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CHURCH SERVICES –

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2025

Date	Church	Service	Time
Sunday 7th Sept 2025	St. Mary & St. Michael, Urswick	Holy Communion	11:00am
Sunday 14th Sept 2025	Holy Trinity Church, Bardsea St. Cuthbert's, Aldingham	Holy Communion Sung Evening Prayer (BCP)	11:00am 2.30pm
Sunday 21st Sept 2025	Rampside Village Hall	Holy Communion	11:00am
Sunday 28th Sept 2025	St. Cuthbert's, Aldingham Holy Trinity Church, Bardsea St. Mary & St. Michael, Urswick (*meeting at Low Furness School*) St. Mary & St. Michael, Urswick	Holy Communion & Harvest Festival Family Service Rushbearing Healing Service	11:00am 11:00am 1:00pm 6:00pm
Sunday 5th Oct 2025	St. Mary & St. Michael, Urswick Stainton Village Hall	Holy Communion Harvest Festival	11:00am 3:00pm
Sunday 12th Oct 2025	Holy Trinity Church, Bardsea St. Cuthbert's, Aldingham	Holy Communion & Harvest Festival Sung Evening Prayer (BCP)	11:00am 2:30pm
Sunday 19th Oct 2025	Rampside Village Hall	Holy Communion	11:00am
Sunday 26th Oct 2025	St. Cuthbert's, Aldingham Holy Trinity Church, Bardsea St. Mary & St. Michael, Urswick	Holy Communion Family Service Healing Service	11:00am 11:00am 6:00pm
Sunday 2nd Nov 2025	St. Mary & St. Michael, Urswick	Holy Communion	11:00am

Every Wednesday 10.30am
Mid-week Communion service in Urswick Parish Room
Refreshments are served after the service

Morning Prayer

from the Church of Low Furness is posted on our Facebook page every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 9:00am when you can join live or watch later.

Healing Service 6:00 pm Sunday 28th Sept & 26th Oct 2025

A service of prayer, contemplation, and healing at Urswick Church

Deacon's Deliberations

2025 must be flying by. This edition of the newsletter has the Harvest Festivals in the service schedule and we're planning the Carol Services!

The Autumn term is always busy, Advent starts 30th Nov and Easter is in early April next year, which means that Lent starts in mid Feb (18th to be precise). So there won't be a lot of time between new year and the start of Lent.
But that's for the medium-term future. First the busy Autumn term.

It may be busy with services but Autumn term is a time for celebration. The thanksgiving for the harvest – however that turns out to be after the long dry spells we have had this year.

As we celebrate this year's harvest we are thanking God for His provisions – not just for the harvest in the fields, but all the blessings we have received over the years.
Recently the parable of the Sower has featured in the lectionary. It is recorded in the 3 synoptic Gospels – Matthew 13; Mark 4 and Luke 8 . Although Jesus was using a very relevant and well understood description of sowing seed, the farmers amongst his audience (and there would have been very many of them at the time) understood the need to sow in the good soil to ensure the best harvest. Farmers at the time would have tried to sow all the seed in the good soil but recognised that some would fall on less productive ground.

Like all of Jesus parables there is a deeper meaning to the story – one that tries to explain the Kingdom of God. As Jesus goes on to explain to the disciples it is the spreading of the Word in fertile minds and hearts that will result in the harvest of souls in the Kingdom. So as we celebrate and give thanks for the material harvest this year let's also give thanks for eth spiritual harvest and think about planting for a harvest of souls in the generations to come.

God Bless
Graham

COMMUNITY NEWS & GROUPS

URSWICK POST OFFICE OUTREACH – URSWICK PARISH ROOM

Thank you to everyone who has supported the village Post Office and Coffee Morning. We are grateful for this service which is being used and hopefully will continue with a regular service.

Fridays 9.30-11.30am

Throughout the year the coffee morning offers a **warm friendly space** for fellowship and refreshments



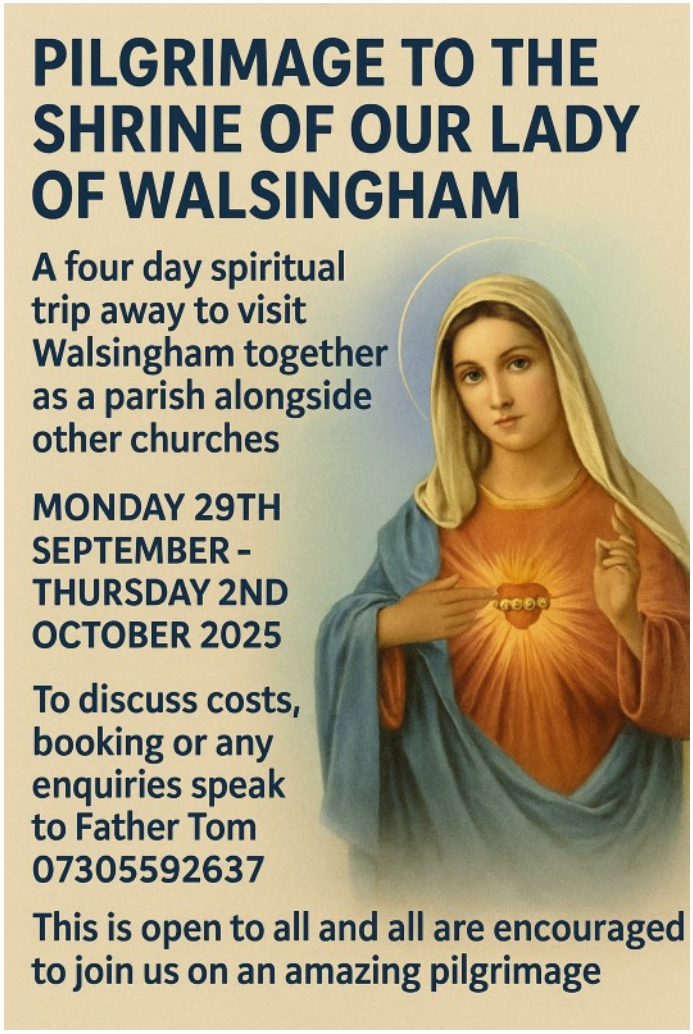
Urswick Parish Room – Room Hire

Urswick Parish Room is open and taking bookings.

Please do get in touch if the space can support your group or community venture. The hall includes toilet and full kitchen facilities. Heating by meter. For bookings and enquiries please contact Linda on
armstronglinda680@gmail.com
tel. 07856107256

CHURCH GROUPS AND EVENTS





PILGRIMAGE

To the Shrine of
Our Lady of WALSINGHAM
29th Sept - 2nd Oct 2025





A residential visit to the Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk - a place of pilgrimage for Christians for almost 1000 years. The shrine welcomes thousands of visitors each year who come to share in shrine services, use the time for quiet reflection and personal devotion, and enjoy the excellent food and hospitality in the company of fellow pilgrims.

Twin rooms have been allocated at the shrine for us. A small number of single rooms may also be available, and there are some rooms with disabled facilities for those with mobility issues. The cost will be around £445 per person, this includes coach travel and full board at the shrine beginning with supper on Monday and ending with breakfast on Thursday. An excursion to Norwich has been arranged for the Tuesday, and so there will be no lunch at the shrine that day as we will be elsewhere.

Pilgrims can take part in as many or as few shrine services as they wish. The programme of services during our visit will include Monday: First visit to the Holy House (on arrival); Tuesday: Sprinkling at the Holy Well (with liturgy of reconciliation and healing); Wednesday: Pilgrim Mass in the morning; and Procession and Benediction in the evening.

For more information please contact Mark Latimer on 07927 020299 opendyapson@btinternet.com; or Fr Thomas Sample thomasisample@outlook.com; or Fr Andrew Norman revdabn@gmail.com

Completed booking forms should be returned to your parish priest.
Cheques should be made payable to St James' PCC.

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

I would like to join the pilgrimage to Walsingham and enclose a deposit of £50 (non returnable)

Special dietary or other needs _____

Single room required ☐ or, I am prepared to share a twin room with _____

☐ I have mobility issues and need a ground floor room.

☐ I would like to go on the trip to Norwich

CHURCH GROUPS AND EVENTS

CCArtT



Cumbria Craft & Art Therapy

Cumbria Craft & Art Therapy is open to individuals with any mental health or fellowship need, including those affected by bereavement and loss, stress and anxiety or isolation and loneliness. Meeting and working together, we use a variety of crafts and art to offer a safe space and understanding

Fortnightly 1-4pm Thurs at Urswick Parish Room

Contact Linda 07856107256 for more information and to book a place.

FURNESS FOOTSTEPS

Stepping Beyond the View

What about a walk in the countryside?

What do you see?

Maybe there's more than meets the eye

Join us on the 4th Sunday of each month

Contact Graham

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Next Meeting 10:00am 28th Sept

Meeting opposite Chill & Grill Bardsea

please contact Graham; FB page or website



LADIES LUNCH GROUP

The Ladies Lunch

contact Maggie for details

Booking Essential - contact Maggie : tel. 0 7592 312015

Churchyard maintenance

Autumn is approaching , and as we prepare for seasonal changes there are costs the churches will incur in maintaining the churchyards.

Any one who would like to make a contribution to the churchyard fund can leave a donation at the church. All contributions are greatly appreciated. - A special thank you to people who have contributed to the cost of church yard maintenance this year.

Webster's Waffle

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In the monthly evening healing service (4th Sunday, Urswick, 6pm) we have drifted into taking a psalm for the bible reading. I picked psalm 119. Not it's the longest of the psalms, it has 176 verses. So Psalm 119 is long. It probably suffers from this because it can outface us. But the message is quite simple. In the Psalm the psalmist used 'precepts' twenty-one times, commands twenty-two times, and decrees twenty-two times

It strikes me that this psalm is worth looking at. When you read it you can see that the psalmist values God's law, his precepts, and his commands. He wants to obey them, he knows that this is the way to salvation.

But he also knows that he's fallen short. He hasn't forgotten God. He hasn't forgotten what God has told us to do. He wants to do it. But there are times he cannot understand. There are times when life gets in the way. I suspect this is a psalm for everyone.

I was reminded of hearing Sir John Harvey-Jones being interviewed. At one time he was the fashionable management guru, boss of ICI. But fashions in gurus change. But when he was interviewed he was asked whether he'd made many mistakes. His comment wasn't just the standard modest reply of 'of course.' It was in fact interesting. He reckoned that a company that, out of every five decisions, got one right, was going down. Interestingly he felt that if they got two right out of five, with a good board, a careful chairman, and a cautious policy, they would survive and perhaps even have some quite good years. He reckoned that to be really successful you needed to manage to get three right out of five.

The interviewer then asked him 'who gets four out of five?' To which John Harvey-Jones answered, "God."

Now I am not answerable for his theology. But I think his comment drives home one important point. Not only does everybody screw up and make mistakes. We have to accept that it is going to happen. So what are we to do about it, more importantly what does Jesus tell us to do about it?

There are two reasons I so much love the story of the woman in John 8, 1 to 11. The first is the reaction of those who wanted her condemned. Jesus said. "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first.

The slow dawning realisation of their own hypocrisy is a warning to everybody to watch lest they end up in the same place.

But then the final section. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

In our psalm we have somebody who loves our Lord's Commands, decrees and precepts. But try as they might, they struggle, they fall short, and they screw up.

But we follow a Lord who knows us. Who when necessary picks us up, dusts us off, and gets us back on our feet again. I suspect our assurance that he will keep doing this is matched only by his certainly that he will keep having to. That for me is the meaning of love and of grace.

CHURCH OF LOW FURNESS ONLINE

Date	Platform	Service	Time
Every Mon/Tues/Thurs	Facebook Live	Morning Prayer	9:00am

ONLINE LINKS AND RESOURCES

The Church of Low Furness is the collective name for the churches serving the parishes of Aldingham, Dendron, Rampside and Urswick with Bardsea, a Church of England united benefice in the Diocese of Carlisle.

Please see our **Church of Low Furness website** for up to date information about our services and news: http://churchoflowfurness.org.uk/

Minutes of pubic domain meetings can be accessed via our website
http://www.churchoflowfurness.org.uk/meetingminutes.html

We deliver regular live weekday services and prayer sessions on Facebook. Live on our **Facebook group**, the **Church of Low Furness**:
https://www.facebook.com/groups/578956609372390/about/

You can find the Common Worship Liturgy we use on the **Church of England website**, along with many other resources including information on weddings, baptisms and funerals:
https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer

The **God for All** website has news from churches around the County of Cumbria and many faith resources:
https://www.godforall.org.uk/
You can also sign up for a regular news bulletin from Carlisle Diocese:
https://www.carlislediocese.org.uk/news-and-events/

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