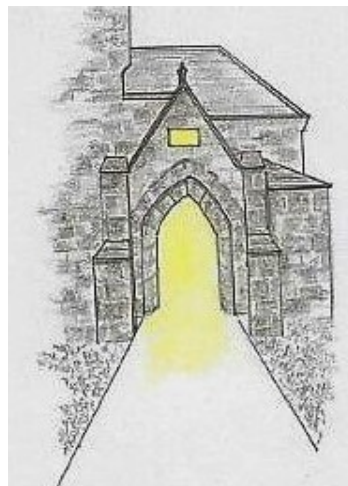


*Liddesdale Parish Church*

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# The Messenger



*All are Welcome, all are welcome  
In this place*

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## News from your Session

It's that time of year again! Balancing the books! I am pleased to say that I have given the completed accounts to the independent examiner who will check them very thoroughly I assure you.

As soon as they are cleared by the examiner, Kirk Session and Moderator they will be available to you.

Thank you all for your financial support through the year.

### Nepal Fundraise & beyond!

I can tell you now that in 2019 we raised and sent off:

Nepal disaster fund	£900. ( exceeding £3000 in 3 years!)
Doctors without Borders	£180 Xmas collections
Christian Aid	£95 Christian Aid week
Salvation army food bank	£70 Plus Harvest Food
Sightsavers	<u>£62</u> Easter collection
	<b><u>£1307 total</u></b>

*That is amazing thank you all so much*

**We will continue through 2020** with another new brick wall entitled "Building Block for Hope" the aim being to eat smarties, collect 20ps and add your name to a building block for others.

We can choose each year where the money will be sent to help others

### Create for Christmas evening in church

It was a really wonderful evening of fellowship for so many in the village and beyond. The church looked great with SO many craft bits and pieces for those who felt up to making a wreath or a Christmas decoration. Those who didn't enjoyed the evening for what it was , a time of togetherness, a time to meet new friends, to gather together and enjoy refreshments and to hear a lovely reflection from Libby to remind us that the church is always there for you but God's love and word spreads much wider through friends together

You can see by the photos just a sample of the fun we had.

A huge thank you to Libby and to everyone who helped and particularly to those who came along and made the evening such a success.

We plan to do more such evenings so keep in touch, we would love to hear from you.





## **Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March Fair Trade Fortnight**

A timely reminder that we sell Fairtrade and Traidcraft food and products in church.

If you would like a catalogue dropped round to you please let one of us know and we will be pleased to do so. We can take orders and deliver

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Finally, and as always, it would be lovely if any readers would like your Kirk Session to come and chat with you for a few minutes maybe over a cuppa!

Please ask any member of church to let us know

Your Kirk Session is a group of volunteers who have each made a commitment to “work” for the church and for you. We do this through Christ and with an open heart, with good intentions and commitment to serve God with you all and through our lovely Parish Church



## Worship Group

Hello and welcome to our first missive to the Messenger from the Worship group.

From the beginning of November to Easter is a very busy time within the Church and has been quite busy for the Worship group as well, looking forward to and celebrating the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We have taken a number of services over the Christmas period out with the monthly Sunday service we manage. Alice organised the cake and carols service on the Friday before Christmas with about 60 people attending, a lovely service of readings and Christmas carols followed with people enjoying refreshments and on Christmas Eve we held the midnight mass service, though not as well attended as last year it was great to see locals and visitors alike.

Following the joint service with Canonbie on the last Sunday in December. January blessed us with Leoniek a Session Clerk from Canonbie leading one of the Sunday services. Hopefully this is something we will be able to support again later in the year.

We are now celebrating Epiphany and hearing some interesting reflections of this period from visiting Ministers. At the end of February, we enter our 40-day period of Lent leading up to the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. We have not yet decided what we will be looking to ask of ourselves and the congregation to 'give up' this year, 2 years ago it was clothes last year time. This year following the 'Random Act of Kindness' day supported throughout Carlisle in January, we have decided that we will be asking the Congregation (and beyond) to follow this through Lent. In Church there will be a poster where (unnamed) notices can be placed of random acts of kindness given or received each week. These could be as simple as carrying someone's shopping, giving a cake to a stranger, paying for a coffee for a person in a café. Buying a small bunch of flowers and then just giving a flower to anyone you pass. There can be so much pleasure for both parties the receiver and giver when a random act of kindness happens, and often it costs nothing more than your time.

We really appreciate the support and help we get from all of you and it is great to know that God is working in helping us bring more people to engage in the Church worship group services, and we look forward to hearing from Lorna when she will take our service in February.

We always welcome ideas for worship, different themes or styles, if you have any ideas please let us know and we will do what we can to incorporate and suggestions.

Our walk in faith is never easy, God never promised us an easy journey, but our worship and fellowship together makes the path more pleasant to walk each day, and remember if anything is troubling you: *'Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you.'* [Psalm 55:22 NIV](#)

And when we pray God is listening we can make it short and sweet as Matthew said *'When you pray, don't babble on and on.'* [Matthew 6:7 NLT](#)

May God be with you always.

Worship Group

## **2 O'clock Club ( a fellowship afternoon where everyone is welcome )**

We had a really lively meeting in January, playing board games. There were four games; Dominoes, Scrabble, Wordsearch and Angela's "Call to Mind", and we were a noisy lot and surprisingly competitive. Angela's game was great fun and it is also a very useful way of engaging everybody with recollections of times past, and is recommended for people in any stage of dementia or memory loss. It never fails to get everyone talking and laughing. We have purchased a set for the club and anyone wishing to borrow it is very welcome to do so. It will shortly be available in the church supper room.

When borrowing, please remember to write your name down on the pad beside the game and the date borrowed. Please do not keep it for more than two weeks and return it to the supper room.

We shall welcome everyone's comments after using it. If you would like to buy the game contact Angela on 75890.

Our next meeting is on 10th February when we shall be welcoming the "Bon Accords, Rob and Deryn Waite, whom many of you will know. Then on 9th March we have Langholm Day Centre booked for lunch and transport will be arranged. We hope to welcome the Golden Girls in April and to have tea in Canonbie Café in May, so put these dates in your diaries.

Everyone is welcome and if you would like a lift or need more information about the meetings please ring Beatrice on 75211 or Ginnie on 76738.

### **DIARY FEBRUARY 2020**

|                |                 |                                                 |
|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 2nd     | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship - Rev. Tom Seagraves         |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                |
| Wednesday 5th  | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                 |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                     |
| Sunday 9th     | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship Rev. Steve Carter            |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                |
| Monday 10th    | 2.00 pm         | Two O'clock Club - Bon Accords                  |
| Wednesday 12th | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                 |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                     |
| Thursday 13th  | 11.00 am        | 2 Blether - No 8                                |
| Friday 14th    | 12 for 12.30 pm | Lunch Club - Church                             |
| Sunday 16th    | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship-Worship Group                |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                |
| Wednesday 19th | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                 |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                     |
| Sunday 23rd    | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship – Communion Rev. Steenbergen |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                |
| Wednesday 26th | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                 |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                     |
| Thursday 27th  | 1 1.00 am       | 2 Blether - No 8                                |

## DIARY MARCH 2020

|                |                 |                                                            |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday 1st     | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship - Rev. Eric Dempster                    |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                           |
| Wednesday 4th  | 10.00 am        | Midweek Worship                                            |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                                |
| Friday 6th     | 2.00 pm         | World Day of Prayer. A lively Service of worship in church |
| Sunday 8th     | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship -                                       |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                           |
| Monday 9th     | 2.00 pm         | Two O'clock Club - Langholm Lunch                          |
| Wednesday 11th | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                            |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                                |
| Thursday 12th  | 11.00 am        | 2 Blether - No 8                                           |
| Friday 13th    | 12 for 12.30 pm | Lunch Club - Church                                        |
| Sunday 15th    | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship Worship Group                           |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                           |
| Wednesday 18th | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                            |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                                |
| Sunday 22nd    | 10.00 am        | Liddesdale Worship-Communion Rev. Pauline Steenbergen      |
|                | 11.30 am        | Canonbie Worship                                           |
| Wednesday 25th | 10.00 am        | Midweek Service                                            |
|                | 10.30 am        | Coffee Stop                                                |
| Thursday 26th  | 11.00 am        | 2 Blether in No 8Club                                      |

## People who have passed away since the last Messenger

Stan Mounsey January

*Please pray for their families and friends*

## Next Messenger

Please leave any items for the next issue of the Messenger with Bertha Inglis at 14 Douglas Square by 17th March. If you know of anyone who would like to receive the Messenger please tell Angela Newton on 75890 or Mary Mitchell on 75437. Or email to [churchoffice@liddesdalechurch.org.uk](mailto:churchoffice@liddesdalechurch.org.uk)

Word Search

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**Animals in the Bible**

**Bear Mole Kite Goat Ibex Lion Stork Hind  
Horse Bee Eagle Ant Turtle Dove  
Nighthawk Scorpion Vulture Peacock Pelican  
Leopard Gazelle Ostrich Unicorn Locust  
Donkey Jerbora Raven Whale Camel Quail  
Sheep Ibex Kite Bear**

## **World Day of Prayer**

Every year on the first Friday in March, Christians of all ages across the world gather in small groups and large congregations using the same simple method of worship, written by women from a different country each year on a topic chosen by the WDP International Committee

This year's theme is 'Rise, take your mat and walk' *John 5:2-9* and we pray with the women of Zimbabwe for:

- \* let us give a healing hand to the needy
- \* let us embrace children with love as their future is ahead
- \* let us open our arms in joy as the time to rise up has come

Liddesdale Church welcome you to a short service followed by refreshments on 6th March at 2pm and would be delighted if you came along and join with us for this annual event.

### ***A Psalm for Spring***

*How many are Your works, Lord!  
In wisdom You made them all;  
You make springs pour water into the ravines;  
it flows between the mountains.  
They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.  
The birds of the sky nest by the waters;  
they sing among the branches.  
You water the mountains from Your upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of Your work.  
You make grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the earth:  
wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.  
The trees of the Lord are well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that You planted.  
There the birds make their nests;  
the stork has its home in the junipers.  
How many are Your works, Lord!  
In wisdom You made them all.*

*Psalm 104:24, 10-17,24, slightly revised from the NIV*



## **IN AND AROUND THE PARISH**

### **Canonbie United Parish Church**

Every Wednesday 7.00 pm Supper Group, Canonbie Church  
Every Thursday 10.00-11.30 am Activities Group, Canonbie Church  
2nd Monday month 10.30-12.30pm Computer Class, Canonbie Community Cafe

### **Canonbie Community Cafe**

Every Monday 1-4pm - Soup + roll, home baking, tea & coffee  
Every Wednesday 2-4pm - home baking, teas and coffee  
Every Friday 2-4pm - All welcome

### **Refresh Community Church**

Every Thursday 3.30- Boulder Gang  
4.30 P1-4 in No 8  
5-6pm Rock Solid Crew P5-7 in No 8  
6.45- Groundbreakers  
8.15 S1+ (12-18yr old) Meet at Rock UK Climbing Tower

For more info contact Josh Smith or Dave Bentley on 75394

**February 16th Messy Church** Come along for brunch, games, worship and bible story - fun for all ages

Small groups usually meet at 7.30 pm weekdays in homes. Please contact Claire if you would like to join of the home groups or for any more information Tel: 75636

For more information contact Julie Thomson, Refresh Community Church  
tel 07794606927

**Youth Club** Mondays in the No 8 club. P5-7 5.30-6.30 pm, 50p entry and S1+ 6.30 pm - 9.00 pm, 80p entry. Contact Jake Little for details. 75013.

### **Hermitage Hall**

February 18th March 17th 10-12 CHAT for coffee, cake and chat. All welcome

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### **Heaven on Earth**

Two young brothers walked together behind their parents as they left the town carnival after a wonderful day out.

One was overheard telling his sibling,  
“This is what heaven is like - except it’s all free”

## **Supporters of The Messenger**

*Capontree Veterinary Centre Pet Health Clinic*  
Newcastleton Village Hall - Thursday afternoons from 4-5pm  
For an appointment please phone 01228 791245

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Provides a caring and compassionate service for your special  
Companion's needs - Unit 5, Sandilands, Longtown - 01228 792997

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upholstered chairs. cards, small upholstery jobs  
Call 013873 75701/ 07496783843 for opening times

*Copshaw Kitchen - Linda & Robin Thomson - 013873 75250*  
Tearoom & gift shop, homemade scones, cakes. All day breakfast, lunches,  
Sunday roast. Evening meals- Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Booking advisable  
Carry out available. Open Wed-Sat 10am - 5pm Sunday 10am - 6pm

*Costcutter - 3 Douglas Square Tel: 013873 75253*  
For all your grocery needs, Off Licence, cPaypoint, E Top ups,  
Daily and Sunday newspapers. Free home delivery  
Monday-Saturday 7am - 7pm Sunday 8am - 5pm

*SPAR - 3 North Hermitage Street. Tel: 013873 75361*  
All grocery needs/Off Licence/papers/cycle parts from Bike 7  
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Agent Esk Laundry. Local deliveries.  
Monday - Saturday 7am - 8pm Sunday 8am - 8pm

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### **Flowers for February**

2nd J. Lister  
9th M. Adamson  
16th P. Wilson  
23rd D. Charlton

### **Flowers for March**

1st G. Wilkinson  
8th J. MacLean  
15th K. Skelton  
22nd S. Richardson  
20th Rosie