

St Bees Priory Church

The Ministry Team

Retired Clergy with the Bishop's Permission to Officiate:

The Revd David Cox (01946) 821601

The Revd Canon Dr Trevor Park (01946) 821799

Lay Readers

Chris & Charm Robson (01946) 822468

During the interregnum please contact the Churchwardens (see ABC for details) on administrative matters and Rev David Cox on Pastoral concerns

Services

Sundays

9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	(1st, 3rd & 5th - 1662)
10.30 a.m.	Family Service	
6.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	

See Calendar for details of Family Services and Evening Prayer

N.B. This pattern may vary at particular seasons of the year. See magazine calendar.
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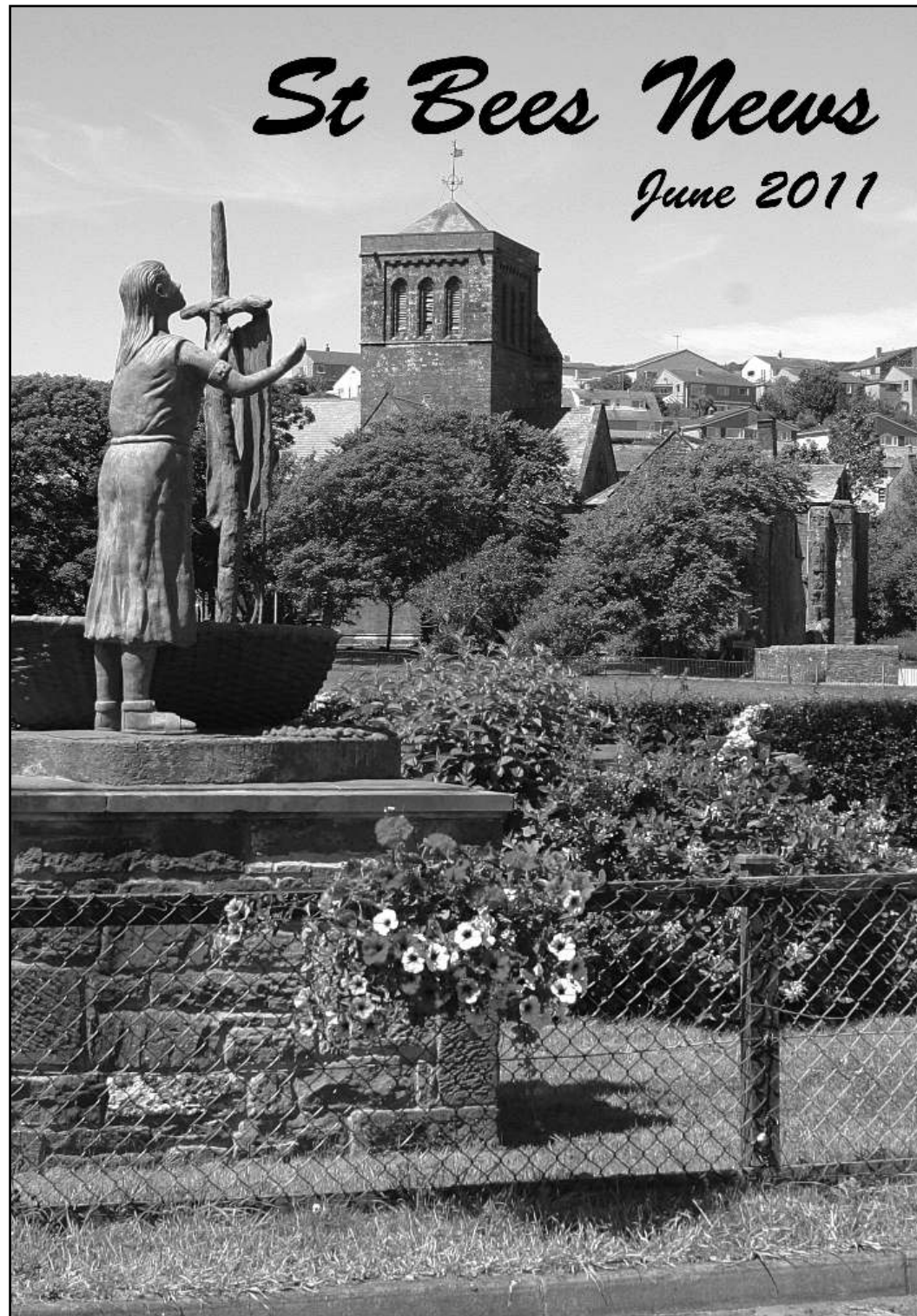
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St Bees Parish ABC

Area Visitor / Good Neighbour Scheme	The parish is divided into 30 small areas each with an official Church Visitor whose task is to welcome and help people in the name of the Priory. Co-ordinator - M Westhead (Tel. 822674).	Funeral Director	in the Village is Malcolm Reid (Tel. 822217).
Arts Society	meets every two months on the last Wednesday of the month at the St Bees Management Centre at 8.00 p.m. Details from Dilys Brownrigg (822584) or Alan Hawkins (822330)	Garden Society	Details from Mark Hewertson, (Tel. 019467 841325). Flower Show is held on the 3rd Saturday in August.
Bellringing	The Priory has a ring of 8 bells. Those interested in ringing or learning to ring, contact D Sim, 31 Main Street. Practice Wednesdays, 8.00 p.m. Sundays, ring at 10.00 a.m. and Evensong by arrangement.	Guides	meet in New College Hall on Mondays from 6.15 - 8.00 p.m. For further details please contact Lucy Scott (Tel. 821755).
Bridge Club	meets on Tuesday at 6.45 for 7.00 p.m. & Friday afternoons at 1.45 for 2.00 p.m. in Bigrigg Hall. Mike Brewer (Tel 019467 25835).	Library	is at the Village School (Tel. 822219), Tuesdays from 1.30 - 6.00 p.m. & Fridays from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.
Brownies	meet in New College Hall on Tuesday evenings. Details from Amanda Smith 823933.	Local History	Research on the Priory and the village continues. Details from History Group (Ian McAndrew - Tel. 822326 or Chris Robson Tel. 822468).
Beavers	for boys aged 6 - 8 meet on Thursdays, 5.30 - 6.30 p.m. in the Youth Centre. Details from Dick Beddows (Tel. 823288).	Methodist Church	Sunday Service & Sunday School is at 11.00 a.m. Family Service on the second Sunday.
Cubs & Scouts	Cubs , for boys aged 8 - 10, meet on Thursdays, 6.45 - 8.15 p.m. in the Youth Centre. Details from Ian Howard (Tel. 823626). Scouts meet on Mondays in the Youth Centre. Details from Mike Greene, Fairladies, 102 Main Street (824302).	Over 60's Club	meets in Hodgett's Club on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month: 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. Details - Mrs M Brannon Tel. 822541.
Choir	rehearses on Sundays at 9.45 a.m. Details from Frank Bowler, the Organist (Tel. 825307).	Parish Council	The Clerk to the Council is Mrs Jane Donaldson, East House, Couderton. Tel. (01946) 822560, e.mail pc_clerk@stbees.org.uk, who will answer queries on civil parish matters.
Churchwardens	are leading lay Church members who will be pleased to help and advise on church matters. They are John Kennedy (Tel. 822297), Rosalie McAndrew (Tel.822326), Derek McGee, & Wendy Mellor.	Parochial Church Council	meets 10 times a year. Elections for 20 members are held in March at the A.P.C.M. Its task is to spearhead the mission and ministry of the church in the Parish. PCC Secretary - H Taylor, Tel. 822255
Cumberland Morris Men	meet on alternate Thursdays in Hodgett's Club. Contact Neil Bettinson, 22 Main Street, for details of these and of the Traditional Mummers.	Pre-School	meets in the new building next to the Village School, 5 mornings a week. For children 2 years 9 months +. Contact Pre-School on 823880.
Electoral Roll	is the list of all church members qualified to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. E.R. forms are available in church, to be returned to the Priory.	Prayer Group	meets on Thursdays from 2.00 - 3.00 p.m. in New College Hall . All denominations welcome.
Finance	The Church Treasurer is Dr Geoff Burgess, 7 Abbey Farm, St Bees, Tel. 824416, who will gladly explain our Christian Giving system.	Priory Fellowship	meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in New College Hall. Details from Gill Richardson, 822394.
First Responders	provide an immediate Basic Life Support in association with the Cumbria Ambulance Service. Contact Phil Buxton 821176 or Andy Brock 823497.	Priory Singers	rehearse in Old College Hall, Mondays at 8.00 p.m. Details from Hugh Turpin (Tel. 828066).
Football Association	Contacts - Seniors Dale Jackson 823631 & Tony Barnett 590640. Juniors (U-12) - Alec Morton 823992 & Alastair Billson.	St Bees Triers	Triathlon Club meets Seacroft House 7pm Thursday contact Andy Brock (Tel. 823497).
Freemasons	St Bega Lodge meet 7:00 p.m. On 2nd Wed of each month, Village Hall. Details: 01946 64275 or www.cumbwestmasons.co.uk	Sunday School	for ages 3 - 11 meets during Morning Service New College Hall, at 10.30 a.m. Contact - Rosalie McAndrew (822326).
Friends of the Priory	assists in the conservation of the Priory and encourages interest in its historical and architectural heritage. Contact Philip Barratt or Tom Rice, Treasurer, Green Ghyll, Greendykes, Egremont.	Toddler Group	meets every Thursday, in term time only, from 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. in Adams Recreation Centre. Details from Rachel Walker (825823) or Ann James (820957).
		Village School Association	exists to raise funds for the school and to foster links between school and community. Secretary - via School - Tel. 822392.
		Village Hall	Management Committee administers Hodgett's Club. For details and booking contact Phil or Valerie Turpin (Tel 823772).
		Village in Bloom	Details from Eileen B Todd, Chairman, 14 Main Street. St.Bees (Tel 822522).
		Village Web Site	Information for inclusion should be sent to Ian McAndrew (822326) or imcandrew@stbees.org.uk Address is http://www.stbees.org.uk

Calendar for June

5 Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
6 Monday		Blood donation Egremont
8 Wednesday	10.00 - 11.30 a.m.	Teddy Bears Picnic, St Bees School
10 Friday	7.30 p.m.	Friends of the Priory Quiz Night, NCH
12 Whitsunday	10.30 a.m. 3.00 p.m.	Morning Prayer with Baptism Open-Air Songs of Praise, Egremont Castle
14 Tuesday		Blood donation Whitehaven
15 Wednesday	7.00 – 9.00 p.m.	Cumbria Wildlife Trust Walk
18 Saturday	10.30 a.m.	Wedding - Claire Clark and Luke Sykes
19 Trinity Sunday	10.30 a.m. 4.00 p.m.	Holy Communion Friends of the Priory Choral Evensong followed by Tea in NCH
25 Saturday	1.00 p.m.	Village School Fete starts
26 Sunday	10.30 a.m. Afternoon	Confirmation Service Village in Bloom Open Garden Event
30 Thursday	7.30 p.m.	St Bees School Concert, Priory

Calendar for July

2 Saturday	2.00 – 6.0 p.m.	Children's Day at Fern Bank 2 – 6 p.m.
6 Wednesday	7.30 p.m.	{ "Murder in the Cathedral" - Play by
7 Thursday	7.30 p.m.	{ St Bees School, Priory

July/August Editor

The **July/August 2011** issue of St Bees News will be edited by **Philip Barratt, 16 Finkle Street, St Bees**, who would appreciate all contributions not later than **Wednesday 8 June** please.

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Pentecost/Whitsunday 12 June

Older people will remember Whitsuntide was marked by a public holiday on the Monday and in many a northern town and city there were great Whit Monday processions of faith. Not so any longer. That has contributed to Whit's downgrading in the wider public's consciousness. It remains, nonetheless, one of the three major festivals in the Church's calendar.

At Christmas we celebrate the Incarnation, that is God's coming to be with us and so reveal His nature in the divinely human life of Jesus. At Easter we rejoice in Jesus' victory over death and the assurance we have been given that we shall share in His eternal life. At Pentecost we celebrate the festival of God the Holy Spirit and life in the Spirit, that is God in us. No longer are we simply observers of what God did and revealed long ago in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, through His Spirit we can now be participants in what He is doing in the world. He is at work in us and through us.

It is the Holy Spirit who (with our active co-operation) shapes and forms us into that divinely human likeness which we see in Jesus. It is the Spirit within us who motivates us and constantly calls us back, when we falter or stray, into living in unity and harmony with one another – and that in a world marked and scarred by so many divisions and by so much violence.

It is the Spirit who takes us with all our human weaknesses and limited talents, and makes us instruments of His transforming power of love and truth which brings freedom and healing. It is the Spirit who knits us together. People from so many different cultures and nationalities, speaking so many different languages and with all our other differences in personality and upbringing are brought together into one communion and fellowship and worship. I saw this every week in my last job before retirement. The members of our congregation in Oslo came from every continent (bar the Antarctic!) and from cultural and ecclesial backgrounds as different as Armenian and Russian Orthodox through to African Independent Charismatic Evangelical Churches. We witnessed and rejoiced in the diversity and unity of the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

It is the life-giving Spirit who pours His love into our hearts as individuals and so enables us to become the persons we were meant to be. He is the One who makes possible the miracle of change in us humans, not just for the better but for the best, and consequently uses us as His instruments of change to bring about peace and justice in the world. In the words of St Paul we become and "We are fellow-workers with God". It is a phrase that takes us straight back to a sermon Jesus preached in the synagogue in Nazareth. He read some verses from Isaiah chapter 61 and applied them to Himself and to His ministry:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because He has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed . . ." Jesus made those prophetic words his personal manifesto. As His co-workers, it is ours too. To aim for it and to achieve something of it, we need the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit – just as Jesus did. That's what enables us to be God's fellow-workers in restoring wholeness to broken lives and to a broken world.

Trevor Park

Prory News

First Friday - This monthly social event for young people aged between 12 and 16 continues to attract more new members – there were 19 at the May meeting. We won't be meeting in June but we hope to have a barbecue celebration in July before we break for the summer holidays.

Trinity Sunday – 19 June - On Trinity Sunday Trevor Park will be celebrating the 45th anniversary of his ordination as a Deacon in Carlisle Cathedral back in 1966. He will be the celebrant and preacher at the 10.30 Holy Communion in the Priory that morning. Do come and share in the service and stay for a slice of cake and a glass of wine afterwards.

Whitsunday (Pentecost Service) – The Open-Air Songs of Praise service will be held at Egremont Castle on Sunday 12 June at 3.00 p.m. It's organised by the Egremont Churches Together and everyone is very welcome to attend.

Many Thanks to Mrs Evelyn Barwise for creating the beautiful Easter Garden in the Priory entrance. It is always much admired by worshippers and visitors who are encouraged by its Easter message.

Special thanks also to Catriona Harris for providing creative activities and the Easter Treasure Trail in the Priory garden

In Memoriam

We remember the sad loss of Chris Hale, lay reader for 57 years of St Mary's Parish Church in Egremont and offer deepest sympathy to his wife Jill. Much loved and respected.

Also we remember Mrs Norah Alp who died at Castlemount aged 97 years, dear mother of the late Will Alp, a teacher at St Bees School and Priory chorister. Norah was a skilled pianist and teacher too.

for children and teens too - lots of happy faces munching chocolate treats showed everyone's appreciation!

Tim Taylor's Ordination – Deacon Tim Taylor of Abbeyvale, who has been completing his curacy at Egremont Parish Church, will be ordained by Bishop James Newcome at Holy Trinity Church, Kendal at 3.00 p.m. .

If you wish to attend, please let a churchwarden know and indicate if you need transport.

Priory Fellowship - There will be no June meeting this year and, as we don't meet during the holidays, the next meeting will be in September.

Sunday School will be meeting on 29 May but not on 5 June (midterm). There are always children's activities and toys in the Baptistery area every Sunday.

News from the Village School

We have had a busy time in school just recently. We celebrated the Royal Wedding by having a day of activities where children made various items ie flags, flowers for button holes, decorated plates and cups and made table decorations, amongst other things. The following day, we all came to school dressed either in red, white and blue or as if we were going to a wedding and we had a special celebration lunch, using the things we had made the previous day. A good time was had by all.

We are fortunate to receive Tag Rugby training throughout the whole school from outside coaches. Following on from the training, some of our Y5/6 children were finalists in a recent, local tournament and next week take part in the county finals in Cockermonth. We wish them all the best.

Some of our Y5/6 children recently took part and won a local schools' swimming gala held at Wyndham Pool. They have lessons each week at St Bees Pool and it is a while since they have taken part in a competition such as this.

Our Y2 children have been receiving coaching in gymnastics and some of them represented the school in a recently held competition. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Congratulations to all the children involved in these sporting events and representing our school so well. Their good behaviour is always commented on.

There have been a couple of residential visits from school. Our Y4 children went along to the Youth Hostel at Windermere for a 2 night stay. They took part in lots of activities organised by the staff at Brockhole Visitors centre as well as visiting other places. They had a fantastic time. Our Y3 children had their first experience of an overnight stay with their class at Hawkshead Youth Hostel. They took part in archery lessons, and had to work together problem solving as well as rocket building and launching with an egg as the passenger, which they had to get back to earth without breaking!

After the half term holiday our Y5/Y6 children go to York for 5 days which they are all looking forward to.

DIARY DATES

- Monday, 6th June - Back to school after the half term holiday
- Monday, 13th June - Y5/6 York residential visit begins
- Wednesday, 21st June - Parents' Evening for New Starters
- Friday, 24th June - Last day for Tesco Vouchers in school
- Saturday, 25th June - **FETE DAY**
- Monday, 27th June - Start of Sports Week in School
- Friday, 1st July - Taster Day for Y6 children transferring to St Bees School
- Wednesday, 6th July - Taster Day for Y6 children transferring to WLA & St Benedict's
- Monday, 11th July - Junior Play Performance for Over 60s and Grandparents
- Tuesday, 12th July - Junior Play Performances afternoon and evening
- Tuesday, 19th July - Y6 Leavers Concert
- Friday, 22nd July - 1.30 pm finish for end of Summer term

St Bees Village School Fete - Saturday 25 June

Fancy Dress Parade begins at 1 p.m.
from Fairladies turning circle



Running Order

- Whitehaven Brass Band
- Sellafield Police Dogs
- Miss Joanne's Dance Troop
 - Tug of war
 - Piranha's Band

The Queens Pub will be running the bar again

Tea/coffee & cakes will be served in the School Hall

On the field there will be

- Bouncy castles
- Face painting
- Plants
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We remember Olaug Park, Audrey Broughton, Betty Robertson, Margaret Lorimer, Scott Woods, Dennis Howells, Jenny Crooks, and Fred Singleton.

We remember especially those recuperating in hospital - Ricky Southam in Sunderland Hospital and Andrew Wallace of Hillside, seriously ill in Newcastle Hospital.

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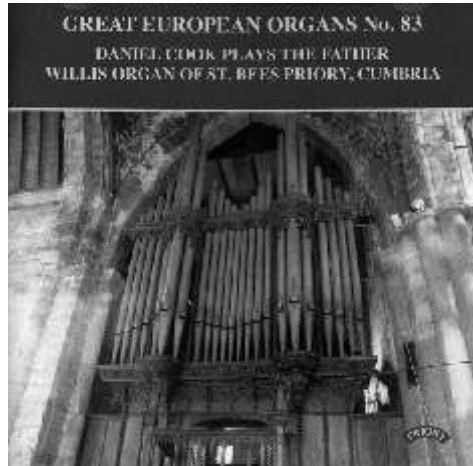
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New Priory Organ CD

Last summer, Daniel Cook, Assistant Director of Music at Salisbury Cathedral came to the Priory to record a selection of music on the Willis Organ as one of his recordings in the series of Great European Organs.

The CD is now available for sale at the Priory. The music includes work by Alcock, Weber, Stainer, Cook, Milner and others. In all there is almost 78 minutes of music on the CD - you can only get another couple of minutes on a CD. It is a well filled CD of great organ music!

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We look forward to seeing you!

The Hinton family will be leaving us at the end of June. Chad is a nurse anaesthetist and has been doing the day time anaesthesia and sharing on call with me for the past 6 months. I am so grateful for the time they have been able to be here. I will be covering anaesthesia again for a few weeks when they leave and until Lynn who has been on Home Assignment returns.

I recently heard someone ask a newly arrived teacher if they had met Michelle's menagerie yet? I am not sure if 3 animals constitutes a menagerie but for those of you who have not had the pleasure of meeting them here they are:

Francis is a stray cat who has adopted myself and my neighbour and technically lives outside except when he is asleep on my arm chair!

Smudge is my new kitten he is very cute and naughty (climbs trees and gets stuck!) and does not understand why Francis will not play with him! Lastly meet CJ my baby chameleon who is about 3 inches long and eats grasshoppers which I am getting very good at catching!

Thank you for your continued interest in Mukinge. May God bless you.

Michelle (Missionary Nurse from St Bees in Zambia)



Letter from Michelle Proctor

Dear Friends,

Hello from Mukinge where with the start of May came cold season and I found myself wondering where it was I left my work cardigan last year? I love this time of year when it is cooler and dry but the trees are still green from the recent rains.

I said in my last letter that I was to be taking on the role of Manager of Nursing. Since then that has been on and off a couple of times but now it has actually happened and this week Mr Mulenga, my boss, went on leave before starting his course in July. So as of 4 days ago and for the next 3 years I am manager of Nursing care. I know it will be a big challenge and I am still a little bit daunted by it.

There is lots of building work going on around the hospital: Male ward is being extended to include a private room for staff, Out Patients is getting an extension and TB ward is in the process of a complete renovation.

The closure of TB ward meant the patients from there moved to the malnutrition ward and the children from that ward came to lodge on my ward. It has been a little bit squashed at times with more children than beds and mattresses all over the floor last week we had 47 patients on our 32 bedded ward!

One of the children on the ward is Albert who has been with us for the last 3 weeks. This is his story:

Albert was looking for rats one day (to eat) and he stuck his hand down a rat hole hoping to catch one. Something in the hole bit him so thinking it was a rat and hoping for rat for his supper he stuck his hand down the hole again only to be bitten again. His hand was now hurting and starting to swell so he went to tell his mum who took a hoe and went out to dig over the hole and catch the rat inside. When she dug over the hole there was indeed something in there but not a rat – a snake!!

The swelling and tissue damage caused by the snake bite to Albert's hand resulted in a contracture meaning his hand was not functional. Dr. Jovic a visiting plastic surgeon was able to release the contracture and take a flap of skin from his abdomen to the hand to repair it so now Albert will have a hand he can use and hopefully he will not put it down any more holes!

This year so far has been one in which we have been short of doctors. Dr. Mutimushi was promoted to be the local District Medical Officer but does still help us out with TB ward and some on calls but soon will be leaving us completely. This means that Dr. Friend our surgeon is our only full time doctor. An answer to our prayers came in the form of Rachel a doctor from the UK who was meant to go to Jos in Nigeria for 3 months but could not because of the unrest there, so instead came to us! This has been a big help she will be here until July when Ogenna a paediatrician from America arrives for a year. Dr. Friend is hoping to take a trip back to New Zealand in November so please pray that we can find a surgeon to cover this time so he can go.

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Fern Bank Children's Day

This year Children's Day at Fern Bank will be on Saturday 2 July from 2-6 p.m.. Chris and Charm invite children of all ages, accompanied by adults, who will be responsible for them, to come & play in our garden.

We have a quite challenging climbing area and a zip wire, plus a trampoline and other games. There will, of course, be the usual funny things to find, there will probably be a cake stall and a Traidcraft stall & there will certainly be tea and cakes.

Welcome to Visitors

Do please encourage walkers and visitors to St Bees, if you see them wandering about, to visit the Priory Heritage Centre and the Thursday Pop-In Cafe on their way to the beach or the Coastal Way.

Many arrive at the station and turn straight down the Coach Road, missing most of the attractions and amenities.

Lots of useful and interesting information is available locally - tourist trails and publicity leaflets in the Priory, and also Coast-to-Coast mementoes and guidebooks in the Post Office, plus facilities of course at our hotels and pubs in the village. Be a good host for St Bees!

St Bees School Swimming Pool

St Bees School is open to the public, including midterm, and is operating a holiday timetable as well.

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Sessions

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For further information contact
Mrs Julie Andersen on
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Friends of the Priory

Forthcoming events.

Friday 10 June New College Hall

Friends of the Priory Quiz Night with Cheese and Wine. 7.30 p.m. in NCH (Look out for posters)

The questions will be set by Alan Hawkins and those present will form competing teams.

These events have been very popular in the past.

19 June, Trinity Sunday

Friends of the Priory Festival Choral Evensong at 4.00 p.m. followed by afternoon tea in New College Hall at 5.00 p.m.

The music for this service will be organised by Frank Bowler, Church Organist and Choirmaster, and Hugh Turpin conductor of The Priory Singers.

The choir will comprise the church choir augmented by members of The Priory Singers.

The Friends always welcome new members. Join us and help to maintain the fabric of this wonderful Priory Church and help to publicise its attractions.

Annual subscription is modest (single person membership £5 and family membership £8). Contact Tom Rice, Treasurer or Phil Barratt.

Foul Play in St Bees!

Do you feel lucky? You're in with the chance to lose up to £500 if you don't clean up after your dog! One of the most common complaints is over the small number of dog owners who don't bother to scoop the poop. Apart from being anti-social, it's illegal and causes an unnecessary health hazard, particularly in the play areas used by young children. We have tried to increase the number of bins available and are pushing for more, we provide free bags that are available from Hartleys Beach front café and the post office, and have asked the local enforcement team to enforce the law.

Please, please, please remember to clean up after your dog, and if you see others who don't, please remind them, otherwise it could end up being a very expensive 'accident'.

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News from St Bees School

Term starts again on Monday 6 June.

As last year, the School is hosting a Teddy Bear's Picnic on Wednesday 8 June from 10 – 11.30 a.m. for children of Pre-School age. If you have a Pre-School child please do come and join us.

There will be a Family Association meeting on Wednesday 15 June at 7 p.m. in the Whitelaw Building and on Tuesday 21 June there will be a Jazz Concert in the Head's Garden at 6 p.m.

The summer concert this year is scheduled for Thursday 30 June at 7.30 p.m. in the Priory and on Wednesday 6 and Thursday 7 July, there will be a dramatic production of T.S Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" also in the Priory at 7.30 p.m.

Term ends on Friday 8 July.

For details of any of the events detailed above, or for any information about the school please contact Jane Hawley on 01946 828010 or visit our website at www.st-bees-school.org.

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Congratulations to concert pianist Sam Haywood of Monkscoft, Abbey Road, on his recent engagement to Sophia, his Greek girlfriend of three years. She works for a Soho-based music production company as P.A. to Steven Isserlis, the internationally renowned cellist, and has also set up her own recording company Blackbird Music Productions. Sam is at present (18 May) in Tokyo performing with Steven Isserlis in a recital at the Kioi Hall.

Cumbria Wildlife Trust – West Coast Group – Naturalist Rosemary Hutt will lead a walk looking at wildlife around the clifftop at St Bees Head on Wednesday 15 June from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.. Please bring appropriate outdoor clothing. Suitable for accompanied children aged 8 years and over. Meet at Sandwith at the start of the Lighthouse road. Distance 3 miles.

Required please! Another magazine distributor is needed for Sandwith near the village green (Johnson Court along to Croftfoot – 20 houses) to replace R. McAndrew. Please contact her on 822326 if you can help. Thanks!

Priory Flood. A burst pipe in the Vestry resulted in a very wet carpet, a damp Ian and a soaked Frank! Thanks to Sandy & John from St Bees School who bailed us out by providing & operating a suitable vacuum that extracted most of the water from the carpet. Thanks also to the volunteers who had expressed willingness to come and dry things up, especially Gill (who arrived very promptly armed with bucket and mop). However, Frank, Debbie and Ian, with the help of the vacuum, managed to cope with the flood

and the additional help was not needed. Fortunately, by sheer chance, the burst pipe was discovered early avoiding much worse damage.

Jane Craig writes: As someone who has lived here for 30+ years, I want to say how much I enjoy the happy atmosphere in the Priory Drop-in Centre, and the Lent Lunches were a joy to go to. I have always realised that there are very many generous men and women who give their time and energies, in so many ways, to make St Bees a lovely place in which to live. I made a list once: it is very long - endless, really, of all the different things people do. Think about it. It cheers me to know there are so many good people around.

Blood Donor Sessions - There will be blood donor sessions on Monday 6 June at Egremont Market Hall between 3 and 7 p.m. , and at Whitehaven Civic Hall on Tuesday 14 June between 2 and 7 p.m. Please call 0300 123 23 23 to book an appointment.

RNLI - Our thanks are due to Alison and her team at Hartley's Café, St.Bees, for their continued support for the RNLI. A total of £60 was raised in the Easter Raffle .With grateful thanks from the St Bees fund raising committee.

The Village in Bloom will be holding an Open Garden Event on Sunday 26 June 2011. Details will be available on posters, and garden guides with a suggested route will be on sale.

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The Crucifixion - Churches have a long tradition of involvement in drama and music, as an adjunct to worship and teaching. It is therefore appropriate that the message of Holy Week should be presented musically. In the past Stainer's "Crucifixion" has suffered from jaundiced critical appraisal: the performance at The Priory proved the shallowness of any disapproval. Our church is not an acoustic masterpiece but the soloists, choir and organist negotiated its limitations well. The music could be heard, as could the singing, which is so important. Andrei Lebed (bass baritone) and Hugh Turpin (tenor), the two soloists, complemented by the Priory Choir, the Priory Singers and Friends, and audience participation ensured that the message of the piece was heard and felt by all.

Productions like this don't just happen, it takes a lot of hard work, and Frank Bowler created a well-crafted occasion, ably assisted by Colin Edmundson, the visiting organist. All of those involved, including the back-room helpers, deserved the elation they felt, even if they were a little tired after their efforts. This most enjoyable and thought-provoking evening was another example of the fact that church is not just for Sundays. Who is next to take up the challenge? *Ian Hill*

Thank you to all those "young at heart" who supported the concert at the Priory on 7 May, especially to Debbie and Frank Bowler, Aileen Rule and Ian McAndrew. A large audience enjoyed organ music by Charpentier and Gershwin, played so beautifully by Frank Bowler, interspersed with delightful singing from a group of talented young local singers,

accompanied by Aileen Rule. A retiring collection raised £150 for the Priory Church funds.

Garden Show - This year's show will be held on Saturday 20 August. More details in next month's magazine. Photographers in the meantime may wish to start looking for photo opportunities for "Sunset or sunrise", "In the wild" and "Winter". Flower arrangers can start looking for unusual containers - subject "Flower arrangement in unusual pot".

Egremont Parish Church will be open all day from 8.00 till 9.00, on Thursday 2 June to commemorate the anniversary of the West Cumbria shootings. There will be seven flower displays/prayer points for all who died or were wounded. It is not intended to be an overly sombre time of memorial, rather a time when all day we can come together in a beautiful place, to chat, to think, to be at peace, to just be still and listen to beautiful music, in memory of it all. At Haile there will be a modified version of this with Communion at 1200 and St John's Bigrigg will announce their opening times locally, as will St Mary's RC Church and the Methodist Chapel Egremont.

Please just wander into church at any time. There is coffee/tea and space, a time to chat, a time to be peaceful. Speak with the clergy, if you want to or simply light a candle, pray, think, talk or sit by the flowers with your thoughts.