

**THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
SAINT PAUL  
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS WITH LINDALE**



**September 2020**

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## Services at The Parish Church of Saint Paul

Sundays - 11.00 am - Parish Service

Wednesdays - 10.00 am till 12 noon—Private Prayer

## Services at The Fell Church, Grange-over-Sands

*Proposed from 4th October*

9.30 am First Sunday - Matins (BCP)

9.30 am - Third Sunday - Holy Communion (BCP)

## Fifth Sunday of the Month

Joint Service with St Paul's at 11.00am in the Parish Church

***\*\*Saints Days and Holy Days - See Notice Board/Pew Sheet\*\****

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Dear Friends in Grange

We face a very challenging term together. I wanted to lay out as many of the hurdles as I can so we're prepared ahead of time, and can pray intelligently for God's help.

1. The first thing is to remember that Jesus said, "I will build MY church, and the gates of hell will not be able to stop it." (Matthew 16:18) This must mean that not any of the challenges we face will stop Him building His church, but we need to rely on Him so to do, and seek the power of His Spirit to be able to cooperate with Him in the task.

2. Our principal task remains to disciple the nations (Matthew 28.19).

3. With Amiel's enormous help, a series of sessions aims to equip the saints to lead worship. There's a deal to do in getting this up and running as I write. It's designed to equip, encourage, inform, maybe challenge and expand our idea of what worship in the context of a mission-minded church should be.

4. We remain hopeful that the ministry situation as it is currently constituted in Allithwaite and Flookburgh will be resolved.

5. Our Benefice ministry situation is in more urgent need than ever of resolution. The diocese is producing its report on stipendiary deployment across the diocese in October, when we should get a clearer idea of how many, or few stipendiaries the diocese can afford to supply us with into the future. It needs to be borne in mind that each stipendiary costs the diocesan family over £60,000 per year, and these costs are only covered by the offer made by local parish churches.

6. In the immediate term, I am the only stipendiary operating across the six parishes of Allithwaite, Finsthwaite, Flookburgh, Grange, Haverthwaite and Staveley. So that's one sixth of a Rector per parish! I've promised to visit each parish to lead worship on Sunday once per month, and to pay a second visit if there are services at a different time on a Sunday. Any other clergy who become available will be shared about as equitably as possible. We need to become accustomed to more lay-led worship as the inevitable outcome of stipendiary reductions. This isn't second best, but it is different. The alternative is simple: we close some churches on some Sundays, not something I want to do.

7. Covid19 remains with us with all its challenges and constraints. No-one knows how this will develop as winter approaches. As St Paul's re-opens for worship on September 13th, there will need to be changes in the way we operate, with masks worn, no singing, sitting 2m apart, standing for bread only communion, one way systems, no coffee etc. This is working well in many churches, and though again different, it is bringing some new thinking and approaches to how we gather for worship. With Jesus as the centre, and the circumference, we won't go wrong!

8. I need to recognise that being the only stipendiary with so many open issues is putting a lot of stress on me personally, with multiple close family bereavements

in recent years still properly to process, and issues in my own family to care for. So, I need to pace myself.

9. I'm very conscious indeed of the much greater level of responsibility the people of the churches and our retired clergy are needing to take on in these times, but I'm even more impressed with how very well everyone is doing! It's a bit like taking the cork out of a bottle of fizz. Thank you to all concerned.

10. The opening statement remains true: Jesus said I will build my church, so let's go forward in the hope He gives, the hope that even death cannot stop Him, and let's see how well we can focus on his simple command: "You go and disciple the nations."

God bless us as we trust Christ to transform us, our churches and our communities

Jim

## 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.

## **OUR PARISH MAGAZINE**

We hope that you have somehow managed to read the magazine each month, in spite of the restrictions imposed on us by the dreaded COVID-19. St Paul's building closed and we had to cease our hand deliveries, but we were very grateful to Geoff and Gill Benson who agreed to hold copies at the Station bookstall for folk to collect, and it was also available on St Paul's web site. We are now beginning to look to the future.

The Communications Committee has asked the PCC's permission to increase the annual subscription from January to £10, ie £1 per copy. We very much hope that you will consider that still good value! We currently have 108 on our distribution list and we reckon that now is a good time for a review.

From October we will be delivering copies as previously, and there will be copies in a box with Linda during office hours for those who usually collect from church. In this issue there will be a form on which we are asking our readers to inform Linda, either by phone (35560) or email ([stpaulsgrange@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsgrange@gmail.com)):

1. Whether you want to continue receiving the magazine.
2. If you are able to collect your copy either from church or station.
3. If you are reliant on hand delivery.

Payment for next year can be made at the office, and one annual payment would be appreciated!

## NOTICES 2020

### AN EASY SOURCE OF FUNDING

As most of us are shopping more on-line during Lockdown, remember that all our super stores will give a named charity a percentage of the order.

When ordering groceries, goods or booking rail tickets or holidays on-line use **EASYFUNDRAISING**, a clever website that turns everyday on-line shopping into free donations to a chosen cause. Many of our High Street stores will also give us a donation (**Marks and Spencer, Travelodge, Argos, Next**, etc).

If you are interested in helping church in this way just click on **EASYFUNDRAISING** and name St Paul's Grange as your chosen charity.

### RISEDALE GOSPEL HALL

*Risedale Gospel Hall, Barrow-in-Furness, donated to St Paul's, Grange, a sound system worth many hundreds of pounds. In grateful thanks, we at St Paul's gave them a donation. This is their reply:*

On behalf of the Assembly I convey our thanks for the donation of £150 which will be used in provision of enhanced recording facilities. In these difficult times we are introducing services online especially for those members who are recommended under Government Guidance from attending worship.

Once again very many thanks.

Yours sincerely

JF Hornby

### A LITERARY DILEMMA

I have never read *Pride and Prejudice*. Indeed, I have never read anything by Jane Austen. I downloaded it on to my Kindle over ten years ago in case I ran out of reading matter on a plane or on holiday but have never got round to reading it.

Recently, I inherited a beautiful leather-bound edition given to my deceased mother-in-law by her grandmother in 1935. Also in the last few months, during lockdown, BBC4 broadcast again their TV version – the one with Colin Firth in the wet white shirt emerging from the lake – and I recorded the 6 episodes.

Now the dilemma: Do I read the book first? And then watch the TV version? Or *vice versa*? Wait for a long holiday and take my Kindle? Or should I bin the lot and revert to Lee Child, Jo Nesbo and Agatha Christie?

I shall be interested to hear your recommendations.

Mike

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### FUNERALS - AUGUST 2020

Colin Dean	18th August 2020
Geraint Jones	24th August 2020

*“Born of Water  
and the Spirit”*

### YEARS MIND - SEPTEMBER

Ieuan Michael Davies	15/09/2015
Joan Dean	28/09/2015
Malcolm Higginson	21/09/2016
Ian Deyer Wilson	28/09/2017
Nancy Atkinson	19/09/2019
Robin Henry Leaver	21/09/2019

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

*“God is love and  
those who live in  
love, live in God”*

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## THE OTHER

There are nights that are so still that I can hear the small owl calling far off and a fox barking miles away. It is then that I lie in the lean hours, awake listening to the swell born somewhere in the Atlantic rising and falling, rising and falling, wave on wave on the long shore by the village, that is without light and companionless. And the thought comes of that other being who is awake, too, letting our prayers break on him, not like this for a few hours, but for days, years, for eternity.

*R S Thomas*



## ST PAUL'S DIARY - SEPTEMBER 2020

**2nd September - Wednesday - Private Prayer - 10.00 am - 12 noon**

**6th September - Sunday - Trinity 13**

9.30 am - St Mary's, Allithwaite - Steve Bell

9.30 am - St Peter's Finsthwaite - Rev'd Dr James Bruce

9.30 am - St John's, Flookburgh - Jenny Leahy

11.00 am - St Ann's, Haverthwaite - Rev'd Dr James Bruce

11.00 am - St Mary's, Staveley in Cartmel - Richard Rhodes

**9th September - Wednesday - Private Prayer - 10.00 am - 12 noon**

**13th September - Sunday - Trinity 14**

11.00 am - St Paul's Grange - Rev'd Dr James Bruce

**16th September - Wednesday 11 am - 'A garland of songs and hymns without words',** a concert of music for piano & organ by Charles Edmondson

**20th - September - Sunday - Trinity 15**

11.00 am - St Paul's Grange - Ven Penny Driver

**23rd September - Wednesday - Private Prayer - 10.00 am - 12 noon**

**27th - September - Sunday - Trinity 16**

11.00 am - St Paul's Grange - Lay-led

**30th September - Wednesday - Private Prayer - 10.00 am - 12 noon**

**4th October - Sunday - Harvest Festival - Trinity 17**

*(9.30 am - The Fell Church—to be confirmed)*

11.00 am - St Paul's, Grange - Ven Penny Driver



We are pleased to announce that Charles Edmondson will be giving four 'Farewell' concerts this autumn to mark his retirement on 31st December from his position as Director of Music at St Paul's Church: a post he has held for the last eight years.

The dates for the concerts are **16th September, 14th October, 18th November** and **16th December**, all 11am Wednesdays. If you previously enjoyed his talents then make a note in your diary.

## SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS IN OUR CALENDAR



Read A Book Day

**6th September 2020 - Read a Book Day** seeks to encourage reading an actual book - either to yourself or to others. Reading can improve vocabulary and cognitive skills. Research has shown that reading through books creates more knowledge retention and is easier on the eyes than reading on an electronic device.

**18th September 2020 - Rosh Hashanah** is the Jewish New Year. Rosh Hashanah literally translates to *the Head of the Year*. It is a two-day festival. In the Bible, it is called *Yom Ha-Zikkaron*, the day of remembrance or *Yom Teruah* the day of the sounding of the shofar (Leviticus 23:24-25). Jews start **Rosh Hashanah festivals** with lighting of candles and synagogue prayers. On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, Jews eat an apple dipped in honey to signify a sweet new year to come. They also place a fish's head at the table to commemorate "being a head and not a tail".



Rosh Hashana



Fall begins

**22nd September 2020 - Fall begins in the Northern Hemisphere** when the Sun is perpendicular to the equator. This day has equal hours of day and night. The first day of Fall is also called the **Autumnal Equinox**. In many areas it coincides with harvests. The first day of Fall happens each year between September 22nd and 24th.

**29th September 2020 - Michaelmas, or the Feast of Michael and All Angels.**

As it falls near the equinox, the day is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days; in England, it is one of the "quarter days". It used to be said that harvest had to be completed by Michaelmas, almost like the marking of the end of the productive season and the beginning of the new cycle of farming. It was the time at which new servants were hired or land was exchanged and debts were paid. This is how Michaelmas came to be the time for electing magistrates and also the beginning of legal and university terms. Traditionally, in the British Isles, a well-fattened goose, fed on the stubble from the fields after the harvest, is eaten to protect against financial need in the family for the next year; and as the saying goes:



*"Eat a goose on Michaelmas Day,  
Want not for money all the year".*



Sometimes the day was also known as “Goose Day” and goose fairs were held. The custom of celebrating Michaelmas Day as the last day of harvest was broken when Henry VIII split from the Catholic Church; instead, it is Harvest Festival that is celebrated now.

In British folklore, Old Michaelmas Day, 10th October, is the last day that blackberries should be picked. It is said that on this day, when Lucifer was expelled from Heaven, he fell from the skies, straight on to a blackberry bush. He then cursed the fruit, scorched them with his fiery breath, spat and stamped on them and made them unfit for consumption! And so the Irish proverb goes:

*“On Michaelmas Day the devil puts his foot on blackberries”.*

### THE MICHAELMAS DAISY

The Michaelmas daisy, which flowers late in the growing season between late August and early October, provides colour and warmth to gardens at a time when the majority of flowers are coming to an end. As suggested by the saying below, the daisy is probably associated with this celebration because, as mentioned previously, St Michael is celebrated as a protector from darkness and evil, just as the daisy fights against the advancing gloom of Autumn and Winter.

“The Michaelmas Daisies, among dede weeds,  
Bloom for St Michael’s valorous deeds.  
And seems the last of flowers that stood,  
Till the feast of St. Simon and St. Jude.”

*(The Feast of St. Simon and Jude is 28 October)*

The act of giving a Michaelmas daisy symbolises saying farewell, perhaps in the same way as Michaelmas Day is seen to say farewell to the productive year and welcome to the new cycle. St Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, protector against the dark of the night and the Archangel who fought against Satan and his evil angels. As Michaelmas is the time that the darker nights and colder days begin – the edge into winter – the celebration of Michaelmas is associated with encouraging protection during these dark months. It was believed that negative forces were stronger in darkness and so families would require stronger defences during the later months of the year.



## **FELL CHURCH TO RE-OPEN**

Arrangements are being made for services to recommence at Fell Church starting on October 4th at the usual time of 9.30 am. This will be a BPC service of matins and will celebrate Harvest Festival as well as some refurbishment that may have taken place by then. Sorry to be so cryptic. Improvements at the Fell are in the pipeline but not underway at the time of writing: a lovely new noticeboard which I went to photograph for the magazine was not there, and other works are not yet begun. These can be discussed after our first service, along with plans for future services and/or events. At present no plans have been made to collect and distribute the usual "harvest offerings".

The second service will hopefully be on the third Sunday, October 18th, at 9.30 am, when, hopefully, a priest will be available to celebrate Holy Communion, as usual using the Book of Common Prayer.

Until further notice we shall, of course, follow Covid 19 safety regulations by wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing, as well as entering and leaving the church singly with no singing of hymns and, more importantly, not using communal prayer books. Some people will still have their own copies so, as in the "olden days", please bring your own prayer book when you come to church. If you haven't got one, it will be possible to collect one from church and take it home to use as your personal book at future services.

This is very exciting news, but before anything can happen we need a risk assessment to be approved by the PCC. It will be wonderful to meet once more. Let's hope for a good attendance (perhaps we should all bring umbrellas in case it's raining and we can't all fit inside the building under the distancing rules!!)

Love from Barbara R.

## **ON BEHALF OF BOARBANK HALL**

Cumbria County Council are putting their winter flu plans into place, and part of these plans is to request all care homes in Cumbria to consider admitting Covid-19 positive patients, for an increased weekly fee. Having 36 years' experience in Care Homes, I cannot see how this can be achieved safely, while ensuring the safety of existing residents and staff, and of their families. I understand that these are very pressing times, and we know that the pressure on the NHS over the winter period is normally great without the extra pressure of Covid-19. However, the answer is not admitting Covid-19 positive patients into care homes, and Boarbank Hall will certainly not agree to this. Please ask anyone you know who has a loved one in a care home to enquire whether they have agreed to admit Covid-19 positive patients during the coming months, and please spread the word throughout Cumbria. The residents and their families should be aware if they are at risk.

If you can share this information, it would be very much appreciated.

Thank you

Jean Woodhouse

## THE RESTART OF COMMUNAL SERVICES

As previously advised in the Friday pewsheets (circulated by email), we shall restart communal Sunday services on 13<sup>th</sup> September with a service of Holy Communion under the leadership of our Interim Rector, Dr. Jim Bruce. We hope to have a good turn-out for this very welcome event.

Many things, however, will be unfamiliar. We shall follow the government and CofE regulations currently in force, with hand sanitization on entry to the church which will be via the main West door only, face coverings to be worn, social distancing at all times (which *inter alia* means “staggered” seating arrangements), choir singing but not the congregation, wafer-only Communion at the altar steps, no coffee or socializing afterwards – it sounds rather depressing but at least worship is resumed and we are together again. As regulations change (hopefully for the better?), we shall adjust our arrangements.

The rota of services and officiants for September throughout the Team churches reflects the paucity of priests available to lead our worship. Whilst one church in the Team continues to enjoy the exclusive services of one priest, the remaining seven manage with only one cleric; and again, we need to rely on our retired clergy friends to minister to us, along with members of our congregation who will lead a Sunday service from time to time.

Regrettably, we are not yet able to finalise the pattern of services for the Fell Church but this is under active review.

What all this means is that, now and in the future, the pattern of our worship is changing and will continue to change. The Church (whether C of E, Methodist, URC or RC) can no longer deliver its Christian ministry in the traditional manner at the same church, at the same time, and in the same format as hitherto. We as members of a congregation must also take on the challenge by being more flexible in our worship expectations and being prepared to vary our habits, in many cases those of a lifetime. Helen and I have enjoyed recent visits to Finsthwaite for Sunday communion – a pleasant, relaxed 20-minute drive, a warm welcome, a most beautiful church, a sincere and moving service.

St. Paul’s in Grange is now reawakening as we restart together: let us support each other and thank God for his goodness. And let us remember those on our earth who still cannot worship our Lord openly and in safety – and give further thanks for what we may enjoy.

I am getting out my “little clicker” to count everyone in.

Mike

*Jean Cottam has a number of issues of People’s Friend wanting a home!  
If anyone is interested, please contact Margaret Caseley (32692) who will deliver.*

**Or... C.C.C.C.C.C.C**

**No.5 St Patrick's at Patterdale.**



Standing majestically in the Dale at the foot of Helvellyn is the little country church of St Patrick's at Patterdale. It is thought that St Patrick actually visited this spot many years ago, and the Dale today takes a derivation of his name: "*Patter for Patrick*". Supposedly, he even tried to convert the pagan locals by baptism in Ullswater but they failed to appreciate its meaning and chased St Patrick away back to Ireland! Truth or fiction? We will never know for sure!

The present building was constructed in 1853 and took about five years to complete. This replaced a much older 14th century wood and stone church which had fallen into decay. This was no more than a chapel of ease, with this Dale being part of the Parish of Barton up until completion of the new building. The Victorian architect Anthony Salvin designed the layout after living for a short while in this valley.

One of the fine internal features of St Patrick's Church is its organ, originally built by William Hill in 1891 and later in 1906 redesigned by Wilkinson & Co. Finally in 1913 funds were available to have the organ completely restored and rebuilt by A Carter Ltd of Wakefield. Organ recitals have continued to the present day, entertaining mainly tourists who come to this valley, which is much better known by the locals who reside there as "*The Dale*".

In the 1920's a resident of Patterdale, Miss Ann MacBeth a national pioneer of craft teaching and embroidery completed a couple of large tapestries for the church which

are of national acclaim. Today they still adorn the north and south walls of the place with people coming from far and wide to admire the needlecraft of these religious icons belonging to the people of this valley.

In more recent times, Patterdale became the first Parish Church in the Diocese of Carlisle to amalgamate worship between the Anglicans and the Methodists of the Dale, utilising one building instead of two, and also holding joint services on a fairly frequent basis. An ecumenical project which still works very well today!

For much of its existence the Parish Church here has been a stand-alone church with one incumbent housed in the nearby rectory. However, an experiment in the late 1990's led to St Patrick's Church being positioned into the Good Shepherd Team Ministry, based on the mother church at nearby Greystoke. The participation within this team ministry failed to work properly and after about ten years Patterdale was allowed to leave the team and work closely with its next door Matteredale Church, with a "*House for duty*" cleric installed in the rectory. This arrangement has proved very satisfactory for the people of the Dale, and is still evident today.

On a personal note, St Patrick's at Patterdale was the place where I previously worshipped prior to coming to Grange in 1989. For four years we lived in the school house across the road from the church in the Dale, when I was the head-teacher there at the local CofE Primary School. Many was the time when I took school children to be involved in the life and history of the place, especially in springtime when thousands of native (English) daffodils adorn the churchyard - a sight not missed by William and Dorothy Wordsworth when they walked by one day, even more astounded by the greater quantity of these flowers they saw along the shores of close by Ullswater ! "*Ten thousand I saw, Along the margin of a bay*"....They even turned it into one of our most famous poems and lived for a short while a few hundred yards to the south of the church in a dwelling which is today aptly called "*Wordsworth Cottage*". Now look a bit more closely at my photograph of this church? Can you see the flowers?

Colin

### A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN RETUNING TO SCHOOL



May your schooldays be filled with sunshine and happiness. May your pencil case hold all the colours of the rainbow and your lunch be something that you love. And when you leave school at the end of every day, may you leave with a smile on your face and a friend at your side.

## RECOLLECTIONS OF LIFE IN BURY – THE EARLY YEARS 1931-1938

by the late Mary Newman (*uncovered by Nevil in an old exercise book*)

My first memory is of carrying a large ‘celluloid’ doll (highly inflammable stuff celluloid) from a back street in the small Lancashire town of Bury. I was probably about three at the time and we were ‘removing’. I have no further recollection of anything else being moved from our small terraced house to another, slightly larger, ‘end house’, some three doors away. Probably this one memory was reinforced because I scarred my knuckles on the rough old red brick yard wall as I struggled with my oversized treasure by the name of ‘Rene’.

The new house was, as I have said, slightly larger than the old and there I lived with my mother, father and beloved Nanna. Nanna was my one and only grandparent. She was, I am glad to say, a ‘picture book granny’: plump and cuddly, soft and smiling with snow white hair, and I adored her. As I have grown older, I have realised that there was quite a lot more to this ‘little old lady, sweet and shy’, as we used to sing. She had been to boarding school in her young days at Casterton, a most unusual thing in the 1880’s. She used to tell of running across a yard in a morning to wash in cold water in a shed, and of drawing water from a well. Strangely enough, in 1970, during a drought, builders at Casterton found that well and the school, suffering under water restrictions, once more made use of it. No one had known of its existence, but I had often heard of it from Nanna. When I knew her, however, she was already a widow, and with characteristic forthrightness, had bought a shop to keep her busy.

I can still remember that little shop up Walmersley Road, and its own smell. I can’t think what caused this smell, but I have never met its like. Not unpleasant, just unique. It was a draper’s shop: buttons, threads, general haberdashery and Californian Poppy scent! Behind the shop, a little cubby hole with a gas ring and a cobble yard at the back. Walmersley was quite a classy area then, but Nanna often laughed at the stylish ladies who got silk stockings ‘on tick’ and then went down Bury ‘dressed to the nines’ as they say, to take tea in a fashionable tea shop. Nanna went off gaily to work every morning, watching for the bus to come over the bridge before doing a sprightly sprint to the bus stop in her black coat, straw hat and waving her black umbrella to me as she went. Nanna had her own ‘fashion’, and it came to full glory on Sunday lunchtime. Sunday lunch was an occasion at our house, and Nanna dressed accordingly. She was always up early, helping with the preparations, but before the meal, she went upstairs to change and made her entrance in a grand manner. She always wore black, a long black dress with a train which fell behind her on the stairs as she came down. I never missed her entrance. It was my life’s ambition to have, one day, a dress just like that, which trailed behind me as I came down stairs. Strangely, it was connected with dress that the first shadow of uncertainty about Nanna came. She brought home a dress of ‘black floral crepe’, as she said, when it was in fact multi-coloured stars and this was the first indication that her sight was not all it might be. However, at this time, Nanna still ruled Sunday lunch, and carved the meat herself, not allowing my father the honour as she considered him unequal to the task.



Talking of Sunday lunch brings me to Jack. Jack was the only son of my father's sister, my Nanna's only other grandchild. Some ten years older than myself, Jack was a child of a delicate nature and was often confined to bed. For one period he lived with us, as his parents had bought a chip shop and the fat was bad for him. Those were hard days for my uncle and aunt. Uncle was out of work, as many others were, and the chip shop venture was a desperate attempt to avoid poverty. However, living with us or not, Jack came to Sunday lunch. We always had rice pudding; Jack hated rice pudding and so, of course, I hated it too. Many was the time we were left at the table to finish off our rice pudding while the grown-ups went into the front room, resplendent with fire - lit only on Sunday. One could not play in the park, play in the street, play ball, skip, play top and whip or shout on Sundays. One could read quietly, draw or paint, or walk in the park and listen to the band if there was one. Our house was directly opposite the park and the bandstand, so it was possible to enjoy the concerts without leaving the house anyway.

Probably the first step away from this ritual came when father bought a car. It was a blue Hillman Coupe, and was called 'Little Bluey' (all our cars had names for many years). On fine Sunday afternoons, with the top back, we would set out for a 'run' to Longridge or Blackstone Edge, or some other local beauty spot. I think Nanna liked the car and would sit cheerily in the back, clamping her black straw hat firmly on her head with one hand. So began an era of picnics, primus stoves, blackberry and whimberry picking in Little Bluey, who was not very fast and made the most peculiar whine when she went up hills.

To my early years also belongs 'wash day'. This was a ritual which began with the lighting of the boiler about 7.00am. The carpet was taken up in the kitchen and the dolly tub and posser brought out of the shed. The rubbing board, scrubbing brush and green Fairy soap came out, and the fun started. Starch boiled merrily in a great pan on the gas stove and water liberally laced with 'dolly blue' stood ready for the rinsing. The performance ended by the hot soapy washing water being poured out onto the kitchen floor and swept into the yard to disappear finally down a drain, having cleansed clothes, kitchen floor and back yard in the process. Wash day was, of course, always Monday when dinner was always 'potato hash' which (a) was easy to cook and (b) disposed of the Sunday joint.

Sometime during washday, I always went to see Mrs Dyson, another old lady further up the street, who had a widowed daughter whom I still call 'Auntie Annie'. Mrs Dyson made vanilla sandwich cake with coconut icing on top and I loved it. I made this journey alone quite safely as there was little enough traffic on main roads then and none at all in a back street. I still remember the effort I had to make to get my leg up that big stone step to her back gate, but such was the power of that vanilla sandwich cake that I never failed to make it. So my life went happily on. I must have started school by this time, but it made little or no impression on me. The only recollections I have are an immense rocking horse which somehow contrived to hurt one's legs as one

rode it, and a dusty Noah's Ark, a copy of the original, I imagine, which stood on top of a high shelf. These and slates to write on, tiny shells kept in small Oxo tins to count with, and a huge fireplace with a glowing fire are my Infant School memories. Miss Gay, the teacher was kind and gentle, and school and home just an extension of one another.

Of home itself, I remember the kindly glow of gaslight, and the frailty of the gas mantles; the black grate polished with Zebo every day till it shone. Of my room, I remember more than anything the beautiful lilac tree at my window and the scent it gave in the summer. In Nanna's room was solid mahogany furniture, old and shining with years of care, and a picture. This was a photograph in a large frame of a man in an apron. I was told that it was my great grandfather, and for many years I believed he must have been a butcher. I later found out that he had, in fact, had the photograph taken when Grand Master of his Masonic Lodge and that the apron was part of his insignia. One drawer in Nanna's chest of drawers was always locked; it contained no less than a loaded revolver for use in case of burglars! As I said, there was more to Nanna than one might suppose. It was lost sight of years later when, at the outbreak of war in 1939, a request was made for the surrender of all arms and ammunition, and, as Nanna was by that time gone, my father dutifully took it down to the police station.

Mention of the war makes me realise that time was, in fact, running out on life as I had always known it. Soon came the day when I was told Nanna was ill, and Auntie Gertie (a nurse by trade) moved in to officiate. Auntie Gertie was my mother's elder sister. I never really liked her critical, humourless manner. She turned Nanna's room into a private ward and I was forbidden to enter. I never saw Nanna again. I was whisked away to another Aunt, my mother's younger sister, Jenny. It was whilst I was there that I saw a funeral procession approaching. I didn't know Nanna had died, but I said to my companion: 'This is my Nanna's funeral' and I stood and watched as it passed, and waved to my parents in the front carriage. This was in fact the end of a chapter for me, nothing was ever quite the same again.

*To be continued next month*



A little girl came home from school with a drawing she'd made in class. She danced into the kitchen, where her mother was preparing dinner.

"Mum, guess what?" she squealed, waving the drawing.

Her mother never looked up. "What?" she said, tending to the pots.

"Guess what?" the child repeated, waving the drawing.

"What?" the mother said, tending to the plates.

"Mum, you're not listening." "Sweetie, yes I am."

"Mum", the child said, "you're not listening with your *eyes*".

**Now we are all wearing masks, we need to learn to smile  
with our eyes!**

## THE IMPACT OF COVID – 19 THROUGH THE EYES OF NETWORK YOUTH CHURCH LEADER, CHRIS MASON

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, the UK announced the strictest lockdown in living memory, parties postponed, work suspended, families separated, shops closed, church services cancelled.

The last 'normal' week of Network Youth Church in the Windermere Deanery was surreal. On Monday, 16th March, we had our final Youth café in Ambleside, taking the kids to the park to play laser tag in a reasonably sterile environment. The relief when all the guns had been collected and put in their cases was palpable. Offering the kids hot chocolate, the final act of the night, was now a meticulous operation. The doors shut, I said goodbye to Brenda and Carole, who faithfully volunteer each week, and was relieved to get to the safety of my car; I could breathe again.

The next day, I did an assembly at a local secondary school; I loved sharing the Easter story with the kids, yet this was so different. 'Be careful not to go near people,' I said to myself. Relief, as all the 200 young people sat more than a few metres away. Once finished, I said thanks to the receptionist. Breathing the fresh Windermere air never felt better once I stepped out of the glass-fronted doors.

In the evening, we had Soul in Staveley, the jam and toast no longer allowed; instead, we offered wrapped biscuits and hot chocolate in disposable cups. Everyone sat a metre apart. Careful, don't touch anyone, wash hands, use anti-bacterial sanitizer. Nervousness filled my head, yet I was sad to say goodbye to the kids. Relief embraced me as I got back in the car; I could breathe. 'When will we see each other again?' I said to myself.

As NYC leaders, we were supposed to be visiting the 'Message Trust' in Manchester for 36 hours away. Leaving on Friday and returning the next day. 'Help! I don't want to go.' 'Manchester is rife with COVID – 19,' I was told. The thought of travelling with my fellow NYC leaders filled me with fear, travelling, eating together, meetings now unpalatable, I cannot possibly go, but I will if I must. 'Phew,' on Wednesday, I find out it is cancelled. So was the rest of my week: the two remaining assemblies at the school were called off, schools were going into lockdown.

Then came the message from the Diocese and most workplaces across the country: we are to work from home and cancel, well, almost everything. The NYC leaders' meeting was to be held on Microsoft teams. 'What on earth is that?' I thought. 'Its video conferencing,' I am told. 'Video conferencing! help, I can't stand speaking to people online, how embarrassing, I don't know what to say,' I thought. It wasn't too bad in the end and being able to mute people was quite refreshing, not that I did.

### **Then came the message from Boris – Lock Down**

Everything that we hold dear, our friends, work, shopping, family, all had to be put on hold. Home now a sanctuary—the kids off school; no one knows when they will return. An hour of exercise allowed each day. We dare not go to the shops, so a midnight trawl of the internet to get a good delivery slot became a weekly fixture.

Seeing people in the street was now a threat; instead of a cheery 'hello,' we turn our backs on one another. The world had changed overnight.

### **So, what was next!**

At Network Youth Church, we knew that the world kept turning, and people carried on living; it was just that it was all behind closed doors. Suddenly young people are allowed double or treble the amount of time on Fortnite; Netflix was the go-to app. The world was baking; the internet trawl found no sugar, flour or baking powder.

### **What about young people?**

As NYC, all the leaders responded in diverse ways; some of us recorded daily YouTube clips, even eating chillies to give the young people something to laugh at. Daily challenges were introduced, and before long young people across Cumbria were being asked to make a cup of tea for their parents or guardians. Facebook, Instagram, Tick Tock, and YouTube was suddenly alive with all sorts of creative ideas to keep young people in the loop and in tune with God.

Many of us, including me, set up zoom groups so that our already established groups could meet, not in person, or over a hot chocolate, but online. At first, they came in their droves to come and say hello. As the weeks went by and the sun got warmer, more of them chose to stay outside, but many stuck with it. When the last group finished at the end of July, I received a card from a young person who was so appreciative of the time and effort we had put in. He loved meeting each week, and it kept him sane. The fact is that for a core group of young people, Network Youth Church has been a lifeline across Cumbria. Lives that have been put on hold have been enriched by the contact and the love of NYC leaders and volunteers. This has made the last 5 months, although desperately hard, so precious as we have been able to throw a huge lifeline for young people who would have otherwise been lost and isolated.

What the future holds we do not know? We keep talking about the 'new normal,' but I am not sure that anyone knows what that is. What is clear is that through this pandemic young people have suffered, and there is a lot of catching up to be done. Please pray for the young people as they step back on to the eggshell-laden road of life. Pray too for Network Youth Church as we stand alongside them, encouraging and equipping as we muddle through this together. Pray that God will move in the large things and the small; I am so grateful that he is on this journey with us, and I am excited as to what is next.

The autumn will bring fresh challenges. Isaiah 41 v 10 says - *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* God has taught me over lockdown to trust and depend on him, fear gets me nowhere, and as life continues and as this pandemic rumbles on, he has got each one of us, young and old, in his hand. We need to be wise and careful, but as God told Joshua in Joshua 1 v 9, we are to be '*strong and courageous*' as we continue to take the message of Jesus out into the communities. I look forward to seeing what God does through me, my fellow NYC leaders, and the rest of the church as we point people to Jesus in what is now a completely different world.

## **DID YOU KNOW -**

### **IMAGINE YOU WERE BORN IN 1900**

When you're 14, World War I begins, and ends when you're 18 with 22 million dead.

Soon afterwards a global pandemic, the Spanish Flu, kills 50 million people. And you're alive and 20 years old.

When you're 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and famine.

When you're 33 years old the Nazis come to power.

When you're 39, World War II begins and ends when you're 45 years old, with 60 million dead. In the Holocaust 6 million Jews die.

When you're 52, the Korean War begins.

When you're 64, the Vietnam War begins and ends when you're 75.

A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and catastrophes.

Today we have all the comforts in a new world, amid a new pandemic. But we complain because we need to wear masks. We complain because we must stay confined to our homes where we have food, electricity, running water, wifi, even Netflix! None of that existed back in the day. But humanity survived those circumstances and never lost their joy of living.

**A small change in our perspective can generate miracles.**

**We should be thankful that we are alive.**

**We should do everything we need to do to protect and help each other.**



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## MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Matthew was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans. The tax collectors were regarded with scorn by other Jews, because they worked for the occupying power. Matthew was sitting at his tax booth, receiving taxes, when Jesus said to him 'Follow me'; and he left his booth and he followed (*Matthew 9:9*). Afterwards Matthew, who must have been

fairly prosperous, gave a banquet for Jesus at his house, and many other tax-collectors and sinners – the two were considered almost synonymous – came. The Pharisees, predictably, were horrified, and asked themselves what sort of man was prepared to mix with tax collectors. Jesus used this occasion to demonstrate that he had not come to call only the righteous, but to call even the most unpopular and stigmatized.

The indications are that his meeting with Matthew was no casual encounter. Mark and Luke both tell the story (*Mark 2: 14; Luke 5: 27*), and Mark adds 'son of Alphaeus'. Matthew is also called Levi – an honored name in Jewish tradition. The Levites were the priestly cast; the old Testament Book of Leviticus is devoted to the religious observance for which they were responsible. Matthew was probably a man deeply ashamed of his occupation, and on the verge of conversion. The confrontation at the tax booth provided the occasion. Thereafter, his commitment was whole-hearted. He is named as one of the Twelve (*Matthew 10:3; Mark 3: 18; Luke 6: 15*) and as one of the group in the Upper Room 'constantly devoting themselves to prayer' after the crucifixion.

Matthew is identified as the author of the First Gospel, which is closely associated with Jewish tradition. While Mark begins with an account of John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness, Luke with the pregnancies of Elizabeth and Mary, and John with the eternal significance of the Word made flesh, Matthew begins in the Jewish patriarchal tradition with a genealogy of Joseph, the Christ-child's adopted father. He anchors the story in Jewish history from the time of Abraham, twenty-eight generations earlier: fourteen generations to the Babylonian Captivity, and fourteen since, covering the whole history of his people.

The Gospel according to Matthew was written in the second half of the first century. Content Analysis shows that it draws in part either on Mark's Gospel or on a source, known as 'Q', which was common to both, but the genealogical material is his alone. Christian tradition is that Matthew was martyred. Jerome's martyrology gives the place as Tatum in Persia, but the Roman Martyrology of Cardinal Baronius records that it occurred in Ethiopia. Matthew is frequently depicted in mediaeval paintings, sometimes with a money-box, and often with spectacles, which he presumably needed for studying his account books.

Gospel (Matthew 9:9-13 / Jesus Calls Matthew)

"As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, 'Follow me!' And he rose and followed him. And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?' But when he heard it, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick do; and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners!'"





## VJ DAY 15TH AUGUST 2020

Whilst VE Day marked the end of the war in Europe in May 1945, many thousands of Armed Forces personnel were still involved in bitter fighting in the Far East. Victory over Japan would come at a heavy price, and Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) marks the day Japan surrendered on the 15 August 1945, which in effect ended the Second World War, 75 years ago.



### **Fighting in the Asia-Pacific took place from Hawaii to North East India.**

Britain and the Commonwealth's principal fighting force, the Fourteenth Army, was one of the most diverse in history - over 40 languages were spoken, and all the world's major religions represented. The descendants of many Commonwealth veterans of that army are today part of multicultural communities up and down the country, a lasting legacy to the success and comradeship of those who fought in the Asia-Pacific. This year we remember the contribution of all Commonwealth and Allied Forces, without whom victory and the way of life we enjoy today would not have been possible.

### **The Fourteenth Army played a vital role in victory over Japan. During the Burma campaign, they faced the danger of tropical diseases, as well as Japanese forces.**

Made up of over 600,000 troops, more than 85% of forces were from pre-partition India, including Gurkhas from Nepal, and troops from 12 African nations.

### **The war in the Far East, also commonly known as 'the Burma Campaign', was the longest campaign fought by the British and Commonwealth armies in the Second World War.**

In 1945 it provided the largest army group the South East Asia Command (SEAC) – nearly 1.3 million men and women – ever assembled by the British Commonwealth and its Allies. Yet it has never been seen to hold the same importance as the war in Europe, with many of the men and women who fought in the Far East considering themselves forgotten.

### **There are many reasons, historical, political, cultural and social, for why so many veterans of the war in the Far East have felt forgotten, and why the Fourteenth Army itself became known as the Forgotten Army.**

### **The 'Germany First' principle**

In December 1941 the UK and USA agreed that Europe took priority for resources and military effort. The German threat to the UK was much more immediate and, whether because of the Blitz or shortages, the British population as a whole understood why the nation was at war and experienced at first hand the result of the conflict. Because of this, the Far East became a secondary theatre lacking equipment and resources, and while key to fighting a world war the conflict did not affect or have the same level of resonance with the nation.

## **It was a long way from Home**

Communications between service personnel and the home front were difficult. Letters, if they arrived and weren't lost at sea to Japanese attacks, took a long time to get through. In addition, there were no live radio or TV broadcasts from the campaign so most of the public had very little knowledge beyond the odd newspaper report of what was happening. In addition, many British and commonwealth servicemen had been in the Far East for a long time. By 1945 many had been in the region for the duration of the war.

## **Embarrassment**

The war in the Far East for the British and much of the Commonwealth was, for the first few years, a source of embarrassment as the Japanese defeated all the British and Commonwealth forces sent against them. Hong Kong was first to fall in December 1941, then Malaya fell in January, Singapore in February and Burma in May, of 1942. Repeated bad news kept coming through until late 1943 and there was a sense it would never be possible to achieve success in pre-partition India and Burma against the Japanese.

## **The Numbers**

In terms of numbers, resources and sacrifice, the war in North Africa, the Mediterranean and Europe was far greater than Asia and Pacific for the British. As one writer has suggested, 'only 30,000 British servicemen died in the war against Japan, as compared to 235,000 in the war against Germany'.

## **Europe-centric coverage**

The big events in the Far East in 1944 overlapped the great events in Europe, with large numbers of war correspondents and radio journalists in Europe but not the Far East. There was only one radio journalist at the Battle of Kohima – Richard Sharpe – and he got there by accident, and only stayed a few days.

## **Churchill's influence**

Winston Churchill played a significant role in the way the history of the war was written. Evidence suggests he didn't view the pre-partition Indian Army highly, and repeatedly ignored its achievements. The great pre-partition Indian victories at Kohima and Imphal in 1944, and at Meiktila and Mandalay in 1945, were largely ignored by him.

## **Learning about the conflict**

The teaching of the Second World War across the UK, for many reasons, has tended to focus on a very small part of that conflict, meaning that not only are children and young people not aware of the facts around the war in Asia-Pacific, there is even less knowledge about the role of the Commonwealth in this war. Therefore, many communities in the UK remain unaware of their own communities' contributions, service, and sacrifice.

*Information from British Legion Web site*



## Twitchers Teasers    Know your birds

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deity has intellect</li> <li>2. Xmas bird attached to rocks</li> <li>3. Soft covering in bed</li> <li>4. Piece of a mountain</li> <li>5. Sweet bee sounding hand</li> <li>6. Royal angler</li> <li>7. Speed at sea</li> <li>8. Do offspring come from Brazil?</li> <li>9. Do it to a donkey at a party</li> <li>10. Breathless</li> <li>11. Blushing parrot</li> <li>12. Pussy not asleep</li> <li>13. 3 points on your licence at lights</li> <li>14. Coarse cut tobacco</li> <li>15. Shoot at from a hiding place</li> <li>16. What a child may say to his mum after lunch</li> <li>17. Or is the child one of these if he eats too much</li> <li>18. Baked in a pie</li> <li>19. Cereal flag</li> <li>20. Symbol of the RSPB</li> <li>21. Red-faced from Aylesbury</li> <li>22. William uses it for shaving</li> <li>23. Marjorie's brother?</li> <li>24. Devour voraciously</li> <li>25. You may be one on the beach at Croyde</li> <li>26. Icarus had these</li> <li>27. Good at snow clearing</li> <li>28. In the Girl Guides</li> <li>29. In the Navy</li> <li>30. Dark time of day in stormy weather</li> <li>31. Dumb Royal bird</li> <li>32. Chinese official</li> <li>33. Sounds like fruit bush</li> <li>34. Mollusc angler</li> <li>35. Heavenly body with heather</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>36. Leave your breakfast egg in the water too long</li> <li>37. S.E bird sings softly</li> <li>38. Scot on the beach</li> <li>39. Ripe green (anagram)</li> <li>40. Knackered with an 'L' in the middle</li> <li>41. Magician</li> <li>42. Grumble</li> <li>43. Rapid</li> <li>44. Arboreal ivy</li> <li>45. Crazy</li> <li>46. Horseplay</li> <li>47. 10th?</li> <li>48. Sounds rough</li> <li>49. Castle</li> <li>50. Meadow food</li> </ol> |
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*Answers in next month's Magazine*



## GRANGE OVER SANDS MONTHLY RAINFALL (MM) - ANDREW LITTLE

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
January	122	78	163	154	141	98	142	73	107
February	62	45	115	76	125	91	69	99	263
March	4	55	61	110	107	162	60	182	75
April	78	40	58	46	72	15	98	39	12
May	98	55	62	165	32	75	37	52	26
<b>June</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>99</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>169</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>142*</b>
September	216	98	6	29	118	177	133	177	
October	136	173	156	60	31	172	131	160	
November	165	118	97	246	118	189	62	85	
December	194	131	103	352	65	109	160	155	
Annual									
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,570</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>893*</b>

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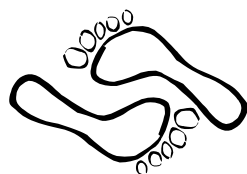
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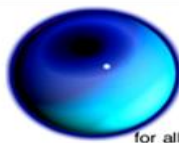
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