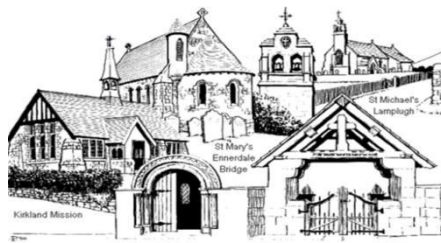


Lamplugh Kirkland and Ennerdale Local Ecumenical Partnership

Parish Profile Summer 2025



One Parish, Three Beautiful Churches

There For Everyone - All Welcome



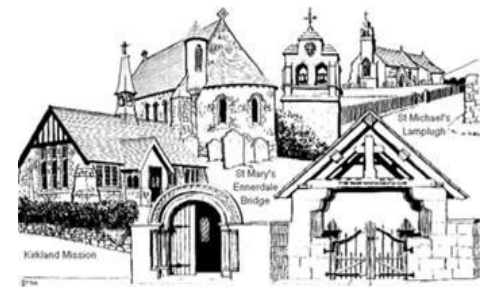
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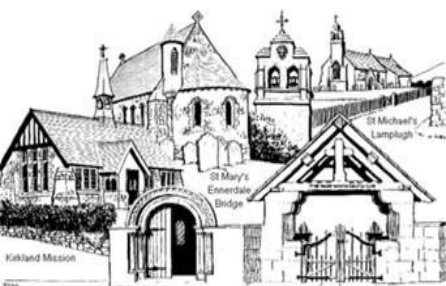
Thank you for your interest in our Parish set in the beautiful surroundings of the lakes and fells of West Cumbria.

It is hoped that this profile of our Parish will both inform and encourage further interest.



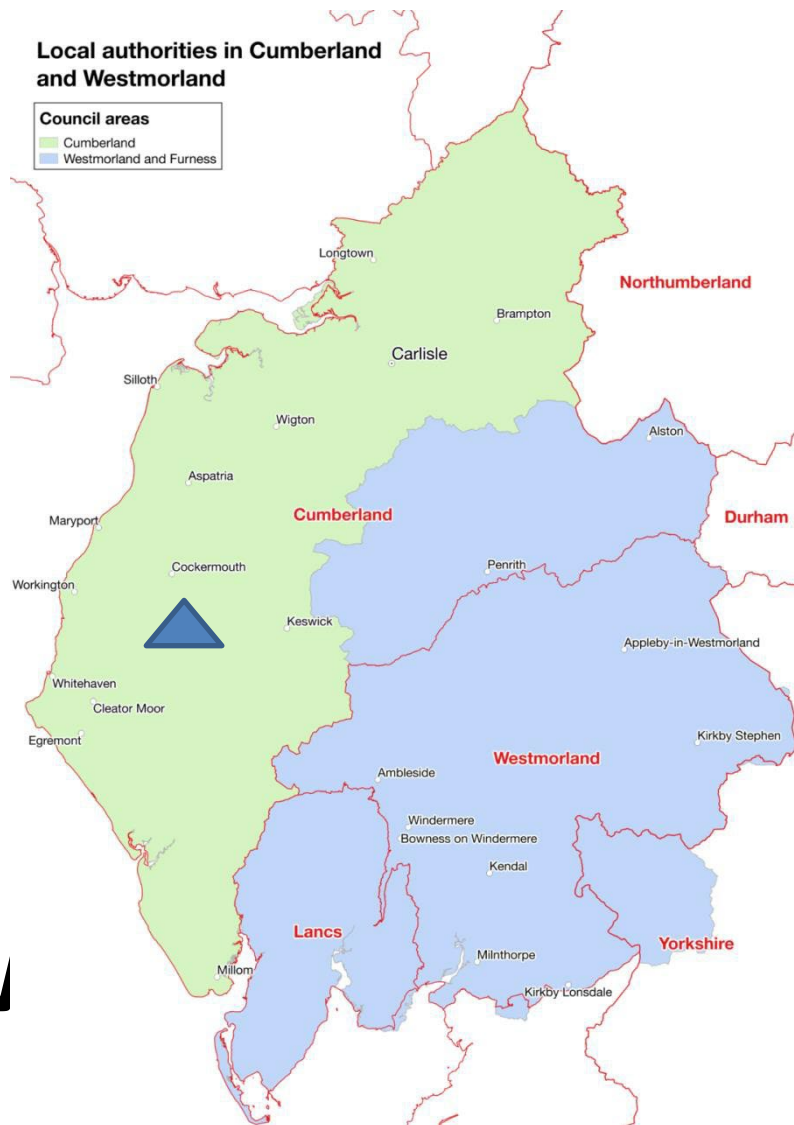
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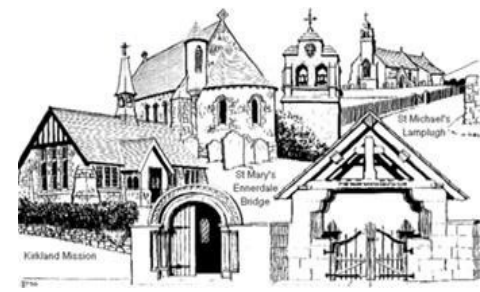
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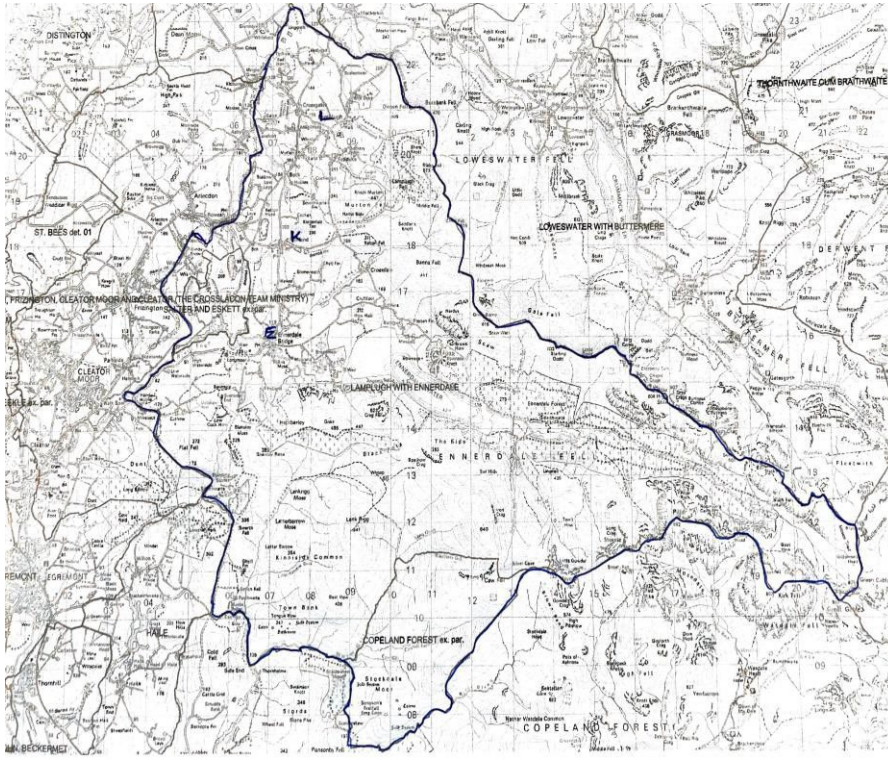
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Lamplugh Kirkland and Ennerdale LEP ▲ lies entirely within the Cumberland District of Cumbria the most north-western county in England and home to the Lake District National Park , a UNESCO World Heritage site. Though the second largest county in England it has a population of only half a million.

Like the rest of the country the population is ageing; only faster than many other counties, as Cumbria is considered a very desirable county for retired people to live in and many in younger age groups move away in search of job/career opportunities. A largely rural location it is dominated by the fantastic features of the Lakeland fells and lakes with major employers being the Sellafield Nuclear Site close to Seascale and BAE Systems in Barrow



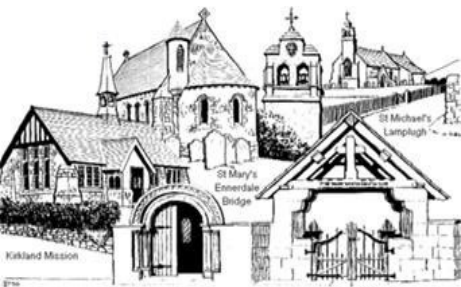


Lamplugh with Ennerdale Parish

Lamplugh, which is equidistant from Cockermouth, Workington and Whitehaven, is a collection of hamlets separated by farmland.

Amenities include a modern village hall used by local groups (Women's Institute/Young Farmers/Yoga/Karate etc.) as well as for social events, The Countryman Pub and a residential caravan site.

The writer and broadcaster Melvyn Bragg writes fondly of Lamplugh where he had family connections and where he often stayed. He based his novel "The Hired Man" on the area.



Where we are.....

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Calder Deanery

Kirkland is on a crossroads. It is a close community with over 70 dwellings and a population of c180. The older properties were built for Cornish miners who came to work at the Kelton Iron Ore mines. They brought in Methodism and the chapel (1877) can still be seen, albeit a residential property now. Kirkland Mission Church is very much at the centre of the village and is a place well used for both church and community activities alike.

Kirkland C of E Academy lies in a rural setting between Lamplugh and Kirkland.

The C2C cycle route passes through both Lamplugh and Kirkland.



Where we are.....

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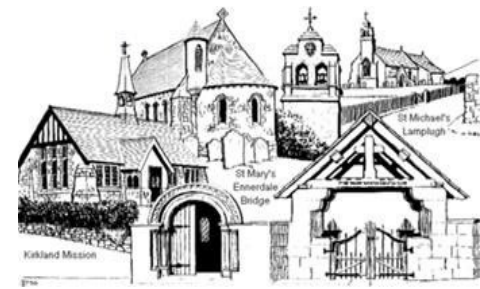
Ennerdale Bridge A pretty village at the crossing of the river Ehen it benefits from a community run centre “The Gather”, Fox and Hounds pub, Shepherd Arms Hotel and a primary school.

There are many outlying farms and isolated houses within the area covered by Ennerdale and Kinniside Parish Council.

It is the first stop on Wainwright’s Coast to Coast Route starting at St. Bees and accommodation for walkers is available in the village.

The village is in an outstandingly beautiful environment which encompasses both Ennerdale Water and area covered by “Wild Ennerdale” one of the UK’s largest wilding partnerships which in November 2022 was declared a National Nature Reserve.

wildwaterforestmountains
ennerdale



Who we are.....

St Michael's Lamplugh and St Mary's Ennerdale are within the Lamplugh with Ennerdale Parish forming part of the Carlisle Diocese which, together with Kirkland Mission Church operating within the Methodist Circuit, have successfully worked together as a local ecumenical partnership (LEP) for more than 30 years.

We are managed by one parochial church council, which doubles as LEP council, operate a single bank account and are active members of Coast to Fells Mission Community, Calder Deanery and Western Fells Methodist Circuit (Cumbria Methodist Circuit from September 2025).

We operate as an inclusive parish and fully embrace the Carlisle Diocese God for All programme which has served as the basis for our Mission Action Plans since 2022.

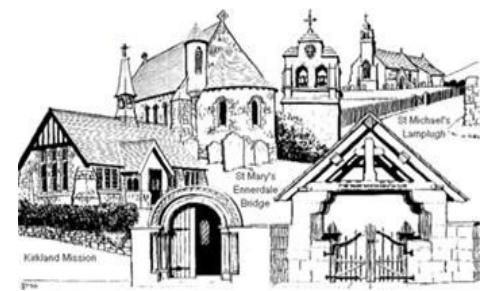
We have sought to offer a variety of forms of worship, both traditional and less formal, to open our churches for use by the wider community and to utilise involvement in community activities to remind parishioners of God's love.



Who we are.....

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- The Minister acts as chair to the Parochial Church Council (PCC)
- The Parish currently has two churchwardens who are on the PCC as ex-officio members one of whom is Vice Chair
- Standing Committee comprises Minister, Churchwardens, Treasurer and Secretary
- The Parish has two representatives on the Deanery Synod who are also on the PCC as ex-officio members
- Methodist representatives are also ex-officio members of the PCC
- Current PCC has 7 other elected members
- Readers – there are currently no licensed readers in the Parish
- The Service of the Word at Kirkland taken by Circuit appointee or by local arrangement
- Lay Servers at Communion: 4
- Lesson Readers: 15 (all services and churches)
- Organists: 1 plus 1 occasional
- Members of the congregation take responsibility for counting congregational giving; collation and distribution the Church Magazine ("Contact") which is currently edited by a non-church member; welcoming on behalf of the church, those attending baptisms, weddings and funerals; weekly cleaning of the churches; providing access to the churches; providing tea and coffee after services; organising flowers

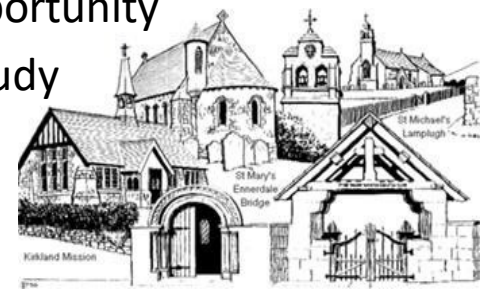


St Michael's Lamplugh

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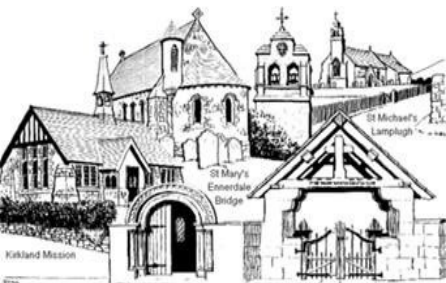
- There has been a church on this site for over 900 years. The current church which was largely rebuilt 155 years ago (the medieval chapel remains as vestry) was designed by William Butterfield, it is a Grade 2* listed building with beautiful stained glass windows, some the work of Kempe and his workshop.
- The church is surrounded by a large open graveyard. The PCC maintains the graveyard and the toilet (by the gate), the latter being available for locals and passers by alike.
- One of the two church bells dates back to medieval times and was repaired and rehung in 2020.
- Major repairs were completed in 2018, adequate restricted reserves are held to cover on-going repairs to church building, organ and fabric.
- The church is open during daylight hours and welcomes many visitors each year, offering opportunity for quiet contemplation as well as study of the architecture and history of the building.



St Michael's Lamplugh

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- Common Worship Holy Communion service is held on second and fourth Sundays at 9am and attended by average of 8 worshippers in 2024.
- Kirkland C of E Academy has a strong connection with St Michael's holding services in the church each term.
- Harvest Festival service incorporates the blessing of the plough brought to the church by Lamplugh YF.
- Other services held at Easter, Christmas and on Remembrance Sunday attract members of the wider community.
- St Michael's is often chosen by parishioners for baptisms, weddings and funerals
- Well maintained organ used during services when organist available, otherwise digital hymnal used for worship

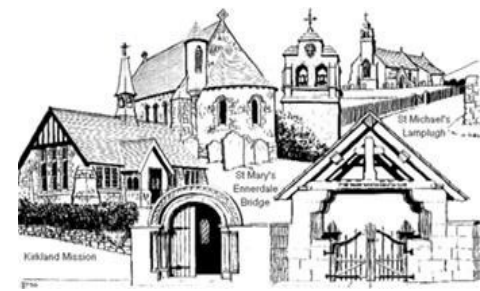


Kirkland Mission Church

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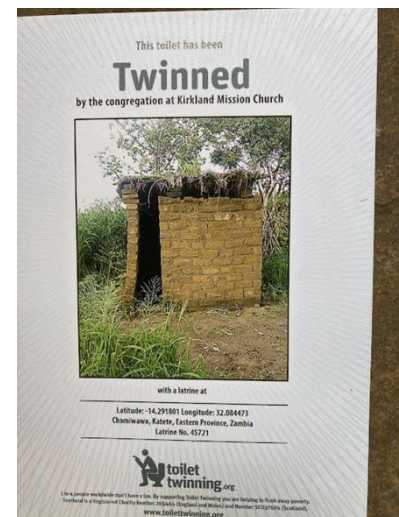
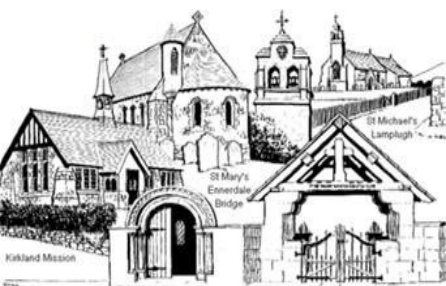
- The present church was built in 1886 on the site of a previous religious building.
- Built with flexibility in mind, in many ways it was ahead of its time. The sanctuary can be screened off to provide room for community activities during the week. The bench pews are movable to create a large space for events and large meetings. There are kitchen and (disabled access) toilet facilities plus a side room for meetings and children's activities.
- With the aid of funding from grant making bodies the kitchen and porch roofs have recently been replaced.
- Available for hire by local groups e.g. Yoga and acts as a Polling Station for General and local elections.
- Modern audio visual facilities, digital hymnal used for worship



Kirkland Mission Church

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- Services are held each week at 11am and follow a regular pattern of 1st Sunday Café Church (pictured) 2nd Sunday Holy Communion 3rd Sunday Service of the Word 4th Sunday All Age Communion, attended by average of 14 worshippers in 2024.
- Messy Church is held once a month on 2nd Sunday at 2pm
- Weekly Bible Study held at 1.30pm most Wednesdays in term time
- Hosts annual Harvest Supper with entertainment provided by a range of musical groups
- Hosts Easter and Christmas Coffee mornings
- Bronze A Rocha eco award, member of Fairtrade, Toilets twinned.

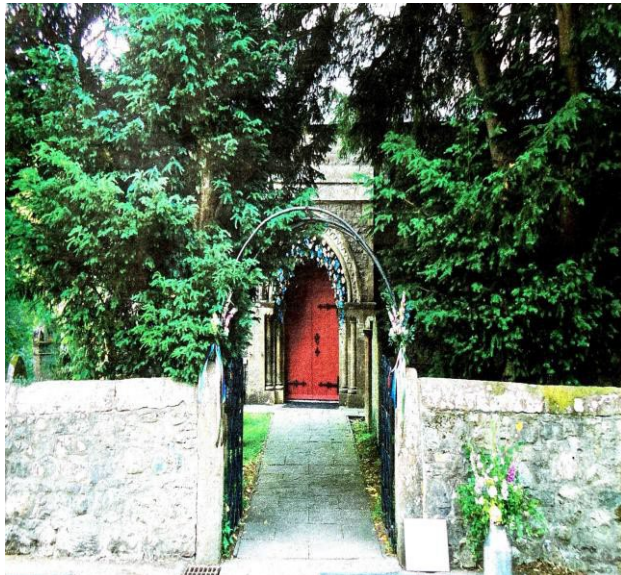


St Mary's Ennerdale

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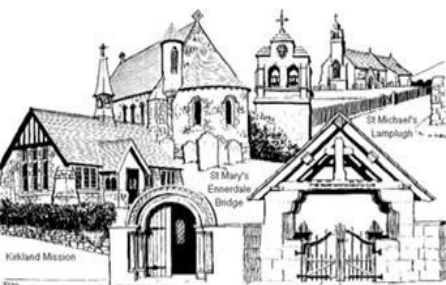
- Situated in the village of Ennerdale Bridge at the crossing of the river Ehen. The present church was consecrated in 1858 and replaced a Chapel of Ease connected to St. Bees Priory.
- Run by a registered charity for over fifteen years, a community centre exists within the church with good disabled facilities on the ground floor and a lift leading to a meeting room upstairs. The meeting room is well furnished with good kitchen facilities and provides an excellent venue for smaller meetings, coffee mornings, soup lunches etc. while still retaining the ability to be opened to the body of the church should the extra room be required. The centre is used as a Polling station for General and Local Elections.
- Wordsworth's poem "The Brothers" refers to the churchyard wall which underwent repairs in 2022
- Well maintained organ used during services



St Mary's Ennerdale

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- Common Worship Holy Communion service is held on first and third Sundays at 9am and attended by average of 10 worshippers in 2024.
- Ennerdale C of E Primary School has a strong connection with St Mary's holding services in the church each term.
- Other services held at Easter, Harvest, Christmas and on Remembrance Sunday attract members of the wider community.
- St Mary's is often chosen by parishioners for baptisms, weddings and funerals



Coast to Fells Mission Community 16



The CHURCHES of EGREMONT, BIGRIGG
with MOORROW, THORNHILL & HAILE



**Frizington Methodist Church
and those at Egremont and
Cleator Moor**



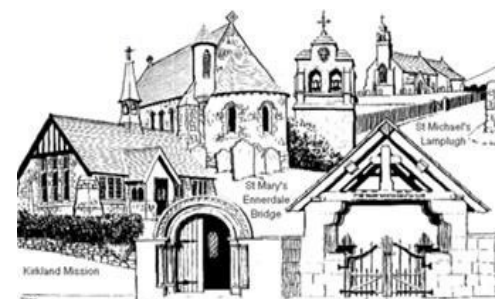
Working Together
15 churches
between West
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Crosslacon
Team Ministry



St Bees
A
West Cumbrian
Coastal Village

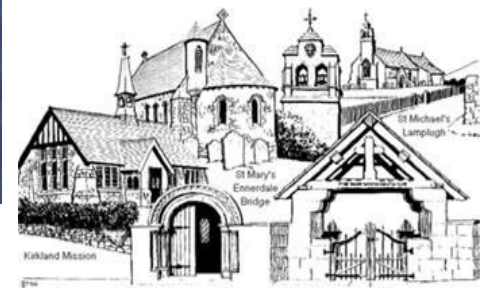


Lamplugh, Kirkland and Ennerdale Local Ecumenical Parish Mission Action Plan 2022- 25

The Parish bases its mission planning on the Cumbria churches 'God for All' vision



Living Lord,
as we offer to you
our common life, refresh our vision
that we may know your will
and seek to follow in all your ways.
May we **follow daily** as your disciples,
care deeply for one another in
community,
speak boldly your gospel words of love,
and **tread gently** as faithful stewards of
your goodness.
We ask this in the power of your holy
name,
as Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer
of our lives,
today and for ever.
Amen

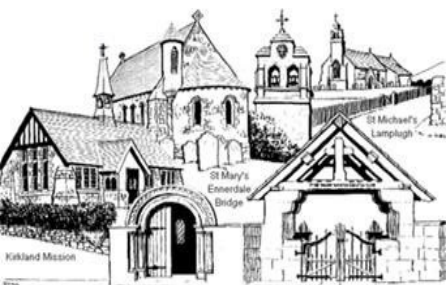




Follow Daily¹⁸

We will help each other to follow Jesus more closely, seeking to grow as his disciples in all aspects of life, both corporately and as individuals

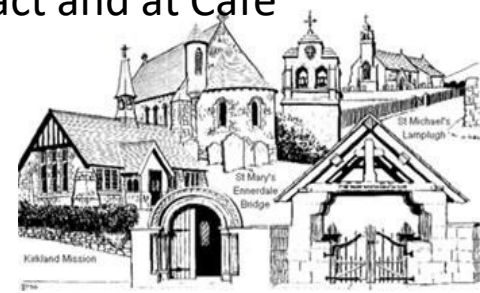
- Preaching on Sundays focuses regularly on discipleship.
- We aim to provide appropriate instruction for those approaching us for baptism and confirmation.
- We offer an enquirers course and will investigate appropriate ways of encouraging bible study.





We will listen to our local communities, and respond in loving service, seeking to transform injustice, challenge oppression and pursue peace and reconciliation

- We provide pastoral care for those whose bereavement or illness is made know to us. We are committed to making all our buildings dementia friendly, and promoting disability and dementia awareness among the congregation.
- We have a welcome letter for new arrivals in the parish. Two of our buildings are open daily providing quiet spaces for reflection and prayer. Kirkland is used for training by First Responders. We affirm the loving service offered informally by church members in a variety of settings.
- We support the local Food Bank at harvest time. We support Christian Aid both during Christian Aid week and through the Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We support Action for Children and the Children's Society. We give members of the congregation the opportunity to participate in campaigns initiated by Christian Aid.
- Social Responsibility issues are discussed from time to time in Contact and at Café Church.

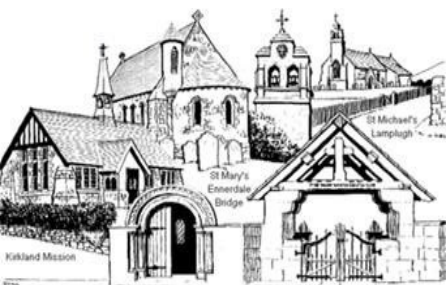




Speak Boldly

**We will share our faith in Jesus Christ in everyday ways,
seeking to connect with everyone, especially those
currently unrepresented in our churches. We'll do this in
both time-honoured and pioneering ways**

- We do this directly through the liturgy and preaching in our traditional worship, and through taking school assemblies and presenting Bibles to school leavers.
- We do this less directly through *Contact* and our 'Fresh Expressions': First Tuesday, Café Church and Messy Church.
- In 2023 we will again have a presence at Ennerdale Show.
- It is also important that we demonstrate God's love in the way we respond to everyone who comes into contact with the church.
- We support mission initiatives originating in our Mission Community.

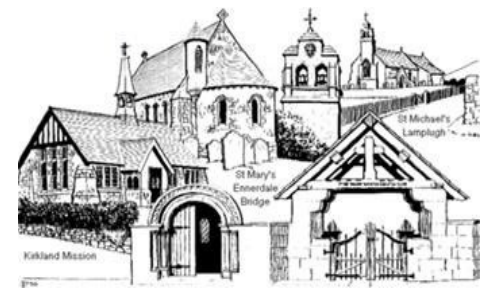




Tread Gently²¹

We will strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, seeking to sustain and renew the life of the earth

- We are following the Eco church programme, initially at Kirkland
- We will engage in many activities directed to this end including reviewing our buildings, the land around them, our teaching ministry, and engaging with local people via our church magazine.



Key areas of focus for 2026 - 2028 22

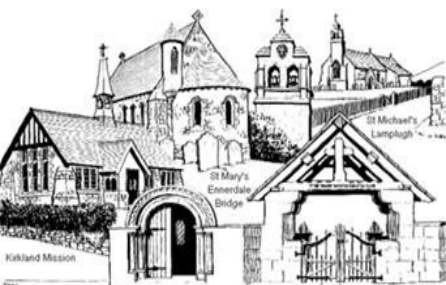
Children – the next steps ? How do we develop :-

- Monthly Messy Church
- Schools use of our churches
- Extend involvement in Schools
- Engagement with those of secondary school age
- Baptism follow up, steps to confirmation



Ennerdale Show – first attended in 2022

- Maximise effectiveness of encounters/conversations at show
- Follow up post show



***Restricted fund for
Mission/Outreach c£19,000
waiting to be spent !***



Key areas of focus for 2026 - 2028

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contact

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Kirkland and Ennerdale
Ecumenical Parish
One Parish, Three
Beautiful Churches for
Everyone
July / August 2025**

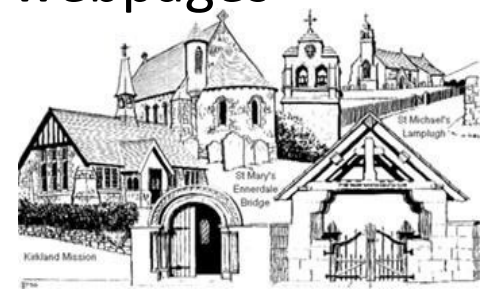


Contact – Distributed free of charge to all 550 households in the parish. Cost of printing covered by advertising revenue. Aim to review content

- Is it informative ?
- Does it invite questions ?
- Is it relevant to those of no faith ?
- Does it affirm the four God for All values?

Digital Media

- Consider own facebook page
- More effective use of webpages

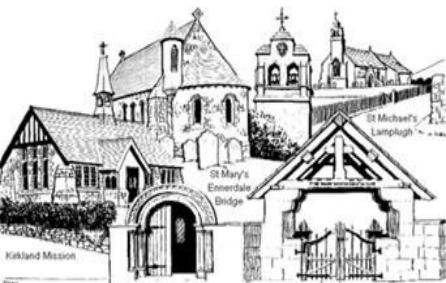


Key areas of focus for 2026 - 2028 24

Variety of Services

Do they meet current needs ? Review current offering at all three churches of both regular and festival services to ensure :-

- Welcoming
- Accessible and inclusive
- Invitational
- Missional intent
- Feed the regulars
- Encourage spiritual growth
- Appropriate to children
- Appropriate to the wider community



Service Times

1st Sunday of month

11.00 am Cafe Church

2nd Sunday of month

11.00am Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of month

11.00am Service of the Word

4th Sunday of month

11.00am All Age Holy
Communion

5th Sunday of month

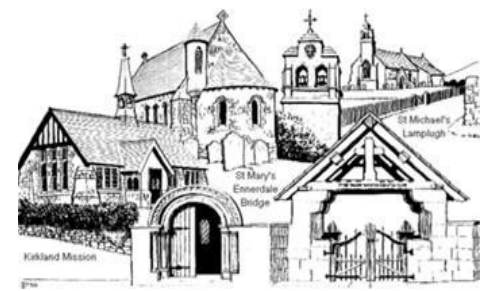
see Contact magazine for
details

Kirkland C of E Academy

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- Kirkland Church of England Academy is part of Good Shepherd Multi Academy Trust, established by the diocese for those of its schools who wish to, or are required to, become academies.
- The legal responsibility for the governance of the school rests with the Trust, but it has delegated some functions to a local governing body.
- Two members of this body may be nominated by the PCC.
- For more details about the school see <https://www.kirkland.cumbria.sch.uk/>

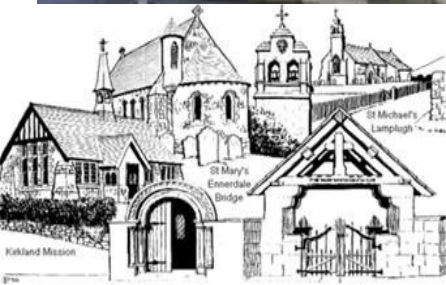


Ennerdale C of E Primary School

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- Ennerdale Church of England Primary School is not part of Good Shepherd Multi Academy Trust and has its own governing body.
- There are two foundation governors, one being the incumbent or a substitute nominated by the Archdeacon; the other nominated by the PCC.
- Details about the school, in addition to their stated values below are available on <https://www.ennerdale.cumbria.sch.uk/>



Christian Values

Friendship
Creation
Service
Reverence
Peace
Justice
COMPASSION

ENDURANCE
Wisdom
Hope
Trust
Forgiveness
Humility
Thankfulness
Koinonia



"We are a unique school where we listen, love, care and share following the examples of Jesus Christ"

Our School Values

Care

To look after, take care of and provide for someone or something else.

Love

To like, be fond of and be interested in someone or something else.

Listen

To hear, pay attention, take notice of and concentrate on someone or something else.

Share

To split, divide, have equal parts of something, with someone or others.

Uniqueness

Being unlike anything else.
Being particularly remarkable, special or unusual.



"We are a unique school where we listen, love, care and share following the examples of Jesus Christ"

Involvement with the schools

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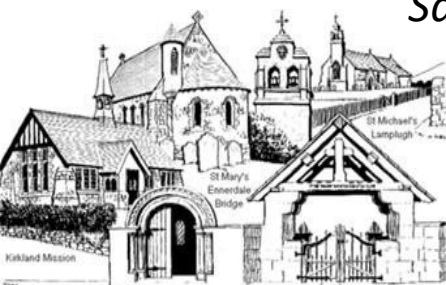
- As the present minister has not been a member of either Governing body there will not be an immediate vacancy for the new minister, but vacancies will arise as the current foundation governors reach the end of their terms.
- The minister has led assemblies on a regular basis at Ennerdale C of E Primary School and Kirkland C of E Academy
- The PCC presents Bibles to all leavers of the two schools each year
- Both schools regularly hold services in our parish churches with invitations being reciprocated •

I enjoy it when we sing songs at the end of Reverent Ian's stories

Samantha Aged 9

I like how Reverend Ian makes the stories fun and enjoyable. I also enjoy reading the scripture when I attend All Age Worship at the church.

Maxine Aged 10

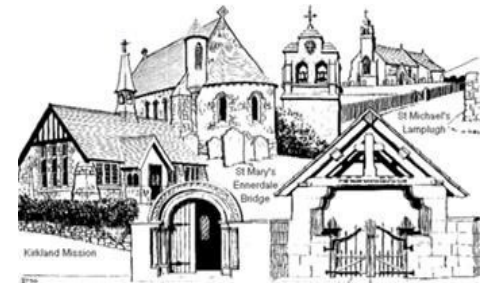


Vicarage

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- The vicarage is a detached spacious building, set in its own garden, Built in 1980's it is in the heart of the village of Ennerdale Bridge and near to the local C of E Primary School.
- Its maintenance is the responsibility of the Diocesan Property department.
- Upstairs accommodation includes 4 bedrooms and a bathroom; downstairs there is a study, living room, dining room, kitchen and cloakroom with separate w.c. Heating is provided by electric storage radiators and there is a wood burning stove in the living room.
- Gas supplied from Propane cylinders.
- There is a single garage attached to the house housing an EV charging point and a wide drive to take additional cars.



We seek someone who is.....

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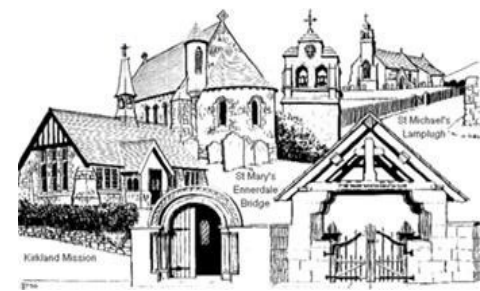
A Leader

- Encourages spiritual growth, fully embraces the God for All values
- Respectful of tradition but welcoming of fresh ideas
- Inspirational, listening, challenging, encouraging, approachable
- Active in developing and implementing Mission Action Plan
- Widely experienced with an appreciation of rural life

Instinctively Collaborative

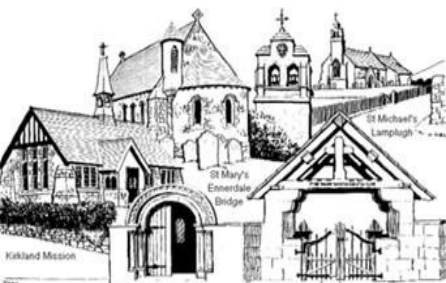
- Positively contributes to the Mission Community, fosters the ecumenical nature of the Parish
- Encourages lay participation
- Works equally well across all age groups
- Plays an active role in community life

and as a result is held in high regard and earns the respect of both churchgoers and the wider community alike



Statistics for Mission

- Parish population 965 in 2021, ranked in top third of parishes in terms of deprivation
- Electoral roll revision March 2025 recorded 54 persons
- Majority of churchgoers over 70 years old
- Regular, faithful but small congregations at all three churches
- Parish average weekly church attendance Lamplugh 8, Kirkland 14 and Ennerdale 10
- All Age Holy Communion at Kirkland best attended regular service in 2024
- Six baptisms, six funerals and three weddings conducted in 2024



Finance

Extracts from 2024 Accounts

LAMPLUGH WITH ENNERDALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
ncoming receipts from donors	2 (a)	22,503	2,911		25,414	24,383
Other voluntary incoming receipts	2 (b)	1,306	10,841		12,147	41,405
ncoming resources from operating activities						
to further the Council's objectives	2 (c)	4,911	2,079		6,990	3,260
to generate funds	2 (d)	5,552	415		5,967	5,997
ncome from investments	2 (e)	1,297	2,500		3,979	1,809
Other incoming resources	2 (f)	0	1,050		1,050	3,556
TOTAL RECEIPTS		35,569	19,796	0	55,365	80,410
Payments						
Grants	3 (a)	0	1,387		1,387	1,364
Activities directly relating to work of the church	3 (b)	37,508	14,100		51,608	52,901
TOTAL PAYMENTS		37,508	15,487	0	52,995	54,265
Excess of (Payments over Receipts)/ Receipts over Payments		(1,939)	4,309	0	2,370	26,145
Balances brought forward at 1st January		19,934	49,003	5,000	73,937	47,792
Balances carried forward at 31st December		17,995	53,312	5,000	76,307	73,937

LAMPLUGH WITH ENNERDALE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

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	Note	2024	2023
ASSETS		£	£
Cash in hand		46	567
Bank current account		3,144	2,050
Short term deposit account		73,117	71,310
TOTAL ASSETS		76,307	73,937
FUNDS			
Unrestricted			
General fund		17,995	19,934
Designated			
Capital/operating cost contingency fund		5,000	5,000
Restricted			
Special Collections Fund	6(a)	198	110
Churchyard Maintenance	6(b)	593	766
Lamplugh Church Fund	6(c)	17,371	17,182
Lamplugh Church Windows Fund	6(d)	2,502	1,844
Lamplugh Church Organ Fund	6(e)	10,625	10,125
Ennerdale Church Fund	6(f)	2,492	727
Kirkland Mission Fund	6(g)	0	0
Carlisle DBF Fees	6(h)	665	383
LED Challenge	6(i)	0	0
Parish Mission/Outreach Fund	6(j)	18866	17,866
		53,312	49,003
		76,307	73,937

Approved by the Parochial Church Council on 10 March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

Chairman Rev Ian Parker _____

The notes on pages 4 to 11 form part of these accounts.

