

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF KESWICK ST JOHN

## MAY 2017



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### Revd. Charles writes

April 30<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Meeting, a chance to look back and say 'thank you' to everyone for all that they have done in the life of our Church over the past year. It is also the time when we elect new people to office as Churchwardens, Deanery Synod and to the PCC.

May 6<sup>th</sup> is the Parish Away Day to Rydal Hall, is also a chance to look forward and ask ourselves what sort of priorities do we have as a church over the coming years.

Underlying both is a question of what sort of church do we want to be? What sort of ethos do we want?

What I hope is that we strive to build a church that aims to include and affirm. Include means making all people welcome, young and old, visitors and locals. So that all may find something of the love and grace of God to touch and change their lives.

Affirm means that we accept each other and what we each have to offer in a way that is encouraging, building each of us up in the service of God and of his Church. We all make mistakes, doesn't matter; what matters is that we try! We all can do things better, but at least we are trying! We need to accept each other's offering in a way that encourages, nurtures, supports and allows us all to grow.

Charles