

DIGITAL ISSUE

The Link

THE PARISH MAGAZINE FOR ORTON, TEBAY AND RAVENSTONEDALE WITH NEWBIGGIN-ON-LUNE

OPENING OF CHURCHES SUPPLEMENT

PARISH CHURCH SERVICES

The Services will be brief, with no singing.

*(Changed circumstances may require cancellation of services. To confirm, phone a churchwarden - numbers in **Link**)*

Sunday 19 th July	10.30am	All Saints' Church, Orton	Service of the Word	
	Rosemary Campbell and Christopher Jenkin		<i>You can take part in this service by Zoom - see below</i>	
	10.30am	St James' Church, Tebay	Service of the Word	Ian Elliott
Sunday 26 th July	10.30am	All Saints' Church, Orton	Service of the Word	Christopher Jenkin
	10.30am	St. James' Church, Tebay	Service of the Word	Rosemary Campbell
Sunday 2 nd August	Orton, 10.30 a.m.	Tebay, 10.30 a.m.	Ravenstonedale, 10.00 a.m.	
Sunday 9 th August:	Orton, 10.30 a.m.	Tebay, 10.30 a.m.	Ravenstonedale, 10.0 a.m.	
Sunday 16 th August:	Orton, 10.30 a.m.	Tebay, 10.30 a.m.	Ravenstonedale, 10.0 a.m.	
Sunday 23 rd August:	Orton, 10.30 a.m.	Tebay, 10.30 a.m.	Ravenstonedale, 10.00 a.m.	
Sunday 30 th August:	United Zoom Service, 10.30 a.m.			

OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: Wednesdays, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
(Orton and Tebay: from 15th July. Ravenstonedale - from 5th August onwards)

ONLINE ZOOM SERVICES

Sundays at 10.30 a.m. (Note changed time) Also Tuesdays at 9.30 a.m. (Morning Prayer)

Zoom services will continue at least until Sunday 26th July.

To join in a Zoom service, you will need to be invited by the Vicar, Revd Alun Hurd - alunjhurd@gmail.com. So email him and say you would like to take part, and he will send you an email with **date and time** of the next meeting. Full instructions given.



Streamed services: <https://www.youtube.com> - type "Heart of Westmorland Mission Community" (till end August)

METHODIST CHURCHES

We will continue to provide the YouTube services at least up until September. We send out an e-mail with the Sunday Service to all who want to receive it. 017683 71202 or email on - stephen.radford@methodist.org.uk.

Orton Chapel: First meet on **Sunday, 9th August** at 10.30am (no evening services). All other services after 9th August will be posted on the Chapel noticeboard. (24372)

Tebay Chapel: We will open at 10.30 a.m., **Sunday, 6th September**, our Chapel anniversary. (24272)

Newbiggin-on-Lune Chapel: Opening 10.30 a.m., **Sunday 9th August** - (20635)

Ravenstonedale Chapel: Re-open 2.00pm on **Sunday 2nd August** (23230)

July/August 2020

They think it's all over...it is now...!! Those are the famous words that the football commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme uttered in the final moments of the 1966 World Cup Final as Geoff Hurst of England scored his third and England's fourth goal to seal the victory over West Germany.

They might also have been the words exclaimed by many in the UK as the pandemic, which has dominated our lives in the past few months, potentially comes to an end with many lockdown restrictions eased.

We of course know that it is not the end, but to quote Winston Churchill:

'Now, this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning!'

This quote was made by him during World War 2 after the battle of El Alamein and General Montgomery's victory over the Afrika Corps in the desert.

In other words, even though the situation has been going on for a long time, the situation has changed but there is still a long way to go.

That is true for us as we all adapt to a new and less restrictive way of life. It is a bit 'normal' but not completely, as we still have to observe social distancing or if fortunate gather in 'bubbles' or extended groups..

Each of us will in our own way make the best of it. However, many will not be able to - through bereavement, particularly families of those who died from Covid19, loss of income or loss of jobs, mental health issues, domestic abuse, and others who are vulnerable or slipped through the social care net.

The joy of an eased lockdown may be tempered by these factors and may not be easily resolved or significantly reduced due to the consequences of those circumstances.

Our help, support and prayer are needed at this tricky time, both in general, and for anyone known personally to us in our communities who has been or is still suffering.

For them it will not be over, and as the Bishop of Carlisle, Rt Revd James Newcome reminded us when he preached at our online Zoom service some weeks ago, we must be compassionate as Jesus himself was, in relating to people's lives and situations.

Jesus recognised the spiritual lostness of those around him who were longing for security and meaning in life. Likewise, he responded to people's physical pain and emotional sorrow. He healed and comforted them, giving them hope, and continues to do so in this world as we experience all the uncertainties that have surrounded us.

Jesus' life and teaching taught us much and provides

an example of how to live with our neighbours and love one another.

But what makes him more than just another good man and teacher with good ideas and philosophy of life, is that Jesus offered a meaning and purpose for our existence, best exemplified in his resurrection from the grave to that glorious hope of eternal life, and a deep relationship with our Creator God.

In that resurrection, God, through his Son Jesus, showed that his death on the cross was not the end. It wasn't all over - as the spectators who ran on the pitch at the very end of the World Cup Final discovered. There was more, another goal! And for us all there is more, and, not least, as our church buildings have got the green light to open and resume services of worship. For us that will start on the 12th July in the High Westmorland Parishes at St James', Tebay, cascading down to include all the other churches, so that on the 2nd August all our buildings will be open (subject to Risk Assessments completed and all preparations made and ready with social distancing and advisory caps on numbers) to receive all members of our communities to join with us in worship.

If however you are not feeling quite comfortable and secure about coming back or attending church for the first time, that is absolutely fine.

Certain groups of people may be at increased risk of severe disease from COVID-19, including people who are aged 70 or older, regardless of medical conditions.

Individuals who fall within this group are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if they do go out, to take particular care to minimise contact with others outside of their household.

Come when it suits and not before. A warm welcome awaits you, whenever that might be. There is also the option of joining us online with Zoom Church at 10am for the immediate future. Just email me on alunjhurd@gmail.com and I will send you an invite.

In the meantime, may I wish you all good health and all God's blessings as we continue to journey together through this pandemic and with trust in God through to the other side.

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TWO ERRORS IN JULY/AUGUST LINK

1. On the foot of page 2, the reference to Jonathan Chappell's drone photography should have read "**See page 25**" (not page 23).
2. Page 25: Advertisement for "Owen's Garden Services": Phone number should be **07490 926793** (Dobson77@hotmail.co.uk)

Ravenstonedale Pub Re-Opens



Hi there. I just wanted to introduce myself and my Country Inn & Hotel, The King's Head in Ravenstonedale, Cumbria.

It's a fantastic 16th Century Pub and Restaurant with delightful letting rooms. Grade 2 listed, it's been a landmark in the area for 5 Centuries. We're located in the Yorkshire Dales National Park, in an area of outstanding natural beauty at the foot of the Howgill Fells.

The King's Head had been closed since late 2019 and is now under new ownership and management, with its opening at the end of July 2020.

A real local pub, independently owned and featuring a great range of Real Ales, great wines, and high quality pub food, prepared by our top quality Chefs and all served in a wonderful environment. Our rooms are quality too, just the place to relax and unwind.

We're very proud of The King's Head and we're looking forward bringing this amazing venue back to life.

If you'd like to come along and visit us to see what we do and experience it for yourself, feel free to get in touch and myself and the team would be glad to show you around.

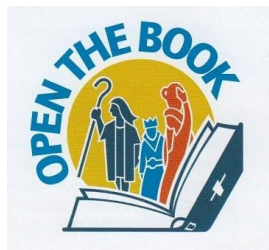
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"Open The Book" team send Zoom greeting to local schools

The "Open The Book" teams usually go every fortnight into our three local primary schools - Orton, Tebay and Shap - to present some of the great Bible stories in drama, with costumes and amazing props.

But of course during Lockdown this has not been possible. So the team got together on Zoom before the end of the term, and each member in turn greeted the children.

We probably can't go in next term either, but plan to do Zoom video drama presentations to be projected to the children in all the schools! We are already planning how we might present the Lost Sheep (in a local farm?) or the Widow's Mite (perhaps in a church doorway, representing the Temple).

Our enthusiastic team can't wait!



The Heart Wood taken from the top of a Classic Coach trip returning from Kendal recently.

Rosemary Campbell