

THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT PAUL
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



Happy Christmas

December 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

Advent and Christmas are the season for hope. But how can we experience hope in the midst of multiple crises: another conflict in Europe, another rise in unemployment, another grim set of economic forecasts, and rising costs where some are having to make choices about whether to put on their heating or feed their children. It can feel as though hope is in short supply. We seem to roll from one crisis to the next barely catching our breath between each one. The chances of finding any sources of hope seem slim and often beyond our grasp.

The season of Advent and the approach to Christmas, however, are a powerful reminder that, contrary to appearances, hope shimmers all around us. It just doesn't look like we expect it to look. On one level this shouldn't surprise us. Jesus, the hope for all the world, certainly didn't look like the peoples of his day expected him to look. The Jews of the first century had all their hopes pinned on a different kind of king, powerful and majestic. What they got instead was a baby. They expected him to live in a palace, instead he was found where animals eat. The light that shone so vividly in the darkness was nothing like anyone had thought that it would be.

If we listen to the news and find ourselves disheartened by all that is going on around us, it's worth reminding ourselves again and again that hope has always appeared among us at unexpected times and in unexpected form. The Jesus whose birth we prepare to celebrate brings the kind of hope we can neither imagine nor anticipate.

The theme of hope is something I've been thinking about a lot recently and if you're interested, Revd Jane Maycock and I are going to explore the theme a little more fully in the New Year: three sessions that invite us to consider that Christianity is about real hope, a joyful expectation for the future, based on true events in the past, which changes everything about the way we experience the present.

So if hope feels hard to come by or you feel like refreshing your faith in the New Year, please consider joining us. Following the three sessions there will be an opportunity for anyone wishing to be confirmed to continue with a further two evenings of preparation. We will meet in the Church Room at St John's, Flookburgh, at 3.30 pm on the third Sunday in the month. The first two sessions will be on 15th January and 19th February (the third date will be confirmed in January). You can contact Jane (j.e.maycock@btinternet.com) or Jonathan (ivicar@btinternet.com) if you want to find out more.

With every blessing for Advent and Christmas,

Jonathan



THE CIVIC REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday, 13th November 2022

St Paul's was filled to capacity as the community came together to commemorate all the lives lost in "world wars and conflicts past present ... in the cause of justice, freedom and peace" – words taken from the bidding prayer. The service was led by the Revd Jonathan Brewster and Bishop Nigel McCulloch, with contributions from Deacon Joe Pryslucki representing the Roman Catholics, the Revd David Edmondson the Methodists, and the Revd Martin Coe the United Reformed Church. HM King Charles was represented by Mrs Suzie Bagot, Deputy Lieutenant, and Mrs Tricia Thomas represented the town of Grange-over-Sands, along with several of the councillors. Jonathan Brook, the Leader of the Westmorland and Furness Council, was present to represent MP Tim Farron.

Scout George Evans carried the Union Flag, and Martin Wright the Standard of the Royal British Legion, and they were followed by the banners and colours of the Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cubs, and the special banner made by pupils from Grange Primary School. Next came the presentation of wreaths, representing the uniformed services and the voluntary and service organisations in the community. As organist Charles Edmondson played 'Nimrod', Carol Rhodes carried up to the altar the battlefield cross which once stood above the grave of Hubert Podmore, a soldier from Grange who was killed in the First World War. Readings were given by Phillipa Summers (Headteacher at the Primary School), Brian McCann (Churchwarden) and Pippa Eccles (Chair of Governors), and the choir from the school sang 'Let there be peace on earth'.

After the service, members of Flookburgh Silver Band led the procession down through the town to the War Memorial in the Ornamental Gardens, where about 200 people gathered for the short service with the Last Post, 2 minutes' silence and Reveille, and the words of the Kohima read by Rosie Eccles. The final act was the laying of 26 wreaths. Most poignant was the final wreath which was laid by a Ukrainian family.

The procession then reassembled to walk back up the hill to the Victoria Hall for refreshments.

The service booklet this year was devised by Bishop Nigel. As the retired Bishop of Manchester and the former National Chaplain to the Royal British Legion who led the worship at the Festival of Remembrance in the Albert Hall for many years, we are very fortunate and grateful to have the benefit of his knowledge and advice. This booklet will now be used each year. The artwork on the front and back cover resulted from a competition at Grange Primary School, and the winners were Alice Evans (year 6) and Molly Nicholl (year 3). Bishop Nigel visited the school to present their certificates.





FROM THE REGISTERS NOVEMBER 2022

BAPTISMS

We were delighted to welcome the Spendlove brothers, Tiger Alfred Barry and Lucablue Rocky, into our Church family on 27th November, when they were baptised during the morning service by the Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster



FUNERALS

Olga Batty Edwards	19th October 2022
John Maguire Harrison	24th October 2022
Allan James Howson	1st November 2022

YEAR'S MIND

Ian David Clark	27th November 2018
Margaret Wignall	26th November 2019
John Clayton Meadowcroft	26th November 2019
Douglas Mervin Wigfall	11th November 2020
Ian Kendrick Morgan	30th November 2019

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

Deaths in the previous five years are included in the magazine, but each name in our remembrance book for the last 10 years is read out in the intercessions at St Paul's Sunday morning service.



SOLO DINERS - Our next meal is at the Woodlands Hotel on 4th December. The list is at the back of St Paul's to sign and choose your menu. We look forward to seeing anyone who lives alone to enjoy food and friendship. Lifts will be available as usual.

TAIZÉ STYLE SERVICE, 4TH DECEMBER

On Sunday December 4th at 6 pm there will be a Taizé-style “Stillness and Song” service of worship and reflection at the Methodist Church in Grange.

PRAYING FOR UKRAINE, 7TH DECEMBER

We are invited to share 30 minutes of silence from 10 am in a ‘Time for Peace’ at Cartmel Quaker Meeting House on Wednesday 7th December, focusing our thoughts and prayers on the ongoing war in Ukraine with its worldwide implications, followed by hot drinks and fellowship. Everyone welcome.

HAVERTHWAITE CHRISTMAS LUNCH, 14TH DECEMBER

A full Christmas lunch is offered on Wednesday, 14th December, from 11.30 am in Havorthwaite church hall. All are welcome, but please book in advance. To reserve a place contact sarahbrew@btinternet.com

THE MOMENT – BY JASPREET KAUR

“The moment that you realize that true contentment can be found when we serve others, all other desires will seem so small.

And the moment you see joy in another being’s eyes, because of your own selfless actions, life starts to make a lot more sense.

And the moment you begin to act as the reflection of the visions that you have of a better world, things will begin to change.

And the moment that you recognize your own responsibility for the betterment of others, you’ll see such beauty in life.

And the moment that you recognize that you’ll make more of an impact by being righteous than always being right, rewards will come and fall into your lap.

And the moment that you are more concerned about learning to love, than to be loved, positive emotions of oceanic depths will engulf you.

And the moment that you are more concerned about understanding others than to always be understood, that’s when your mind will truly begin to learn.

And the moment that we realize that our enemies are not physical flesh and blood yet they are our own thoughts, peace will begin to conquer.

And the moment that we overcome those inner enemies, rather than deflecting them on to others, merriment will come and find you.

And the moment that you are more concerned about learning to listen, rather than to always be heard, you will hear languages you thought your mind could never fathom.

And the moment that you realize that life will always be about mastering and relearning, hunkering and climbing, your journey will begin to feel so smooth.

And the moment that we all believe that we can change this world for the better, we will do it. Where we learn, change, grow and give, so go live your moments.”

*Read by the author during the Service at the Festival of Remembrance at the Albert Hall,
Saturday 12th November 2022*

‘JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS’

A special space for all ages to explore the Christmas story at Grange Methodist Church, over the two weeks 12–24th December on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Away from the shopping and the tinsel, this is a reflective and interactive prayer space, with a number of prayer stations following through the Christmas story and characters. It is designed to be accessible to people of all ages with or without church experience, with fun things to do such as burn incense, make sheep and angels, and sit awhile beside the manger. (See page 23)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN DECEMBER 2022

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 'PEACE AROUND THE WORLD'
OPEN FROM FRIDAY 2ND TO FRIDAY 30TH DECEMBER
10 AM TO 4 PM

Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day

Thursday	1st	6.30 pm	Christmas Tree Festival opening evening
Sunday	4th	3 pm	Choral Evensong with the chapel choir from Rossall School, at St Mary's, Staveley
		6-7 pm	Taizé 'Stillness & Song' at the Methodist Church
Tuesday	6th	1 pm	Funeral at St Paul's Church - Robert Garnett
Wednesday	7th	10 am	Morning Prayer at St Paul's Church - Lay-led
		10 am	Prayers for Ukraine - Cartmel Quaker Meeting House
		2.30 pm	Cuppa & Cake - St Paul's Church (see page 17)
Monday	12th	10am-4 pm	Journey to Christmas 12th to 24th December, Methodist Church, Grange (see page 23)
Wednesday	14th	10 am	Holy Communion - Revd Annette Miller, St Paul's
		11.30 am	Haverthwaite Lunch Club, St Anne's Church Hall, Contact sarahbrew@btinternet.com
		7 pm	Standing Committee meeting in St Paul's Church
Sunday	18th	4 pm	Carol Service by Candlelight - St Paul's Church Rev'd Annette Miller
Tuesday	20th	9 am	Grange Primary School 'end of term' service with nativity at St Paul's
Wednesday	21st	10 am	Holy Communion - Joint Service at Methodist Church
Saturday	24th	6.30 pm	Christingle Service, St Paul's Church

Sunday, 25th December - Christmas Day

This year all are welcome to celebrate Holy Communion at the Fell Church

10 am with the Venerable Penny Driver

Do come and join us (LAI | 6AN)

There will be no Wednesday Communion on the 28th December

Sunday, 1st January 11 am - Holy Communion – Rev'd Annette Miller

Thursday, 5th January, 3 pm - A Twelfth Night offering
Seasonal Readings and Music by Candelight (see page 23)

Parish of Saint Paul, Grange-over-Sands

DECEMBER 2022

SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S & FELL CHURCHES



4th December - Second Sunday of Advent

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

Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

Wednesday 7th December

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

Lay-led

11th December - Third Sunday of Advent

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

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

The Venerable Penny Driver

Wednesday 14th November

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

Rev'd Annette Miller

18th December - 4th Sunday of Advent

11.00 am - Morning Worship - Audrey Gorman/Colin Milner - St Paul's Church

4.00 pm - Carols and Readings by Candlelight - Rev'd Annette Miller

Wednesday 21st December

10.00 am - Holy Communion - at the Methodist Church, Grange

Saturday - 24th December - Christmas Eve

6.30 pm - Christingle Service

Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

Sunday - 25th December - Christmas Day

10.00 am - Holy Communion at The Fell Church, Grange

The Venerable Penny Driver

Wednesday 28th December

No service



A THOUGHT FOR ADVENT

MAYBE

Maybe it is in the waiting for God,
not in the wandering from store to store,
that we find our way.

Maybe it is in the friendship of God,
not in the frenzy of crowds,
that we are led to go to the manger.

Maybe it is in the steadfast love of God,
and not in the pile of stuff under the tree,
that we find what we have been searching for all our lives.

Maybe, just maybe, God of Advent,
this year will be different.

Maybe, just maybe,
we will let you lead us to Bethlehem.

Thom M Shulman from 'Candles and Conifers by Ruth Burgess

HELP WANTED

Santa needs new reindeer -
The first bunch have grown old.

Dasher has arthritis,
Comet hates the cold.

Prancer's sick of staring at Dancer's big behind.

Cupid married Blitzen
and Donner lost his mind.

Dancer's mad at Vixen for stepping on his toes.

Vixen's been thrown out -
she laughed at Rudolph's nose.

So, if you are a reindeer
we hope you will apply.

There's just one tricky part -
You must know how to fly.

Timothy Tocher



.HOW WE CAME TO GRANGE - NO. 4

I retired in 1999, and Bill semi-retired in the same year. At that time we had no plans to move from our home in Belthorn, a small village in east Lancashire.

In 2005 and nearing the age of 60, Bill was finding it more difficult to reduce his work load. He was self-employed as a heating and plumbing engineer and had had a solid and loyal customer base for many years. Knowing Bill, he would never ignore a plea from a customer who had a burst water pipe or a faulty boiler. It was then we decided that if we wanted any peace we would have to move.



In September 2005 I met a previous work colleague for a coffee; he and his wife had bought a holiday lodge in Nether Kellet. They loved it and invited Bill and myself for a visit - perhaps it may be an option for our retirement.

One Monday morning the following week we decided to go and see for ourselves if this could be something for us to consider. However, travelling up the M6 and after much discussion, we decided it wasn't what we wanted; we needed a permanent move. We continued on the M6 intending to visit some friends in Ulverston, and whilst on the A590 and seeing the sign for Grange-over-Sands we decided to stop for a coffee.

It was a beautiful autumn day. We walked along the prom admiring the views of the bay and the fells, and it was then we knew that Grange would be ideal for us. It had good transport links, was only an hour from family and friends, had a new swimming pool (I was a member of my local swimming club). In fact everything we needed and wanted. We walked back into town and visited one of the estate agents, expressing a wish for a detached bungalow within walking distance to town and a church; we were informed nothing was available at that time. We were then advised to have a drive around to familiarize ourselves with the area.

Whilst driving along Ashmount Road I caught sight of a "For Sale" sign on Fellside Court, so we turned around and went to look. It was just what we wanted. Returning to the estate agents I mentioned this property, only to be told that it had been taken off the market, because the elderly vendors had decided to wait until the following spring. We left our contact details, had our lunch in Grange, and returned home.

Arriving home we found a message on our answer phone from the estate agent. They had been in touch with the vendors of Fellside Court. If we wished we could view their bungalow.

So, 9 am the following morning we departed for Grange. On viewing the bungalow we knew it was perfect for us. It was in need of updating but this wasn't a problem as Bill could do all the heating and plumbing and, hopefully, his joiner and electrician friends would be willing to help. We called in at the estate agents and made an offer. After a coffee in town we returned to the estate agents to be told that our offer had been accepted.

From 9 am the previous day, having departed Belthorn to see a lodge site in Nether Kellet, to 2 pm the following day we had bought a bungalow in Grange-over Sands!

At that time our family and friends were unaware of our intentions to move from Belthorn, so it was quite a revelation when we said to them “By the way, we went to Grange-over-Sands yesterday and bought a bungalow” (their comments not suitable for a parish magazine!).

We received the keys to Fellside Court eight weeks later at the beginning of December and over the following six months, with the help of Bill’s colleagues, we finished most of the refurbishment. We moved in July 2006, one week after Bill’s 60th birthday. Sadly I never did get to swim in Berners Pool - it closed just weeks before our move.

Susan Jackson

THE “WARM SPACES” INITIATIVE IN LOCAL CHURCHES

The ecumenical Churches Together in Grange and District have set up a **“Warm Spot”** in the **Grange Methodist Church Hall, from 12 noon - 2 pm** on Tuesdays, providing a soup and roll lunch from 12.30, as well as the coffee morning on Wednesdays.

Also, **St Paul’s Church, Grange,** has **‘Cuppa and Cake’** time at 2.30 pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

St Mary’s, Allithwaite, has **Café Allithwaite breakfast** on the first Friday of each month, 8.30–10 am, with the **Community Lunch** on the third Wednesday of each month, served from 12 noon until 1.30 pm. Both events provide hot food and are free!

St Anne’s, Haverthwaite, offers their **lunch club** on the second Wednesday of each month. Contact sarahbrew@btinternet.com to book a place.

The Revd David Edmondson (Chair of CTiG) writes: “This is part of the nationwide **“Warm Spaces”** initiative, encouraging community groups to open buildings and heat them for people who have difficulty keeping their own homes comfortably warm all day. Our churches are ideal venues for this, and enable us to show God’s care for people.

We are encouraging other churches to join in with this, so that we cover as much of the week as possible without having two churches close to each other open at the same time.

Grateful thanks to the Sisters of Boarbank Hall for hosting the annual Carol Service on Sunday, 27th November. It was good to be together once again post-Covid to celebrate the beginning of Advent. The collection amounted to £195 for the Barrow Foodbank.



TWO SPECIAL EVENTS BY CANDLELIGHT

First of all, our Festival of Carols and Readings is on Sunday, 18th December, at 4 pm. Charles will be the organist, and Ian will be conducting the choir of 26 voices. Always a lovely event, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

The second is a social event on Thursday, 5th January, at 3 pm, neither a concert nor an act of worship (see page 23). It has been compiled by Audrey Gorman who has selected readings for the autumn and winter Festivals and included some well-known passages, as well as other lesser known ones mostly of a secular nature and therefore not usually included in carol services. Charles will be providing some organ and piano pieces written for these special occasions between the readings. This event marks the end of the Christmas Festival, and will be about an hour in length. Again, afterwards mince pies and coffee will be served.

Why not bring along all your remaining mince pies for us all to enjoy, before finally waving goodbye to Christmas for another year?

We look forward to seeing you at either or both of these events.

STAMPS

Just a gentle reminder that we are still collecting used stamps in church. Now that the busy time is coming for the receipt of Christmas cards, don't forget that used stamps have a value – and this is another opportunity for recycling! The stamps will be sent off to the Royal National Institute for the Blind, who recycle them into much-needed funds for their services to blind and partially sighted people.



Fundraising from donations of stamps has been invaluable for many charities over the past few decades. By working with Xchange Master, the RNIB is able to accept and convert postage stamp donations into usable funds. All stamps are accepted: new or used, 1st or 2nd class, foreign, first-day covers, presentation packs or albums. Stamps are sold by weight and they raise £20 per kilogramme of stamps, so it's an easy way to raise money. The majority of donations are sorted into countries and sold to collectors for philatelic use. A small portion is also sold on to artists who make huge canvas pictures using different coloured stamps as pixels. Many of these works can be worth a lot of money but require the use of thousands of stamps to make the picture in the first place. A tiny fraction is also sold on to foreign buyers as GB stamps are still by far the most desirable as we were the first to produce stamps.

LET'S WRAP THINGS UP

The festive season is looming fast and it's not only gifts we need to purchase but the material in which they are wrapped. The use of wrapping paper is first documented in ancient China, where paper was invented in the second century BC.



In the past, gift wrapping has been shown to influence the recipient who is more likely to rate their gift positively if it has traditional gift wrapping. More recently, researchers have found that gift recipients will have higher expectations of the gift inside based on the neatness of the gift-wrapping.

To make things more complicated, the way a gift is given and the symbolism of wrapping colours vary from country to country. According to Wikipedia:

- * In Asia: avoid white, black and blue gift wrap - colours associated with mourning
- * In India: yellow paper is cheerful and appropriate for celebratory gifts
- * In China: gifts covered in black writing are used exclusively for gifts to the dead but red wrapping denotes luck
- * In South America: black and purple are associated with death and religious ceremonies
- * In Italy: purple is considered unlucky

So, beware when you travel or give to someone from another culture. The wrong wrapping could send the wrong message.

However, in the UK, once the festivities are all over, we discard an estimated 227,000 miles of wrapping paper each Christmas. Not only is that bad for the environment but it also costs a hefty sum to dispose of festive waste. So what can we do to be more eco-friendly and still maintain a fun atmosphere with all the expectation that receiving a gift involves? Firstly, choose the wrapping materials wisely. Not any old bit of wrapping paper can be recycled. Those decorated with foil and glitter, are heavily dyed, laminated or covered in plastic sticky tape will land up in landfill, something that needs to be avoided. "Recycle Now" recommends using the "scrunch test": if paper is scrunched into a ball and stays like that, then it's good for the recycle bin. If it bounces back then it is not. Sticky tape, tags and decorations generally can't be recycled so think about using string, a folding method that requires less tape, wrapping in fabric, or using a bag or box that can be used again.

Now that's all wrapped up, etiquette experts from around the world agree that gifts should always be wrapped. It's up to us how we do it. Let's be creative. I recommend YouTube for ingenious techniques on concealing our gifts that will impress the recipient as much as the gift inside.

Happy wrapping.

Pip

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT ST PAUL'S

Thank you for all your cards, messages, phone calls and your donations to Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland. They were all really appreciated at this difficult time.

It was lovely to have the Rev'd Andrew, Penny and Sue, Bill and Susan, Mike and Helen and Doug and Margaret with us at Gordon's funeral to celebrate his life. And, I know from pewsheets, cards and messages that you have been praying for us and the family. It was so hard for us to leave Grange (nearly 5 years ago now) and to leave church and friends behind but recently it has brought home to both of us that it was the right decision. Our family have been with us both and helped us through such a long illness and finally his death. Your prayers and kind thoughts were so supportive. Gordon is at peace now.

I will see you all in 2023 so until then, my prayers and good wishes for a peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Christine x (Harrison)

WALKING WITH SARAH

On a fine blustery November morning Dorothy, Fiona, Carol, Peter and I gathered for a parish walk from the Haverthwaite Vicarage with Sarah and Harvey the dog. We walked along the River Leven which was really full and over the bridge through Low Wood. Then we walked up the gentle slope through the woods to Trundle Brow to see the views over Backbarrow and back to Ulverston. Down to the river again, we then walked along to the Whitewater Hotel and our destination—the Lakeland Motor Museum with their amazing scones! A lovely 4-mile walk for lots of chat, good exercise and great coffee!

We are planning a Grange-based short walk in January and it would be lovely to be joined by more parishioners from across the Cartmel peninsula churches- watch the pewsheet for dates.

Judith

Thank you to the many friends at Bell Church and St. Paul's for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy after Allan's death. Special mention must go to the Bell Church Trustees for all their efforts towards the funeral and Annette who guided and supported both Allan & myself through this difficult time.

Christine Harrison



A SUCCESSFUL CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas Fair on November 26th was well attended and we raised a grand total of £1413.52. A massive thanknyou to all for the hard work in preparing the raffle, making all the goodies, setting up church, manning the stalls and serving bacon butties & refreshments on the day!

Bric - a - brac	£88.20
Plants	£76.95
Cakes	£174.48
Books	£109.50
Hats, scarves,bags	£232.50
Cafe	£232.74
Tombola	£60.10
Raffle	£409.05
Donation	£20
Cancer Drop In Donation	£10
Total	£1413.52





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Dear Lord

So far today am I doing all right?

I have not gossiped, lost my temper, been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or whined, complained, cursed, or eaten any chocolate. I have charged nothing on my credit card.

But I will be getting out of bed in a minute, and I think that I will really need your help then.

Amen



YOU

are invited for

A CUPPA AND CAKE

Come and enjoy an opportunity

to sit awhile and chat

in the Social Area at St Paul's Church

The first Wednesday in each month,

7th December, 4th January



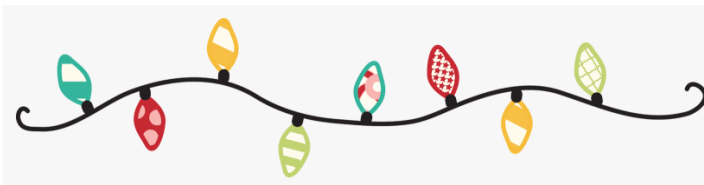
Please do bring a friend along, especially if you know someone who'd enjoy some food and company. All welcome.

Sunday Services around the Benefice - 30/11/22

December 2022	ALLITHWAITE	FLOOKBURGH	GRANGE	GRANGE FELL	FINSTHWAITE	HAVERTHWAITE	STAVELEY IN CARTMEL	FIELD BROUGHTON & LINDALE
Sunday 4 th December 2 nd Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Mayoock	10.00 am Morning Prayer Lay-led	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster		9.30 am Communion by extension Dianne Maguire	11.00 am Communion by extension Dianne Maguire	3.00 pm Choral Evensong with Rossall Choir	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Sunday 11 th December 3 rd Sunday of Advent	4.00 pm Christingle Service Janice & John Tindale	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Mayoock	11.00 am Holy Communion The Venerable Penny Driver	9.30 am Matins Lay-led	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	4.00 pm Christingle Service
Friday 16 th December								1.30 pm Christingle Service Lindale Primary School
Sunday 18 th December 4 th Sunday of Advent	9.30 am Christmas Carol Service	4.00 pm Carol Service	11.00am Lay-led 4.00 pm Carols & Readings Rev'd Annette Miller		6.00 pm 9 Lessons & Carols	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	11.00 am Holy Communion Archdeacon Vernon Ross	5.30 pm 9 Lessons & Carols Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Saturday 24 th December Christmas Eve	4.00 pm Crib Service	3.00 pm Crib Service 9.30 pm Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Mayoock	6.30 pm Christingle Rev'd Jonathan Brewster		9.30 pm Holy Communion Canon Amiel Osmaston	3.00 pm Crib Service Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	9.30 pm Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller	
Sunday 25 th December Christmas Day	10.00 am Joint Holy Communion at St Mary's with St John's Flookburgh Rev'd Jane Mayoock	10.00 am Joint Holy Communion at St Mary's Allithwaite	10.00 am Joint Service at the Fell Church	10.00 am Joint Service Holy Communion The Venerable Penny Driver	10.00 am United at Havertwaite	10.00 am United Service Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	10.00 am United at Havertwaite	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller
Sunday 1 st January New Year's Day 2 nd Sunday of Christmas			11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller		11.00 am Lay-led	11.00 am Lay-led	11.00 am Communion by Extension Richard Rhodes	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller

Wednesday Clergy Rota - December 2022 - 10 am - Holy Communion

7th December	Morning Prayer—lay-led
14th December	Rev'd Annette Miller
21st December	Joint service at the Methodist Church, Grange



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FROM THE CROWN HOTEL TO CROWN HILL

The first hotel to appear in Grange was the Crown Hotel. Built in 1789, it had a prime position at the top of the main street - "Situated on an eminence near the sea, facing Morecambe Bay, and commanding charming views of scenery unsurpassed in the north" (from 1926 Red Book). For many years the Crown was the major hotel; another was the Bay Horse Inn, later renamed the Commercial and then the Commodore, and, after the railway came to Grange in 1857, the larger hotels were built. At the end of the 19th Century, the Crown was owned by Thomas Westwood but, after his death, it was bought by the Yates family of the Castle Brewery Company at Ardwick, Manchester, who let it to John Coward. He was followed in about 1903 by John Borwick, and the hotel became Borwick's Crown Hotel.



In the early hours of Monday, 12th October 1908, a devastating fire destroyed most of the original building. The Westmorland Gazette's report of the fire tells us that the internal structure had low, beamed ceilings, and 'curious staircases' mainly made of wood. The fire was started when a ventilation flue for the gas lighting overheated and set on fire an oak beam in the ceiling of what was known as the travellers' room, situated on the left of the main entrance.

The Gazette reported that "the Head Boots, Thomas Kendall, was roused by a suffocating volume of smoke in his attic room at about 2 am. He partially dressed and roused the other 13 residents from their beds, all of whom escaped in their night clothes. Thomas ran to the fire station to raise the alarm and the brigade captain, the Revd G Vickars-Gaskell, and the vice-captain were quickly on the spot. The crew, helped by Grange volunteers, worked on the blaze for four hours. Two-thirds of the roof collapsed and the whole of the upper portion of the building was destroyed, the bedroom furniture and personal belongings of the family being burnt. They did save the hotel silver! Damage to the building was estimated at £900 and £400 for the furniture, and the surrounding streets were strewn with feathers from the ruined mattresses."



Rebuilding started immediately, and an advert in Bulmer's History of Furness and Cartmel of 1910 boasted that the hotel was enlarged with roof garden, lounge hall, bowling green and good stabling.



I came across a ‘*Tariff and Souvenir*’ for the hotel, dated 1923 – which sparked the idea for this article! The following are direct quotes from it.

This old-established hotel which has been recently enlarged and rebuilt, enjoys a unique situation on the top of Church Hill, commanding a wide and lovely panorama of the Westmorland and Yorkshire hills as well as the bay itself, and offers every accommodation for Visitors, Tourists, Families, etc. Golf links near.

Tennis court, Bowling green, etc.

TARIFF

Apartments (attendance included)	
Bedrooms per person per day	from 5/6
Breakfasts and teas	
Plain	from 1/6
Meat	from 3/6
Luncheons	from 3/6
Dinners	from 5/6
<i>Hotel supplied with farm produce</i>	

Baths: Hot 1/6, Cold 1/-
 Fires: Evening 2/6; day 2/6
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GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

There is a widespread idea that Grange is only a winter or early spring resort, and that in summer it is overwhelmingly hot and enervating; but this is very erroneous, as in the warmest weather there is always a refreshing breeze blowing gently in from the open expanse of the estuary, and its ozonic properties are far from relaxing. It has been said by a high medical authority that ‘the blending of mountain air with air strongly saline is most healthful and life-giving’. Grange certainly can offer liberally to its visitors this recuperative tonic provided by Nature, for the breezes, which come long miles over the sands encrusted with salt under the evaporation caused by a hot sun, are distinctly invigorating, whilst those which come over Hampsfell are direct from the heart of Lakeland, and fresh from the Cumberland and Westmorland fells.

CARRIAGE DRIVES

Miles

By Allithwaite to Cartmel, view Priory Church, back to Holker Hall Park, Cark and Flookburgh	12
By Meathop, Holly Grove and Lindale	6
To Witherslack Valley, round by Witherslack Hall (Lord Derby’s seat)	15
To Lindale, Levens Hall and Gardens and Whitbarrow	18
By Flookburgh, Humphrey Head and Holywell and return	7

The hotel was eventually taken over by Thwaites Brewery, with a series of landlords or tenants. It was always a popular meeting place for the locals, a real community hub. Most evenings you could find a group of local men enjoying a pint over a game of dominoes – 5s and 3s was most popular! There was a function room on the right-hand side (where Margaret Grundy and Lilian Morris had their flats), where dances and private parties were held, and a cocktail bar at the front left-hand side. Produce for the dining rooms was grown over the road (where Sylvia Geraint now lives), and at the rear of the hotel (now Strand Court) were the putting green, a bowling green and a small beer garden. The crown bowling green was home to Grange Bowling Club, and Don Preston still recalls the many ‘friendly’ matches (ie not league) that were played here. There were also said to be tennis courts belonging to the hotel, but I am not sure where they were – I don’t remember any!

The hotel was in business until 1990, when it was sold for housing. All except the front façade was demolished and rebuilt as the desirable Crown Hill private apartments (home of Maureen Chadwick). Have you noticed how the name was retained on the façade – the H of hotel being moved to replace the O, and the T and E modified to an I and an L!

View from the rear of the building, showing the demolition with only the façade left standing



A WARM WELCOME AWAITS ...

Sunday, 4th December

3 pm Choral Evensong
with Rossall School choir St Mary's, Staveley

Sunday, 11th December

4 pm Christingle St Mary's, Allithwaite
4 pm Christingle St Peter's, Field Broughton

Friday, 16th December

1.30 pm Christingle - Lindale Primary School St Peter's, Field Broughton

Sunday, 18th December

9.30 am Carol Service St Mary's, Allithwaite
4 pm Candle-lit Carol Service St Paul's, Grange
4 pm Carol Service St John's, Flookburgh
5.30 pm Nine Lessons and Carols St Peter's, Field Broughton
6 pm Nine Lessons and Carols St Peter's, Finsthwaite

Christmas Eve

3 pm Crib service St John's, Flookburgh
3 pm Crib service St Anne's, Haverthwaite
4 pm Crib service St Mary's, Allithwaite
6.30 pm Christingle St Paul's, Grange
9.30 pm Holy Communion St Peter's, Finsthwaite
9.30 pm Holy Communion St John's, Flookburgh
9.30 pm Holy Communion St Mary's, Staveley

Christmas Day

9.30 am Holy Communion St Peter's, Field Broughton
10 am Holy Communion St Mary's, Allithwaite with Flookburgh
10 am Holy Communion Fell Church, Grange
10.30 am Holy Communion St Anne's, Haverthwaite



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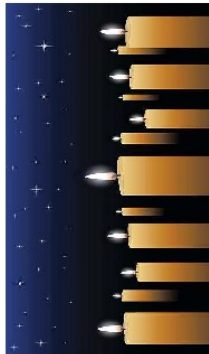
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Instead of WaterAid, this year Penny and I are supporting the Barrow Foodbank in these difficult economic times and we invite you to join us.

The bank was opened in 2012 and serves all the communities in Barrow, 15 of which are amongst 20% of the most deprived in England. Ulverston and Millom now also have distribution centres, due to demand. People go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to unexpected bills. Clients are referred by doctors, social workers or police, and receive three vouchers, each of which provides three days of nutritionally balanced food.

We are creating a Reverse Advent Calendar placing an item each day in a decorated box to be blessed at the Christingle service. If you are able, please join us with your decorated boxes. If you would prefer to contribute a few items, there is a basket by the display board. Gift-Aided envelopes are also available.

Our greetings to each other can still be placed on the usual Christmas tree.

Wishing you all a very happy and blessed Christmas.

Sue

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March	110	107	162	60	182	75	134	48
April	46	72	15	98	39	12	12	40
May	165	32	75	37	52	26	101	68
June	34	185	135	19	91	99	30	79
July	69	113	126	33	134	169	70	80
August	112	168	86	108	180	188	63	78
September	29	118	177	133	177	66	62	112
October	60	31	172	131	160	165	304	119*
November	246	118	189	62	85	114	71	
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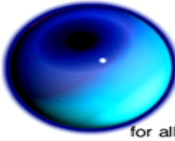
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