THE PARISH CHURCH OF SAINT PAUL GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



June 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 United 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

In February this year, Her Majesty the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate 70 years of service and it's right that communities across the UK will be enjoying a special extended bank holiday weekend to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. This will include a birthday parade, beacons across the country, a 'platinum party' at Buckingham Palace, a pageant of thousands of street parties and lunches, including our very own here in Grange.

A centrepiece of our Grange celebrations will be a Garden Party from midday on Saturday 4th June on St Charles' Church field and an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's on Sunday 5th June at 11am, followed by a Picnic in the Park and live music at the Bandstand.

All this celebrating causes us to reflect further. What kind of Queen do we have in Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth?

Traditional images of monarchy portray power, status, and superiority over other people. In biblical times, monarchs were to be feared. When teaching His disciples about leadership, Jesus said, "The kings of the Gentiles (pagans) lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors". A benefactor was a conspicuously generous person who acted in a way that made the recipient feel obligated.

All this was in complete contrast to Christ's own style, which was to act like a servant. This radical stance was adopted by the young Princess Elizabeth, when she promised the British Commonwealth, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service ...". It was just the same when she became Queen in 1952. Queen Elizabeth has consciously and deliberately applied Christ's teaching to her reign for 70 years. She has outlived scores of leaders, some with ambitions beyond their abilities, and a few with delusions of grandeur. Her ideals have outlasted theirs. Consistent, determined, charming, and single-minded, she has held before her the model of Christ, washing His disciples' feet.

In her Christmas Day broadcast in 2016, she said:

"Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them, because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love, whoever does them and what they themselves believe."

The Queen is Supreme Governor of the Church of England but her interest in faith goes well beyond this title. She holds a strong Christian faith and has exemplified this in her lifetime of dedicated service in the UK and throughout the Commonwealth. I am sure the singing of 'God save the Queen' will have more resonance this year than ever.

Have a wonderful weekend of celebrations,

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR JUNE

1st June - Wednesday

10.00 am - Morning Worship - Lay-led

11.30 am - 2.00 pm—Flower Team - Help with Jubilee Flowers in church. All Welcome

2nd June - Thursday - Spring Bank Holiday

2.30 pm - St Paul's church, Tea, Cake & Children's colouring competition

3rd June - Friday - Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

4th June - Saturday - Great Big Garden Party

12 noon - St Charles' Church field & Grange Methodist Church. Bring your own picnic from 12 noon

5th June - Sunday

11.00 am - Ecumenical Joint Service for Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at

St Paul's Church, Grange - Rev'd Canon Jonathan Brewster

8th June - Wednesday

10.00 am - Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

7.00 pm - Standing Committee in St Paul's Church

12th June - Sunday

11.00 am - Holy Communion with Baptism - The Venerable Penny Driver

15th June—Wednesday

10.00 am - Holy Communion at the Methodist Church

16th June - Thursday

7.00 pm - Corpus Christi Service - Field Broughton - Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

19th June - Sunday

11.00 am Morning Worship - Lay-led

22nd June - Wednesday

Holy Communion - Rev'd Nick Hallam

26th June - Sunday

Morning Worship with Baptism - Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

June 29th - Wednesday

10.00 am - Holy Communion - Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

7.00 pm - St Peter's Day Service - Finsthwaite - Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

30th June - Thursday

11.00 am - Concert, Charles Edmondson - Piano and Organ

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING (APCM)

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held at Fell Church on Wednesday, 27 April 2022, when there were 19 parishioners present.

The meeting was in two parts, the first being the 'Vestry' meeting. This meeting is open to all who live in the parish and is to elect the Churchwarden(s) for the forthcoming year. This year, Mike Hill, who has been our Churchwarden since 2004, retired, and we appointed Brian McCann as his successor. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Mike for all that he has done over 18 years – a long time in office and under difficult circumstances, as we have been without an incumbent for 5 years, and Mike has undertaken the role of Churchwarden on his own for a number of years now. Mike will be our Deputy Churchwarden this year, so we will not lose his experience and expertise.

We now move forward with Brian in the role of Churchwarden and wish him well. Brian will be admitted to the role of Churchwarden on Tuesday, 26 July, at Cartmel Priory at 7.00pm by Archdeacon Vernon Ross. Please do go along to the service to support Brian.

We then moved on to the second part of the meeting, which is open to those on the Electoral Roll of St Paul's. This meeting accepts the Accounts and Reports of the Secretary, Fabric, Deanery Synod and Electoral Roll Officer. We appointed an Independent Examiner to audit our accounts for 2022, who is Bryan Redhead & Co Ltd of Broughton-in-Furness. We then moved on to elect 3 PCC members for three years as follows: Audrey Gorman, Mike Hill and Penny Ward.

Next, our Sides-persons were elected for 2022/2023 as follows: Pat Brown, Chris Brown, Eileen Burke, Kath Bush, Carol Calveley, Margaret Caseley, Sue Fleetwood, Audrey Gorman, Bill Jackson, Susan Jones-Darlington, Judith Mitchell, Margaret Ratcliffe, Tony Simpson, Penny Ward, Fiona Whalley and Alan Wheatley.

Draft minutes of our APCM are available at the back of church in the PCC Minutes folder for you to peruse if you wish. I have copies of the Report and Accounts, if anyone would like to see them – they are also available electronically – please just ask me.

Many thanks to all who give up their time and talents to ensure that St Paul's and the Fell Church run so smoothly.

Rosemary Hoyle PCC Secretary St Paul's Grange-over-Sands



A BIG 'THANK YOU'

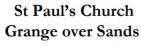
To all who supported our Spring fair – in any way.

The stallholders had worked hard to make their wares attractive, and the sun shone to bring out the crowds. And, to top it all, we finished with a splendid profit of £1,652.80. The individual stalls raised the following:

Kitchen	£230.40
Cakes	£151.60
Books	€,63.00
Bric-a-brac	£56.20
Plants	£113.00
Scarves, accessories, jewellery	£497.50
Jigsaws	£76.40
Tombola	£35.70
Raffle	£404.00
Silent auction	€,25.00

At the end of the day there were some very tired individuals! Inevitably such an event creates a tremendous amount of fetching, carrying, and standing, but all the effort was very much appreciated – and very worthwhile in the end result. The surplus on the Fair will go towards the cost of the floor refurbishment, recently completed. *THANK YOU*

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations





Tea, Cake & Children's Colouring Competition Thursday 2nd June







The Churchwarden and Parochial Church Counci of the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands invite **YOU** to an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving

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Sunday 5th June - 11.00 am at St Paul's Church Grange

Led by the Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

Jubilee Creative Concoctions

Combining a little bit of friendly 'Bake Off' competition with a bring-and-share street party vibe.

Saturday 4th June Grange Methodist Church Hall

Part of the Great Big Garden Party on St Charles' Field, Kents Bank Rd.

Three categories:

Savoury :: Sweet :: Cake

Two age groups:

12 and under :: 13 to adult

Cook up your Creative Concoction, give it a suitably creative name, and bring it along between 12noon and 3pm. Entries will be judged on a combination of creativity, flavour, presentation, and links with the Jubilee theme.

Winners will be announced at 4pm and then the assembled company will tuck in and enjoy!

Please remember that the food you enter into this competition is for public consumption, and follow good hygiene and food safety practices as you make it — wash hands, surfaces, and equipment; don't use raw eggs in anything that won't be thoroughly cooked; wash fresh fruit and veg, cook things thoroughly, avoid cross-contamination between raw and cooked foods, refrigerate cheesecakes, fresh cream and similar.

Bear in mind that there is not space to refrigerate your entry at the church hall, so if your item needs to be refrigerated please bring it towards the end of the afternoon.



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If you have never turned off the A590 to visit Foulshaw Moss Nature Reserve and the ospreys, now is the time! Three triplets have been born, and you can watch them live on the nest from the viewing platform. Well worth a visit!

You can also see them from your own home on the web-cam. https://www.cumbriawildlifetrust.org.uk/wildlife/cams/osprey-cam

The ospreys are also nesting at Roudsea Wood Nature Reserve, Holker Mosses, and another nest can be seen from the Boathouse Café on the shores of Esthwaite Water.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION IN BOTH KINDS

"The Diocese of Carlisle has issued new guidance about the reception of Holy Communion suggesting that 'Holy Communion should be administered in both kinds unless there is a clear and objective reason why there would be a significant risk in doing so'. Following a recent discussion at our PCC and Worship Committee we agreed that we would reintroduce Holy Communion in both kinds from the first Sunday in July. In practice, this will mean coming to stand at the chancel steps (as is our current practice) to receive bread from the priest and then wine from the chalice assistant before sitting down. If, for health reasons, you would prefer to continue receiving in one kind only, then please return to your seat after receiving the bread."

FROM THE REGISTERS JUNE 2022

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Jean Marsden 29th May 2022

YEAR'S MIND

17th June 2017
17th June 2017
18th June 2018
20th June 2019
3rd June 2020
10th June 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 during the Sunday service.

Did you know that Co-op shops, even a relatively small one like the one in Grange, now provide somewhere to recycle "soft" plastic? Their website says:



"Great news! You can now recycle soft plastics like crisp packets and bread bags at a Co-op near you. It doesn't matter where you bought them. Just pop your soft plastics into our recycling units and we'll do the rest. It means we can all do our bit for the environment."

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE



WELL-KNOWN FORMER CUMBRIAN VICAR NAMED AS NEW BISHOP OF PENRITH

A well-known vicar who ministered in Cumbria for 15 years has been chosen as the next Suffragan Bishop of Penrith.

The Rev Canon Rob Saner-Haigh, who is currently Residentiary Canon Director of Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Newcastle, was appointed by the Bishop of Carlisle.

It means Rob will return to the Diocese of Carlisle where he had served all his ordained ministry until his

move to Newcastle in 2020. He will also once again live in Kendal, having previously been the vicar of the town's parish church for 10 years.

Rob, aged 49, said: "I am thrilled to be returning to Cumbria; a place whose people and landscape I know and love so much. I come seeking to serve this place and its people, and to work prayerfully for the good things of God for us all over the coming years.

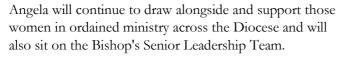
"As someone with 15 years' experience of ministry in Cumbria, I'm well aware of the great things that are being done in parishes and mission communities across the Diocese and am excited at what lies ahead as together we continue the God for All strategy and vision. There are, of course, also challenges – for our communities and for the church - but it will be a privilege and joy to serve with people as we prayerfully share God's love and hope with our neighbours. I'm also thrilled at the prospect of meeting up again with so many valued friends – both across the county and the denominations - supporting them in their ministry and rising to the challenge to follow daily, speak boldly, care deeply and tread gently as servants of Jesus."

Rob was educated at Birmingham University and trained for ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He has a deep knowledge both of the county and the Diocese. He served his title at St Lawrence, Appleby, in the Diocese of Carlisle, and was ordained Priest in 2006. He was appointed Bishop's Chaplain and Assistant Priest at St Michael's, Dalston, with Cumdivock, Raughton Head and Wreay in 2007. Alongside these roles, he served as Director of Ordinands and Diocesan Initial Ministerial Education Officer. In 2010, Rob was appointed Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Kendal, and was assistant Rural Dean for seven years. He is also currently a member of the Northern Mission Centre Steering Group, a collaboration between God for All and the Church Mission Society to support creative and innovative mission, which has its base in Penrith.

Rob took up his current roles as Residentiary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral and Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of Newcastle in 2020.

BISHOP'S ADVISOR FOR WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Diocese has a new Bishop's Advisor for Women in Ministry from Sunday 1 May. The Rev Canon Angela Whittaker takes on the post following the retirement of the current office holder, the Rev Canon Ruth Crossley. (Many of us have fond memories of Ruth's time with us at St Paul's when she served as curate before leaving to become Vicar of Levens.)







Bishop James said: "I'd like to thank Ruth for all she has done in the support and encouragement of her colleagues' ministry. I know they have truly valued the knowledge that Ruth has been there to come alongside them as they deemed necessary. Likewise, I am thrilled that Angela has accepted the invitation to take on the post. As someone who was ordained in 2000 she will bring a rich experience and knowledge to the role."

Meanwhile, later this year Ruth will take on the role of Bishop's Officer for Retired Clergy.

It is with great sadness that the Diocese announces the death of the Rev Canon David Fowler, who ministered in Cumbria for more than 35 years. In 2017 David retired as Rector of Kirkoswald, Renwick with Croglin, Great Salkeld and Lazonby, having served the parishes since 1984. He was ordained in 1978 and previously



served as curate in Houghton, later being appointed Priest in Charge at Grayrigg and then Hutton before moving to Kirkoswald. David also served as Rural Dean for seven years and was made an Honorary Canon at Carlisle Cathedral in 1999. He had retired to Bishop Auckland.

Paying tribute, the Rev Canon David Sargent, Rural Dean of the Penrith Deanery, said: "David, Anne and their family were held in very high regard in the parishes in which they served. In his time as Rural Dean David was a huge support to many clergy and was a man of great faith and deep humanity. He was a kind and generous parish priest".



PARISH WALKS WITH SARAH

We were pleased to have a sunny morning on Thursday, May 12th, as a group of 7 parishioners joined Sarah Brewster to show her more of our beautiful local area.

The group headed along the prom and walked through to the Brown Robin Nature reserve via the Grange Hotel. The wild flowers were quite stunning, particularly the purple orchids and we passed a badger sett & even saw a roe deer! The views to Lindale and across to Arnside & Yorkshire were just beautiful and we could see for miles.

In total we walked about 4 miles and ended with refreshments at The Hazelmere which was very welcome. Everyone enjoyed the walk & fellowship - more walks are planned.

Future date for your diary - Thursday, June 23rd, 9.45am - details to follow via the pewsheets.

Judith - Events Committee

I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree
A tree that may in summer wear
A nest of robins in her hair
Upon whose bosom snow has lain
Who intimately lives with rain.
Poems were made by fools like me
But only God can make a tree.



Sunday Ser	vices aroun	Sunday Services around the Benefice	Ясе					
June 2022	ALLITHWAITE	FLOOKBURGH	GRANGE	GRANGE FELL	FINSTHWAITE	HAVERTHWAITE	STAVELEY IN CARTMEL	FIELD BROUGHTON & LINDALE
Sunday 5th June Pentecost & Jubilee	11.00 am Ecumenical Service @ St Paul's Grange	11.00 am Ecumenical Service (a) St Paul's Grange	11.00 am Ecumenical Service Rev'd Jonathan Brewster		9.30 am Communion by extension Dianne Maguire	11.00 am Communion by extension Dianne Maguire	11.00 am Communion by extension Richard Rhodes	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Sunday 12th June Trinity	4.00 pm Informal Worship Sue Wymer	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Maycock	11.00 am Holy Communion & Baptism The Venerable Penny Driver	9.30 am Lay-led	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	11.00 am Lay-led	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	9.30 am Lay-led
Sunday 19th June 1st Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Service of the Word Steve Bell	4.00 pm Rev'd Jane Maycock	11.00 am Lay-led		9.30 am Holy Communion The Archdeacon Vernon Ross	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	11.00 am Holy Communion The Archdeacon Vernon Ross	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Thursday 16th June Corpus Christi								7.00 pm Corpus Christi Service Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Sunday 26th June 2rd Sunday after Trinity	9.30 am Joint Communion with St John's Flookburgh Rev'd Jane Maycock	9.30 am Joint Communion @ St Marys Allithwaite	11.00 am Holy Baptism Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	6.00 pm Evensong	11.00 am Lay-led	11.00 am Lay-led	9.30 am Lay-led
Wednesday 29th June St Peter's Day					7.00 pm St Peter's Day Service Rev'd Jonathan Brewster			
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MID-WEEK CONCERTS

For those of you who have never been to one of the 38 mid-week concerts over the last ten years, I would like you to seriously consider coming to the next one on Thursday, 30 June, at 11 o'clock.

I say seriously because the programme will contain some serious music as well as some quite frivolous pieces. One thing is certain, the programme will be very varied. The first part will contain mostly dance music from the 18th century up to modern times, played on the piano.

The second part will include some organ pieces, the first of which is entitled "Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle" (the apparition or dawn of the eternal church). The piece was written in 1932 by the French composer, organist and teacher, Olivier Messiaen. His music is among the most influential and idiosyncratic of the 20th century and was compounded from his deep Catholic faith, his celebration of human love, and his love of nature.

Both organists and non-organists seem to react strongly to the name Olivier Messiaen. His music appears to be either loved or hated, revered or incomprehensible. Audiences have been known to leave in the middle of performances of this music.

Enough of words; I hope this has given you a desire to come to the concert, played on our recently restored organ, and hear how it copes with Messiaen's instruction in his piece that the inner section of the piece is played **fffff.** (That means very, very loud indeed).

It is quite difficult to find pieces to follow the Messiaen in a programme, but I have eventually decided to conclude the concert with two light-hearted pieces by two more French composers, Guilmant and Lefébure-Wély.

I look forward to seeing you in St Paul's on 30th June and if you come early, tea and coffee is available at the back of the church. As

usual, admission is free with a retiring collection.

Charles Edmondson



THE ROOF OF ST PAUL'S CHURCH RAISED ON ASCENSION DAY

This is probably the first time that the roof of our church has been raised (metaphorically speaking) on an Ascension Day. Sixteen brass players from South Cumbria descended on St Paul's on the morning of 23 May along with their instruments, resulting in a very entertaining concert of varied music being performed in church which, incidentally, has admirable acoustics for listening to such a group.

The South Cumbria Brass Band is a group of players of all the usual brass instruments who meet on a weekly basis in Ulverston to rehearse music which they play at agricultural shows and other local functions. Thursday's concert provided an opportunity for them



to play in Grange-over-Sands in our series of mid-week concerts.



For the first time in a public concert the band was conducted by their newly appointed director, Anthea Bremner, who gave a clear lead throughout the performance.

The concert got off to a good start with Lionel Monkton's "Oh, listen to the band", and, oh boy, did the audience do just that?

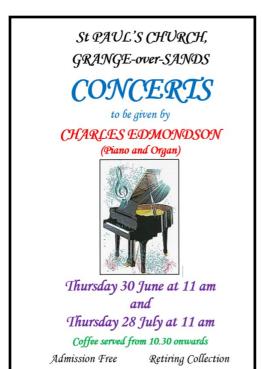
What followed was a miscellany of pieces, old and new, some firm favourites and some less well-known. We were treated to Leroy Anderson's Trumpeter's Lullaby, the solo of which was expertly played by the band's leading cornet player, and from the enthusiastic applause after Vivian Ellis' "Spread a little happiness" members of the quite large audience were obviously enjoying themselves. Foot tapping was in evidence throughout the church.



Pieces were introduced by Ian

Bird who gave us useful information before each piece. He was anxious to point out that all the players in the band were retired senior citizens. They created some lovely sound modules, but still need to learn to play exactly together as there were a few ragged moments here and there.

However, the concert came to a thrilling conclusion with a lovely rendering of Ron Goodwin's "Aces High".



Although this was the Band's first performance at St Paul's, it seems highly likely that it won't be their last.

Thank you, Band, for coming to St Paul's and thank you, audience, for turning out on what was a pretty miserable morning weatherwise.

Don't forget to come to the next concert on Thursday, 30 June, when we will try to put the roof of the church back to normal with a concert of organ and piano music. Yes, this is the one which will include a piece by the French composer and organist, Olivier Messiaen. On second thoughts, this performance might also raise the church's roof; we shall see!

Charles Edmondson

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Scott Garry is a resident in the Cartmel Grange Nursing Home. The Pastoral Care team have been visiting him twice a month following a request from his sister which arrived via the web site. His family have really appreciated the support and prayers the church has given Scott, who was employed as a chemist at Glaxo in Ulverston before his illness. His parents and sister Angie live in Dundee, and they came down recently to stay in Kents Bank together with Val, another sister. The visit included a very special occasion to celebrate the 90th birthday of Scott's father, Jim. We were so pleased to be able to welcome the family in church on the very day of his birthday. He was given a card and the congregation sang Happy Birthday.

The home had very recently been clear of Covid, so that in the lovely sunny weather they were able to wheel Scott into the garden and all to be with him, instead of just two people in the visitors room with the others outside. His three daughters were also present on the 90th birthday, as seen on the photo.

On another occasion they also managed to wheel Scott along the Prom. The family have kindly given a donation to the church in their appreciation, which will be used for the purchase of two large-print hymn books.

Margaret C



Eco Church Workshop: Saturday 11th June in Ulverston

Eco Church is an award scheme, created and run by A Rocha UK, for churches who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth. There are currently over 25 churches registered for the scheme in Carlisle Diocese, with 6 churches achieving awards.

The scheme works through churches registering and completing a survey about how they are caring for God's earth in different areas of their life and work. The survey covers five key areas of church life:

- Worship and teaching
- Management of church buildings
- Management of church land
- Community and global engagement
- Lifestyle

The answers a church provides will collect points towards an Eco Church award - either Bronze, Silver or Gold. There's a huge wealth of resources available to support and guide on the Eco Church process. There are also case studies, so you can see what other churches are doing, from composting and tree planting to teaching resources and installing heat pumps!

Jane Maycock writes: 'Anna Newlove, who is the Net Zero Officer for the Diocese, has been in touch about workshops taking place soon on the Eco Church award scheme. She says, "These workshops will give an introduction to the Eco Church scheme, covering what it involves, and suggesting how it can support our churches in seeking to become as environmentally friendly as possible.'



The nearest workshop to us is being held on 11 June in Ulverston, 10.00am-12.30pm. The morning will include an introduction to the Eco Church scheme, covering what it involves, with time to consider actions and ideas to take back to our own churches.

You can find out more information and book to attend, contact Anna Newlove, the Net Zero officer for the Diocese, by email, environment@carlislediocese.org.uk

(WO)MAN'S BEST FRIEND

Judy, a pure-bred pointer, was the mascot of several ships in the Pacific, and was captured by the Japanese in 1942 and taken to a prison camp. There she met Aircraftsman Frank Williams, who shared his small portion of rice with her.

Judy raised morale in the POW camp, and also barked when poisonous snakes, crocodiles or even tigers approached the prisoners. When the prisoners were shipped back to Singapore, she was smuggled out in a rice sack, never whimpering or betraying her presence to the guards. The next day, that ship was torpedoed. Williams pushed Judy out of a porthole in an



attempt to save her life, even though there was a 15-foot drop to the sea. He made his own escape from the ship, but was then recaptured and sent to a new POW camp.

He didn't know if Judy had survived, but soon he began hearing stories about a dog helping drowning men reach pieces of debris after the shipwreck. And when Williams arrived at the new camp, he said: "I couldn't believe my eyes! As I walked through the gate, a scraggly dog hit me square between the shoulders and knocked me over. I'd never been so glad to see the old girl!"

They spent a year together at that camp in Sumatra. "Judy saved my life in so many ways," said Williams. "But the greatest of all was giving me a reason to live. All I had to do was look into those weary, bloodshot eyes and ask myself: 'What would happen to her if I died?' I had to keep going."

Once hostilities ceased, Judy was then smuggled aboard a troopship heading back to Liverpool. In England, she was awarded the Dickin Medal (the "Victoria Cross" for animals) in May 1946. Her citation reads: "For magnificent courage and endurance in Japanese prison camps, which helped to maintain morale among her fellow prisoners, and also for saving many lives through her intelligence and watchfulness". At the same time, Frank Williams was awarded the PDSA's White Cross of St. Giles for his devotion to Judy.

Judy's bark was broadcast worldwide by the BBC as part of the Victory Day celebrations in 1946. After the war, Frank took the dog to visit relatives of English POWs who had not survived and said that Judy "always provided a comforting presence to the families".

When Judy finally died at the age of 13, Frank spent two months building a granite and marble memorial at Nachingwea, which included a plaque describing her life story.

THE DANDELION (TARAXACUM OFFICINALE)

Our hedges and grasslands are brilliant at this time of year with masses of flowering dandelions. Here are a few facts about this plant that we think of as a weed, and possibly try to eradicate!

The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth and refers to its coarsely-toothed leaves.

The flower of the dandelion opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep. It also represents all 3 celestial bodies - sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball the moon and the dispersing seeds, the stars.

Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for colouring. And, contrary to common belief, it is not poisonous to humans or dogs.

Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful "weeds" like chickweed, malva, and chamomile.

The black seeds of this plant are said to carry "wishes for prosperity and new beginnings with them as they fly away into the sky".

Dandelions are often thought of as a symbol for hope and resilience.

Legend states that if you can "blow all the seeds off a dandelion with a single breath, then the person you love will love you back. If seeds remain, then the object of your affection may have reservations about their feelings toward you".

They have one of the longest flowering seasons, with seeds often carried as much as 5 miles from their origin!



My great aunt was horrified when I made a dandelion chain for her whilst she recuperated in her hospital ward. She said it would make her wet the bed!* I was sad because I had to throw my creative chain away.

Next time you see this "weed" think of its helpfulness, hope and hardiness - and a small child trying to make her horrified relative happy!!!

Pip

*The French common name for this plant is 'pissenlit', hence its reputation for causing one to wet the bed. It relates to its diuretic effects when eaten!

CHAMPING HAS RE-OPENED FOR 2022

Sleeping in church is not reserved for that little nod that takes us by surprise during a uninspiring sermon !! 20 churches now provide exclusive church overnight stays courtesy of the Churches Conservation Trust (CCT), the charity caring for redundant churches across England.

It's called "champing" and was launched in 2014 to raise funds for the CCT when a group of adventurous scouts asked to camp overnight in one of the churches cared for by CCT. It was then decided that others may enjoy the experience of sleeping in historic buildings, and the idea grew.

Currently there is only one Cumbrian church participating in this scheme, St Mary's at Longsleddale, the inspiration for Greendale, the fictional home of Postman Pat and his black and white cat. It is a non-CCT church offered by the Churches Trust for Cumbria. "Hundreds of happy Champers have stayed in our churches and have delighted in having exclusive use of an ancient space for the night. Don't forget that by supporting Champing, you're also helping to preserve these ancient spaces for the future."

People from all faiths, creeds and cultures are welcome. The building remains consecrated but no services or bell ringing will interrupt a sound sleep. The buildings will always be a place for contemplation, tranquillity and peace but "the space has adapted to the requirements of humanity in previous centuries and Champing is just the latest chapter in this ongoing tradition of change".

Champing has been featured on BBC Countryfile, BBC Radio 4 Farming Today, and the Travel Show.

If camping out in a church is not for you, perhaps you could say a prayer for the success of this scheme so that people who may not normally step foot inside may feel the love of God and be inspired to find out more.

https://champing.co.uk/what-is-champing/faqs



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SCOUTING FOR LIFE

Founded in Great Britain in 1908 by a cavalry officer, Lieutenant General Robert S.S. (later Lord) Baden-Powell, the Boy Scout movement was originally for boys aged 11 to 14 or 15 years. Its aim was to develop in them "good citizenship, chivalrous behavior and skills in a variety of outdoor activities". Since then, the association has been continually developing and adapting.

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In 1967 the word 'boy' was dropped from the title and in 1980s girls were allowed to join. Today, Scouts is open to all, people of all genders, backgrounds and faiths, including people of no faith, reflecting the diversity of our modern society.

Recently, the association announced the largest growth in membership numbers since World War Two!! Over 420,000 young people are currently enjoying being Scouts across the UK and overseas.

In addition to the modern sections, Network (aged 18 to 25), Explorers (14 to 18), Scouts (10 and a half to 14), Cubs (8 to 10 and a half), Beavers (6 to 8), last year "Squirrels" was launched for 4 to 5 year olds. Now 382 Squirrel Dreys have been established with 3,400 youngsters taking part. There is even a waiting list with 90,000 more young people wanting to join.

A success story that deserves recognition but also brings its own obstacles to



overcome. Currently 140,000 adult volunteers are required to inspire young people and help them learn skills for life. With more interest from young people, more volunteers are needed.

If you remember Scouts and Girl Guides, do you remember the badges you were awarded?

You may be surprised to read which new badges are available today. Check them out on the Scouts website, a fantastic insight as to how society has moved on in its 114-year history.

Interestingly, my mum has kept my uniforms from Brownies and Girl Guides. Neither display a vast number of badges—not because mum didn't sew them on, but because I didn't provide her with many in the first place. Her needle was always kept busy with my brother's achievements. I was horrified to learn that those proficiency badges are now referred to as "vintage".

Wouldn't it be ironic if badges earned as a Cub, Brownie, Scout, Guide or Ranger paved the way to the life path chosen later on.

Mine weren't far off: Tea-cup...hostess, Red triangle...accident prevention, Blue arrows....challenge, Horse with red saddle....toy-maker, hobby, Yellow pot with mosaic....craft, Frog jumping...swimmer.



YESTER-YEAR BADGES

I've sailed into and round The Med on a small sailing boat, and swum every day from it, am now employed in the travel and hospitality industry, and enjoy crafting of many forms in my spare time. Curious?

I would love to know if this is strange or quite normal for all who enjoyed this popular organisation for young people. Pip



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June	34	185	135	19	91	99	30	
July	69	113	126	33	134	169	70	
August	112	168	86	108	180	188	63	
September	29	118	177	133	177	66	62	
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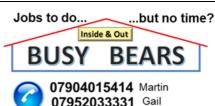


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