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Dear Friends,

Where is the time going? We're now half way through 2019 with the end of this school year visible on the horizon and summer holidays beckoning. I remember when I was young my parents saying, "Doesn't time fly!" Well the scary thing is that I am now saying it - is this what happens when you turn a certain age? Maybe you too can remember that when we were children, a week felt like a month, but now I blink and a fortnight disappears. Can we make things slow down?

I Googled 'time' (what did we do before Google?) and I found some great quotes. 'Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo da Vinci, Thomas Jefferson and Albert Einstein.' H Jackson Brown Jr. 'Time is free but it's priceless. You can't own it but you can use it. You can't keep it but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back.' Harvey MacKay. How many of you have nodded your head reading those quotes?

Psalm 90 is allegedly the oldest psalm and the only one written by Moses, and it's a prayer to God asking for wisdom to make the most of our time on earth. Verse 12 says, 'So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.' Moses knew the value of making the most of his time left on earth.

A lecturer once asked a class, "Suppose every day £86,400 was deposited in your bank account. There is a catch to it - what you don't use that day, you lose. There is no forwarding balance carried to the next day. Each day you begin with £86,400. What would you do with it? Go on a spending spree every day?"

We are given 86,400 seconds each day. Once the day is up, it's history. You can't save it, it's gone forever. It's foolish to squander and waste £86,400 and it's much more foolish to squander and waste 86,400 seconds. Not everyone would agree. Many people would say that wasting money is foolish, but wasting time doesn't matter. When the twin towers and Grenfell tower were engulfed in flames, money was not a major issue, the stock market was not a major issue. Time meant everything. Time to get out of the building. Time to rescue as many people as possible. When many were trapped and death was inevitable then time to use a mobile phone to say final words to loved ones was incredibly precious.

So remember Moses' prayer - God, teach us to make the most of our time remaining. Give us a heart of wisdom to do the right thing.

We all only have a certain amount of time, so let's make the most of it. Realise the value of time. Today is a gift, that's why it's called the present - remember it is the most precious gift you will ever be given. Don't waste it.

May we all use the days of this month wisely!

With every blessing,

Rev'd Sue Wilson

ST PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to **build confidence in Jesus Christ**
in the **heart of the community** through **prayer,**
worship and learning, in joy and practical service
to the wider world.



If any local residents require advice or support Age UK are there to provide information and advice that covers every facet of later life, from helping people find out the benefits they are entitled to claim, to discussing options that help make later life at home more manageable. Our aim is to be the first port of call – the first place that people turn to when they have an age-related need.

HELPLINE 03030030003 for any advice and practical support.

If you are interested in being a volunteer - for info on volunteering 01539728118
www.agesouthlakeland.org.uk

CHURCH WEB SITE

The Communications Committee is pleased to announce the arrival of our new web site! This has been a long time in its development, but we are now very pleased with the result and very grateful indeed to Mike Wilson for all his help and advice.

The domain name remains the same – grangepcc.co.uk. Please have a look at it, and let us have any 'constructive' comments!

Have a look under About/News for pictures of Andrew's farewells

HAVE YOU GOT A SPARE BIBLE?

It has recently come to light that there is no bible on our bookshelves, or indeed in church! Before we go ahead a buy copies, has anyone got a spare bible lying around that they would be happy to donate. We are talking about the New International Bible, the New Revised Standard Bible, or the Good News Translation – we do not need the King James version!

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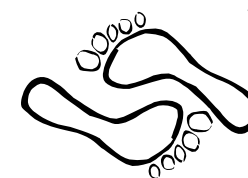
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The next **FOODBANK** collection is
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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	122	78	163	154	141	98	142	73
February	62	45	115	76	125	91	69	99
March	4	55	61	110	107	162	60	182
April	78	40	58	46	72	15	98	39
May	98	55	62	165	32	75	37	52
June	208	68	28	34	185	135	19	84
July	142	164	70	69	113	126	33	
August	125	152	124	112	168	86	108	
September	216	98	6	29	118	177	133	
October	136	173	156	60	31	172	131	
November	165	118	97	246	118	189	62	
December	194	131	103	352	65	109	160	
Annual total	1,570	1,177	1,043	1,453	1,275	1,435	1,052	529

SINGING FOR MEMORY

Aims to strengthen memory and language through singing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

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Do you or someone you know have mild to moderate dementia, memory or speech problems? Come and join us at Allithwaite, Community Centre.

Thursdays 10.30 am—12 noon - including time for refreshments

Dates for the 2019 summer session are as follows:

July 4th, 11th, 18th

Ring Janice - 58001 or Isabel - 36378 to book or for further information



COFFEE CLUB

3rd Tuesday each month at **Abbot Hall. 10 am for 10.20 am**, with a speaker and friendly chat.

Everybody welcome.

Enquiries to Keith Buckler:

Tel: 015395 30359

EASYFUNDING

Don't forget when ordering goods or booking rail tickets or holidays on line to use **EASYFUNDRAISING**.

Amazon, Marks and Spencer, Travelodge, Argos, Next, there are so many High Street stores that will give us a donation. If you are interested in helping church in this way just click on **EASY-FUNDRAISING** and name St Paul's Grange as your chosen charity.

CO-WORKERS FOR MOTHER TERESA

4th Monday each month in St Charles'

Father Magner Room, Grange

7.15 pm - 8.30 pm

NOTICE

Please be aware that photographs may be taken at events and services, and a selection will be published on our web site. If you have any strong objections to being included, please have a word with the Churchwardens

PAYMENT BY CHEQUE

In the next few months the bank is adopting an electronic system for clearing cheques and the **ONLY** wording that will be accepted for payment will be "PCC of St Paul's Grange". If you want your cheque to go for a specific fund please attach a note to that effect but do not write it on the cheque.

PEWS

If anyone finds our pews uncomfortable, there is now a basket of cushions in front of the pews opposite the lectern, either for sitting on or for using as a back support. Please help yourself if you have need of them - we would appreciate any feedback

EDWARDIAN SONGS OF PRAISE

Sunday, 14th July, 6 pm

We have been busy planning this service which marks the end of the Edwardian Festival in Grange.

As in previous years we shall be sending invitations to the other churches, but its format will be slightly different. This year all the hymns, songs and readings will relate to the Edwardian era (1901- 1910), and hopefully will be a reminder of the church's dedication to mission in this period. Bishop Nigel has kindly agreed to lead the service, and we hope that he will be wearing his gaiters!

Do hope you will come – in your Edwardian finery – and enjoy what we have arranged.

THE REV'D SUE WILSON

Our Interim Team Rector, the Revd. Dr. Jim Bruce, has announced that the Revd. Sue Wilson, a retired stipendiary priest who worships regularly at St. Paul's, has been willing to accept the position of Support Minister to St. Paul's and the Fell Church.

This is a voluntary, unpaid role to assist with the identifying, equipping and encouraging of lay people in their work in the churches, offering training and assisting them wherever possible. As such, Sue will be a welcome aid to the churchwardens, members of the PCC and its subsidiary committees and indeed to all who enter – or who wish to enter - into the life of the church. Additionally, Sue will continue to officiate along with other clergy at our Sunday and Wednesday Communion services.

A similar role is being carried out by the Revd. Amiel Osmaston at Allithwaite and the Revd. Carol Ford at Flookburgh where their work is much appreciated.

With the news that the prospective Interim Assistant Curate for whom we were hoping will not in fact be joining us, Sue's willingness to help us all is doubly welcome and we look forward to her even closer involvement in our Christian life.

From Monday, 8th —Friday, 12th, July Chris Mason and Jenny Leahy are arranging 'Prayer Spaces' in Cartmel Priory School for the young people to experience different ways of praying.

Please remember this event in your prayer, those will be attending and those who will be helping.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, 3rd August

The Soroptimists are arranging a beach clean from 10 am to noon. If you feel able, do come along and help. We meet on the prom at the station and will be clearing from the foreshore to Blawith point and the corner by Holme Island. This is being done in collaboration with the LOVEmyBEACH officer for Morecambe Bay, who will be supplying all equipment we need.

Saturday, 17th August

Soroptimists are arranging a treasure hunt for young people - 'From trash to treasure' - on the prom, 2-4 pm, with various displays highlighting our use – and disposal -of plastics. The event will take place between the two cafes, and will feature two craft tables.

Edwardian Songs of Praise

St Paul's Church, Grange over Sands

Sunday 14th July 2019

6.00 p.m.



*Everyone invited to share
in this service,
Led by Bishop Nigel McCulloch*



NEWS FROM CARLISLE DIOCESE

100 days of prayer will underpin county-wide contemplation as, together, we seek God's guidance for a God for All vision refresh, post 2020.

The Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, is asking church communities across the county to engage in this time of reflection. It will begin on Pentecost (the climax of the Thy Kingdom Come wave of global prayer) and end on September 17 and will be followed by 100 days of listening, taking us through to Christmas Day.



FOR YOUR DIARY

PRAISE ON THE PROM.

July 7th, 14th & 21st - 4.30 to 5.30 pm

Sing your favourite hymns

"Grange Prom by the wishing well over the railway bridge next to Clare House"

From Classical to Classics - An evening of musical entertainment

Grace Heap (Vocalist) - **Ray Booth** (Pianist)

And special guest - **Annabelle Sharp**

Victoria Hall—Saturday 13th July - 7.30 pm

Adults £10 - Children £6

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FROM THE REGISTERS

WEDDINGS

8th June 2019	Callum Ramsay & Elysia Harvey
28th June 2019	Samuel Bradford & Hannah Keeley

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

16th August 2015	Matilda Caitlin Upton
7th August 2016	Rory Lee Whitfield

"Born of Water and the Spirit"

FUNERALS

7th June 2019	Dennis Arthur Marsden
13th June 2019	Pauline Meriel Leigh

YEARS MIND - JULY

Marjorie Butterworth	2014
Brian Beresford Sudlow	2014
Jean Stephens	2015
Magaret Cook	2018

"God is love and those who live in love, live in God"

YEARS MIND - AUGUST

John Newby Towers Barber	2104
Thomas Hadwin	2104
Joan Mary Healy	2104
Alan Meadowcroft	2018
Shirley Elizabeth Sherratt	2018

"In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ"

AWARD OF GRANT

The Bertha Trotter Trust, which is administered by the incumbent and churchwardens of St. Paul's Church, advises that it has made a grant to a pupil of Grange Church of England Primary School to enable that pupil to attend a residential course which would otherwise not have been possible.

The trustees of the foundation, which was established to assist with the relief of poverty in Grange, are happy to award this grant to so deserving a cause.

ANDREW'S FAREWELLS TO GRANGE & THE TEAM

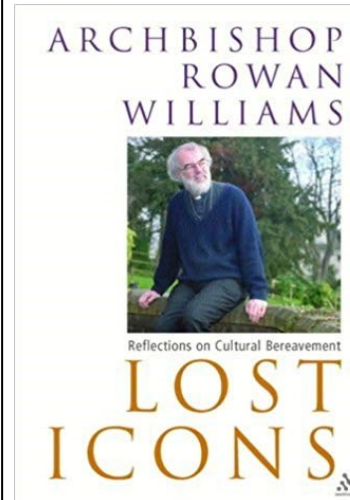
We bade farewell to our Assistant Curate, Andrew, at the end of last month. His final Sunday service was 16th June when just under 90 people gathered in St. Paul's. The majority of these went later to the Netherwood Hotel for lunch which was a moving and wonderful send-off for him. His parents and immediate family were present at both events to share the farewells with his friends. The latter occasion included a farewell presentation to Julia Gilchrist, our Lay Reader. Coincidentally it was her last Sunday service and Deputy Churchwarden Margaret made a presentation to her of a gift from the congregation with all our best wishes.



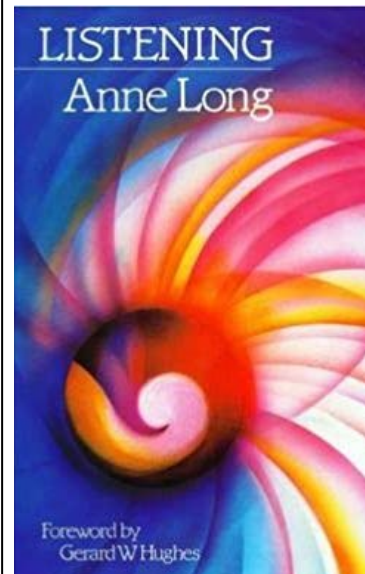
The following Thursday evening, the Feast of Corpus Christi, was marked with a Team Eucharist service in St. Paul's when over 115 people from all parts of the Cartmel Peninsula Team joined in Andrew's very last Eucharist service. We were joined by our Interim Team Rector, the Revd. Dr. James Bruce, who presented Andrew with a cheque representing gifts from members of all churches. Jim made reference to Andrew's devotion, sincerity and energy during a curacy in which he had experienced many different emotions and circumstances which had tested his faith. All present were delighted to share the occasion with him.



LOST ICONS by Rowan Williams



There is nothing remotely sentimental in these clear-sighted, closely argued pages, in which Archbishop Williams pleads, with wisdom, compassion and cool articulate anger, for the recovery of the habit of self-understanding in grave danger of becoming unavailable: for childhood, friendship and remorse, as aspects of identity fashioned and discovered over time.



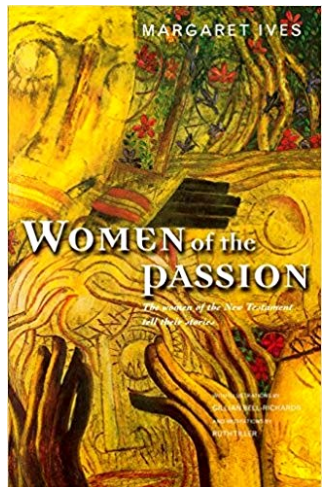
LISTENING by Anne Long

A practical study of all the key aspects of listening

- listening to myself,
- listening to others,
- listening to the world and
- listening to God.

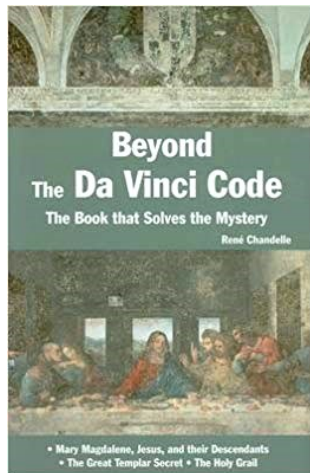
LIBRARY BOOKS FOR JULY & AUGUST 2019

WOMEN OF THE PASSION by Margaret Ives



The Women of the Passion offers a completely fresh and challenging perspective on the key events in the life of Jesus and his followers, seeing them from the point of view of the women present. Jesus' human life begins with a young girl courageously saving 'yes' to a startling plan. At his death, when his disciples have fled, Mary stands at the foot of the cross with her sister and friend and shares in the bitter agony of it all. Dismayed, but unafraid to face the Roman guard, a group of women bring anointing spices to the tomb only to find it empty ... And on that wonderful Easter morning, it is to a woman that the resurrected Christ first appears. Other women are strangely affected by only the remotest encounter - the servant girl who accuses Peter on the night of Jesus' trial and sees the piercing look that reduces the headstrong disciple to shameful weeping, Pilate's wife who has a troubled night on Jesus' account and begs her husband to leave well alone. Their voices speak with clarity and directness down the centuries, calling us to draw near and to discover for ourselves the life-changing effect of Jesus on ourselves.

BEYOND THE DA VINCI CODE by Rene Chandelle



Discover the truth lying behind the fictional bestseller - The Da Vinci Code. In this book you will find all of the necessary information to unravel enigmas that have been researched by several generations....

- *Jesus Christ as he appears in the Holy Bible - is he the real one?
- *Jesus' relationship with Mary Magdalene and his descendants.
- *What is the Priory of Sion?
- *The Knights Templar and the search for the Holy Grail. What secret did the Templars guard? And what does the church have to say about it?
- *Find out about Opus Dei...

In his responses on both occasions, Andrew made reference to the support that he had received from many friends in Grange and the peninsula, all of whom are sad to see him leave but who wish him well in the next part of his journey in the church and in Christ. We all feel privileged to have met him and to have shared his Christianity with him. Happily, he is not going too far away and he has already committed to come back across the bay to conduct weddings that he has arranged in the remainder of the year.

Again, we say "Thank You" to a wonderful man for everything that he has done for us here in our two churches and we all wish him every success – and a smoother ride – in the future. We shall miss him – and his parents and family.



**A BBC Radio Cumbria presenter has been selected for ordination
within the Diocese of Carlisle – the Church of England in Cumbria –
in a first for the county**

Richard Corrie, who presents the station's early morning slots and the Sunday morning breakfast programme, will begin training for ordination in September.

His path towards ordination is one of 21 years, having applied twice before, the first time in 1998. Despite that Richard felt called to train as an Anglican Reader and was licensed in 2004, meaning he could lead Sunday worship and officiate at funerals.

The 45-year-old was working at the fish and chip shop he owns in Wigton when the call came through to confirm his success.

He said: "In all the excitement the 'phone nearly ended up in the chip fryer but to be honest I wouldn't have cared. I knew so many people had been praying for me, both before and after the selection process but I still couldn't call it. When I was told I'd got through I was totally wowed and then I got on the 'phone to tell my mam!"

The well-known broadcaster was born in Carlisle and attended the city's St Barnabas Church from a young age, later moving to Currock Methodist, St Herbert's Currock and latterly St Michael's and St Mark's Stanwix, where he continues to minister as a Reader.

He studied media at the city's Institute of Art before first presenting on CFM. He joined BBC Radio Cumbria on a permanent contract in 2008 having already free-lanced there.

After completing his training – which will be delivered through the God for All team based at the Diocese's Church House in Penrith – Richard will be a self-supporting Assistant Minister. It means he will continue to work for the BBC, though his title will be the Revd Richard Corrie.



A SPECIAL DAY – 6TH JUNE, 2019

I got up early this morning, for the days are stretching,
and the early light signals the dawn of a new day.

Today is a special day, for it is the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

I was born after the war, a child of one fortunate enough to survive the conflict,
and so I have no first-hand knowledge of those events,
but today, I want to know, to read the newspapers, to see the pictures,
and to watch the day-long commemorations on the television,
to hear the Veterans as they recount their heartfelt stories,
and to know the hope we have for the future,
when we see leaders of the world coming together at this time.

And so, as I sit looking through my window,
beyond the fluttering green leaves of the clematis moving in the gentle breeze,
I am warmed by the vibrant red colour of my display of poppies
in the garden border standing proud and strong,
defying the darkening skies.

A symbol of the futility of war but a token of remembrance,
when our loved ones gave everything all those years ago on the battlefield
and changed our lives forever.

Let us always have time for others, for their generosity of spirit,
their unselfishness, their care and support and the fight for freedom
and democracy which must always be maintained.

I shall always remember.

Tridwana



In the ensuing weeks, the Allies fought their way across the Normandy countryside in the face of determined German resistance, as well as a dense landscape of marshes and hedgerows. By the end of June, the Allies had seized the vital port of Cherbourg, landed approximately 850,000 men and 150,000 vehicles in Normandy, and were poised to continue their march across France.

By the end of August 1944, the Allies had reached the Seine River, Paris was liberated and the Germans had been removed from north-western France, effectively concluding the Battle of Normandy. The Allied forces then prepared to enter Germany, where they would meet up with Soviet troops moving in from the east.

The Normandy invasion began to turn the tide against the Nazis. A significant psychological blow, it also prevented Hitler from sending troops from France to build up his Eastern Front against the advancing Soviets. The following spring, on May 8, 1945, the Allies formally accepted the unconditional surrender of Nazi Germany. Hitler had committed suicide a week earlier, on April 30.



*Americans after they had secured Omaha Beach
Barrage Balloons lookout for German Aircraft*

Information used from www.history.com

“LA SERENATA TRIO”

On Wednesday 5th June the “La Serenata Trio” led by Charles Edmondson held a concert in church in aid of the organ restoration fund. It was presented as a “*Miscellany of Music*” with Charles playing a variety of different keyboards, Wendy Sharrock as mezzo-soprano and David Edmonds on flute. The different musical contributions to the programme were greatly appreciated by an audience of about 50 people, many of whom were not necessarily members of St Paul’s Church. As a result it was a real “lunchtime community event!”

Within the musical programme the categories included a “Baroque contribution”, some “Sacred pieces of music”, musical items with a “French connection,” “folk songs” and to conclude, there were a number of “Show stoppers”. The lunchtime concert was augmented by a light lunch prepared by a number of hard-working ladies from our church, and for once without Sue Fleetwood being seen in the church kitchen! I talked to Sue just prior to the concert who told me she had ‘retired’ from such duties and we reflected upon all the hard work she has done over a great many years with church catering and in particular with numerous lunchtime concerts. I feel that we all owe Sue and her team a great deal of gratitude, but at the same time compliment the “new group” of ladies who have very cheerfully taken over.

Mike reported to me that after expenses a total of £385 had been collected, which will boost our organ restoration fund.

The two photographs show the “La Serenata Trio” in full swing and an appreciative audience greatly enjoying the lunchtime concert.

Colin Milner



CHURCH DIARY JULY 2019			
Wednesday 3 rd	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Grange	
	12 noon	Lunchtime Concert, Charles Edmondson & Chris Andrews “The Trumpet shall Sound” – St Paul’s	
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
Sunday 7 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary’s, Allithwaite	
	9.30 am	Lay-led Matins (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange	
	11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul’s, Grange	

Tuesday	9 th	2.00 pm	Events Committee Meeting – St Paul’s Church, Grange
Wednesday	10 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Grange
		4.00 pm	Augmented Choir Rehearsal St Paul's, Grange
		7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in St Paul’s, Grange
Friday	12 th	7.30 pm	Rev’d Andrew Norman’s Licensing at Arnside
Saturday	13 th		Edwardian Festival – All day event in Grange
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
Sunday	14 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary’s, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul’s, Grange with
			on of hands
		4.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – St Paul’s, Grange
laying		6.00 pm	Edwardian Songs of Praise - St Paul’s, Grange

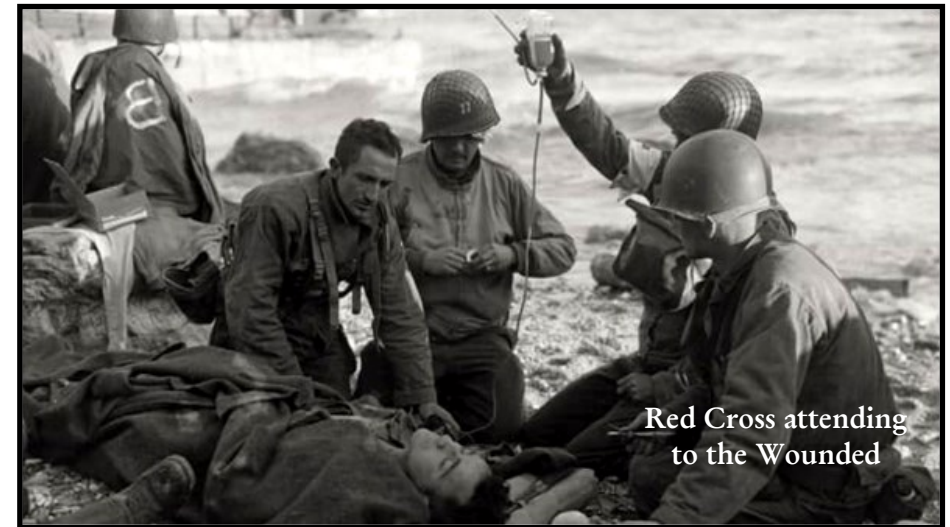
Wednesday 17 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Grange
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY		
Sunday 21 st	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary’s, Allithwaite
	9.30 am	Matins (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
	11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul’s, Grange

Tuesday	23 rd	2.00 pm	Christian Meditation, Boarbank Hall, Allithwaite
Wednesday	24th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Grange
Thursday	25 th	7.30 pm	Team Council Meeting—St Mary’s, Allithwaite
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
Sunday	28th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary’s, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul’s, Grange
Monday	29 th	7.15 pm	Mother Teresa in Father Magner Room, St Charles RC
Tuesday	30 th	7.00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting – St Paul’s, Grange
Wednesday	31st	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul’s, Grange

Later that day, more than 5,000 ships and landing craft carrying troops and supplies left England for the trip across the Channel to France, while more than 11,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion.

By dawn on June 6, thousands of paratroopers and glider troops were already on the ground behind enemy lines, securing bridges and exit roads. The amphibious invasions began at 6:30 a.m. The British and Canadians overcame light opposition to capture beaches codenamed Gold, Juno and Sword, as did the Americans at Utah Beach. U.S. forces faced heavy resistance at Omaha Beach, where there were over 2,000 American casualties. However, by day's end, approximately 156,000 Allied troops had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches. According to some estimates, more than 4,000 Allied troops lost their lives in the D-Day invasion, with thousands more wounded or missing.

Less than a week later, on June 11, the beaches were fully secured and over 326,000 troops, more than 50,000 vehicles and some 100,000 tons of equipment had landed at Normandy.



Red Cross attending to the Wounded

For their part, the Germans suffered from confusion in the ranks and the absence of celebrated commander Rommel, who was away on leave. At first, Hitler, believing the invasion was a feint designed to distract the Germans from a coming attack north of the Seine River, refused to release nearby divisions to join the counter attack.

Reinforcements had to be called from further afield, causing delays. He also hesitated in calling for armoured divisions to help in the defence. Moreover, the Germans were hampered by effective Allied air support, which took out many key bridges and forced the Germans to take long detours, as well as efficient Allied naval support, which helped protect advancing Allied troops.

D DAY LANDINGS – JUNE 6TH, 1944

INVASION OF NORMANDY - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

During World War II (1939-1945), the Battle of Normandy, which lasted from June 1944 to August 1944, resulted in the Allied liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control. Codenamed Operation Overlord, the battle began on June 6, 1944, also known as D-Day, when some 156,000 American, British and Canadian forces landed on five beaches along a 50-mile stretch of the heavily fortified coast of France's Normandy region. The invasion was one of the largest amphibious military assaults in history and required extensive planning. Prior to D-Day, the Allies conducted a large-scale deception campaign designed to mislead the Germans about the intended invasion target. By late August 1944, all of northern France had been liberated, and by the following spring the Allies had defeated the Germans. The Normandy landings have been called the beginning of the end of war in Europe.

In November 1943, Adolf Hitler, who was aware of the threat of an invasion along France's northern coast, put Erwin Rommel in charge of spearheading defence operations in the region, even though the Germans did not know exactly where the Allies would strike. Hitler charged Rommel with finishing the Atlantic Wall, a 2,400-mile fortification of bunkers, landmines and beach and water obstacles.

In January 1944, General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed commander of **Operation Overlord**. In the months before D-Day, the Allies carried out a massive deception operation intended to make the Germans think the main invasion target was Pas-de-Calais (the narrowest point between Britain and France) rather than Normandy.

Eisenhower selected June 5, 1944, as the date for the invasion; however, bad weather on the days leading up to the operation caused it to be delayed for 24 hours. On the morning of June 5, after his meteorologist predicted improved conditions for the following day, Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for **Operation Overlord**. He told the troops: "You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. *The eyes of the world are upon you.*"



CHURCH DIARY AUGUST 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday	4 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Lay-led Matins (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul's, Grange
		1-3 pm	FOODBANK collection, Father Magner Room
		1.30 pm	Wedding of Lauren Marwood & Stuart Christy St Paul's, Grange

Wednesday	7 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		12 noon	Lunchtime Concert, Charles Edmondson, "Ashthorpe Trio" – St Paul's

Thursday	8 th	4.00 pm	Communications Meeting at The Boulders
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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday	11 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul's, Grange

Wednesday	14 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		4.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – St Paul's, Grange
		7.30 pm	Standing Committee Meeting – St Paul's, Grange

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday	18 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Matins (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul's, Grange

Tuesday	20 th	2.00 pm	Christian Meditation, Boarbank Hall, Allithwaite
Wednesday	21 st	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		4.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal - St Paul's, Grange
Friday	23 rd	12.30 pm	Wedding of Bethany Stevens and Alexander Procter St Paul's, Grange

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday	25 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul's, Grange
Wednesday	28 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		4.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – St Paul's, Grange

CHURCH DIARY SEPTEMBER 2019

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Sunday	1 st	8.00 am	Communion (BCP) - St Mary's, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Lay-led Matins (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		11.00 am	Parish Eucharist - St Paul's, Grange
Tuesday	3 rd	4.00 pm	Choir Rehearsal – St Paul's, Grange
Wednesday	4 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		11.00 am	Choir Rehearsal – St Paul's, Grange
		12 noon	Lunchtime Concert, Charles Edmondson & The Ladies Choir "A Vocal Voyage", St Paul's, Grange

THANK YOU

I wanted to take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks to all those who helped me mark my ministry as Assistant Curate so joyfully in recent weeks. The opportunity to gather after the Parish Eucharist on Sunday 16 June for lunch at The Netherwood was a wonderful occasion, especially to see so many gathering who have been part of my many and varied experiences here alongside you all. The Eucharist for the feast of Corpus Christi brought all this thanksgiving together perfectly, as we gathered around the Lord's Table to give thanks for his goodness to us made real in the gift of Holy Communion. My sincere thanks go to all who made the Eucharist such a wonderful and memorable occasion and most especially to everyone who contributed to the quite astonishing cheque that I received. It was quite overwhelming and I have been stunned in reflecting in the days following on the scale of your generosity.

As I have said many times in recent weeks I shall remember my time alongside you here in Grange-over-Sands and wider in the Cartmel Peninsula with great affection. It has been a time of immense blessing for me as a young man, as a priest, and foremost as a Christian - and I am so thankful for all the help, support, encouragement and inspiration of so many. Whether that has been a kindly word, a generous action or the assurance of prayerful support, I couldn't have had the chance of a better title post nor to spend my curacy in the company of such kind people who show in so many different ways the love, care and kindness that frame the gospel of Christ we are bidden to share.

Please do be assured of my continued prayers for you all as you continue to seek God's guidance for all that the future will hold. I'm pleased I'm not moving too far away, but my many experiences here will hopefully give me the best opportunity as I take up my first incumbency. I look forward to seeing hopefully some of you at my licensing in mid-July, and pray for the Lord's rich blessing on you all, those whom you love, and those whom you will continue to serve in the name of Christ.

With love and thanksgiving,

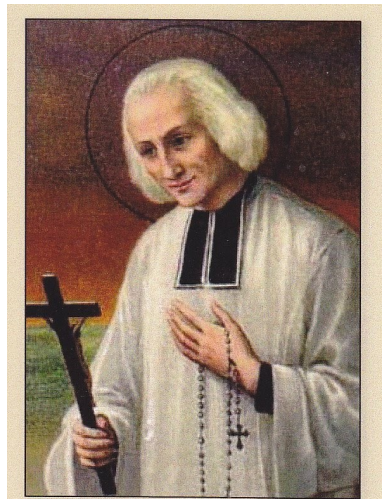
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the pulpit, so that the villagers knew exactly what it was they must not say. He demanded that the women should dress modestly, and forbade dancing. Over the chapel of St John Baptist, he had painted the words, 'His head was the price of a dance', and he preached hell-fire from the pulpit.

There were unexplained noises and voices in his clergy-house, and he suffered physical violence. His bed was burned, and objects were moved and damaged, apparently by poltergeists. Given the violent anti-clericalism of the period, it is possible that his attackers were all too human; and he was clearly in a very nervous state. He lived largely on potatoes, kept long, sleepless vigils, and punished himself for the sins of his people. At the same time, he did much good work in the area. The Bishop of Belley trusted him, and sent him on missions. He sent two village girls to a convent for training, and then put them in charge of a school for girls which grew into La Providence, a shelter for homeless children, taking sixty at one time.

He began to acquire a reputation for healing. Modestly, he told people that the cures were not his work, but that of the virgin martyr, St Philomena, to whom he had a special devotion. The pilgrims came in increasing numbers. Lyons railway station had to open a special booking office for Ars. Some came to pray, some came to be healed and many came for spiritual direction. Father Vianney would spend up to sixteen hours a day in the confessional box, listening to their sins. He was a good listener. As he grew older, he mellowed, and gave much wise and kindly advice. The crowds knelt to receive his blessing, and some tore pieces from his cassock as holy relics.

He stayed at Ars for the rest of his life. Three times he left to become a monk, and three times he returned, because his vocation was in Ars. The Bishop made him an honorary canon. He was created a Knight of the Imperial Order of the Legion d'Honneur, but he did not want honours. For more than thirty years, this spare, tired man labored in his tiny parish, and drew the world to him. By 1858-9, he was serving over a thousand pilgrims a week. If the devotion he aroused was excessive that was other people's doing. He did not welcome it, and he was not impressed by it. He left an enduring image of the simple, devout priest who was faithful to his calling in an increasingly secular society.



St. Jean Baptiste Marie Vianney

Thomas More lived and died in the spirit of his own prayer:

Give me, good Lord, a longing to be with thee: not for the avoiding of the calamities of this wicked world, nor of the pains of hell neither, nor so much for attaining the joys of heaven.... As even for a very love of thee.

More has been the subject of many biographies, and the play and film A Man for All Seasons brought his story before a new public. There are famous portraits, including several by Holbein.



AUGUST
Jean-Baptiste Vianney (1786-1859)

The priest who became famous as 'the Cure d'Ars' was only three years old when the French Revolution broke out. He had to make his first communion secretly at the age of thirteen; but by the time he was twenty, there was a resurgence of Catholicism. In the upheavals of the Napoleonic period, many people looked back nostalgically to the certainties of the ancient regime.

Jean's father was a peasant farmer in Dordilly, near Lyons. The boy had very little education - no more than a few years at the village school - but in 1806 he was able to enter a seminary. He found his studies very difficult, especially Latin. The Bishop of Lyons called him 'the most unlearned seminarian in Lyons', but added that he also was the most devout. He finally became a priest in 1815, and after a two-year curacy, was sent to the remote village of Ars-en-Doubes, which had only

St PAUL'S CHURCH
GRANGE over SANDS

THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND



A Concert of Music
given by
Chris Andrews (Trumpet)
accompanied by
Charles Edmondson

Wednesday, 3rd July 2019 at 1 pm

A light lunch is served from noon onwards

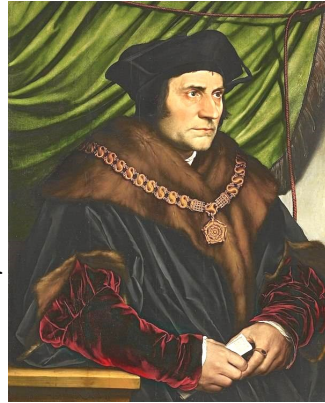
Admission £10 (lunch & concert)

THE SAINTS OF THE ANGLICAN CALENDAR

JULY

Thomas More (1478-1535)

Thomas went to Oxford at the age of fourteen. His father, Sir John More, who was a barrister, disapproved of both his enthusiasm for Greek and the company he kept, for the boy was attracted by the new Humanist ideas which were coming from the Low Countries. Sir John recalled his son to London, and set him to studying law, in the hope that this would have a sobering influence; but though Thomas obeyed, and became a lecturer in law, he encountered Humanists in London, too. Dean Colet of St Paul's was his spiritual adviser, Thomas Linacre his tutor in Greek; and in London, he met Erasmus, the monk whose merciless satires on the church were spiced with the wit of classical Greek scholarship.



More's father insisted that he should follow a secular career, but he was deeply attracted to monastic life. He wore a hair shirt, used a log for a pillow, restricted his sleep, and attended the Charterhouse daily, taking part in the spiritual exercises of the Carthusians. He married because his father expected him to do so, and when his wife Jane died after four years of marriage and four children, he married Alice Middleton within a month, to give the children a mother and his household a competent housekeeper. His home became a centre of hospitality and brilliant conversation: Linacre, Colet, and John Fisher were frequent visitors, and Erasmus came to stay - too frequently for Alice's wishes. The household met daily for prayers, and at meals the children read passages from the scriptures. There was a chapel in the house, and More acted as server at the daily Mass.

He was an excellent lawyer. By 1510, he was a reader of Lincoln's Inn and under-sheriff of London. The new king, Henry VIII, gave him a knighthood, and enjoyed his company. His life was so full that he had little time for study and writing until chance gave him an un-expected opportunity to escape his daily preoccupations. Cardinal Wolsey sent him to the Netherlands as a member of a trade delegation. Negotiations went slowly, and from six months he lived in the house of Humanist friend, Peter Gillies, who was town clerk of Antwerp. There he wrote the second part of *Utopia*, which deals with an imaginary country. The first part of *Utopia*, written after his return to England, is sharp social criticism of Henry VIII's kingdom: the cruel and unjust state of the criminal law, the evils of the enclosure movement which dispossessed the agricultural poor and drove them to crime; but Part II is perhaps best described as early science fiction. 'Utopia' means 'no place'. The book is full of learned puns and paradoxes. Not surprisingly, his imaginary country is in many respects like a monastic community: there is no money, no private property, and no privacy. People live communally, and share the manual labour without the

distinction of class; but the influence of Humanism leads him to some surprising speculations. In *Utopia*, divorce is possible (once, though repeated adultery is punishable by death); euthanasia is allowed; and there are women priests. He is very careful not to let the reader know whether he is being serious or not, but the book was immediately hailed as a major contribution to Humanist thought.

In many ways, More was a very conservative Catholic. He wrote against Protestantism, particularly against William Tyndale: he was strongly opposed to the free circulation of the Bible in the vernacular. He wrote *Utopia* in Latin so that it should not lead the unlearned astray; and he administered the letter of the law, though with as much humanity as he could. He became a counsel, a judge and in 1529 Henry VIII's chancellor.

Perhaps Henry VIII, who was not unlearned himself, hoped that a Humanist chancellor who had written about divorce would take his side in his battle with the papacy; but like Bishop Fisher, More believed that the unity of the Church must be preserved at all cost. Reform must come from within, not by schism. He was a very cautious man. He explained the legal issues clearly and impartially to parliament, but refused to give his own opinion. When he was pressed, he resigned. He had been lord chancellor for less than three years.

He had never cared about piling wealth, though he had many opportunities to do so. Now his household was reduced to poverty. He refused to attend the King's marriage to Anne Boleyn, and lived very quietly, hoping that his silence would be enough to save him. When he was called to Lambeth to take the oath following the Act of Succession, he refused to take the oath, but would not say why, believing that he could not be tried for treason if he said nothing treasonable; but he was committed to the Tower of London.

More spent fifteen months in the Tower. His serenity and his endurance, despite his anguish at what his stand on the matter of conscience was doing to his family, are eloquently recorded in the biography by his daughter Margaret's husband, William Roper. It was not that he would not help them: he could not, even when his wife Alice had to sell her clothes to buy food. He was tried in Westminster Hall on 1st July 1535. He told the jury: 'Ye must understand that, in things touching conscience, every true and good subject is more bound to have respect to his said conscience and to his soul than to any other thing in the world beside.' Though he still refused to say why he would not take the oath, he was convicted on false evidence, and condemned to death. Then at last he spoke, and characteristically said that he would pray for his judges in the hope that 'we may yet hereafter in heaven merrily all meet together in everlasting salvation.'

He was taken to Tower Hill four days later. He wore his best clothes, spoke with friends on the way to the scaffold, and asked for the prayers of the people, saying that he was 'the king's good servant - but God's first'. Then he comforted the executioner, and bound his own eyes before placing his head on the block.