

The Parish of St Paul lies on the edge of Morecambe Bay within the Cartmel Peninsula . It is part of the Windermere Deanery of the Diocese of Carlisle.

Church activities

Choir

Lay Pastoral Team of visitors

Home Communion for the housebound

Library

A dining club for those living alone

St Paul's has strong ecumenical links with the other churches in the town and is a member of Churches Together in Grange-over-Sands & District. It also works with the local CofE Primary School at Grange, running a weekly lunchtime Bible club and an end-of-term church service , and with the Secondary School at Cartmel.

It supports Fair Trade.

Details about all aspects of life at St Paul's are available on the web site www.grangepcc.co.uk and can be found in the monthly magazine available at the back of church.

The Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (10am-12.30pm) and on Friday (9am-1pm).

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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.

To all who visit this Parish Church

***May the love of God enfold you
May the mercy of God absolve you
May the strength of God support you
May the peace of God console you.***

Please stay and enjoy the peace and quiet of the church and spend time on your own reflections and prayers.
Prayer cards and leaflets are available in the prayer corner.

After you complete your journey around the church you may like to add your name to the visitors' book.

As you leave, take time to notice the beautiful stained glass windows on the west wall and in the porch.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, visit www.rejesus.co.uk



**The Parish Church
of
St Paul
Grange-over-Sands**

Welcome

The Parish Office

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History of St Paul's

The ancient parish of Cartmel was extensive: it included Grange and places to the west of the River Leven, the southern part of Lake Windermere, east to the River Winster and south to the shore of Morecambe Bay – about 40 miles round.

Although many people passed through Grange on the over-sands route between Lancaster and Ulverston, few people settled until early in the 19th century when the population increased and the first holiday visitors arrived. One was Sarah Ann Clarke from Liverpool; she was distressed to find that most of the inhabitants excused themselves from church because of the poor state of the roads leading to the parish church at Cartmel and the chapel at Lindale.

In 1851, Miss Clarke appealed for funds to erect a church at Grange at an estimated cost of £2,100. The foundation stone was laid in 1852 by the Earl of Burlington (later 7th Duke of Devonshire). One year later on 13th October 1853 the Church of St Paul was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester.

When the railway arrived in 1857, the town began to develop and by 1861 the church was too small. A north aisle was added at a cost of £663 and in 1867 the south aisle was built at a cost of £1,180. In 1875 the chancel was lengthened by 15 ft and the organ added. 1932 saw more improvements: the chancel was enlarged, the south aisle lengthened eastwards, and better vestries were built. In 1950 the pews were replaced with oak ones and the flooring was re-laid with oak blocks.



The west end was changed considerably so that by 1953 there was an oak-panelled baptistry, a new porch and entrance under the west window, and stained glass in the window itself.

A Guided Walk around St Paul's

- ◆ The porch and main entrance were built to commemorate the Centenary of the church in 1953.
- ◆ The oak pews were donated by Col A T P Porritt in memory of his wife and of his son. Col Porritt also provided funds for the west porch, churchwardens' stalls, baptistry, font and the carved oak panelling throughout the church.
- ◆ Turning to the right you enter the social area with kitchen, created in 2016-17 by removing some of the pews. The oak was re-used to provide cupboards and a library bookcase.
- ◆ On the south wall is a memorial to the first incumbent, the Revd Wilson Rigg. Travelling across the sands from Lancaster his coach overturned and he lost all his possessions and was lucky to get to shore alive.
- ◆ At the entrance to the Lady Chapel you will notice on the left the prayer tree for prayer requests. On the right is the memorial cabinet containing a book of names of the departed.
- ◆ The stained glass windows of the Lady Chapel are very fine. On the south side they depict Jesus calling his disciples and Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well, while the altar window was erected in 1888 in memory of Canon H R Smith's 30 years of ministry to the parish. The five kneelers in the Lady Chapel were worked in 2008 in memory of two parishioners.
- ◆ Moving left into the chancel area the east window shows the figure of Christ with two angels flanked by St Peter and St Paul and was given in memory of Hannah, Charlotte and Jane Bateman in 1932. The seven altar kneelers were worked as a millennium project and dedicated at Pentecost in 2001. A separate leaflet on the wall to the left of the altar rail gives more information.



◆ The brass lectern dates from 1915, and was donated, together with the altar table, rail and screen, by Mrs Kellaway in memory of her mother, Mrs Dearden, who, incidentally, in 1912 gave the clock tower which stands adjacent to the church.

◆ The organ was designed by George Rathbone, a well-known musician of Cartmel, and built by Wm Hill & Son of Kendal in 1873. In 2019 it was refurbished by J M Spink Ltd of Leeds.

- ◆ Memorials on the north wall are to George Podmore, founder of Charney Hall School (a preparatory school for boys which closed in 1972), his wife and two of his sons, Eric who died aged 11, and the battlefield cross of Major Hubert Podmore killed in Flanders in 1917.
- ◆ There are also memorials to old boys of the school killed in the South African War and in World War II.
- ◆ The oldest tablet in the church is sited at the top right of the centre window on the north wall, in memory of Sarah Ann Clarke, the founder. She died aged 55 in 1857 just four years after the church was consecrated.
- ◆ Of historic interest on the north wall is the memorial to Evan Arthur Leigh who died 7th May 1915 when the SS Lusitania sank, the first ship to be sunk by a German submarine torpedo in the 1914-18 War.
- ◆ The baptistry, in the north-west corner, is decorated with oak panelling; the font is also beautifully carved oak. The names of the incumbents of St Paul's are listed on a board behind the font – 14 since the church was built.

