

THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT PAUL
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



January 2022

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Normal services at The Parish Church of Saint Paul

Sundays - 11.00 am - Parish Service

Wednesdays - 10.00 am - Holy Communion

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 within the Benefice



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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FROM THE VICARAGE

As we approach a new year we can sometimes feel the Christmas 'blues'. As the glittering lights fade, the Christmas tree evicted and the decorations put back in their boxes, we can find ourselves plunged back into the rather drab and cold winter month of January feeling a little empty. On the other hand a new year can provide new possibilities and an opportunity to look back and view our situation with greater clarity.

You may not be familiar with the term 'liminal space' but I've been reflecting on it more recently especially following our family move from London to Cumbria. I have taken on a new role, the children have started a new school and my wife is working out how we can all make the most of our time in the new situations we find ourselves in.

Traditionally, liminality was a key aspect of any rite of passage and was accompanied by deep uncertainty, as the uninitiated warrior moved from one space to another. It concluded with the young initiate being welcomed safely after enduring a time of testing and discomfort.

As many of us become able to take steps away from our time of testing and discomfort, there's less clarity on the new space we move into. Over the last year, the temporary spaces and the permanent spaces have become less defined. Our liminal space comes with blurred edges, and the constant question, "how long will we be here?" has hung in the air.

Circumstances have demanded so much from us. We have navigated loss, change, and powerlessness, underpinned by disruption to all of our life giving rhythms.

On the threshold of this new year, we don't have the security of those who have gone before calling to us, 'we've done this, you'll be fine'. To most of us, even with the excitement of the new, there is underlying uncertainty. Some of us might struggle to believe it is safe. Is God truly with us?

Before we move fully into 2022 I'd invite you to pause and consider the following: Feel the ground under your feet once again. Breathe the air. Become aware of the presence of God, if you are able to. Embrace the threshold of this new year as a unique space for you.

Perhaps you could imagine yourself at the top of a mountain or hill with a good vantage point observing where you have climbed and where you might be heading.

From here you can look back and ask yourself

"What should I leave behind, and what should I take with me?"

What are the things I'd be delighted to let go of - to see the back of?

As we consciously consider these things let us become equipped for the journey ahead letting go of what was and moving, in the midst of uncertainty, to the place where God is calling us embracing the new opportunities that come our way.

With every blessing for the new year,
Jonathan

NATIVITY SCHOOL SERVICE DECEMBER 2021



The Grange school nursery nativity is a highlight for me as part of the Christmas festivities at school and it was lovely, that we now have Rev Jonathon Brewster to assist in leading the service with Mrs Summers, Headteacher.

This year was a little bit different due to the pandemic and the nursery children had been practicing hard led by Nursery teacher Mrs

Hill with the nursery staff. The whole school were supposed to be in church on December 16th, but due to a potential positive test in nursery Mrs Summers took the swift decision that it should be a nursery only service which saved it from cancellation!

It was a beautiful traditional nativity which was very special for the children and nursery parents. Thank you to all the staff for their hard work in preparation for the service, dressing the children and encouraging them to take their places in the nativity scene as Mary & Joseph, the animals, Inn keeper, the Angels, the shepherds and Three kings gathered on the chancel steps. One of the highlights for me was seeing the Angels dancing in front of the choir stalls as only young children can!

The Nativity brought home the true message of Christmas as we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ.

Judith Mitchell
Foundation Governor



When shopping on-line this Christmas, please remember that you can easily raise funds for church or your favourite charity.

Easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity

shopping site—over 1.9 million users have so far raised over £32 million. St Paul's Church – Grange over Sands is registered as a charity, so when ordering groceries, goods, booking theatre or rail ticket, or holidays on-line, and/or on Ebay use EASYFUNDRAISING, a clever website that turns everyday on-line shopping into free donations. Visit the web site www.easyfundraising.org.uk/ to see how it works and for a list of over 5,200 retailers. To date, since we started using this site £543.12 has been raised for St Paul's, £81.84 in this last year.

Similarly, when ordering goods from Amazon, start with smile.amazon.com and choose Saint Paul Grange over Sands as your chosen charity. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases.



MESSAGE - *My parents were residents of Grange up to 2016 and regular members of the congregation and choir at St Paul's. My mother, Olive, died in 2017, aged 90 years and my father died on 19th December 2021 aged 96 years. They enjoyed their time in Grange and the warm fellowship of your church and choir. I would be grateful if they were remembered in your pensheet and prayers.*

Nigel Ginniff

Dear Nigel,

I have just received a copy of your email to us advising of your father's recent death and of that of your mother some years ago.

They were both well loved members of our congregation and both contributed greatly to our worship and fellowship: your mother in our choir, your father with his ready wit - and with his DIY skill which ensured that a notice board was made available so that members of the choir could see the number of the hymn that they were due to sing next. I think of him every time that I put up the hymn numbers for a service.

We shall ensure that your news is brought to the attention of our congregation although it will be met by great sadness from those of us who knew them.

Our condolences go to you.

Best wishes,

Mike Hill

Churchwarden

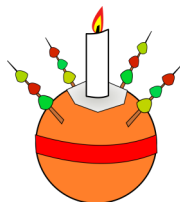
St. Paul's Church,

CHRISTINGLE COLLECTION 2021

The Christingle service was held on Christmas Eve in St. Paul's and attended by 50 adults and 24 children. The Revd. Jonathan Brewster conducted the service which was accompanied by organ music pre-recorded by Charles Edmondson.

Everyone enjoyed the service which was accompanied by appropriate lighting effects. Many of the pupils of Grange Church of England School had made a monetary collection in their cardboard candles for The Children's Society and these were handed over at the altar during the service. Christingles were distributed and these were lit by the flame being brought to the ends of the church pews and then the light passed along each row. Darkness fell on the church and carols were sung. It was a poignant scene.

The collection for the work of The Children's Society realized just over £289. A number of Gift Aid donations were also received and the Society has benefited by over £308. Our thanks go to everyone who donated and worked to bring about this event.



CAROL SERVICE 2021

The candles were lit, the lights were twinkling on the 30+ entries to the Christmas Tree Festival, the welcome was warm, and the scene was set for St Paul's 2021 Carol Service. It began with a beautiful solo of the first verse of 'Once in Royal David's City'.

The Revd Jonathan Brewster led the service, opening with the familiar bidding prayer. Organist Charles Edmondson had rehearsed with an augmented choir, and both the singers and those who read the lessons, chosen to represent various parts of the church community, excelled.

After the final Blessing, Charles played Bach's organ voluntary 'In dulci jubilo'. Afterwards fellowship was shared over a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie – sensitively and responsibly with due regard to Covid

Our thanks go to Charles and all who helped in the organization of this superb event. The singers and soloist are especially deserving of our thanks and praise this year: their voices certainly dispelled Covid-inspired gloom and filled us with inspiration and pleasure.



CHARLES'S LAST CONCERT OF 2021

The final concert of the year last month was a two-part event: Mozart and Schubert on the piano, followed by Seasonal Music on the organ, and it was a most pleasant morning. Of course, the mood was set by twinkling Christmas tree lights, and tea or coffee served with mince pies from 10.30 a.m. onwards.

Charles explained that the piano pieces were not part of his normal repertoire but the Covid lockdowns had given him chance to practice, so we were lucky to hear these remarkable pieces. Were the two genius composers really only 25 and 31 respectively when they died? What the world has missed by such brief lives.

The carol-based seasonal music was interesting in its variety. How did Claude Balbastre ("Mr. Alabaster"), a French-speaking Swiss, capture the haunting music of Scottish bagpipes in his variations on a Swiss carol? And Alfred Hollings, the blind organist and composer from Hull (died 1942), had produced a remarkable Cradle Song based on "O come, all ye faithful."

Susan and her skilled team provided the refreshments, Eileen turned the pages, and our cheerful and appreciative audience gave well over £270 towards our funds. Thank you to Charles for this concert and his other performances during 2021 which have contributed so much to our happiness during a most difficult year. We have asked him for more in 2022: we await his news.



FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

Victor Holt 30th December 2021

YEAR'S MIND

David Saville Read	6th January 2017
Yvonne Barber	11th January 2017
Joyce Lucy Hartley	15th January 2017
Alma Ann Townley	16th January 2017
Clifford Heartley	6th January 2018
Mary Jackson	2nd January 2019
Bessie Shepherd	25th January 2019
Kathleen Wilson	9th January 2020
Eveline Robinson	13th January 2020
Dennis Whitaker	16th January 2020
Maureen Briggs	16th January 2020
Dorothy Royston	25th January 2021



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

Only the deaths for the previous five years are included in the magazine, but each name in our remembrance book is read out during the intercessions at St Paul's in the Sunday service.

CHRISTINGLE MAKING DECEMBER 2021



Thank you to all the ladies who gathered on the Tuesday morning before Christmas to make Christingles for the Children's society service on Christmas Eve. Many hands make light work and we managed to make over 100 in 1 hour!

The Christingle service was attended by over 70 children & adults helping raise over £289 for the Children's society.

Helen & Judith
PS also thanks to Bill for drilling the oranges





Parish of Saint Paul Grange-over-Sands

JANUARY 2022
SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S & FELL CHURCH

SUNDAY 2nd JANUARY - EPIPHANY

11.00 am Morning Prayer - St Paul's Church, Grange

Lay-led



WEDNESDAY 5th JANUARY

10.00 am - Holy Communion - St Paul's Church, Grange

Rev. Nick Hallam

SUNDAY 9th JANUARY - BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9.30 am - The Fell Church, Grange - Lay-led

11.00 am - Holy Communion St Paul's Church, Grange

The Venerable Penny Driver



WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY

10.00 am - Morning Worship - St Paul's Church, Grange

Lay-led

SUNDAY 16th JANUARY - EPIPHANY 2

11.00 am - Holy Communion - St Paul's Church, Grange

The Venerable Vernon Ross, Archdeacon of Westmoreland & Furness

WEDNESDAY 19th JANUARY

10.00 am - Holy Communion

Joint Service at Methodist Church, Grange

SUNDAY 23rd JANUARY EPIPHANY 3 - PARTONAL FESTIVAL

9.30 am - Holy Communion - The Fell Church, Grange

Rev. Jonathan Brewster

11.00 am - Holy Communion - St Paul's Church, Grange

Rev. Jonathan Brewster



WEDNESDAY 26th JANUARY

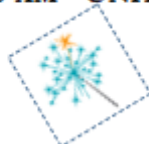
10.00 am - Holy Communion - St Paul's Church, Grange

The Venerable Penny Driver

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY - EPIPHANY 4

11.00 AM - UNITED SERVICE AT ST PETERS, FIELD BROUGHTON

Rev. Jonathan Brewster



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2021

OPENING

After the dark, gloom and cold of an abortive Christmas Fair the previous weekend, the church had been magically (well, with the help of electric power and a great deal of hard work) transformed into a glittering, sparkling, green forest of decorated trees and a literally warm welcome to our visitors. The Christmas Tree Festival 2021 had arrived.

Margaret Ratcliffe acted as M.C. and introduced our MP, Tim Farron, who gave a brisk address to the younger members of our congregation and declared the Festival open. He reminded us that, amidst worries, concerns and shortages, the Christian word and the coming of Christ at Christmas is something on which we can all depend and pin our hopes. He will not let us down.

And so it proved. The trees lit up one by one as we sang our opening carol. The well rehearsed choir from Grange Church of England Primary School then entertained us with seasonal songs. After refreshments, the Bay Community Singers took up the rhythm with novel interpretations of traditional melodies and we ended with the usual chatter as our guests dispersed.

Our thanks go to Margaret and Gill for master-minding the decoration of the church and the trees, to Tim for opening the event, to Susan and her team for providing such wonderful nibbles and drinks, and to all who stewarded, welcomed and entertained us. It was a refreshing reminder that, amongst Covid anxieties, the fear of more infection, the vagaries of the weather and our electricity supply, the worries of the availability of supplies in our shops for Christmas, some things always come through. Let us hope that our visitors give generously to those less fortunate than ourselves during the next few weeks as we approach the real birthday of Jesus Christ.





CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We have had another successful Christmas Tree Festival and have been able to send over £400 to each of our three nominated Charities. They are the British Red Cross, Light up Lives and Growing Well. The footfall was up on last year but down on previous years. This shows that despite the difficulties faced by many everyone has been very generous. We would like to thank all the loyal people who gave up their time to steward the Festival. Without their help there would be no Festival.

Margaret, Gill and Christine

2022 CHURCH CAR PARKING PERMITS

Application forms for 2022 Car Parking Permits are now available at the back of the Church. Prices are once again frozen at £45 for one car, and £65 for two cars.



MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS are due in January 2022. We are keeping the price at £1.00 per issue but are increasing the number of issues to 12 per year. We would appreciate annual subscriptions if possible. Please make payment in the Office. We hope you will feel the magazine provides good value for money.

THE GATE OF THE YEAR

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into
the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer
than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God,
trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking
of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins



RECYCLING AT THE CO-OP Soft plastics can now be recycled in the special blue bin close to the tills—pet food pouches, food wrappings, bags, cellophane, crisp packets, pasta bags, chocolate or biscuit wrappers, plastic fruit/veg net bags, lids on yoghurt pots, etc, as long as everything has been washed—not plastic bottles, tubs, pots, trays and caps. If you're not sure, a simple test is to scrunch it up and if it pings back, it's a useful indicator it's soft plastic.

One night a Viking named Rudolph the Red was looking out of the window
when he said, **"It's going to rain".**

His wife asked, **"How do you know?"**

"Because Rudolph the Red knows rain, dear".

GIFTAID SOME WHYS AND WHEREFORES

A telephone chat with a national charity before Christmas highlighted some of the problems which they – and we – are having in claiming Gift Aid on donations to a registered charity (which that charity and St. Paul's both are).

The Children's Society which we support with our Christmas gifts at Christingle time told me that they will not be sending envelopes with Gift Aid declarations on them in the future because (a) very few people fill them in and (b) many envelopes which are completed are incorrect or incomplete. The proceeds they obtain each year from Christingle services do not justify the cost of running this programme.

To obtain Gift Aid, a charity has to show a declaration from a UK tax payer giving the name and address or post code of the payer. Furthermore, it has to be one tax payer only: "Mr & Mrs. A. Payer" will not do as HMRC have to be able to trace it back to one payer and his or her individual tax paid. It is unlikely that they will try to do this but a charity could risk having their entire finances thrown into disarray if it is ever found not to be complying totally with an HMRC requirement.

This happens to St. Paul's. Each week we receive 2 or 3 blue envelopes with cash inside in the plate collection which are not completed with a name and address or post code. These envelopes are just torn up and discarded – a total waste of money to us who have had them printed.

Happily, all is not lost as there is the HMRC Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme (GASDS) which permits us, as a charity, to claim Gift Aid on small donations of £30 or less. So we can put small cash donations from incompleting or incorrect envelopes together into one "pot" and make a claim. All this is handled by those who count our donations each fortnight and by Chris Brown, our Stewardship Secretary, who completes and submits the necessary HMRC claim form every three months.

There are other rules and regulations but, basically, we can only claim on donations. A sum paid to the church for goods (e.g. a mug of coffee) or a service (e.g. the use of the car park) may not be used to claim Gift Aid. An entry fee for a concert may not be claimed; but if the event is "entry by donation only" then we may claim as this is a voluntary and varying donation.

Chris, John (our Treasurer), and Mike can explain more and we have declaration forms to permit claims on all donations and standing orders eligible for Gift Aid from anyone who is a UK tax payer, provided that we can recognize the donor and the sum. Got it? Do please ask – and please keep donating.

**SHARING
GOD'S
GIFTS**



There was also a £60.00 cash donation given to the Foodbank.



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

Our free Advice Line is open 7 days a week, 8am-7pm on 0800 169 65 65. Or, if you're feeling lonely and want a friendly chat, day or night, you can call

The Silver Line on 0800 4 70 80 90.

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.

Another number to ring - **HELPLINE 03030030003**

Website: www.ageuk.org.uk/campaigns

Twitter: [@ageukcampaigns](https://twitter.com/ageukcampaigns)

PASTORAL VISITORS

You may have read on recent pewsheets the name ‘Scott Garry’ under the Prayer Points and wondered who this was. By way of explanation, some time ago we received an email from Scott’s sister, who lives in Dundee, asking whether we had any pastoral visitors at St Paul’s who would be prepared to visit her brother in Cartmel Grange as she and his parents lived so far away. Scott is a chemist and worked for over 30 years at Glaxo in Ulverston, but two years ago was diagnosed with an aggressive terminal disease similar but not the same as Motor Neurone Disease. Our pastoral team has set up a rota for visiting and reporting back to the family. This Christmas we received a card from the family with this wording:

“Many thanks for visiting my brother Scott in Cartmel Grange nursing home. It really means a lot to us. Although Scott struggles to communicate, we know that he enjoys and appreciates your visits. May God bless you, and those in the pastoral team, in the work that you do for him.

With best wishes from Angie (and my parents Ella and Jim)”

I wonder sometimes how much the web site is used, if anyone ever looks at it, whether the time spent in keeping it up to date is well spent, but when we are able to respond in cases like this, then it makes it all worthwhile.

Please continue to pray for Scott.

GRANGE OVER SANDS MONTHLY RAINFALL (MM) - ANDREW LITTLE

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
January	163	154	141	98	142	73	107	186
February	115	76	125	91	69	99	263	139
March	61	110	107	162	60	182	75	134
April	58	46	72	15	98	39	12	12
May	62	165	32	75	37	52	26	101
June	28	34	185	135	19	91	99	30
July	70	69	113	126	33	134	169	70
August	124	112	168	86	108	180	188	63
September	6	29	118	177	133	177	66	62
October	156	60	31	172	131	160	165	304
November	97	246	118	189	62	85	114	71
December	103	352	65	109	160	155	126	153
Annual								
Totals	1,043	1,453	1,275	1,435	1,052	1,433	1,408	1,325

** means incomplete total till next month*

OR... C.C.C.C.C.C.C.

NO.21 - HELSINGTON CHURCH, NEAR BRIGSTEER

You would have thought that the Parish Church serving the village of Brigsteer would be located close by to its centre. But it is not! Helsington Church is literally way out amongst the limestone escarpments a long distance down some very narrow lanes, with not a house in sight, except for the adjacent former church school room. At first the rather grey dashed-walls tend to give the building a rather drab appearance, but upon closer



inspection it is worth spending more time exploring this little place. The views out over the Lyth Valley and to the south across Morecambe Bay are really quite stunning. A church first stood here in the year 1726 to serve the outlying farmsteads and cottages, but once the village of Brigsteer started to grow in Victorian times, there became a need to re-vamp the church and modernise it, so that by 1910, it is basically what you see today. The side windows are in pairs with clear glazing and are small for a place of worship, but only the East window has stained glass. It shows the Crucifixion.

The interior of the church is certainly more beautiful than at first thought. Its roof timbers are exposed and give quite a homely effect, along with all the intricate oak and pine carving, and a very elaborate pulpit placed in memory of a by-gone parishioner. Services, I learned, do take place here on a regular Sunday basis, although it looked to me that it was part of a large benefice of very small but widely scattered rural churches. I did like the drawing of these that I saw on the notice board and thought this well worthwhile its inclusion in this write up.



However, within this local team it appears that Helsington has special links with the close-by "All Saints Church" at Underbarrow, where they occasionally hold joint services.

This church is dedicated to St John the Evangelist, but coming inside the building visitors are immediately fixated by the magnificent east end wall painting surrounding the large window. Only photographic inclusion can really appreciate its true merit, but trying to take a picture in low light did cause me some degree of difficulty.

Nevertheless, I felt that it had to be included. The artwork was completed in 1919 in memory of all those who died in the Great War. It depicts 12 angels all looking towards the stained glass of Christ with a backdrop of the hills and rivers in this part of what was

Westmorland. The painting is actually on a large canvas stretched over wooden batons to avoid dampness coming directly through the wall and spoiling the mural after a decade or two. This magnificent art piece was the work of a single parishioner, known as “Miss Saumarez”, whose dedication to both Christ and those who fell in battle was simply enormous. I found it quite uplifting and, of course, it would make for a beautiful outlook every time worshippers attend this place for a religious service.

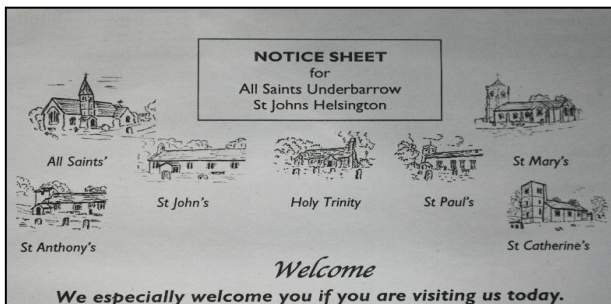
Leaving the church I did notice that the exit door seemed to have an unusual automatic unlocking and re-locking device to ensure that the building always remained open during the hours of daylight. I found this refreshing when so many churches I often visit are shut up to exclude visitors. However, I did wonder what might happen to someone late on in a winter’s afternoon should they fail to leave the building in time, only to be locked inside the place! Possibly, no escape until first light? Alas, I couldn’t work this potential problem out!

The churchyard is well protected from fierce winds by many mature trees and in late February it becomes adorned with a fine display of snowdrops, only to be replaced some six weeks later by an equally fine array of daffodils. As always I was enthralled by the adjacent former school room and wondered what it would have been like walking down the dark lanes from Brigsteer in those days when it served children of the area. Today it is some sort of a self-catering hostel with dormitories and bunk beds visible by peering through its windows.

Across the narrow road leading to the church is a large car parking area, but the best way to visit here is to walk the mile and a half from Sizergh Castle. In the past the Strickland Family, whose ancestors still live in a part of the historic building, had very close associations with this lovely rural church.



Colin



THE COMMUNITY HUB AT THE VICTORIA HALL

Janet Carter describes the group,
their aims and objectives

We built on the success of the GAP Covid Helpline and Facebook Group and in early 2021 launched our Community Hub at the heart of the community. We are based in the Victoria Hall as a friendly presence welcoming locals and visitors alike.



As well as providing our own services, workshops and support, we signpost to other services and organisations. We are keen not to duplicate offerings so we direct enquiries to those already in existence whenever possible.

We look to reach those in the community that may be slipping through statutory service gaps, listening, learning and providing new services where necessary.

We focus on building a kind, sustainable and resilient community, and we believe that collaboration, kindness, inclusivity and strategic planning are the key.

We believe there is a lot of good in the world which we want to promote, so we build partnerships and trusted relationships, actively supporting other groups in the work that they do.

We encourage everyone to **BE THE GOOD** they want to see in the world.

We are blessed with an amazing team of volunteers who actively give up their time to be exactly that!. If you would like to find out more about volunteering then please contact us.

We also love to hear new ideas and what services you think may be missing, so please pop in and see us with your suggestions.

Our contact number is - 015395 92814

Light Up Lives is a Community Interest Company set up in 2018

to tackle social issues such as isolation, loneliness and youth engagement.

It is reliant on grant funding and donations as well as proceeds raised from events.

DO DOGS GO TO HEAVEN?

"A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them. After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill, it was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight.

When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate, and as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side. When he was close enough, he called out, 'Excuse me, where are we?' 'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered. 'Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked. 'Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up!' The man gestured, and the gate began to open. 'Can my friend,' gesturing toward his dog, 'come in, too?' the traveller asked. 'I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets.' The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog.

After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

'Excuse me!' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?' 'Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in.' 'How about my friend here?' the traveller gestured to the dog. 'There should be a bowl by the pump.' They went through the gate, and, sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it. The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then he gave some to the dog.

When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree. 'What do you call this place?' the traveller asked. 'This is Heaven,' he replied. 'Well, that's confusing,' the traveller said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.' 'Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?' 'No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.' Dogs are family.

Anonymous Author and Artwork



Rota for January 2022

Sunday	Grange	The Fell	Finsthwaite	Haverthwaite	Staveley	Field Broughton	Notes
W1 Sunday 2nd January 2022 2nd Sunday of Christmas	11.00 am Morning Worship	No Service	11.00 am Morning Worship	11.00 am Morning Worship	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am Morning Worship	Rev'd Jonathan Brewster 1 week Annual Leave
W2 Sunday 9th January 2022 1st Sunday of Epiphany	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Morning Prayer	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am Morning Worship	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion	Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
W3 Sunday 16th January 2022 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	11.00 am Holy Communion	No Service	9.30 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Holy Communion	11.00 am Service of the Word	9.30 am Holy Communion	The Archdeacon Vernon Ross
W4 Sunday 23rd January 2022 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	11.00 am Holy Communion	9.30 am Holy Communion	6.00 pm Evensong	9.30 am Morning Worship	11.00 am Morning Worship	9.30 am Morning Worship	Lay-led
W5 Sunday 30th January 2022 4th Sunday of Epiphany						11.00 am United Service 4th Sunday of Epiphany	Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Key	Clergy	Lay-led	Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	Readers			

	Albthwaite	Flookburgh
W1 Sunday 2nd January 2022 1st Sunday of Christmas	9.30 am Service of the Word	9.30 am Service of the Word
W2 Sunday 9th January 2022 1st Sunday of Epiphany	Joint Service at St John's	9.30 am Joint Service
W3 Sunday 16th January 2022 2nd Sunday of Epiphany	9.30 am Service of the Word	9.30 am
W4 Sunday 23rd January 2022 3rd Sunday of Epiphany	Joint communion at St John's	9.30 am Joint Holy Communion with St Mary's
W5 Sunday 30th January 2022 4th Sunday of Epiphany	9.30 am All Age with Baptism	9.30 am Service of the Word



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31 DECEMBER BY GINA RADFORD

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An abiding memory of 2021 is standing outside on a cold, damp day, blessing a tree planted in a care home garden as a memorial to those residents who died of COVID. Braving the elements were residents, families, friends and staff, many of whom had come in on a day off. Just one small way of making sure that we won't forget not only the sad deaths, but also the selfless and wonderful care the residents were given, mostly unseen by the outside world.

This care, these acts of kindness to some of our most vulnerable in society, has been repeated again and again all over the country during this past year.

REFLECTION

I find myself in a dilemma this New Year's Eve. On the one hand I should be welcoming the New Year with great celebration, yet I don't want to brush the old year aside as the countdown begins. There is no doubting that 2021 has been a challenging year, and most of us look forward with hope to 2022. Yet there are some things in this last year I don't want to forget, and want to take with me into whatever the New Year brings. Chief among these is what Jesus speaks about in today's reading: those small acts of kindness and care – 'small things with great love' as Mother Teresa described them.

Whatever our feelings may be as we come to 2022, let's not forget what we learned from this past year: the importance of doing small things with great love – particularly for our most vulnerable members of society.



WATERAID

A very Happy New Year to everyone and thanks for all your contributions to our alternative Christmas Card raising donations for WaterAid.

This year's appeal was to support students in Nepal by installing toilets in schools for girls.

We have collected £425.00, all of which has been gift aided, and will be match funded by the Government. Many, many thanks once again.

Sue Fleetwood



HAMPSFELL GRANGE

Hampsfell Grange, as we now know it, is a retirement complex situated on Hampsfell Road, opposite St Paul's Church. It was built by McCarthy and Stone in 1998, and was opened by the Beverley Sisters (Joy, Babs and Teddie) in July 1998.

Some of the rooms on the bottom floor were reserved for the Grange clinic, but this was later relocated to the Ambulance Station on Kents Bank Road.

The history behind the development of the whole area behind the present Post Office is fascinating.

The land belonged to a John Newby, a major landowner in the Grange area, who married Susannah (nee Sander, born 1766) in Warton in 1805. On the marriage certificate Susannah was described a licensed victualler. Originally there was a dwelling, Yew Tree Cottage, probably 18th century in origin, possibly older, with round chimneys, and John and Susannah may well have lived there. There were farm buildings, and a large field known as the 'Round House Field'. John died in 1843, and Susannah inherited his estate. She built the two-storey barn in 1845, and the date stone with her initials SN can still be seen today; it was she who gifted the land, said to be part of her garden, for the building of St Paul's Church, though she did not live long enough to see the church consecrated, dying in 1852 at Cark Village, Cark, the home of her daughter, another Susannah.

In 1872 the whole area was offered for sale as Lot 10, described in the attached. (Messuage = a plot of land and all associated buildings and outbuildings.) Between the two World Wars much of the site was owned by Grange Borough Council.

**Lot 10. - All that
MESSAGE OR
VILLA RESIDENCE**
with the Garden, Outoffices, and
Appurtences, situate near the Church,
in Grange, known as
"YEW TREE COTTAGE"
and now occupied by Mr. Cranshaw.
And also that
Well built and substantial Barn, and
other farm buildings with the yard,
cottage and watering pond adjoining
now occupied by
Mr. Thomas Westwood
**AND ALSO THAT VERY VALU-
ABLE PIECE OF BUILDING LAND**
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Lot 10 has been so arranged as to afford
a purchaser of the whole opportunity of
developing the 'Round House Field' as
a building site. The land, with the ad-
vantage of immediate access to the
centre of the town of Grange, is
perfectly private and secluded, and,
being well elevated and free from all
possible obstructions, it commands a
fine view of the bay and opposite shore,
the whole forming forming an eligible
site for a mansion or several
villa residences."

Buildings were erected on the Round House Field for a variety of permanent and temporary use. They incorporated the Grange Police Station (later relocated to the Victoria Hall) and police house, the Ministry of Labour office (where I worked as a clerk when coming to live in Grange from Liverpool newly married!), and Eddie Crompton's furniture store and showrooms (now on Kents Bank Road).



The lower part of the barn served as an abattoir for Asplin's butchers (now Chocolori) and as a council depot. More recently the upper floor of the barn has housed the CAB Offices and the Men's Shed, and it is currently used by SLDC for housing, while underneath SLDC and Continental Landscapes use it for storage.

In 1902 Grange's first Fire Station was housed in a corrugated shed adjacent to the barn and behind Yew Tree Cottage; the Revd George Vickars-Gaskell, Grange vicar (1916-34), was the first Captain of the Brigade. The horses to draw the fire engine were kept in the field where the library now stands. The Fire Station later moved to where the Ambulance Station is now, and then in the late 1960's to its present location.



Yew Tree Cottage was recorded in 1886 as being occupied by Edward Wilson, 'lodging house keeper', and it appears to have been a lodging house until it was vacated. In 1969 W E Swale described it as 'another very old house, now condemned ... standing behind the present police station and still sporting a rudimentary round chimney. It was last occupied by the widow of the late joiner, 'Tom Brown'. The house was demolished in the early 1970s to make improvements to the council yard.

By 1994 South Lakeland District Council had taken ownership of the site, and put it on the market. They drew up a brief for redevelopment, 'for retail, leisure or business uses (with housing content)' . The site was described as a messy, neglected collection of buildings, yards, tips and rough parking areas, but it was also regarded as perhaps the most valuable site to go on the market in Grange for a long time. Apart from the barn and council yard, the rest of the buildings were demolished, and Hampsfield Grange appeared!

PW



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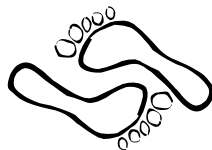
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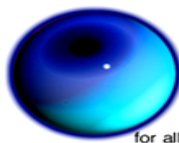


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