# THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

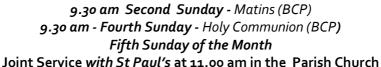




#### Normal services at The Parish Church of Saint Paul

Sundays - 11.00 am - Parish Service Wednesday - 10.00 am - First of month H/C

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





#### 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,

Wow! They did it! What tremendous excitement there was last night from thousands of fans as well as the pundits, as the England team won their match against Germany. After months of silence, with singing, cheering and gathering being unlawful, it was like the coiled spring had suddenly given way and sheer joy and celebration just couldn't be contained. Of course, it's about the England Team and Euro 2020. Expectation and hope is growing that this year might be the one in which the team brings home the trophy. It's also probably where the great divide of the nation begins. Some will be glued to their TV screens watching every match and everything else takes second place until the month is over. For those who can't abide the game of football, they'll be wondering what all the fuss is about.

Every match is being scrutinised, every possible outcome is being imagined and, after the match, the analysts have a field day as every move is dissected. Who will win the cup? For me, I hope that, whatever the critics say, England might win.

Maybe the one thing we do know is that the fans, dressed in red and white, singing and chanting for their team, are hoping very much, until the last second has been played, that all will go their team's way. All we can do is hold our breath and wait.

Bill Shankly, manager of Liverpool Football Club from 1959 to 1974, famously once said, 'Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that.'

Isn't it amazing how football can become the main force and focus of someone's life? Nothing else matters, because for them football is everything. It made me wonder how often those of us who are Christians get excited about our faith in Jesus and allow our passion to be expressed. How enthusiastically are we prepared to share the life-giving, life-changing message of the good news found in Jesus?

John and Charles Wesley were two people frowned upon by many who regarded their enthusiasm for the Christian faith as inappropriate, and yet their total commitment to Jesus captured the imagination of the age. Through them, many thousands came to know how much God wanted a relationship with them and turned back to Him.

If ever we needed a true sense of our value and worth, it is now. If ever we needed to be transformed by the love of God, it is now. You see it really is a matter of life and death, because our hope of eternal life is found in Jesus, who holds out to us the most amazing cup of all - the cup of his life blood that saves the world. That really does deserve our full focus!

With love and prayers,

Every blessing,

Revd. Sue Wilson



#### Dear Friends

My final email to you all.

It has been an immense privilege to minister among the people of God, the Royal Priesthood, on the Peninsula these last three years, and I want to begin by saying a huge THANK YOU to all who've ministered with me to help grow the Kingdom of God here. One of the most touching things that has been said amongst many kind farewell comments is "You've given us confidence". This is wonderful, as it's what Jesus came to do, summed up in one of my favourite Christian songs:

You have given us confidence
To approach your holy throne
By the blood that was shed
Through your broken body
And we have a great Priest and Holy One
Who sits at the right hand of God

Let us draw near to God
With pure hearts
Full of faith and confidence
Cleansed from a guilty conscience
Washed in pure water
We hope in you
For you are faithful
Yes, you are faithful

(Vineyard song by Craig Musseau *Let us Draw Near* based on Hebrews 4:16, from the album *Hear Our Cry, Touching the Father's Heart* #7) If you want to listen, though the whole album is great: go to 18:42 on <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtlYGjFryd8">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtlYGjFryd8</a>

It didn't at all work out how I'd hoped and expected: three years' fixed term, possibly going permanent, with 3.5 clergy working co-operatively to build the kingdom of God in a new pan-peninsula mission community from Lake to Bay, but here we are.

My first sermon focussed on Jesus' words: "I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against them!" (Matthew 16:18) I remember saying Jesus didn't promise that the gates of hell wouldn't do their darnedest to prevail, and sadly we've experienced this resistance to the building of a united church on the peninsula. It still hasn't been stopped, however: we've seen a number of people and families added to the churches, growth in confidence, lay people taking more part in leading worship, answers to prayer (a scan of a long-awaited baby conceived in a couple we married being pinned on Finsthwaite noticeboard being the latest), etc, etc.

The institution of the Church of England is ill-fitted, it seems to me, to deal with the challenges, and doesn't have mechanisms, or sometimes the will, fit for the purpose of righting wrong and restoring justice. I'm sad to say that, notwithstanding the wonderful local churches I've had the pleasure of ministering amongst on the peninsula and previously, and the many lovely people I've met here, I'm left feeling disillusioned by the institution's inability, diocesan and national, to address the issue of clergy who don't do what they promised, and were licensed to do at their appointment, or to resolve issues quickly when questions are raised.

Money is needed to pay for a professional ministry; the principle of the diocesan family sharing its financial resources to enable those less fortunate to have the ordained ministry they need for their population is surely Christian. Sadly I feel the institution is too focussed on money, and now allowing ordained ministry to chase it, which is disturbing. Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and mammon" (Mtt 6.24), thus decisions made with money as their principal factor are in direct challenge to the word of the Lord of the church. If money is calling the shots, God isn't.

Many of you have kindly been asking, "What are you going to do next?" Some months ago, I felt the Lord saying to me, "Don't bellyache about the future, it's in my hands". I have four years until I'm 68 which (I now realise from a recent Clergy pensions letter) is when we're supposed to retire, not 67 as I thought!

I've said numerous times that, were there a team of colleagues I had confidence would work together to make disciples in a mission community on the peninsula, in a balanced structure, I'd be open to staying in some capacity. I don't believe the proposed new structure, which I've not been involved in thinking through, will produce this anytime soon. It's based on money, and threat, and it isn't a structure in which I'd be at peace to minister. So, this isn't what I'll be doing next. Other than that, I don't know!! Boats? Gardening?

Thank you so much to all who've been praying for us since the loss of my brother and through my sudden incapacity last month, and to all who've kindly contributed to leaving gifts for us. On paper, because of having to spread myself across six parishes, I've only spent the equivalent of six months with each, so it really is very generous of you. You may like to know the gifts are going towards a Flying Fifteen dinghy which Valerie and I will enjoy sailing together, maybe even racing!! See you on the lake?

Let me finish where I began. Jesus WILL build His church. Thank you again to all who have been willing to lay down their lives, and pick up their crosses to work with Him in doing this. As I've said many times, our principal job is to trust Him, to scatter the seed, and to make disciples. He'll build His church if we let him!!

Heavenly Father

Your son, our Lord Jesus the anointed and risen one declared:

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it".

We pray that you will pour out your Holy Spirit

And bring this declaration to bear today on this peninsula.

We pray for true confession of wrong, for deep repentance,

For restoration, for the renewal of your promise, for growth in the number of disciples, your followers, in the power of Your Spirit,

In the Name of the risen Jesus Christ who defeated death. Amen.

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

Jim

# FAREWELL AND PRESENTATION TO JIM By Mike Hill



"We are very sad that you are leaving us after just three years as our interim Team Rector and we wish to thank you for your time with us.

We have enjoyed your presence and the way in which you have led our worship. We have appreciated your presence and advice at our PCC and other meetings. We have especially enjoyed your sermons and homilies – strongly and convincingly Bible-based, forthright, clearly transmitting the commandments

of Our Lord, and guiding us in the right way to think and act.

I think I am right in saying that this period in your life's ministry has not been your happiest period. My mind constantly goes back to the interview process which took place in Haverthwaite three years ago when you met a panel of four people from the Cartmel Team, of which I was one. I remember particularly the question that you asked of us towards the end of the meeting, namely "After what you have told me of the situation in the Team, why should I join you, with all the problems, when I could continue to work on the Lake steamers in peace and health, and go home each day at 5.30 p.m. and relax in the evening?"

We very quickly demolished that way of thinking. Liz Arthurs said "That is not what Jesus is asking you to do – he wants you to come and help us". And I said that you were far too young and active to be thinking of so easy a life and there was plenty of time for that when you had a few more years under your belt!

I just hope that we did not mislead you over the difficulties that you would face but I

certainly did not believe that you would meet such intolerance, obstructionism, lack of co-operation and lack of support as you have met over your time with us. And the situation concerning the Revd Rachel Stavert has been yet a further irritation and problem. My hope is that you have not met such reactions from our congregations here in Grange.

As you move on to the next phase of your life in Christ, we wish you every success and a more congenial working environment, wherever that may be.



In presenting you with this painting, we hope that it will give you happy memories of the town of Grange-over-Sands and especially of your friends in the congregations of St. Paul's and the Fell Church. We hope that you may return here at some time in the future, perhaps to lead us again in worship; you will be welcome. And, to make your farewell a little sweeter, our donations amounted to more than the cost of the painting, so there is also a cheque to go towards a holiday or whatever.

In the meantime, we thank you again and we give our best wishes to you, to Valerie and all your family for your future. "

#### FROM THE REGISTERS FOR JULY

#### YEAR'S MIND

Margaret Cook Colin Bentley Dean 6th July 2018 23rd July 2020



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

#### ST Paul's Church Diary - July 2021

**Saturday 3rd July -** St Thomas the Apostle's Day 2.00 - 5.00 pm - Garden Party - Gooseholme Park, Kendal (Manna House) - see p23

#### Sunday 4th July- 5th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am - Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

#### Wednesday 8th July

10.00 am - Holy Communion - Canon Derek Jackson

11.00 am - Concert given by Charles Edmondson, St Paul's

#### Sunday 11th July - 6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am - Mission Praise - Lay-led - Fell Church

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

Friday 16th July - School Summer Holidays start

#### Sunday 18th July - 7th Sunday after Trinity

11.00 am - Holy Communion - Archdeacon Vernon Ross

#### Sunday 25th July - 8th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am - Holy Communion BCP - Rev'd Brian Williams, Fell Church 11.00 am - Service of the Word - Lay-led - St Paul's

#### INTRODUCING OUR NEW INCUMBENT AND HIS PARISHIONER



Never say that we are not 'game' at St Paul's. Ever up for a challenge a small group agreed to enter the scarecrow competition run by **P**eat **E**nvironmental **A**ction **T**ogether (PEAT) to promote the greening of the Cartmel Peninsula.

Five of us met initially in the kitchen at Meadway to make plans and decide our strategy. Having intended making one scarecrow, our enthusiasm ran away with us and we all agreed that, after 5 years of waiting for the Diocese to appoint a vicar, we would make our own! But how to dress him? Penny Driver provided the clerical shirt and collar, Joyce the cloak which she had been given by Betty Hall from her nursing days, and the hat was a lucky find. We are not sure just what Sue is doing to him, but you can tell from his expression that he was somewhat surprised!!





We chose as our message "Wrapping up to turn (the thermostat) down". What fun we had – hopefully, as the photographs show - causing hilarity and attracting some amusing comments from passers-by!





The final figures now sit on the bench in front of the church. We invite you to suggest suitable names for our two new members of St Paul's. The first suggestion for the vicar from John Millican is the Reverend Guy Straw!

PS Wilma was not at all happy when she saw the vicar for the first time. Her hackles went up and she growled at him!!

# COLIN'S COLLECTION OF COUNTRY CHURCHES TO COMBAT COVID 19 "COLLISOLATION"

#### OR...C.C.C.C.C.C.

#### No.15 ST BEGA'S PARISH CHURCH AT BASSENTHWAITE



There has to be something really enchanting about the few country churches that are only accessed across fields and footpaths, and are not located next to a roadway!

This is the case at St Bega's Parish Church on the east shoreline of Bassenthwaite Lake. It is sited about half a mile away from the main road and accessed via a right of way that winds around "Mirehouse" and its

associated private gardens and woods. In fact, the church is almost seen as an exclusive place of worship for the estate, since there is another Anglican church actually located within the tiny village of Bassenthwaite not far away. Nevertheless, this is a Parish Church!

Amazingly, the building dates back to the year AD 950, and evidence suggests that both the nave and the chancel are from that time! Ever since then, Christian worship has regularly taken place here, and to a large extent within a stone-built structure as opposed to that of wood. Extensive renovations to the church took place in 1874, with much of the funding provided by the Spedding family who lived at "Mirehouse", and where their ancestors still reside today. I learned that electricity was only installed as recently as 1966, with some elements of pew removal in 2005 to make way for an improved social spacing area within the church.

For visitors coming to St Bega's on the shores of Bassenthwaite Lake there is ample car parking facilities at the nearby Dodd Wood Sawmill Café, with refreshments best

served up after the walk there and back to the church. Inside the building is really quite beautiful with space for no more than about 60 worshippers.

The authorities have vowed to ensure that this building is open each day for walkers and tourists to come inside and experience its peace and tranquillity. In the small south aisle, I found as many as 30 different and separate volumes of translations of the Bible—an attempt to





From the beautiful churchyard, views over towards the summit of Skiddaw are quite magnificent Local tradition suggests that St Bega herself perhaps visited this site not long after AD 870 on her journey from Ireland to parts of the north-east of England where she did much of her spiritual and religious work. More recently, though, it was William and Dorothy

Wordsworth who passed by here and, later, Alfred Lord Tennyson made many visits. Tennyson was a great friend of James Spedding of "Mirehouse" and was instrumental in persuading Spedding to upgrade this building in 1874, having visited the place earlier whilst on his honeymoon. Upon composing the poem "Morte d' Arthur", Tennyson was inspired by the views of Skiddaw and the vistas over the lake, which he claimed undoubtedly stimulated the verses written. Tennyson was convinced that the Arthurian legend might have even taken place here and, in particular, the disposal of Arthur's sword, "Excalibur" back into Bassenthwaite, only to be retrieved by "The Lady of the Lake"! Today in a nearby wood behind the church is a small outdoor theatre where poetry and readings take place in summer; it is also the annual meeting place for the Tennyson Society where "Morte d'Arthur" will always be read in poignant surroundings.

#### THE CONNECTIONS WITH "MIREHOUSE"

Today, this wonderful country house and gardens are open to the public and are owned by current members of the "Fryer-Spedding" family. The house was built in 1666 and has wonderful views up towards the top of Skiddaw and to the northwest to St Bega's church and the lake. Two of the older members of today's Spedding family are NSMs



and regularly preach in the church on the one Sunday in the month that it is still open for regular worship! I learned from a notice by the front at "Mirehouse" that St Bega's is one of 12 churches in the nearby *Binsey Team Ministry*, all of which are very small and work in agreement to share their Sunday services. The connections with Alfred Lord Tennyson still remain, with regular meetings of those who enjoy his poetry taking place not just at the open-air theatre in the wood, but also within "Mirehouse" itself, as well as on some occasions actually inside the church.

Both places are well worth the visit!

Colin

#### NEWS FROM BOTHWELL, SCOTLAND

A big thank you to you all for cards, e-cards and messages on my recent birthday. One more year passing and it is now over 3 years since we moved here. We can hardly believe it. It is so lovely to hear from people and we enjoy reading Rosemary's facebook walks. We remember all the places when we were walking with Muffin. Good times.

In spite of all we still miss we know it was the right thing to do. But, I often think of Grange, our friends and neighbours there (and the view from our bungalow!) I often think we could have been out and about seeing people we knew from a distance. But we are near the family and that is important too.

When we moved into this apartment last year the lockdown started and we had to wait to get some of the jobs done. We had a new kitchen last summer when we were able to have tradespeople in for a while and other jobs when we could. We wanted to get carpets down before we moved but that wasn't possible and the carpet shop finally opened earlier this year so last month we had carpets throughout. Maybe it wasn't a good idea to have all on same day! Simon and Denise came the day before (fortunately a Sunday) to move all the furniture into the kitchen! Good job we have a large one! We were lucky that the fitters moved all the big stuff back for us. Then, of course, everything had to go back into drawers and cupboards.

And it also happened at the end of the month for church finance so that had to be done (treasurer here). And then we had a Vestry (PCC) meeting the day after! The same day I received notice (via a letter sent to the last treasurer) that the charity commission returns for last year (2019 - 2020) had not been done!! Trying to sort out someone else's notes isn't easy.

We continue to grow older! How I hate the aches and pains! Last week I had a video call from physio. First appointment was via telephone then last appointment was face to face and next one will be face to face as well. My exercises, etc, at the moment are to 'repair' the damaged nerves from my hip operation. I am trying to do the exercises every day but it isn't doing much for the prevailing osteoarthritis I have. But I walk every day, rain and shine, not as far now but I am glad to get out and see people.

Gordon is very 'up and down'. He is OK just now after a bad week but not walking much. He can't get his breath. He sometimes goes bowling (drives round corner in car) but not often. When he goes it is with the other older gentlemen so it is a slow game! He has to stop after a short time. Unfortunately wind and cold affect his breathing and now the sun doesn't help. He has to wear long sleeves, hat and trousers all the time because medication causes very thin skin (steroids I think) and he is purple and red and painful. Last week his hands were bad as well since we had been sitting in Simon's garden, all covered up we thought but his hands must has got in the sun.

Church continues as before. We have services on Sundays in both our little church and the 'big' church in Hamilton, and Wednesdays in the 'big' church. All services are on zoom as well so we are reaching out to everyone. The downside is that the actual numbers in church are down because people are continuing on zoom. But we are doing our best to 'carry on'. A few people just get on with the things that have to be done. I had to open up on Sunday (and we have alarms which I hate!), get the flowers on the way and set up the altar, etc, but we take turns so no pressure. I have had some training as a lay leader which I enjoyed and am called on frequently for intercessions and reading.

As far as the Covid situation you will know that we are always behind England! At least now we can see the family. They came for a meal on Sunday for Father's Day and it was the first time that both Adam and Simon had seen each other since last Summer when we had a brief 'let up' of restrictions. As for the grandchildren, Nathan is hoping to be back at university face to face in October (he has only had 2 on-line lectures a week for his first year) and Bethany should be back at Dundee university in September. She finished her degree 2020 and should have been having work experience in an architect's office for a year before returning to university for the second qualification. But it looks like they may be making different arrangements. We will see.

I am hoping to get down to Grange when it is safe to do so. But we will see how things go here.

Best wishes to everyone from Gordon and Christine Harrison x



#### BERTHA TROTTER

By a will dated 24 July 1951 Bertha Trotter bequeathed the residue of her estate:

"Unto the vicar and churchwardens for the time being of St Paul's Church Grange over Sands aforesaid absolutely in memory of my late dear husband, to be utilised and applied by them (as to which utilisation and application however the bank shall not be concerned to see or enquire into) primarily in or towards the care comfort and relief of the sick and suffering within the parish in which the said church is situated and subject thereto for such charitable purposes in the said parish as the vicar and churchwardens may from time to time in their sole and absolute discretion determine."

A recent donation was made from this trust fund, which triggered my interest as to just who this Bertha Trotter was! After much searching on the internet of census and parish records I have finally found her.

Bertha was born in 1873 in Westminster, London, the daughter of Bernard van Raalte, a cigar merchant born in Holland and Henrietta, born in Poland. Bertha became a dressmaker and in July 1906 she married Harry Woodward Trotter, in whose memory the fund was bequeathed. He died on the 23rd February 1950 in University College Hospital, London. His occupation is listed as a Customs and Excise Clerk, and his effects at probate were £7,246 10s 2d (today's equivalent value in the region of £250K). They do not appear to have had any offspring. Bertha died on 6th December 1951 at Paddington Hospital, London, and at the time of her death she was living at 6 Birchington Road, Hampstead, London. Probate was granted on 9th February 1952 to Barclays Bank, and her effects amounted to £12,140 8s 11d.

Harry was born in Crag Cottage\*, Windermere Road, Grange, the third child and only son of John and Catherine E Trotter, and that is presumably why she gifted the residue of her estate back to Grange. I can find no record of her ever living here. In 1861 John is married to Mary, and the cottage is a grocer's shop, but by 1871 John's wife is Catherine (née Woodward) and Crag Cottage is a lodging house, and John a fire and life insurance agent. They have three children, of which the youngest is Harry Woodward. The family lived at Crag Cottage from the days when the railway had only a single line, the station was a wooden hut, and the ornamental gardens were a swamp.

You may have noticed the brass plaque on the north wall of St Paul's:

#### **Thomas Trotter**

# A diligent and faithful worker and a constant worshipper in this Church. Died 15th April 1898, aged 69

I had originally conjectured that Bertha was in some way connected to Thomas, perhaps married to his son, but could not understand how she could have accumulated enough wealth to bequeath a substantial sum to St Paul's. Thomas was a gardener, the younger brother of John, living at Charney Well Cottage. He was married to Jane, and produced 6 children. According to the 1891 census, the eldest

son was a blacksmith's apprentice, the third son a plasterer's apprentice and one of the daughters a laundress. Delving further back in time, the parents of John and Thomas were William (b 1791 in Witherslack) and Mary (b 1796 in Cartmel). William was an agricultural labourer living at Andyfield (also known as Sandyfield and now the Hampsfell Hotel), and he had 6 children, 4 sons and 2 daughters.

\* Crag Cottage is the left of the two houses behind Postlethwaite's Funeral Chapel Penny

#### MARGARET GRAVESTON NÉE DAVIS

On the 30th May thisyear Margaret celebrated her 90th birthday. She was born in 1931 at the Cottage on Hampsfell Road, and must be the oldest Grange-born resident who has lived here all her life. Her mother, Marjorie née Gibson, was also born in Grange and her father, Fred Davis, born in Cark, was chauffeur/gardener at Yewbarrow House, and later chauffeur to Sophia Arkwright, in whose memory the Fell Church was built by her sister Henrietta.



Like her parents before her, Margaret was married in St Paul's Church. Her husband, Stanley Graveston, worked behind the counter at the Post Office for many years, while Margaret worked at Spencer's Café (now Thyme Out). Margaret was christened in St Paul's, and regularly attended Sunday school each week in the Parish Hall.

Russell Bloxam kindly visited Margaret on her birthday, and presented her with a card and bouquet of flowers on St Paul's behalf.

Penny



#### MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S

Jane Dutton recently recently posed a series of questions about the music at St Paul's and where we are going with it, which has provided a very useful prompt for us to take stock.

#### Background

St Paul's is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, and we would wish to maintain this tradition. Rosemary receives the magazine with suggested hymns based on the lectionary. In the past the choir has attended RSCM training courses and singing days, a notable one being a workshop with John Rutter. Charles Edmondson retired as Director of Music and Organist last year, and Jane kindly offered to help with the choir from her background of musical training.

#### Current arrangements for music

1st & 3rd Sundays	Charles	Organ
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Joan	Organ/piano
4th Sunday	Jane	Piano
5th Sunday		

#### Current arrangements for hymns

The purpose of singing hymns is to praise God - it has a biblical foundation in the psalms, and the choir is there to lead our singing.

Four hymns are chosen by Rosemary to reflect the readings and theme for the Sunday, although the priest is ultimately responsible for the worship in church when he/she is presiding, and can ask for alterations to the hymns and/or readings.

The Service of the Word on 4th Sundays provides an opportunity to explore more modern songs.

Since we have been open for worship, but restricted in the numbers who could sing, we have had two of the hymns sung by 2-3 people, increasing from the 4th July to 6 One hymn spoken over the music

One hymn hummed by the congregation

Jane rehearses with the singers and the reader on the Friday before the Service, and when Charles is playing he is prepared to rehearse before the service

This system seems to be working well.

#### Future arrangements

Once the Covid restrictions are finally lifted, hopefully by the end of July, we intend to reintroduce the augmented choir. So far, we have five people committed to rejoining and to rehearsing each week. By then we should all be able to join them in the singing. The plan is that we will eventually advertise for a Director of Music and Organist, but this may well await the arrival of a new incumbent, as must any radical change to our style of music, eg a change of hymn books.

In the meantime, we intend to carry out as we are doing, but are open for constructive comments, and will be keeping things under review.

Penny

#### SYLVIA ENTWISTLE

Sylvia died on the 31st March 2020 right at the start of the first lockdown for Covid, and we were unable to pay our last respects to her. Her ashes were finally interred in the cemetery in Grange on Wednesday, 30th June. The Revd John Dixon took the graveside service, and her sister and immediate family who live in the north-west were present, along with some of her friends from Grange and from church in particular.

Sylvia moved to Arnside with her husband, Jo, when they retired. He was 20 years older than Sylvia, and a licensed Lay Reader. They moved to Hampsfell Grange in 1998 when the terrain at Arnside became too difficult for Jo. They were both regular members



of the congregation at St Paul's, particularly with regard to musical activities. Jo died in 2000, and Sylvia continued the musical tradition by serving as a faithful member of our choir.

## A poster found in a church in France (translated)

'When you enter this church, it may be possible that you hear "the call of God".

However, it is unlikely that He will call you on your mobile.

Thank you for turning off your phones.

If you want to talk to God, enter, choose a quiet place, and talk to Him.

If you want to see Him, send Him a text while driving.'

#### **SOLO LUNCHES**

At present we are only allowed tables of six for eating inside. Although we could have more than one table, we are not permitted to intermingle. I'm hoping that the restrictions will be relaxed by mid-July and that we can dine, together once again, possibly in August at the Newby Bridge Hotel.



#### G7 SUMMIT AND CARBIS BAY HOLIDAY

Our Cornwall Holiday had been booked since September 2020, so it came as a bit of a surprise to find out 4 weeks before we were to go that the G7 Summit was to take place same time and same place, what a fluke......

We were so looking forward to this break away after 18 months of a Pandemic and lockdowns. We were not going alone but with family; there would be six of us, four adults and two children, and a dog named Pip. One of the adults



wanted to cancel the whole holiday but the rest of us stuck firm; there were rumors of long tailbacks on the roads and sniffer dogs in your vehicles causing total mayhem. We felt positive though, and felt it was going to be an experience, good or bad.

The journey there was long with tailbacks on the M5, which took an age to navigate, but once on the A30 we felt an ease as we were on the home stretch. We saw a few convoys of black people carriers with police vehicles and police motorbikes surrounding them and going quite fast in the opposite direction to us. (We now know they were going over to the Eden Project to meet the Queen.) Once we got to the turning for St Ives and Carbis Bay that's when things changed. As you can see from the picture, the police presence was quite heavy—they were everywhere. They needed to know where you were going and why, and then pointed you in the right direction, in our case following the diversion to Carbis Bay.

Once on the outskirts of Carbis Bay the Police stopped us again and needed to see some form of identification and reason for our visit. We had taken our passports and a utility bill and had the booking information. We then received a pass to be displayed in the car. (Each time we went out of Carbis Bay in the car we would need a new pass and would have to show all our documentation again.) We were held up for a little while on a back road as some of the delegates were on the move and no-one else was allowed on the road through the village. Then we were off to the cottage, or in our case a bungalow, in the Red Zone of Carbis Bay (a heavily policed area as we were very close to the



After settling into the cottage and having some food, we decided Pip need a walk so off we went up through the village. Never in all my 61 years have I seen so many police in one place. They were very chatty and helpful if spoken to. Some were carrying very large guns which was a little disconcerting as we don't normally see that sort of thing in England. Jacob christened it 'Police Town' and was quite happy to shake their hands or exchange 'high fives' and have his picture taken with the guns. Jack, on the other hand, just put his head down and continued walking, until one of them offered some chocolate and he didn't hesitate then. The whole area had a festive air about it. We walked about three miles that night, saw helicopters, a chinook helicopter, and more delegates coming back from meeting the Queen. It was a good start to the holiday.

That night the police patrolled the area every 15 minutes or so in groups of six or eight, so we felt very safe knowing they were just outside. We could walk around the village but couldn't go down to the beach or near the hotel, but could walk to the next beach which we did. Ben said that it was only a mile away..... three miles later in scorching heat and walking up and down hills with police everywhere we finally arrived. It was

bliss but the walk back was anything but - needed a lie down when we got back. That night there was a display by the Red Arrows and we were in a perfect spot to see them. It was fantastic and the kids loved it. (I just hope they don't think every holiday will be like this....).

By the Sunday evening it was all over, the delegates had gone, and the police presence had greatly diminished. By Monday morning it was as if they hadn't been there, but wow what a super weekend—a once-in-a-lifetime event. There were also three Frigates in the Bay, two Fighter Jets constantly circling



the area (you couldn't see or hear them but Ben had got them on his phone), and helicopters flying over. Some of the residents were lockd in with large metal fencing as they backed on to the hotel, or secure area, and they had their own policeman to unlock the gates when they needed to go out and come back, 24 hours a day.

Once Monday arrived we could move around freely and go down to the beach and hotel, and the train service to St Ives resumed on Tuesday. Apparently the hotel is booked up for 12 months, amazing what a Summit can do for business! The beach was really secluded and great for the kids, the walk back up the hill to the cottage was another matter.

All in all a great holiday, even for the sceptic among us. We all felt part of something special.

Linda

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Sunday 18th July 2021	7th Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Beyan Williams	16.00 pm AW Lay-led	H.00 am Hody Communion Archdeacon Vernon Ross		9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd George Wilson	Holy Communion Rev'd George Wilson	HAO am Morning Worship Father John	9.50 am Morning Worship Archdencon Vernon Ross
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It was really wonderful to be back in church again last month, listening to Charles entertaining us on the Bechstein.

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What a super programme Charles had put together for the first concert in the series. He gave us a tour of the world, beginning with Austria (Mozart) and progressing through much of Europe (with Chopin, Bizet, Debussy, Albéniz), via Russia (Shostakovich) to the USA (Scott Joplin and Dave Brubeck, covering some 250 years into the bargain.

We experienced a variety of moods, tunes and tones. The Chopin *polonaise in B flat* was played with almost martial vigour, conjuring up 18th century epauletted officers dancing with their ladies; the Frenchman, Bizet, composing *Carmen*, a work which has come to symbolize the spirit of Spain; the bull-fighting chords of Albéniz's *Tango in D* which punctuate so many aspects of the bull-ring's struggles yet also symbolize the sensuality of that dance. How can one ignore or dislike jazz when it gave us Shostakovich's Second Waltz in *Jazz Suite No. 2*? What to say about Scott Joplin and the restrained syncopation of his ragtime compositions?

It was a lovely morning. We are grateful to Charles and also to Eileen for turning the pages at the right times. The next show is on 8th July: will the promised serving of

coffee or tea materialize, or has Boris delayed that additional sensory pleasure for a further four weeks? No matter: do please come along: share the joy of being united in music again and show your satisfaction by contributing to the health of others less fortunate than ourselves.

Mike



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May	62	165	32	75	37	52	26	101
June	28	34	185	135	19	91	99	2*
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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