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From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

Outside, the leaves are changing into the vibrant colours of autumn, the air is still and at least here in Grange, there is a sense of peace. However, as I write this letter, I'm conscious that coming is the month when we stop still to remember. Whether it's 'Remember, remember the 5th November,' or remembering the anniversaries of some of the costliest conflicts in history, we are called, especially on Remembrance Sunday, or on the 11th November, to stop for a moment, look back and reflect.

I'm sure many of you have read 'War Horse' by Michael Morpurgo, or have the seen the film or stage play. 'War Horse' is the exceptionally poignant story of one horse's experience in the First World War. In 1914, Joey, a young farm horse, is sold to the army and thrust into the midst of the war on the Western Front. With his officer, he charges towards the enemy, witnessing the horror of the front line. But even in the desolation of the trenches, Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him. Joey, the horse is simply unable to comprehend how, or why, anybody or anything would behave in such a violent, unthinking way and be able to commit such horrific acts. 'War Horse' highlights human cruelty and human disdain for both animals and other human beings, whilst also revealing just how powerful love and courage can be.

Today, with conflicts still taking place in many parts of the world, taking the opportunity to stop and remember allows us to take stock of what's happening around us, to ponder what's going on in our own lives and to find some quiet space to think and reflect.

For each of us, the 'how' will be different. Whether it's listening to music, taking a walk in the beauty of the countryside, doing something creative, or just finding a very quiet place to sit, making space to stop, remember and reflect is vital. It's often in the space that God is to be found and will speak in the silence – 'Be still and know that I am God.'

We live in turbulent, unpredictable times and to avoid being overwhelmed by anxiety or fear of the future, what a difference it makes to allow God's peace to rest upon us, as he gives us hope for the future and the promise of his continued presence with us, whatever we are facing.

With every blessing,

Rev. 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

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO DIANE

The ministry of Readers was celebrated during their annual Licensing Service in Kendal earlier this month. Bishop James led the ceremony at Holy Trinity, Kendal, and welcomed **Dianne Christian Maguire**, previously from the Fellside Team Ministry in the Diocese of Blackburn, as she transferred to the Cartmel Peninsula Team. We wish her well in her ministry with us, and look forward to working with her.

Readers, also known as Licensed Lay Ministers, are lay people, called by God, trained and licensed by the Church to preach, teach, lead worship and assist in pastoral, evangelistic and liturgical work. There are around 150 Readers in our Diocese working with clergy and churchgoers in communities across Cumbria to take Christ's love out to those who do not yet know Him. Only by working together can we hope to see God's kingdom realised.

Please continue to hold Diane in your prayers.

NEW WEB SITE FOR THE DIOCESE

The new Diocese of Carlisle website has been launched - do take a look at it, as well as visiting our own web site to see recent photos and reports.

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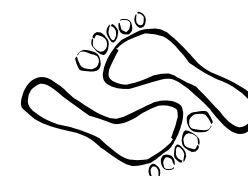
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The next **FOODBANK** collection is
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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
January	122	78	163	154	141	98	142	73
February	62	45	115	76	125	91	69	99
March	4	55	61	140	107	162	60	182
April	78	40	58	46	72	15	98	39
May	98	55	62	165	32	75	37	52
June	208	68	28	34	185	135	19	91
July	142	164	70	69	113	126	33	134
August	125	152	124	112	168	86	108	180
September	216	98	6	29	118	177	133	177
October	136	173	156	60	31	172	131	140*
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	1,168

* = incomplete value

SINGING FOR MEMORY

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

Run by Grange Soroptimists.

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 Winter sessions are as follows:

November 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th

December - 5th, 12th & 19th

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.

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.

CO-WORKERS FOR MOTHER TERESA

4th Monday each month in St Charles'
Father Magner Room, Grange
7.15 pm - 8.30 pm

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

GRANGE SOROPTIMISTS ARE COLLECTING FOR BARROW WOMEN'S CENTRE

Bedding, towels, toiletries and clothes needed!

Please bring items to : St Charles RC Church
(Father Magner room)

on Sunday 17 November from 1-3pm.

CHURCH DIARY NOVEMBER 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday	3 rd	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
		3.00 pm	All Souls' Service St Paul's, Grange

Monday	4 th	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Club, Grange Primary School
Wednesday	6 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - St Paul's, Grange
Thursday	7 th	4.00 pm	Remembrance Meeting at St Paul's church Grange
		5.00 pm	Remembrance rehearsal at St Paul's Grange

3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday	10 th	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - St Mary's, Allithwaite
		9.30 am	Holy Communion (BCP) - Fell Church, Grange
		10.55 am	Remembrance Parish Eucharist - St Paul's Grange
		2.00 pm	Civic Remembrance Service St Paul's Grange, with laying of wreath at the cenotaph



Monday	11 th	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Club, Grange Primary School
Wednesday	13 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - St Paul's, Grange
		7.00 pm	PCC Meeting St Paul's Church, Grange
		7.30 pm	Creed Course starts at St Mary's Allithwaite

2ND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

Sunday	17 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

Monday	18 th	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Club, Grange Primary School
Tuesday	19 th	2.00 pm	Christian Meditation at Boarbank Hall
Wednesday	20 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion - St Paul's, Grange
		7.30 pm	Creed Course starts at St Mary's Allithwaite
Friday	22 nd	Weekend	Retreat - Contemplative Prayer in Daily Life (Christian Meditation at Boarbank Hall)

CHRIST THE KING

Sunday	24 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

1 pm-3pm CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL - St Charles' RC, Grange

Grange Soroptimists invite you to The Magic of Christmas Flower Demonstration

by Joan Bentley

Thursday 28th November 2019 7 pm

The Sports and Social Club, Priory Rd, Ulverston
LA12 9HT

£5 including finger buffet

Raffle & flower arrangements raffle

Proceeds to Soroptimist Charities

Tickets from Isabel on 015395 36378

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WORLD TOILET DAY

A free event and exhibition in Rydal Hall to highlight the world's sanitation crisis.

2.3 billion people in the world don't have a toilet.

World Toilet Day is about inspiring action to tackle the global sanitation crisis and help achieve Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6, which promises sanitation for all by 2030.

A TOILET IS NOT JUST A TOILET.

It's a life-saver, dignity-protector and opportunity-maker.

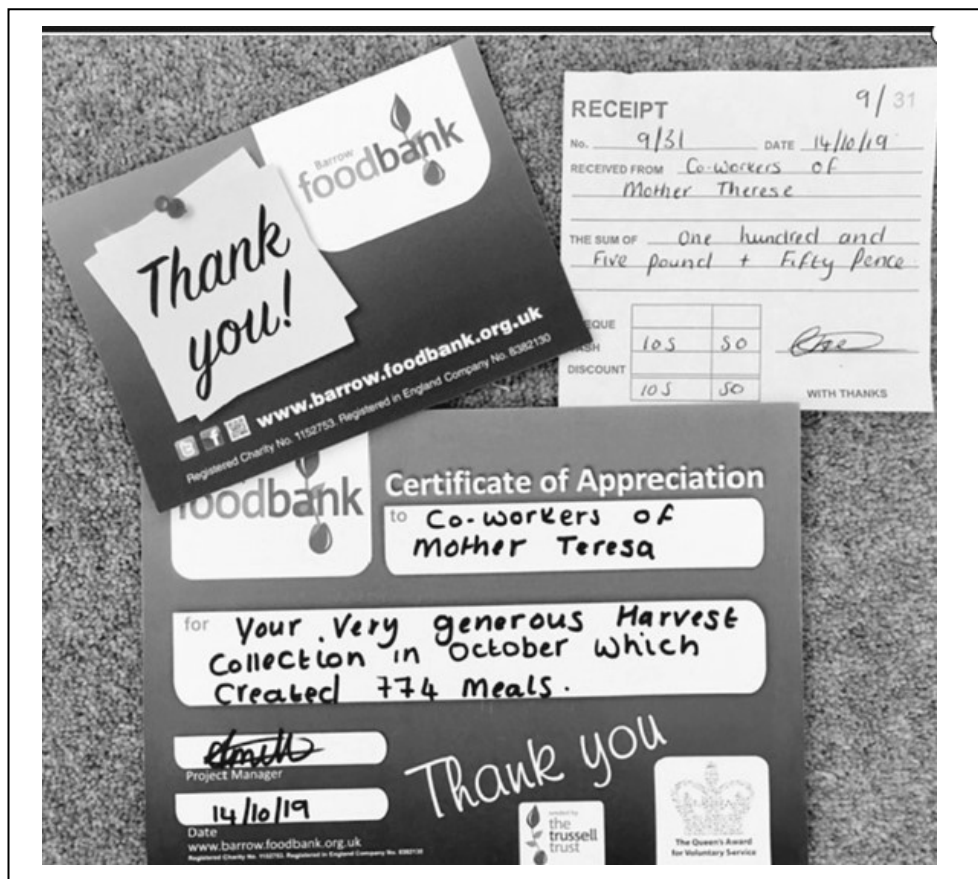
Whoever you are, wherever you are, sanitation is your human right.

Yet still 1 in 3 people on the planet don't have one.

Come to our open day on 19th November from 10 - 4pm, learn about how important it is to have a loo and help us fund a toilet for where it is needed.

If 30 people are prepared to part with £2.00 each we can twin our new Tea Shop toilets and provide a loo for a community in need."





“ EXPLORING THE CREEDS”

The **Christian Creeds** have been affirmed and used by nearly all churches and denominations worldwide for over 1,700 years. How should they shape our faith now?

Come and join in six evenings, starting **13th November**
Where? St Mary's Church, Allithwaite.

Who? Everyone is welcome, from any local churches, and however much you already know (or think you don't know!)

When? Wednesdays at 7.30pm, (coffee from 7.00pm), end 9.15pm. On Nov 13th, 20th, 27th and Jan 15th, 22nd, 29th.

Please sign up now on the list in your church, so we can arrange groups and order you a Member's booklet in advance (price c. £5.00).

Or phone to book: Revd Amiel Osmaston 01539535476

E-mail: amiel.osmaston4215@outlook.com

Monday	25 th	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Club, Grange Primary School
		2.00 pm	Jim & Valarie Bruce talk about their trip to Rwanda at St John's Church room Flookburgh (see page 13)
		7.00 pm	Co-Workers of Mother Teresa meeting in Father Magnier Room, St Charles RC, Grange
Tuesday	26 th	7.00 pm	Worship Committee Meeting in St Paul's, Grange
Wednesday	27 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		7.30 pm	Creed Course starts at St Mary's Allithwaite
Friday	29 th	2.00 pm	Set up for Christmas Fair, St Paul's Grange
Saturday	30 th	10 am – 2 pm	Christmas Fair at St Paul's, Grange
December 2019			
1ST OF ADVENT			
Sunday	1 st	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
		3.00 pm	Advent Service at Boarbank Hall, Allithwaite

Monday	2 nd	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Club, Grange Primary School
Wednesday	4 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange
		12 noon – 4 pm	Christmas Tree Set-up
Thursday	5 th	10 am – 2 pm	Christmas Tree Set-up
		7.00 pm	Opening of Christmas Tree Festival by Tim Farron
Friday	6 th	10 am- 4pm	Christmas Tree Festival open Daily from Today
2ND OF ADVENT			
Sunday	8 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, with Laying on of Hands
			St Paul's, Grange
Monday	9 th	12.15 pm	Lunchtime Club, Grange Primary School
Wednesday	11 th	10.00 am	Holy Communion – St Paul's, Grange

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL OPEN DAILY FROM 10.00 AM TO 4.00 PM
 THROUGHOUT DECEMBER**



See page 17 for details

ST PAUL'S ORGAN UPDATE

As this is being written, we are entering the final five weeks of work on the renovation and refurbishment of our organ with the contractor still affirming that half the pews in the northern block will be available for the civic Remembrance Service and that everything will be completed by end-November and in time for the Christmas Tree Festival. Mr. Spink and his team have done us proud up to now so we have no reason to doubt these assurances.

The PCC is still considering whether to paint the 13 central pipes over the organ consoles and have the "bruising" removed from them – or whether to leave the bruising as being "historic" vestiges of the past. Without painting, and in contrast to the newly painted pipes, they look very dowdy although the sculpted metal contributes to this effect. During a visit just before this article went to press, the contractor advised that he would not be willing to paint the pipes without "de-bruising" them as the final effect would not be attractive and this could have a long-term harmful effect on his reputation. He has therefore been asked to de-bruise and paint the pipes but it is not certain if this can be done before the start of the Christmas Tree Festival or must be left until an undetermined time next year.

The musical components of the organ are almost complete but the final tuning and "voicing" of each pipe has to be completed and Charles will be involved in this final exercise.

The wording of the plaque which we shall have written by a skilled calligrapher and framed for hanging on the entrance to the organ loft is virtually complete (but there is still time to have your name added) but we are not sure just when this work will be finished.

So please keep an eye on progress and be entering the date of the inaugural celebratory concert in your diaries – Saturday, 14th December, at 11.00 a.m. in St. Paul's. This is Charles's 80th birthday and it will be a good one.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES - NOVEMBER

None this Month

FUNERALS - OCTOBER

Nancey Atkinson	9th October 2019
Robin Leaver	18th October 2019

YEARS MIND - NOVEMBER

Geoffrey Robin Melbourne Webster	2015
Ian Dave Clarke	2018

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

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

*"Born of Water
and the Spirit"*

If I keep believing in you, the day will come

When you start believing in yourself.

If I keep loving you, the day will come

When you start loving yourself.

If I value you, the day will come

When you start valuing yourself.

If I give you a chance, each time, over again, the day will come

When you start giving yourself a chance.

If I forgive you and welcome you, again and again, the day will come

When you welcome and forgive yourself – and others.

In your dead empty eyes ... I see ... sometimes

That my belief in you, my love for you, brings a little spark of light, of hope,

A change on your face, for a brief moment, that reveals

The beautiful little boy you are

A hidden innocence

A moment of just being you

A little boy in need of love.

A smile quickly covered, an eye quickly darkened,

And off you go ... surviving, not living.

That little moment when I see light and love in you,

Tells me to keep loving – keep trusting

That boy in his dark trackbottoms needs an ID.

He is not a Nike nor an Adidas, not a Lacoste, nor a Reebok.

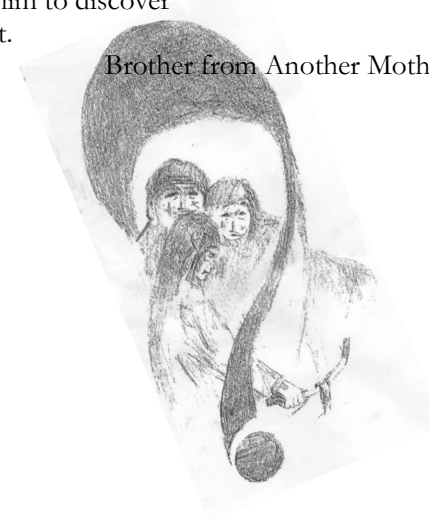
He is a gift,

And will only become that gift

When we help him to discover

That he IS a gift.

Brother from Another Mother



BOARD, BANG, BELIEVE

A boredom on their faces,
Like heavy clouds, too stubborn to give rain,
Forgotten that they need to cry.

Too big a man to shed a tear or accept a hug.
Too little a boy to cope with life, so demanding so changing, so fast.

A childhood lost, a purpose not found
No ground to stand up, no roots to grow.
Drifted away on the rotten wood of peer pressure.
Crying for love in making rash demands.
Together in their loneliness. alone in their togetherness.
Proving themselves in search of some respect.
Knocking at our door ... asking for a drink,
A drink of 'living water'.

'Hi Matthew. Hi Paul. Hi Jonathan. Hi Ashley. Hi Kyle.
How are you? What is happening?'
'Nothing. **We are bored.**'

The same empty faces – the pain – the fear – the loneliness
The anger – the boredom – the hard knock at our door.
The cry of their heart expressed in a **bang**.

The little words shared – called by their name.

Believing in the good that is in them.

Encouraging them in their gifts.

Believing that they are good.

Doing little things together.

Fixing a bike – drinking a drink – sharing a story – become a friend.

Loving them.

Taking the risk of trusting them.

Accepting disappointment.

How can they understand love, respect?

Patience I need.

It's in the dark earth that seeds grow.

Let me keep giving them warmth, welcome, love.

Let me remind them of their name by using that name as a greeting,

As a precious jewel ... and in doing this, telling them

'You are unique, you count, you are precious, you are a gift.'



LETTER FROM BISHOP JAMES

A number of members of the PCC have written to Bishop James in recent weeks to bring to his attention our concern about the continued state of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry and in particular the number of active paid clergy, our dependence on retired clerics and the fact that Grange-over-Sands is now entering its fourth year without a formal incumbent *in situ*. Herewith the reply that many have received:-

Dear Mr Hill

Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry

Many thanks for your recent letter about the staffing of the Cartmel Peninsula Team. Having received several such letters lately – all saying much the same thing – I hope you will forgive a reply which I am sending to all my correspondents.

First of all, we really do appreciate the problem which has been created to a substantial degree by Rachel Stavert's long-term absence. I regret to say that I am unable to comment in any way on that, except to let you know that this is outside our control – and does not, as some have suggested, save "The Diocese" any money at all. Quite the opposite in fact, since all the usual costs apply in an instance of this kind, but without any commensurate ministry. We currently pay 3 stipends for the Team, which is a higher ratio than almost anywhere else in the Diocese.

Second, we are very conscious of the particular situation in which Grange-over-Sands finds itself, and the Archdeacon is currently working hard on finding a solution to that. I hope we may be able to say more about that in the near future.

Third, with regard to the relationship between Cartmel and the rest of the Team, I need hardly rehearse again the litany of animosity, misunderstanding and anguish which this has now occasioned over several years. We continue to work at finding a way forward to which all can agree.

The other side of all this is of course to observe that, as the number of stipendiary clergy goes down nationally, we are doing all that we can to promote Self-Supporting Ministry and Lay Ministry of various kinds in order to reduce clerical dependency.

Meanwhile, we are hugely grateful to everyone for their ongoing commitment and hard work; and I can only reiterate the assurance that this situation is one which is right at the top of our agenda in the Southern Archdeaconry.

With all good wishes,

A REMAKABLE CONCERT

“Eclectic” probably underdescribes this wonderful evening brought to us by The Southport String Ensemble’s senior orchestra under the leadership and direction of Sarah Marks.

We began with Purcell and Vivaldi and ended with Finnish and Scandinavian folk tunes via contemporary American composers, a rendering of “Pirates of the Caribbean” and some brilliant renderings of Irish and Scottish rhythms. The ensemble was composed of some 20 musicians in their teens, plus a couple of older players, and it was a treat to see their skill and talent deployed with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. We even had a “Swamp Thang” about which opinions differed as to whether this was a misprint or not (it wasn’t – just a rendering of Appalachian pronunciation) plus an interpretation in musical form of “Gargoyles.”

The Danish folk music arranged as a bridal suite and the traditional Estonian and Finnish melodies (“the oldest tune written down in Finland”) were not as daunting as they might have been in these spritely interpretations.

Sarah led, conducted and directed with great verve, her protégés played both seated and standing, with and without music, and a disappointingly small audience welcomed each piece with enthusiasm. What a shame that more people could not welcome this group who deserve more reward for their effort. However, it was wonderful to see and hear the skill of these young people and to know that classical music – and, indeed, most other types – is safe with them.

And a “thank you” to our ever efficient catering team for the interval refreshments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM

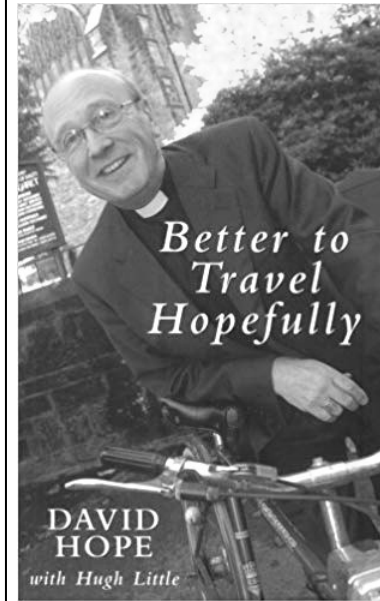
Many will remember Sam Nicholls from the fantastic concert he gave with two of his fellow musicians at St Paul’s in March, when he enchanted us with his playing of the marimba. We have just heard from Joyce (his Gran) that he has been appointed Principal Percussionist of the National Youth Orchestra. He is looking forward to taking a leadership role and will be undertaking some extra training.

This summer Sam played with the National Youth Orchestra at the Proms. He then went on tour with the Orchestra to the Euro Musical Festival in Berlin.

Next year he is especially looking forward to playing Beethoven’s 9th symphony at the Royal Festival Hall in London. He will also be taking his A levels at Kirkby Kendal school.

Joyce said he especially enjoyed playing for us in March, and thanks everyone for their kindness and support.

Better to Travel Hopefully—by David Hope



On 1 August 2004 Dr David Hope surprised the world's media by announcing that after stepping down as Archbishop of York he was to become priest at the Church of St Margaret of Antioch in Ilkley, West Yorkshire. But what happened afterwards? This is the diary of Father David's year at St Margaret's, and reveals how he adjusted back to life as an 'ordinary' parish priest. Told with great style, this is a heart-warming portrait of parish life and a great, but humble, man.



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From puffer to parker, duffle to down, every donation helps, so get digging in your wardrobes and bring your old coats our way to help those in need during the winter months. We'll take any colour, style or size—for children, teenagers, young adults and adults alike.

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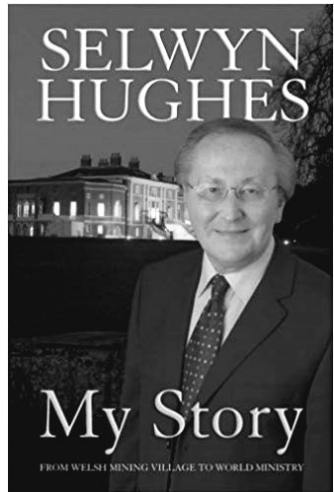
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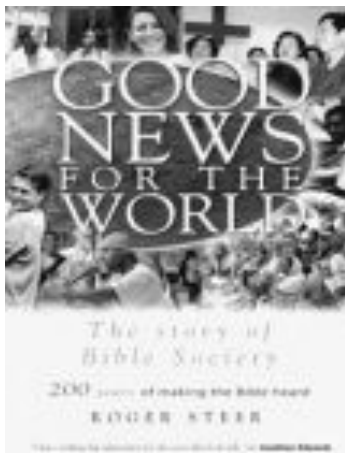
LIBRARY BOOKS FOR NOVEMBER 2019

My Story - by Selwyn Hughes



This is an autobiography that will be welcomed by all, not least those who have followed the founder of CWR through the pages of Every Day with Jesus. How Selwyn came to write the daily devotional is a major theme in his story. Told with refreshing candour, he traces his story from his roots in Wales a few years after the great revival there through his conversion and call to the ministry, his experiences as a pastor, itinerant evangelist and pioneer in the Christian counsellor training field. His story tells how CWR grew into a respected worldwide Christian organisation, of the struggles to turn a derelict Waverley Abbey House into the Christian training centre it is today. Selwyn bares his heart in telling of God's love, grace and strength in upholding him through the loss of family members and in his own battle with cancer. My Story is inspiring and faith-building. The eagerly awaited story told by the man himself Inspirational and uplifting whilst being open and honest 16 pages of photographs The enthralling story of a life devoted to revival

Good News for the World - by Roger Steer



A dramatic account of one of Christendom's greatest initiatives, published to coincide with the bicentenary of Bible Society, this title details the story of Bible Society: 200 years of making the Bible heard.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

As everyone will be aware there will again be a Christmas Tree Festival in Church during December. I will be putting a **"sign up"** sheet on the piano at the beginning of November.

As usual we need people to **"man"** the Festival in 2 hour slots so please consult your diaries and sign up for one or more sessions.

We have already got lots of bookings and it looks as though it will be as magnificent as ever. Tim Farron will again be **opening the Festival at 7pm on Thursday December 5th** and all will be welcome.

Bay Community Singers and the school choir will be getting us into the Advent spirit.

There will be drinks and nibbles during the interval.

Margaret

Flutes & Co Christmas Concert

St Paul's Church, Grange-over-Sands

Sunday 15th December

3.00 pm

Directed by Sue Nicholls

40 local flute players, including young flute players from Flutes & Co's Inspire programme, will join together to present a festive afternoon concert as part of St Paul's Christmas Tree Festival.

Showcasing all members of the flute family from piccolos to alto, bass and contra bass flutes, the programme will include film music, classical favorites, new compositions and some Christmas medleys. The group will be joined by a double bass player.

Tickets - Adults £8, Children £4, (under 5's FREE)

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DAY OF PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING

On a lovely sunny September day about 30 people gathered at Boarbank Hall for the annual day of reflection organised by the Grange group of Co-workers of Mother Teresa. Folk had travelled from Seascale on the west coast, from Manchester and from Liverpool, and were joined by Missionary of Charity Brother Mark from the Manchester House and Sisters Rosalind and Bethany from the MC House in Seel Street, Liverpool.

The day started with Mass in the chapel at Boarbank, before listening to a heart-rending account by lay missionary Sean of his conversion in a prison cell where he was awaiting trial for conspiracy to murder two police officers. He was acquitted at the trial and has since been out in India working with the Mother Teresa sisters. There followed accounts by the MC Sisters and Brother of the work they are doing. In Liverpool Sister Rosalind told how the House was originally purchased in the centre of Liverpool when it was surrounded by affluent shops, whereas now it is in the heart of the Clubs and pubs. She told of a new initiative 'Night Fever' when they open their doors on a Friday and Saturday evening and invite the merry-makers in to light a candle in the chapel. It was a remarkable account of the response they are getting. In Manchester Brothers Ruben and Ben spend two days each week in Strangeways Prison, while Brother Mark ministers to the young lads mainly through their bicycles! Having trouble with his knees Mark has taken to riding round the streets and now finds that the young lads come knocking on the door asking for him to mend their bikes!

Lunch followed, mostly taken sitting outside in the sunshine enjoying the views over towards Humphrey Head. Afterwards we had short reports from the various co-worker groups in the north of the work they are involved in. We then listened to Rachael who told us about the fantastic work being done at 'Women's Community Matters' at the Nan Tait Centre in Barrow with the youngsters, the mothers with young families, and young offenders returning from prison sentences. They are now branching out and providing programmes boys and young lads. She was followed by Sophie, who co-ordinates the Street Angels in Barrow; they go out in pairs or threesomes at weekends from 11pm to 3 am walking around the streets offering help where they can to vulnerable girls and trying to avert fights among the lads. We lead a very sheltered life here in Grange! The programme finished with a meditation led by Brother Mark on youth – you may like to read the poem that he had written.

All in all, it was a very thought-provoking and meaningful day.

Movement, the ecumenical movement, contacts with industry, both employers and trade unions, and the Blackpool Mission, where he drew crowds of a thousand or more. He was a leader in COPEC, the movement for Christian Politics, Economics and Citizenship. When he undertook the Oxford Mission in 1931, undergraduates crowded into the church of St Mary the Virgin, even sitting on the pulpit steps; and he went to the woman's colleges, where he commented that 'not even a treacle pudding could stop them discussing the Holy Ghost at luncheon'. In 1940, he acted as chairman and convener for the great Malvern Conference and social reconstruction, attended not only by clergy but by distinguished Anglican laity including T.S. Eliot and Dorothy L. Sayers, planning the new society which would be set up after the war.

In that year, he went to Canterbury. He made many broadcast and wrote for the Press, giving the general public guidance in the Christian attitude to the war against Nazism. He was involved in famine relief, and in work for the Jewish refugees. The pace of his work was as taxing as ever. He was often exhausted and in pain, but he carried on with patience and good humour. In September 1944 he went on retreat at Pleshey, saying. 'I need this retreat'. In early October he was seriously ill, and on 26th October he died, after only two and a half years at Canterbury.

Dean Carpenter wrote of him, 'William Temple was a larger-than-life person—prodigal in his gifts, lavish in his generosity, wide in his interests, abundant in his energy, holy in his dedication....Temple had a unique place in world Christianity, not simply because of the offices he held, but because of what he was in himself'.

The most enduring of William Temple's many writings (more than forty books) are *Nature, Man and God* and the deeply devotional two volume *Readings in St John's Gospel* (1939, 1940). Both are still on many theological book - lists.



THE SAINTS OF THE ANGLICAN CALENDAR

WILLIAM TEMPLE (1881 - 1944)

William Temple was the son of Dr Fredrick Temple, bishop of London. He was fifteen when his father became archbishop of Canterbury. His home life was happy and affectionate, with no apparent conflicts. He grew up in the Church of England and had a deep love for it; and he had a brilliant mind. In his school days at Rugby, he could do four hours prep. In thirty minutes, to give himself time for reading, and he read widely. He became president of the Oxford Union, and his first class honors degree in 'Greats' (mostly classical studies and philosophy). He became a fellow of Queens College Oxford, then headmaster of Repton at the age of twenty-nine, rector of the fashionable church of St James's Piccadilly at thirty-three, bishop of Manchester at thirty-nine, archbishop of York at forty-seven, and archbishop of Canterbury at sixty. He had a devoted wife, never suffered poverty, and never served in an ordinary parish. As many people commented, 'he never roughed it'. So how did he develop a passion for social justice which marked his life, and led many thousands, rich and poor, to mourn his passing at the age of sixty-three?

William Temple felt deeply that 'the personality of every man and woman is sacred'. There are many references in the biographies to his direct approach to people of all kinds, his tolerance, and his passionate desire to help those who lacked his own considerable advantages. Dean Ironmonger tells how 'a boy called Billy Temple, more like Billy Bunter' was a favorite at the Rugby School Mission; how, as an Undergraduate and a young academic, he spent much time at Oxford House, Bethnal Green, and the Bermondsey Mission, where there were bugs in his bed and he had 'a tin washbasin and a chair with three legs, on which he read Bosanquet's *Logic*'; and how he told the Governors during his time at Rugby that the public schools represented 'class divisions in accentuated form'. He resigned from St James's Piccadilly after three years to devote himself to the Life and Liberty' movement for Church reform, writing and editing and tirelessly addressing meetings which led to the Enabling Act of 1919. The Act led to the setting up of the Church Assembly, forerunner of the General Synod, and gave the laity a voice in Church affairs for the first time.

Lloyd George proposed Temple as bishop of Manchester. He went to his diocese full of vitality and laughter, determined to seek 'the things which pertain to the Kingdom of God'. His priorities were the University of Manchester, the Student Christian



THE BIG 'C'

The reader may initially consider this to be a purely medical discourse - not so, please read on. From ancient times at this stage of the year, tradition has it that men have gathered after church - usually in the grounds behind the church - to practice archery - perhaps to strengthen their right arms and keep them as strong as possible. This began to bring advantages such as the Bowmen of England who were the champions in the battle of Crecy and Agincourt.

You may now be a little puzzled as to what this is all about. Well, it's a small tribute to the noble Horse chestnut tree and more about its small seeds as the said trees cast them down onto the ground. Concealed within each of these pods is a beautifully formed 'Conker'.

The fallen pods were usually collected by boys and girls, and the word for collecting these seeds was 'conkering'. Care was taken to select only the best, biggest and hardest, anything considered to small was passed over and deemed unsuitable. These conkers then had a small hole made through the middle and a light string with a knotted base was passed through. This made the weapon now ready for action.

So much for the description of the weaponry, now a more detailed explanation is expected by the reader. Some believe the most famous "Conkerer" was King William, although it may be someone here in Grange-over-Sands as challengers were heard as this year's games were beginning.

Recently, a small gathering of three men took place to contest the matter as opponents, weapon selections were made, and toe-to-toe positions were taken. The contest began. Shouts of "Strings" were quite frequent as the game went on. Eventually, after so many misses, and very few contacts, it was decided that the contest was now over for this year. Too many strokes, too many misses and calls of "strings" brought a friendly end to this contest.

The honour of Grange was once more held high, and this may have been the last complete contest to take place. However, it could be repeated annually, who knows? Only time will tell. Thank you for your time reading and until next year "Have Fun and Be Happy"

We three - D.N.A



AN AUTUMN PRAYER

Found in St Michael's Church at Whitewell in the Forest of Bowland

Abba, Father,
the trees are ablaze with your glory.
The seasons change, but you never do.

You are always beautiful,
in the green and freshness of spring
as in the golds and reds and chills of autumn.
Make me like you.

Let my life reflect your beauty,
season after season,
as the calendar of my life turns and turns and turns.
The trees are letting go of this year's foliage.

Help me to let go of both blessings and burdens
and surrender them both to your loving care.
Fallen leaves pattern the ground with variety.

So design my own fallings and failings
into whatever design will please you most.

In Jesus' name, I pray.

Amen

A SOBERING REFECTION

For I was hungry and you said, "Means test those who would ask for food".

I was thirsty and you said, "Avocados for the US are more important than water for THEM. Import them from Peru".

I was a stranger and you said, "He could be a terrorist. Don't let him in".

I was sick and you said, "It's all in your mind. Get back to work".

Truly I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these, you did to me.

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ST JOHN THE BAPTIST FLOOKBURGH

MOTHERS UNION

A talk by Jim and Valarie Bruce about their recent trip to Rwanda

On Monday 25th November

At 2.00 pm

In St John's Flookburgh Church Room

All welcome