

THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT PAUL
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



May 2021

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Normal services at The Parish Church of Saint Paul

Sundays - 11.00 am - Parish Service

Wednesday - 10.00 am - First of month H/C

and at The Fell Church, Grange-over-Sands

9.30 am Second Sunday - Matins (BCP)

9.30 am - Fourth Sunday - Holy Communion (BCP)

Fifth Sunday of the Month

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



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.**

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Dear Friends,

It's 15 years now since I left the wilds of Somerset to travel north. One of my leaving gifts was a satnav. Coming to an area I hardly knew, I remember the first weekend I arrived, when I hadn't even taken the satnav out of the box, someone gave me verbal directions for the 'back way' to Asda from The Vicarage in Heversham. Needless to say, I found it all very confusing, especially when geography is not my strongest point!

In the past, when I've had a journey to make I've tried the AA route planner, printing it out from the internet. I've tried jotting down the notes people give me to their homes, and I've tried a simple map book. But the number of times I have got lost is incredible.

I spent ages one evening driving around Bristol, intermittently stopping to phone a colleague I was supposed to be visiting. When I described a landmark I'd reached, she kept telling me I was nearly there, but she could never quite work out which way I was facing and she apparently had no knowledge of any local street names in the neighbourhood in which I'd stopped. Those of you who drive alone will know the problems well.

For years I struggled with a map in one hand, wheel in the other, as well as trying to keep one eye on the road. So as you can guess, the satnav has revolutionized my long distance driving! Now all I have to do is punch in a post code and follow the voiced instructions. It is so different and so much easier.

I think it's much the same when we try to follow a Christian way of life. Trying to live by instruction manuals which are supposed to plan the journey is very difficult. Even trying to get instructions from other people doesn't always work well, if they don't really know where you are or which way you are facing. However, the great joy about the Christian faith is that the One we try to follow took a very similar journey. He was an ordinary human being, facing all the hazards on the route through everyday life, and he knew about joys and sorrows. This was the One who promised not to leave us alone but to send us one who would lead us into all truth.

I guess the real question for us is, "How do you hear the prompts of God through his Holy Spirit?" Few of us would claim to hear a voice as clear as the lady on my satnav. But most of us do feel that we have sensed a guiding presence at various times in our lives. It often seems to be that the route seems most clear when we are within our church community, at worship, or study, or prayer together. Some would say being part of the church gives their life direction.

You know, until I was given that satnav, I never knew what I'd been missing!

With love and prayers,
Every blessing,
Rev'd Sue Wilson

FROM THE REGISTERS FOR MAY

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

William Melbourne Webster
Sky Phoenix Atkinson

7th May 2017
14th May 2017

*"Born of Water
and the Spirit"*



YEARS MIND

Michael Senior	26th May 2016
Margaret Pamala Cook	6th May 2017
Martin Blamire Stilling	24th May 2018
Dennis Arthur Marsden	19th May 2019
Pauline Meriel Leigh	31st May 2019
Victoria Marie Nock	1st May 2020
Freda Burton	8th May 2020

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

ST PAUL'S CHURCH DIARY - MAY 2021

Sunday 2nd May - 5th Sunday of Easter

11.00 am - Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver, St Paul's, Grange

Wednesday 5th May

10.00 am - Holy Communion - Rev'd Dr James Bruce, St Paul's, Grange

Sunday 9th May - 6th Sunday of Easter

9.30 am - Morning Prayer - Lay-led - The Fell Church

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

Thursday 13th May - Ascension Day Service

7.30 pm - Holy Communion The Venerable Penny Driver, St Paul's, Grange

Sunday 16th May - 7th Sunday of Easter

11.00 am - Holy Communion - Archdeacon Vernon Ross, St Paul's, Grange

Sunday 23rd May - Pentecost

9.30 am - Holy Communion BCP - Rev'd Brian Williams, The Fell Church

11.00 am - Morning Worship - The Venerable Penny Driver, St Paul's, Grange

Sunday 30th May - Trinity Sunday

11.00 am - Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

United Service at St Paul's, Grange with The Fell Church

NEW APPOINTMENT FOR BISHOP EMMA

The Rt Rev Dr Emma Ineson will become the Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, based at Lambeth Palace in London, from 1st June. It means she will leave her role as Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of Carlisle at the end of May, having been instrumental in leading the relaunch of the county's ecumenical God for All vision.



Bishop Emma said: "It has been a huge honour to minister and work alongside so many wonderful, Jesus-centred people in Cumbria. Equally it has been a privilege to call this beautiful and diverse county my home in recent years. I give thanks for the strong cross-denominational partnerships that are held so dear here and which are clearly demonstrated by the God for All vision. I know that my ministry has grown as a result of working so closely with so many wonderful people. So understandably I leave with a mixture of sadness at the closing of this chapter but with a sense of excitement as to what God has planned for my new role."

The Bishop to the Archbishops of Canterbury and York is a new role, replacing the previous role of Bishop at Lambeth, and configured to work with both Lambeth Palace and Bishopthorpe. Bishop Emma will work closely with the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and their teams, as well as playing a key role supporting all the Bishops. She will also have specific oversight of the programme of the Lambeth Conference in 2022, having been chair of the conference's working group since last year. That will see bishops come together from across the worldwide Anglican Communion for prayer, reflection, fellowship and dialogue.

To hear Bishop Emma's message to us all, and telling us about her new role, CTRL+click on this link: [DIOCESE OF CARLISLE - A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP EMMA - YouTube](#)

Her husband, the Revd Mat Ineson, currently Priest-in-Charge of Crosscraike, P-in-C (Interim Minister) in the Benefice of Kendal Holy Trinity, and Mission and Disciple Enabler, will presumably also be leaving the Diocese.

HOW WE ORGANISE OUR CHURCHES

Churchwardens and Deputy Wardens are legally responsible for the fabric and belongings of the churches, and also for co-operating with an incumbent in his/her carrying out the duties as priest responsible for the cure (care) of souls of the congregation.

Over the years in Grange, the duties of Verger have also devolved on the wardens. These not only entail helping the priest in the public acts of worship, but also ensuring that the church is prepared and ready for services and maintained in a good order.

There has been a decline recently in the number of people who offer their time on a regular basis to assist in these latter tasks – plenty of “If I’m there, I’ll do it” but fewer “I will make myself available regularly to do it”. This is quite understandable and is not mentioned as a criticism in any way.

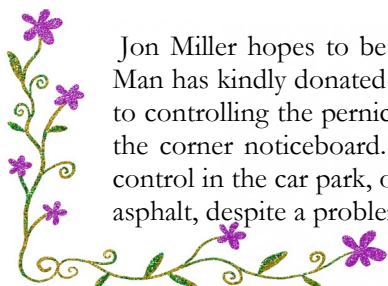
However, it does mean that more requests for assistance on an *ad hoc* basis will be made to members of our community to help with a particular job from time for time, perhaps only during someone’s holiday, illness or visit to/from grandchildren, etc. Please do respond positively if you are called upon.

We have already had helpful replies along these lines in recent weeks from various friends, but our need will grow as we reach the end of Covid-induced lockdowns, our services return to their former joyous musical format, and we restart our coffee sessions and social chit-chat among so many close and loved friends.

Mike Hill

THE GARDENS AT OUR CHURCH

ST PAUL’S GARDEN - We have kept things under control and neatly cut and trimmed over the last year or so by individual efforts from a small number of people rather than the previous communal Boon Days which in recent years became very poorly attended. We encourage this individual effort to continue. So, if you feel inclined to give a bush a trim or clean up some spreading shrub on a sunny day, do please come and carry out this necessary work. Best to check with Colin, Mike or Susan JD beforehand as some shrubs are tended by professionals; otherwise – all welcome.



Jon Miller hopes to be back soon tending the grass, and John The Lawn Man has kindly donated some strong weed-killer (and his professional time) to controlling the pernicious green weed which permeates the area close by the corner noticeboard. Bill Jackson continues to keep our weeds under control in the car park, on our terrace and main path and around the church asphalt, despite a problematic shoulder in recent weeks.

Our thanks also to them all.

THE FELL CHURCH - Much of the work here is carried out by Trevor Brockbank on a voluntary basis, and we are very grateful to him. From time to time, we need to trim and cut back some of the shrubs both at the front and in the rear portion of the land. The Boon Days in the past have been well attended and we shall be organising a further team effort this summer. Meanwhile, Colin has been trimming and strimming nettles and similar which have been growing apace, both last year and this. He has also cleaned up the tree growth which threatened to obliterate the rear wall. Many thanks to him for all this. Again, if anyone feels moved to do a bit on this space, please go ahead, but do take care of the uneven and irregular ground.

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CLERGY DEPLOYMENT

Our Archdeacon, Vernon, advised us during April that the plan put together between him and the churchwardens in the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry had been approved (with some comments and reservations) at an extraordinary meeting of his Mission & Pastoral Committee. It now goes to the Bishop's Council in May and then (we hope) to the church authorities in London.

It is all a very protracted process and it could be up to a year before we see any new faces in our pulpit on a regular basis, so we must continue to be patient.

Meanwhile the PCC and the Worship Committee (chaired by Penny) will continue to provide regular services in an appropriate format to our congregations. We have had renewed expressions of on-going help from our retired Archdeacon, Penny Driver, and from Vernon himself, along with an assurance that an attempt will be made to bring in more regular assistance. We have made regular "bookings" for organists to play for us on Sundays, our choir is preparing to resume full voice once they are permitted to do so, with Jane helping with their preparations and accompanying them on the piano.

We are resuming our Wednesday morning Communion service on May 5th and June 2nd (with coffee & tea as soon as we are allowed). From July we hope that we can resume this service each week.

So "Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee" (Joshua 1, v.9) and "Our patience will achieve more than our force" (Edmund Burke).

Mike Hill



ST PAUL'S ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 2021

We were fortunate to be able to hold our APCM at the correct time this year, covering the year 2020, and my thanks to all of you who stayed behind after the service for the meeting. Mike Hill was elected as our Churchwarden for a further year – we are so grateful to Mike for agreeing to continue do this responsible and time-consuming job, which he does so well. We were sad that Margaret Ratcliffe has had to stand down as Deputy Churchwarden; Margaret has taken on this task for several years and, in recognition of her service, she was presented with a gift and flowers. Fortunately, Margaret will still be with us and will assist when she can. Also retiring from her post as Church Treasurer was Maureen Chadwick, who was also presented with a bouquet of flowers. Her position will be taken on by John Millican, the son of Marion who was a regular member of our congregation. John has recently moved to Grange to live in his mother's house, and we are very grateful that he has agreed to take on this task.

We had 7 nominations for re-election or new election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) for a term of 3 years: Maureen Chadwick, Sue Fleetwood, Mike Hill, Rosemary Hoyle, Susan Jones-Darlington, John Millican and Margaret Ratcliffe. Also, 14 people were elected as Sides Persons for 2021/2022: Pat Brown, Eileen Burke, Kath Bush, Carol Calvey, Margaret Caseley, Sue Fleetwood, Audrey Gorman, Bill Jackson, Susan Jones-Darlington, Judith Mitchell, Nevil Newman, Margaret Ratcliffe, Tony Simpson and Penny Ward.

The Annual Report and Financial Statement were approved at the meeting, and copies are still available either printed or via email from either Rosemary Hoyle or Linda Brown.

Rosemary Hoyle

Comment from Mike: “My thanks to the members of our Electoral Roll for the confidence they have shown by electing me as Warden for a further year. I think it is going to be a busy and interesting period.”



WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

We thought it might be helpful to provide a simple analysis of the church's accounts for last year (as approved at the APCM), dividing each of the major figures by 52 to give a weekly sum (£1,213), with a brief explanation.

- £698 Our Parish Offer to the diocese for clergy stipends, pension contributions, housing and maintenance costs, continuing training, and the preparation of curates. This diocesan "pot" is used to cover all stipendiary clergy in the diocese. In previous years we have paid up to £1077 pw; this year we have reduced it to £384 in view of our continued interregnum status).
- £56 Our contribution to the Team fund covering clergy mileage costs when taking services, telephone costs and incidentals; our payment is 40% of the Team budget - some churches pay nothing as they pay direct to the cleric for each service.
- £109 Parish Administrator (net of rebate for work done for other churches) and our Organist on Sundays and at other services, excluding Weddings & Funerals.
- £69 Utilities for the two churches (remembering that the Fell Church uses only electric heating). We use considerably more than this figure in winter, but this is compensated in summer.
- £66 Insurance for both churches on a full reinsurance basis so that partial damage from, say, a fire would be fully restored, including the removal of debris. We are covered for public liability, theft, fraud by officers, loss of cash in storage and transit, etc. Our main insurer, The Ecclesiastical Insurance Co, is also a major giver of grants for charitable causes and helped with our Remodelling project some 4 years ago.
- £93 Building maintenance - a variable depending on need from year to year. It covers minor items. We draw upon our separate Building Fund (fuelled by donations and legacies) for major items which also means that we have ready cash for emergencies, such as a leaky roof or a collapsed pavement or floor.
- £19 Services/Altar/books, including the £330 *per annum* which we pay in copyright fees for all music played at our services and concerts.
- £73 Office expenses, eg paper and card, ink, printing charges (colour is expensive), phone and broadband costs.
- £80 Sundry/fund-raising/audit expenses

We are also expected to contribute to the cost of the Deanery Network Youth Work. Happily, refreshments (when we may partake) and flowers tend to be self-supporting. Payments to the diocese for Weddings & Funerals are charged to those requesting the service. We are also committed to separate sums for the churches' Charitable Giving.

Below is the response that Mike has received from Bishop James, in answer to his email suggesting the appointment of a new Suffragan Bishop be delayed by at least one year, if one is indeed needed; or, in order to show some sympathy with parishes in a similar position to ourselves, perhaps the position should be left open for three to four years acknowledging the hardship of those striving to spread God's word with sadly inadequate resources. If we can spend four years or more without help, cannot the diocese? Although aware that bishops and parish priests are paid from different church 'pots', the appointment of bishops before parish priests says something about the prioritisation of overall CofE financial resources.

Dear Mike

Thank you for your email about the possibility of a replacement for Bishop Emma. I do of course understand and appreciate the comments you make.

However, I should point out that 'exploring the process' means exactly that. We have agreed to review the number of 'senior staff' (Bishops and Archdeacons) in the Diocese and that is what we will be doing with a view (in all likelihood) of reducing from 5 to 4. This could be 1 Bishop and 3 Archdeacons; or 2 Bishops and 2 Archdeacons. This will be discussed by Bishop's Council and Diocesan Synod. Factors to be taken into account include:

- What will best suit the mission of this Diocese
- The geographical size of the Diocese (third largest in England. The whole of Liverpool Diocese would fit into Appleby Deanery!)
- The fact that (as you observe) Bishops are paid by the Church Commissioners from a separate 'pot' which makes no difference to the local allocation of Clergy
- National responsibilities which take the Diocesan Bishop away, often for significant periods of time.

Whatever we decide, I can assure you that the process is not a speedy one; and there is also no guarantee at all that we would be authorised to appoint another suffragan by the Dioceses Commission. You may also recall that there was a wait of nearly 3 years after my appointment as Bishop of Carlisle and before we were able to appoint +Robert as Bishop of Penrith; and I am receiving many letters urging us to make this appointment as soon as possible! So there is plenty of water still to flow under this particular bridge.

With best wishes

Yours in Christ

+James

James Newcome

GRANGE OVER SANDS COMMUNITY FOOD SHARE (GOSFS)

In December 2019, I first helped out at the Grange-over-Sands Community Lunch, inspired by the Ambleside community lunch and Kendal People's Café, originally set up in February 2019 by a group of local people concerned about the 900 million tonnes of food going to landfill every year globally. The group served lunch, 1 day per month, to 50-70 local people, all from food that would have gone into landfill, on a 'pay what you can' basis. In June 2019 they also started the first local food club, another environmental initiative saving food from landfill.

When the pandemic started, this well-established group stepped up and started a second food club in Grange and a Community Foodstore. The surplus food is provided by Fareshare, a national surplus food charity in Preston. Importantly the initiative helps to support local people in food poverty due to lost jobs, closed shops, and the impact of lockdown.

The venture has been supported by local councillors, with funding from Cumbria County Council as part of COVID-19 support in the short term. The group runs very much on the principles of localism, helping empower local people to make change and focussing all development on environmental effects.

As word spread and the effects of the pandemic continued, more people wanted to set up these food clubs in their local communities. GOSFS has helped set up over 15 clubs, and SLDC Community Development Team runs a South Cumbria Food Forum. Just 2 years since their first Community Lunch, GOSFS and the other local food clubs provide over 200 food shares to food club members. In Ulverston, over 100 people each day visit the Ulverston Food Waste Project (UFWP) in the Ulverston Parish Centre.

In Grange, the Food Clubs give out over 100 food shares per week at St Charles RC church, with a team of over 25 volunteers. There is also a drop-in shop community food store based in the Thornleigh Hotel garden, open every Wednesday afternoon 1-3pm, where anyone can save food from landfill, have a cuppa, all on a 'pay what you can' basis.

The Grange Food Share also runs children's activity clubs in school holidays for up to 60 children and families, providing music, sports and arts activities, a delicious nutritious lunch, and a food share where the children can choose their lunches for the rest of the school holidays. This has been advertised at Grange Primary School to reach out to families. There is also a school holiday foodshare called the Big Long Lunch open to all local children, so-called because the food is placed in a long line for the children to choose from.

So how can we help ?

Many of you may have professional expertise you could offer to the project, or could help at the Food store, assist in the garden, or just make coffee. Volunteers are always welcome!

Food poverty is very much a problem locally and the local Food Banks do a great job supporting people when they are in crisis. However, due to the pandemic, there is an even greater demand for continued support to tackle poverty, reduce social isolation and increase well-being, while at the same time reducing the environmental impact of surplus food.

It is planned to apply to funders to set up a more formal group structure, eg as a community initiative company or a charity. If you have expertise in this area, please get in touch.

Judith Mitchell (015395 33022) and Rahina Borthwick - Project Coordinator [07985 505 415](tel:07985505415)

WHAT IS WORSHIP? ‘ We Have Come to Seek Your Face, O Lord...’

Psalms 27.8 says: “My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, I will seek. (NIV).

The word ‘worship’ is derived from Anglo-Saxon origins, essentially meaning ‘worth + ship’, from woerd = worthy, and schipe = position. In other words, it’s acknowledging how worthy of a position someone or thing is.

We Christians acknowledge God as the ultimate person and thing of worth because God created and sustains in being the earth, the universe, and each of us. The ordered beauty of creation, of the universe, reveals God to us.

We Christians believe Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God-in-human-form: the very Word of God spoken in a human life; teaching and demonstrating God’s beautiful order; dying to take the effects of human dis-order into his own flesh; rising to show the dis-order can be neutralised, new life possible.

We Christians believe the Word of God continues to speak by his Holy Spirit in and through our lives, and in written form in the scriptures, Old and New Testaments, which define the truth for us. This works out through the spirit-empowered lives of us Christians, who are now called the body of Christ, the church, the gathering of people in whom the Holy Spirit dwells.

The Spirit-indwelt Body of Christ seeks the face, the presence of God the Father, as Jesus did on earth. So when we worship, we acknowledge God for all this and much, much more, and we’re thanking God for it all, praising God’s activity in and through it all. We’re seeking to delight our beloved God, to light up his face as we his children acknowledge him to be who he is! We’re seeking God’s face as a baby seeks a mother’s.

Our attitude, our engagement, our sacrifice of time, self-importance, status, money all contribute to what we offer of ourselves in thankfulness and praise of God’s always prior activity. And as we worship, as we acknowledge God for all he is, so God’s presence becomes manifested amongst us. A sweet-smelling ‘fragrance’. Worship isn’t Sunday morning entertainment. It isn’t to scratch where we itch. It isn’t to tickle my particular fancies, to sing the songs I happen to like, to say the words I happen to be familiar with. Worship, in other words, isn’t primarily for me, it’s for God. Of course, it can also do all those other things, and more, but in essence, worship is first for God, not primarily for me, or us.

What if Church was a theatre?

In a theatre you have a stage with the performers, an orchestra pit for the musicians with their conductor, and an auditorium for the audience who arrive excited to be there, awaiting the performance... It’s all to put on a production for the benefit of the audience, who will pay good money for the rich and rewarding experience, and hopefully come back. The performers also are captivated by the thrill of being active.

There are lots of similarities with church. We have a stage/chancel with the performers (Clergy and Lay Readers), an orchestra pit for the musicians with their conductor (choir and organist), and an auditorium for the audience (congregation) who arrive excited to be there, awaiting whatever has been prepared for their delight? But hang on, no, this is not the correct analogy!

Who is the worship for?

It's for God, not principally for the congregation (though they should benefit).

SO who is the audience in church?

Well, it's God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit! A tiny audience in number, but the greatest possible audience in being: the God of the universe, creator and sustainer, word made flesh and scripture, empowerer and revealer of truth...

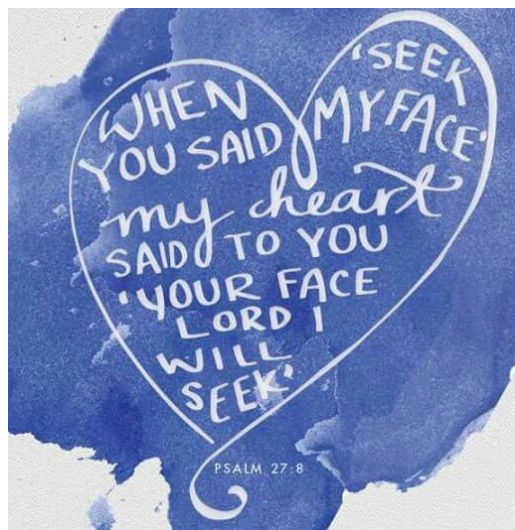
Who are the performers?

It's all of us together, leaders, congregation, musicians and choir, offering our thanks and praise to God, the audience! We're all on stage: God's in the auditorium, in the pews!!

So what about the ministers?

Well, they are the conductor, producer and director of the worship: with the help of the musicians and choir, they lead everyone in worship of God even as they themselves worship.

So, next time you walk into church, imagine you're walking on stage. Hear the roar of the crowd (ie God: the lion of Judah) as the Trinity of Father, Son and Spirit awaits your performance. Hum (or sing when we can) your heart out like a musical theatre artist would to please their audience. Engage with the Word He speaks to you. And watch for the smile on the face of the Lord...



Jim

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COVID 19 "COLLISOLATION"
Or... C.C.C.C.C.C.C.

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ST PAUL'S CHURCH AT RUSLAND

Deep along the lanes between Haverthwaite and Grizedale is located the very small parish of Rusland, and about half a mile away from the majestic Rusland Hall can be found the quite isolated church of St Paul's. The building is certainly best viewed from the south where it sits atop of a small outcrop of rock. You enter the churchyard by way of the imposing metal gates, and in April this area is adorned with daffodils. If you should visit by car, then there are a couple of parking spaces on the opposite side, as this photograph depicts only the foot traveller's entrance. The tower looks out across parts of the Rusland Valley and large stretches of ancient woodland, with streams flowing nearby in a southerly direction to join up with the River Leven a few miles away.

Rather than the church building itself, it is the graveyard that is such an interesting place to wander round and contemplate, often in complete solitude. It gets very few visitors!

The church was first built in 1745, but after about 100 years it almost fell into ruins. However, in 1868, it was virtually reconstructed, and remodelled into the delightful rural church it is today.

It is said to comfortably hold about 120 folk, with a small choir and narrow nave. However on the recent date of my visit, the church was sadly locked, so viewing the interior and learning more about its history was limited to gazing through the windows!

What appears really special to visitors here is not so much the building, but to locate the final burial place of the children's author, Arthur Ransome.

In later life he lived about 3 miles away from the church at Hill Top Farm (not to be confused with the other "Hill Top Farm" where Beatrix Potter used to reside) and on numerous occasions he walked up to Rusland Churchyard as a favourite place of contemplation and reminiscing! Ransome, was of course famous for his "*Swallows and Amazons*" series of stories.





In all, 12 books were written each becoming best sellers of children's literacy. Some of his books were of course set in his beloved Lake District, and accounts and adventures were taken from his own childhood days whilst holidaying in this area. Although he didn't really profess to be a regular church goer, he had a great affection for country churchyards. He loved the solitude and quietness they provided. A location like this

here at Rusland was perfect for a reclusive story writer! It was said that in old age he wished to be eventually placed in the corner of this churchyard close to a dry stone wall and under a large pine tree where cones would fall on the earth where he and his Russian wife (Evgenia) would finally rest. If you are aware of his thoughts then the location of the grave should be fairly easy judging by the photograph of the lone pine on the south side of the graveyard. Ransome's grave is well worth the hunt, and perusing all the other ancient stones reveals many past names and interesting facts of those who came before. The views to the south-west are quite magnificent and after sitting around for some amongst the graves, and wandering aimlessly around this place, it was time for me to leave.

On returning back to my parked car I looked across the road from the church's main entrance towards the present 'village room', and couldn't help wondering how long ago that this was once Rusland's school. Perhaps like so many others it survived up until closure in the early 1960's, with children after that, having to travel elsewhere for their education. More than 80 years of schooling here in the Rusland Parish must have come to an end, but at least the building is still used by the community today. The noise and bustle of pupils playing in the area surrounding the school must have been a wondrous sight to see and hear in this remote spot....Now peaceful, calm and quite! Certainly in my view a lovely ride out to here on a sunny afternoon is very worthwhile: a stroll along the lanes of Rusland remembering folk coming from distances in the parish to attend a church service here, or perhaps imagining the collective noise, excitement and chatter of children all those years ago on their way to their tiny village school!



Colin.



**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IS
SUPPORTING THE 'VACCINAID' CAMPAIGN
WHICH AIMS TO HELP FUND THE BIGGEST
VACCINATION DRIVE IN HISTORY**



Led by UNICEF UK, with the online fundraising platform Crowdfunder, this campaign offers people a practical way to give thanks for their Covid-19 vaccination, by making a voluntary donation to help pay for jabs for others around the world. It aims to help fund almost two billion Covid-19 vaccines for health workers and the most high risk and vulnerable people on our planet. The money raised will also help UNICEF provide tests and treatments to people in 190 countries around the world through the global COVAX initiative.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, encouraged people and congregations to donate and to spread the word in the community, as a practical demonstration of Jesus's command to love our neighbour. Archbishop Justin said: "The Covid-19 crisis has had a profound impact on people here and around the world, but vaccines offer the hope of a brighter future. I'm delighted that churches and other faith groups in the UK are supporting the VaccinAid campaign. There is no better way to show our deep gratitude for the gifts of science and medicine than making sure vulnerable people around the world are also given a shot. At the heart of the Christian faith is Christ's call to love our neighbour: keeping one another safe from this terrible disease is part of living that out. I encourage people to donate whatever they can, so we can build a better world together."

VaccinAid is being supported by other faith groups, businesses, celebrities and the NHS. Using the Crowdfunder platform, individual donations can be given, or communities - including parishes - can sign-up to fundraise together.

For more information on the campaign go to www.vaccinaid.org to donate or begin fundraising.



The Methodists had two very successful collecting days outside their church, and were so lucky with the weather. The kind people of Grange donated items to the value of 807 meals and £190 was received in cash donations, fantastic! They plan to arrange another collection in June.

As soon as all the Covid restrictions are raised, and we are able to use the Father Magner room at St Charles, the Mother Teresa group will be resuming their bimonthly collections.

BLUEBELLS for love

Bluebells are traditionally woodland flowers. They can grow very close together, which creates the beautiful seas of *bluebells* we see. They need undisturbed soil to grow, so you're most likely to see them in old and ancient woods, flowering from mid-April to late May. You might also spot them growing along hedgerows, and in fields and gardens. Good places to see them locally are Cartmel woods, Eggerslack woods, Thorpinsty at Cartmel Fell, and Pool Bank near Witherslack.

The bluebell is a symbol of gratitude, humility, constancy and everlasting love. There are countless tales and myths surrounding them, and they are commonly associated with fairy enchantments. It is said that, if you turn a bluebell flower inside out without tearing it, you will win the heart of the one you love, and if you wear a wreath of bluebells you will only be able to speak the truth. They have often been included in traditional bridal bouquets for this reason. A posy is the perfect expression of long-term love or constant friendship.



If you ever need support, Age UK is here for you.

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You can also find out information about coronavirus, lockdown rules and vaccinations on our [website](#).

Age UK provides information and advice on every facet of later life, from helping people find out benefits they are entitled to claim, to discussing options to 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.

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"KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO'S THERE?"
"IN A PICKLE" "SET YOUR TEETH ON EDGE" "HEART OF GOLD"
"FAINT HEARTED" "SO-SO" "GOOD RIDDANCE"
"LIE LOW" "FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE" "BAITED BREATH" "SEND HIM PACKING"
"COME WHAT MAY"
"THE GAME IS UP"
"WEAR YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE"
"NOT SLEPT ONE WINK" "FULL CIRCLE" "OUT OF THE JAWS OF DEATH"
"TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING"
"WHAT'S DONE IS DONE" "NAKED TRUTH" "BREAK THE ICE"
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"LAUGHING STOCK" "BREADED HIS LAST"
"HEART OF HEARTS" "VANISH INTO THIN AIR"
"SEEN BETTER DAYS" "MAKES YOUR HAIR STAND ON END"
"DEAD AS A DOORNAIL" "FOR GOODNESS' SAKE" "LOVE IS BLIND"
"GREEN EYED MONSTER" "FAIR / FOUL PLAY / PLAY" "OFF WITH HIS HEAD"
"THE WORLD IS MY OYSTER" "BRAVE NEW WORLD"
"BE ALL / END ALL" "A SORRY SIGHT"

ARE THESE QUOTATIONS FROM THE BIBLE, OR NOT?

Biblical references are to the New International Version (NIV)

1. "The end of a matter is better than its beginning, and patience is better than pride."
2. "And though in all lands, love is now mingled with grief, it still grows, perhaps, the greater."
3. "We can stand affliction better than we can prosperity, for in prosperity we forget God."
4. "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."
5. "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform."
6. "The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going."
7. "If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand."
8. "This above all: to thine own self be true; And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."
9. "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."
10. "Heed the Word of the Lord, or the dead will rise again possessed by demons, and ye who are unclean shall be damned forever and ever in eternal fire"

Answers on page 23—Average score for this quiz is 6 / 10

DON'T THROW AWAY!

The Soroptimists are collecting empty blister packs for Marie Curie. The aluminium can be extracted from them and reused to earn funds for this charity. So, please start collecting your pill 'strips' when they are empty rather than throwing them in the bin! Boxes are available in the chemist's shop on Kents Bank Road, and also in Superdrug in Kendal and in small Boots outlets (eg Carnforth). All those of us on medication will surely be delighted to think that something good can come from waste packaging.



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Good news for anyone who purchases goods from Amazon. As you will probably know, Amazon stopped giving donations for goods bought on-line from them via easyfundraising. However, we have discovered that if you buy from smile.amazon.co.uk you can choose a charity for donations, at no cost to anyone except Amazon. The even better news is that I have now registered The Parish of Saint Paul Grange-over-Sands with Lindale with smile.amazon.co.uk.

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Both these platforms are a source of money for our church for nothing (other, of course, than the purchase of the item you were going to buy anyway!)

Rosemary Hoyle

CHRISTIAN AID

12-18th May marks Christian Aid week, and its 75th anniversary.

Christian Aid is the official relief, development and advocacy agency of 41 sponsoring churches in Britain and Ireland, and part of the church community worldwide. It was set up to help refugees in the aftermath of the Second World War and 'respond to Christ's command to care for all in need'.

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. For over 75 years, this truth has inspired us to stand together in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none. Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive, and Christian Aid seeks to eradicate extreme poverty by tackling its root causes. Its current aims are:

- to expose poverty throughout the world
- to help in practical ways to end it
- to highlight, challenge and change the structures and systems that favour the rich and powerful over the poor and marginalised.

This year the emphasis is on climate. The climate crisis affects us all, but people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives. Extreme weather means that communities are struggling to survive without a reliable source of water.

Envelopes will be available in church from the beginning of May, with the option for claiming Gift Aid. On Sunday, 16th May, we are also inviting you to donate what you would pay for a cup of coffee or tea at any of our local cafes – there will be a Christian Aid collecting box at the back of church. The amount collected will be match-funded from Church funds.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so that, when the rains do come, villagers will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.



Daily Hope, a free national telephone line, offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of the phone —for those without access to the internet.



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65 YEARS OLD IS STILL YOUNG!

How old is old? The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared that 65 years old is still considered young. Before, based on the Friendly Societies Act (1875) in Britain, old was defined by the age of 50. The United Nations has not adopted a standard criterion, but lately 60 years old was referred to as the border age of the word 'old'. However, WHO has done new research recently, according to average health quality and life expectancy, and defined a new criterion that divides human age as follows:

0 – 17 years: under-age
18 – 65: youth or young people
66 – 79: middle-aged
80 – 99: elderly senior
100+: long-lived elderly



Will you help to create a 'greener' Cartmel Peninsula?

Don't forget the **On-line Public meeting:**
Wednesday, May 5th at 7pm

where Greening Cartmel Peninsula will be explained in detail. Terena Plowright, founder of The Greening Campaign, will be joining our meeting to explain what positive things are involved.

Those attending the meeting will be invited to help choose a number of simple actions they consider to be most relevant to the community and which will enable people to make a difference to our environment today – and long into the future.

If you plan to join the meeting email peatgreening@gmail.com.
You can also find information about **PEAT** and **Greening Cartmel Peninsula** on our blog, peatssouthlakes.blogspot.com

Answers to Bible quiz

1. Bible - Ecclesiastes 7:8.
2. J.R.R. Tolkien, "The Fellowship of the Ring," Book 2, Chapter VI
3. Reverend Dwight L. Moody (1837-1899)
4. Bible - Luke 12:34
5. William Cowper (1731-1800)
6. Bible - John 3:8
7. Bible - Mark 3:25
8. William Shakespeare (1564-1616) "Hamlet," Act 1, Scene 3
9. Bible - Romans 12:16
10. John A. Russo (1939-) "Night of the Living Dead - 30th Anniversary Edition" (1999); a revised version the 1968 film classic originally directed by George A. Romero (1940-)



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July	70	69	113	126	33	134	169	
August	124	112	168	86	108	180	188	
September	6	29	118	177	133	177	66	
October	156	60	31	172	131	160	165	
November	97	246	118	189	62	85	114	
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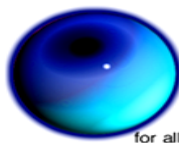


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