

	8.15am	10am	11am
AUG			
5 th	BCP	JAAW	
12 th		HC	HC
19 th			JAAW
26 th		HC	HC
SEPT			
2 nd	BCP	JAAW	
9 th		HC	HC
16 th			JAAW
23 rd		HC	HC
30 th			JHC
OCT			
7 th	BCP	JAAW	4pm

Usual pattern
 Hole Eden 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays
 Wetheral 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays
 with an early Communion on the first Sunday

BCP Book of Common Prayer Communion at Wetheral
 JAAW Joint All Age Worship
 HC Holy Communion
 JHC Joint Holy Communion

PRAYER

*is our declaration of
 dependence on God*

LIVING IN EDEN

August 2018

The parish churches of Holme Eden, and Wetheral with Warwick along the River Eden.

Graeme Skinner writes,

Firstly, a huge **thank you** from Philippa and myself, for your invitation to serve in the churches in this place. We have appreciated and valued your warm welcome.

One of the key aspects of any healthy community is **good communications**, so you are holding the first of what will be a regular letter to the churches. I also plan to engage with the church website and Facebook pages.

The wavy line in the heading, from left to right, is the course of the river running from south to north through our parishes. It is cut in two places, marking the bridges and location of our churches. We can see both bridges from our house, symbolically representing **the spiritual fact that we are united in Christ.**

We read in Genesis about the river in the garden. It was a 'pleasing place' Genesis 2v9. You will know that **Eden is the Biblical location where God gave life.** We are going to continue to learn about what it means to be 'Living in Eden' through our faith. As new arrivals in the area we have enjoyed the beauty of this Eden and have also learnt of the tough times of the past few years through peoples stories. Our hope is to walk together with you in good times and in sad, knowing the presence of Jesus in our midst. It's '**life and life in all its fullness**' that we are collectively discovering in Jesus.

I believe, to use God's words in Genesis 1, that it is going to be 'good'.

God Bless
 Graeme

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An update on the Children and Families Outreach Worker

Please join me in praying as we advertise this post. James Edgell has clearly been a great asset to the ministry of our churches in many ways. Through the generosity of those who supported this ministry we still have a year of funding towards this post. We are at present advertising this post with a view to an autumn interview for someone starting in the New Year. Our hope is that this key post will continue beyond the year, depending on financial support.

My cover letter with the advert starts...

'The biblical Eden is the place where humanity discovers identity and purpose through the love of God. It also describes how humanity was distracted and distanced from that love.'

And ends..

*'This is an opportune moment to present Jesus in the midst of the many distractions of life and to take steps towards those who are distanced from Jesus for whatever reason. We believe that the Bible has a relevant message for those who live in this part of Eden. **Above all I am looking for a person who loves Jesus and who believes his message is as relevant as ever and wants to share it with children and their families.** Would you like to be part of this?'*

With this in mind, let's be in prayer together for a good appointment.

Harvest events

Living next to fields and driving the same roads as the tractors reminds us that seasons matter. As one local farmer said to me recently, 'We farm by the weather'. So, once a year, it is good to give grateful thanks to God who supplies, to those who provide and to remember others around the world who do their best to survive.

The Harvest services will be on **Sunday 7th October** -
8.15am Holy Communion Wetheral,
10am Joint All Age Worship
- Holme Eden

4pm Evensong - Wetheral.
The afternoon service will have a harvest theme and will also be the focus of the Gift Day, where there will be an opportunity for the village at Wetheral to financially contribute to the development of the ministry through the church fabric.

Also, this year as a new venture, there will be a Family Fun event on **Saturday 22nd September** from 4-7pm in St Paul's Holme Eden. ~~More later, but do book the date.~~

Parish weekend

We join with the parish of Scotby and Cotehill with Cumwhinton for a joint weekend **12th-14th October**.
Friday 7pm Wetheral
Saturday 9.30am-3.45pm
Holme Eden
Sunday 10.30am Scotby church followed by a bring and share lunch. Wilf Gowing, the speaker, says, 'I have happy memories of my last retreat with you—we had fun.' The costs and further details will be in leaflets to be available soon.

Mission Community

The idea of the Mission Community is a key part of our developing church life. In the advertisement for the post here I read about a 'fledgling' mission Community. As I do, I looked up the word, fledgling; 'A young bird that has left the nest and has usually acquired flight feathers, but is often not yet able to fly'. Although, as yet, we are hardly soaring on the thermals from the uplift of this wonderful idea, we are already working and worshipping with other Christians in our community; we are growing our feathers.

Whatever the Mission Community will become, and we are by no means certain what it will be yet, we do know that it must be life and faith affirming. It will be the flourishing that comes from strong relationships rather than an imposed and ill fitting structure. Our prayer is that The Mission Community also partners with the Scotby churches, Methodist churches and other Christians who worship in our community.

I'd be keen to hear the thoughts of anyone who is happy to put pen to paper or fingertips to computer keys.

Your ...
hopes
and aspirations
anxieties
and concerns
questions
and encouragements.



Signpost - Maryport

A thank you card has been sent from Signpost who received a cheque for £150 from the joint service with our Methodist friends on Wetheral Village Green in July. The Signpost Project works from the Methodist Circuit developing community links and enabling people to grow through sharing God's love.

Remembrance

Do mark the Remembrance services in your diaries.

November 11th

10am in Holme Eden

11am in Wetheral

You are also invited to the special service which I will be leading to remember animals lost through warfare at 2.30pm in Oak Tree Animal Charity. Wetheral Shields, CA4 8JA.

Cuthbert Prayer

You may know that we enjoyed a prayer walk in the community last July, placing little clay St Cuthbert crosses as we walked, in recognition of St Cuthbert's visit here in 685AD. The Community of St Hilda and Aidan have written a helpful prayer with a Cuthbert theme. Join me in praying it as we pray about 'Living in Eden'.

**We would become
your Cuthbert people, O Christ,
shepherds of your sheep,
peace makers
and hospitality givers
open to change and
partnership,
Spirit led, in solitude
and costly service.**

Kate McIlhagga Cuthbert's Folk