all feel so unsettled and fearful at present. We will have Easter Sunday on April 12th.

'Mothering is the gospel lived out as you hold your child's heart in beauty, prayer and patience. Its not the big decision, but the little ones, trusting God through it all.'

This prayer was written by Elizabeth Hawn.

Our neighbours are so very important now. Let us try to uphold each other as we have no idea where this Lent will take us except to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Give thanks where we are - on an island - already partially in a secure area! The daffodils everywhere certainly are great signs of hope. For those of us who remember the war years vividly, 1939 - 45. We lived in hope. Find a prayer book to help you - I can lend various ones to help you enjoy Easter. We remember the many horrible plagues in the Old Testament but they did lead on to the New Testament and hope in the resurrection. The North of England, Holy Island, is a cradle for our faith. Can we revisit somewhere 'special' this year, Durham, the Isle of Whithorn and other traditional landmarks of hope.

Enjoy a Special Easter in peace.

April 28th should be our next meeting. It will be confirmed later but we have booked a lady from the 'Cracker Packers' to talk to us! Should we bring some cheese to share with our members? Everyone is welcome.

All kind thoughts. **JCB**

Church Services: due to the Coronavirus all church services have been cancelled until further notice. We hope to **Livestream a Service** via www.facebook.com/BurghbySandsChurch at 10am on Sunday morning. Please do join us.

Prayer support: Unless directed otherwise, our local Church buildings will be open every day for anyone to visit and pray in.

We are also setting up (with other Christians locally) a Prayer Chain where a number of people commit to pray for any requests submitted. Prayer requests, which can be outline only, first name or no name, will be passed along the chain from person to person by phone, with privacy observed.

Please phone Sue Ward on 01228 575064 with your Prayer request.

Coronavirus impact – help is at hand

SOLWAY SAMARITANS

See <https://www.facebook.com/SolwaySamaritans/>

During this difficult time your local Churches and Parish Councils are working in partnership to offer help to all those affected in our communities - particularly by self-isolation etc. You may need:

- a food drop,
- items posted for you,
- medication collected, or
- someone to talk to on the phone.

Whatever your need we would love to be able to help.

Please contact your local representatives and they will do their utmost to help you - with the support of other local volunteers.

The Bowness-on-Solway Parish contacts are:

Marian Carruthers: T. 016973 51466

Mike Abbs: T. 016973 51722

Pauline Hinks: T. 01228 576157

Sue Day: T. 01228 818392

Bowness Community Group also has a C19 Support Group and a Community Hub:

based at Bowness King’s Arms pub shop. The Parish Magazine Newsletter will incorporate advertising for this group in the future but separate fliers with details have already been delivered to every household in the parish. **Contact Sammie on 07969255488 if you haven’t received a flier.**



Hunter Leisure Group Ltd have a shop at the Bowness House Farm development in the centre of Bowness and can also provide hot & cold take-away meals.



Mr Hunter has offered to provide free hot meals, delivered to the door, throughout the parish, for those that are struggling to get hot meals. Please contact Ian Hunter for details of this offer.

Main Office: 016973 52418 (8am – 5pm) Owners Mobile: 07873 200997

Mobile Post Office Service: continues to operate in the parish on Thursdays at Drumburgh (13.20-13.40), Port Carlisle (13.45-14.15) Bowness(14.20-14.40), not sure of time in Anthorn.

Paisley’s Butcher’s & Delicatessen

Mobile delivery service throughout Bowness parish on Saturdays and Tuesdays.

Carrying a wide selection of raw meats plus cooked meat, pies, ready meals, fruit, veg and groceries.

Contact: Shop: **016973 44686** Mobile: **07768882698** Orders can be rung through to the shop for payment and delivery to the door.



Allerdale Bin Collections: apparently Allerdale are not issuing a letter to advise households when the various refuse bins are being collected—they expect us to check dates on their website. We will find out dates and publish these. It will be possible to call the Solway Samaritans contacts for those without internet.

Note: Garden bins are NOT being collected.

High Tides

		Morning			Afternoon		
Apr-20		Time	M	Ft	Time	M	Ft
7 th	Tue	00:31	9.3	30.6	12:49	9.7	31.7
8 th	Wed	01:15	9.8	32.0	13:34	10.0	32.9
9 th	Thu	01:58	10.0	32.6	14:17	10.2	33.4
10 th	Fri	02:40	10.0	32.7	15:01	10.1	33.0
11 th	Sat	03:22	9.8	32.0	15:43	9.7	32.0
12 th	Sun	04:04	9.4	30.8	16:27	9.2	30.2

Approximate time and height at Port Carlisle.

Only tides greater than 9.1m. (30’) are listed above. Note that the actual tide height is dependent on the wind (speed and direction) and atmospheric pressure. See also: <https://www.tidetimes.org.uk/silloth-tide-times>