

# INGS VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

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WHAT'S ON

## THE FUTURE OF ST ANNE'S CHURCH IN INGS?

In the last ten years, the Church of England has sold about 250 buildings. As rural churches report declining attendance, the Church of England is bringing forward proposals which aim to speed up the process by which dioceses can sell parsonages and close churches. It has been labelled a "Church Closers' Charter" because it enables dioceses to write off churches, regardless of the views of their communities. If a church is sold, the diocese receives two thirds of the proceeds, and the Church Commissioners one third. The parish which paid to build the Church and which has maintained and improved it without any financial input from the Diocese gets nothing.

Churches are expected to 'donate' a 'parish share' for Diocesan services, which includes the priest. Falling attendance results in a fall in income and a church not being able to afford its parish share. Consequently, local clergy are removed and more and more parishes are expected to share their priest - without any reduction in 'donation'. Currently, St Anne's Church shares a priest with five other churches. At the same time there is little evidence that Church bureaucracy is being streamlined, indeed, to avoid it, some dioceses regard closing and selling off churches as a revenue stream.

St Anne's has taken steps to guard against closure. It is now a well heated, flexible space with moveable furniture and an accessible toilet. Income, particularly for rehearsal space for chamber music groups, bands and choirs, is increasing and regular concerts are organised. Later in 2022, a touring theatre company will present plays in successive months. Nonetheless, the threat of closure is real. Please attend our functions, book the Church and organise your own events. Do also contribute to the 'debate' if you have ideas for safeguarding and/or using the building - email address below. The Church PCC certainly regards the building as a community resource without which the life of Ings Village would be poorer.

*James Walling - Churchwarden    John Hiley - Village Hall Chair*

## DATES

**Tue Feb 1 at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall  
To book: Christine 01539 821689

**Thu Feb 10 at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club with Mike Mitchell

**Sun Feb 13 at 2.30pm**

Concert - £7.50 at the door  
Eberle String Trio

**Thu Feb 17 at 7.30pm**

SDHS talk with Rob David

**Thu Feb 24 at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club with David Shaw

**Sat Feb 26 at 10am**

Pam's sale - Village Hall

**Tue Mar 1 at 12.15**

Ings Lunch Club - Village Hall

**Sun Mar 6 at 2.30pm**

Concert - £7.50 at the door  
'Fellas' choir with Emily Robinson

**Thu Mar 10 at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club with I&M Jones

**Sat Mar 12 at 7.30pm**

Concert - £14 at the door  
Wordsworth Singers

**Thu Mar 17 at 7.30pm**

SDHS talk with Andy Lowe

**Thu Mar 24 at 2.30pm**

Bateman Club with Jean Scott-Smith

**Sun Apr 10 at 2.30pm**

Concert with Iona Brown (violin)

**Ings Mothers' Union**

at Village Hall 2pm  
(1st Thursday in month)

## STAVELEY WITH INGS PARISH COUNCIL - LATEST NEWS

<http://www.staveleywithingspc.co.uk/> Email: [staveleyings.parish@gmail.com](mailto:staveleyings.parish@gmail.com)

The Environment Agency have given us an update on the Ings flood prevention scheme. The modelling is being completed at the moment and will be finalised over the next few weeks. Permits to enter the water course of the SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) River Gowan are being obtained and final decisions on what action will be taken will be made after a public consultation.

As I write, the next Parish council meeting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January at the Ayland Pavilion, Staveley is imminent. The public participation section of our meetings is open to anyone in the Parish to contribute- all residents are welcome. On the agenda this month there are a number of planning applications to be discussed and of course some applications that have been determined since the last meeting. Other agenda items include an update on the Abbey Care Home, a flood and sewerage report and the precept for 2022/23.

Please note that the footpath in Ings between the A591 and the Church along the side of the river has been a casualty of the weather and has been classified as "dangerous do not use" due to a wall collapse so it has been temporarily closed.

Cllr. Paul Riley



Feb 10: Mike Mitchell: 'Mines and moments - a mixed bag'  
Feb 24: David Shaw: 'Special Relativity'  
Mar 10: I & M Jones. 'A celebration of English Folk Song'  
Mar 24: J. Scott-Smith. 'Weather Forecasting the country way'  
Meetings in Village Hall at 2.30pm  
New members welcome. Contact: [ingsvillage@gmail.com](mailto:ingsvillage@gmail.com)

### Pam's Celebration Day Sale!

Saturday 26th February, 10.00am - 2.00pm, Ings Village Hall  
Coffee and cakes available throughout.

Pam Morris, 'Champion of the Charity Shops', left a wonderful stash of high quality clothes which are now being sold for St. John's Hospice funds, and for Cancer Research. Come to browse, to buy, but come anyway to enjoy the company of friends and share memories of Pam.

**Other Lives Productions** (touring theatre company)  
will present in St Anne's Church at 7.30pm:

#### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: *Landmarks* by Nick Darke

Wilf and his brother-in-law Totty are small farmers: Wilf is devoted to the old ways and ploughs with horses (this is the 1930s), Totty is more go-ahead and has bought a Fordson tractor. Tensions follow.

#### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November: *The Catch* by Nick Darke

The play follows two fishermen struggling with EU regulations and dwindling fish stock in the ocean only to turn to nefarious measures in order to supplement their income.

**Ticket price will be £10 - booking details to follow**



Q: What did the French chef give his wife for Valentine's Day? A: A hug and a quiche.

A new addition to the Uxbridge English dictionary?  
Antelope: When your Aunt gets married on Valentine's Day.



## Staveley & District History Society

Feb 17 at 7.30pm. 'Remembering Slavery - Cumbria's connections to the transatlantic slave trade' with Rob David.

Mar 17 at 7.30pm. 'A Career in Ruins - highlights of 32 years with the LDNPA' with Andy Lowe.

Meetings in St Anne's Church, Ings

### Concert by Iona Brown - Violin

St Anne's Church Sunday 10th April at 2.30pm  
Tickets at the door £10

A member of Royal Northern Sinfonia, Iona is fundraising for this children's charity to which all proceeds will be donated.



### The Wordsworth Singers Director- Mark Hindley Sat 12th March at 7.30pm

The Cumbrian chamber choir will bring live choral music to St Anne's Church, Ings. The programme will celebrate the Early Baroque master Heinrich Schütz, in the year of the 350th anniversary of his death in 1672. The concert will also feature music by his contemporaries from Germany, England and Italy, concluding with a glorious setting of the mass by Gregorio Allegri.

**Tickets at £14, on the door or 07780 682373**  
or: [admin@wordsworthsingers.org.uk](mailto:admin@wordsworthsingers.org.uk)

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