



# THE VILLAGER

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## BELIEVE.....

**W**ell, its reached that time of year...the endless questions have come around again... 'What do you want for Christmas?', 'Have you done all your shopping?' 'Are you ready?', together with 'Where's the time gone?' and 'I can't believe it's here already!' What's here? Christmas of course, even though as you read this it is still a few weeks away.

The running around will have started, for some the panic will have set in, while I imagine there are others who really can't see what all the fuss is about.

In amongst my thoughts I have been reflecting on the 'I can't believe...' side of things, and just how much believing is a huge part of the **whole** of Christmas. 'Believe' or 'I believe' is there in so many things, both the secular and the sacred. The film and musical 'Elf' is one example – you have to believe in order for the sleigh to fly; the film 'Polar Express' is another and the need to believe...Santa Claus does not exist. Or does he? For one doubting boy, an astonishing event occurs. Late on Christmas Eve night, he lies in bed hoping to hear the sound of reindeer bells from Santa's sleigh. When to his surprise, a steam engine's roar and whistle can be heard outside his window. The conductor invites him on board to take an extraordinary journey to the North Pole with many other pyjama-clad children. There, he receives an extraordinary gift only those who still believe in Santa can experience. I'm sure there are so many more as well. Then out alongside them the traditional biblical narratives of Christmas and the importance of believing....Mary and Joseph had to both believe the message of an angel, as too did the

shepherds out in the fields, and the wise men from the East who followed the star believing it would lead them to a new born king. The people living in and around Bethlehem at the time, waiting expectantly for the birth of the Messiah also had to believe that it would, and indeed did, happen as God said it would.

And so, Believing is a huge part of Christmas whichever way we choose to celebrate it, and with it comes the hope and expectation that it will be a time of great joy now just as it was that very first Christmas over 2000 years ago. It's also a time for us to Believe that, just as the birth of Jesus and his later death and resurrection brought about changes in the way the world lived, so too today we can play our part in making our world a better place now.

We will soon be singing the well know Christmas carols and popular Christmas songs, *because that's what we do*, but as we do let's take time to think of the words and their meaning, and what they mean for the world today and the part we have to play in making them real.

Going back to the films and musicals, believing and 'I believe' brought out the Magic of Christmas and times great joy. Alongside these celebrations of the birth of Jesus remind us also of the true meaning of Christmas, in itself magical, and the times of great joy that it too brings.

I believe that is what we all long for – times of great joy and celebration with family and friends alike and, as the angels sang 'Peace On Earth.' Through our belief in Jesus, the Son of God, whose birth we celebrate, I believe we can have these things and more.

On behalf of everyone at St. Paul's and St Peter's may I wish you all a

very happy and peaceful Christmas

***May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas***

**Ian Grainger  
Vicar**

## PARISH PRAYERS

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In December and January our focus is on Barncroft Avenue, Hunters Drive & Close, Ling Road, Inner Ling Road, Donald Road, Kennedy Road, Cape Road, Barnett Drive, Croftfield Road and Peatfield Road

If you do have any concerns or items for prayer please do let us know. Please do let us know especially if you have family or friends who are ill and we can ensure that they are included in our prayers and visits arranged if required.



## CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Concert In St Paul's Church Seaton on **Thursday 15th December** at 7.00pm. In aid of Hospice at Home West Cumbria.

Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School Choir and St Paul's Church Concert Choir with Special Guest Amelia Crawford. Admission £3.00



**ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SEATON (C of E)**  
9.30am Sunday Parish Communion & Children's Church & Crèche  
Thursday Morning 9.30a.m. Communion Service  
Vicar: Rev. Ian Grainger.  
Tel:- 01900 602162

**Vestry Bookings Every Thursday 6.30—7.00p.m. at St. Paul's**  
**ST PETER'S CHURCH, CAMERTON**  
11.00am Holy Communion  
1st Sunday in Month in Church

**SEATON METHODIST CHAPEL**  
**MINISTER: Rev. Richard Skinner**  
11.00a.m. Sunday Service  
Tel:- Workington 602214

**COMMUNITY LUNCHESES –**  
**SEATON C OF E JUNIOR**  
**SCHOOL**

Are you 60 or over?  
Come and join us for a  
homemade two  
course lunch  
including tea/coffee  
on Thursday's at  
1.30pm - £4 cost.  
Please call the School Office to  
book your place – **01900 605774**



**SEATON WIVES AND**  
**MOTHERS**

This months meeting will be the  
Christmas Party on **6th**  
**December** with a 7.30p.m. start.  
January meeting will be on **10th**  
**January** with a Beetle Drive  
(with a difference) and Faith  
Supper. Start time 7.30p.m.

**ST. PAUL'S MOTHERS'**  
**UNION**

Deanery Advent Carol Service is  
on **Monday 5th December**  
7.00p.m. in Church  
Branch Carols on **Monday 19th**  
**December** at 7,00p.m in church  
Hall  
New Year Lunch is **Monday**  
**16th January** 12.30pm for  
12.45pm at Washington Central  
Hotel. Menu Choices Please

**LOAVES & FISHES LUNCH**

Loaves and Fishes lunch for  
December will be on **Friday**  
**16th December** at 12noon we  
look forward to  
seeing you all.  
January Loaves and  
Fishes will be **Friday**  
**20th January 2017**  
at 12noon.



**MESSY CHURCH**

January's Messy Church will be  
on **Friday 27th January 2017**  
**4.30p.m. - 6.30p.m**  
Come and join the fun. All  
children welcome  
just remember to  
bring along an adult.



**SEATON LIBRARY**

**Library opening times**  
**Friday/Saturday 2nd/3rd Dec.**  
**Friday/Sat.16th/17th Dec.**  
**Friday/Sat 13th/14th Jan**  
**Friday/Sat 27th/28th Jan**  
All other times as normal  
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Seaton Library will close at  
5.00p.m on **22nd December**  
and reopen again on **Tuesday**  
**3rd January 2017** at 10.00a.m.  
Gill would like to thank all  
customers for their support and  
patience this year and wish them  
all a very merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.

**P.C.S.O. Surgery**  
**Thursday 15th December**  
10.00a.m. - 12noon

**ST PETER'S CHURCH**  
**CAMERTON**

The Remembrance Sunday Service  
at 11.00a.m. was well attended and  
during the service wreaths were  
laid on the War Memorial on  
behalf of the British Legion and  
Camerton Parish Council. Five  
small crosses were also placed in  
memory of those who gave their  
lives for our freedom.

**Christmas 2016**.....Christmas is  
always a wonderful time of year at  
St. Peter's and everyone who  
would like to help decorate the  
Church and the Tree please be at  
the Church on **Saturday 3rd**  
**December** at 10.00a.m. you will be  
most welcome. Refreshments will  
be provided. Times for services  
over the Christmas period can be  
found elsewhere in The Villager.  
Wishing all our readers a very  
Happy and Peaceful Christmas and  
New Year.

**Rob Steele Churchwarden**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

On Advent Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup>  
November, 6 children and 3 adults  
were confirmed at St Paul's by the  
Bishop of Penrith. We send our  
best wishes to Ashleigh Cumming,  
Evie Dixon, Rebecca Fox,  
Charlotte Grimshaw, Sarah  
Rutherford, Faith Traverse, Dawn  
Allison, Deborah Fox and Claire  
Penn.

**FROM THE REGISTERS**  
**HOLY BAPTISM**

Jesus said  
"Let the children come to me"  
**6th November**  
**TAYLOR FAWCETT**  
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**20th November**  
**ELLA ALICE OSTLE**  
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**St. Peter's Camerton**  
**6th November**  
**EVA KATHLEEN McREA**

**CHRISTIAN FUNERALS**

**"I am the resurrection  
and the Life"**  
**17th October**  
**FLORENCE JENKINS (89)**  
Camerton  
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**8th November**  
**AUDREY TUNSTALL (79)**  
Cape Road  
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**15th November**  
**JOHN GRAHAM (81)**  
Meadowvale  
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**22nd November**  
**ALBERT HALL (86)**  
Formerly of Seaton, Wigton &  
Carlisle

**ST PAUL'S & ST PETER'S**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE AND**  
**GRAND DRAW 2016**

Many thanks to all who  
supported our annual Christmas  
Fayre and Grand Draw in any  
way. The total raised was  
**£3485 Well done everyone**



**SEATON METHODIST**  
**CHAPEL**

Carols by Candle Light  
**18th December**  
4.00p.m.  
Service by  
Rev. Nicola  
Reynolds  
**All welcome**







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