

THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT PAUL
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



April 2023

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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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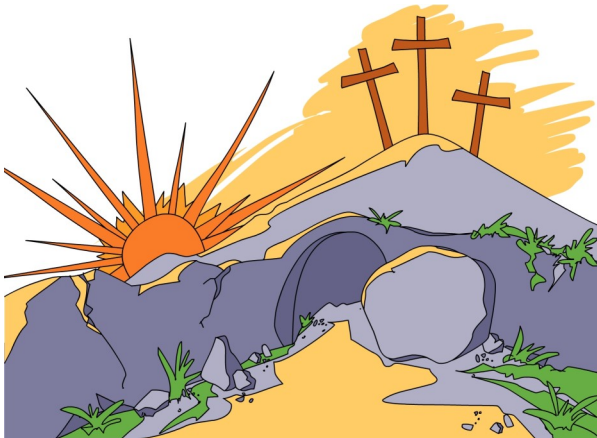
FROM THE VICARAGE

For many people Easter wouldn't be Easter without a chocolate egg. But did you know that we nearly missed out on chocolate? When Christopher Columbus brought cocoa beans back from the New World, nobody knew what to do with them. They didn't look very exciting, and they were discarded as useless.

Years later, the Spanish explorer, Cortes, tasted chocolate as a drink at the Aztec court of Montezuma and managed to get hold of the secret recipe. For over a century, Spanish monasteries had a chocolate monopoly, processing cocoa beans as a drink. Even when the secret leaked out, manufacturing problems had to be overcome before anyone developed chocolate to eat, rather than drink. But soon the obstacles were cleared as people with names like Cadbury believed in the product and its mass production.

At Easter especially it's somehow appropriate that those unlikely-looking cocoa beans should have a new life, transformed into something as wonderful as chocolate! Unlikely as it seemed, those ugly cocoa beans that some wanted to throw away held the secret of chocolate. It took people with faith in its potential to turn it into the global product it is today. Much more significantly, the man executed as a criminal on Good Friday held the secret of eternal life. That too seemed unlikely. That too needed people to have faith—people like Mary Magdalene, like the first disciples, like Christian men and women through the ages, like us.

Far more so that the manufacture of chocolate, the Church has always faced huge challenges, but will come through them because Easter is more than a chocolate feast. It's a resurrection feast, the most important festival in the Christian year. When we look at the cross we could see failure, but we don't, we see salvation. When we look at the challenges that face us we could lose hope, but we don't, we are reminded of the resurrection. At Easter we remember with joy the resurrection of Jesus, who died for the sins of the world and rose to bring us new life.



*Christ
is
Risen!*

ANNUAL CHURCH PAROCHIAL MEETING

Early notice for our Annual Parochial Church Meeting, which will, in 2023, be held on Wednesday, 19th April, at 7.30 pm in St Paul's Church.

In 2023, we are required to elect two representatives to the Deanery Synod, for a term of three years. Currently, myself, Mike Hill and Nevil Newman have carried out this role for the past three years. Nevil wishes to stand down from the PCC now, after a good number of years of dedicated service, for which we thank him. I cannot stand for election this time, as all the meetings are on an evening that I have another engagement. We are, therefore, looking for two members to represent St Paul's and the Fell Church at Deanery Synod. The meetings are held four times a year, two in St Mary's Allithwaite and two in St Mary's Windermere; provisional dates for 2023 are the first Tuesday in the months of March, July and November.

We also require one or two new members to join the Parochial Church Council (PCC). There are some leaflets at the back of Church, giving more information about the role of the PCC; please do feel free to take one if you would be interested in joining us.

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

A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

'All the believers were together and had everything in common.' (Acts 2:44, NIV)

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people.' (Acts 2:42-47)

'They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...'

God, open our minds to the teachings of others.

'...and to fellowship...'

God, open our hearts to the friendship of others.

'...to the breaking of bread...'

God, open our tables for the provision of others.

'...and to prayer...'

God, open our souls to your beautiful voice.

Amen

FROM THE REGISTERS MARCH 2023

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Remi Davidson	24th April 2022
Charlie Matthew Tateman	24th April 2022

FUNERALS

Judith McMillan	8th March 2023
Phyllis Ward	10th March 2023
Kathleen Gamble	15th March 2023
Ann Wilcox	27th March 2023

YEAR'S MIND

John Alexander Nightingale	9th April 2018
Jean Margaret Broadhead	15th April 2023
Jean Marsden	29th April 2022



***“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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN APRIL 2023

Sunday, 2nd	6 pm - Stillness & Song , Taize-style service, Methodist Church
Monday, 3rd	8 pm - Compline at Field Broughton, Rev'd Annette Miller
Tuesday, 4th	7 pm - Compline at Haverthwaite, Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Wednesday, 5th	2.30 pm - Cuppa and Cake , St Paul's 8 pm - Compline at Finsthwaite, The Venerable Penny Driver
Thursday, 6th	6.30 pm - Maundy Thursday Passover meal , St Paul's, Grange
Friday, 7th	2-3pm - Devotion at the foot of the cross , St Paul's, Grange
Saturday, 8th	8.30 pm - Easter Eve , Service of Light & renewal of baptismal vows, Cartmel Priory
Wednesday, 12th	12 noon Haverthwaite Lunch Club
Thursday, 13th	11 am - 80th birthday Concert —Ian Thompson & friends
Sunday, 16th April	1 pm - Solo lunch at the Newby Bridge Hotel The list is at the back of Church for you to sign. We warmly invite those who normally dine alone to a couple of hours of company and an excellent carvery. Lifts available as usual.
Wednesday, 19th	2.30 & 7 pm - St John's Passion , Victoria Hall (<i>see page 25</i>)
Friday, 21st	7.30 pm - APCM at St Paul's Church, Grange
2 pm - Spring Fair	set up in Church
Saturday, 22nd	10 am - St Paul's Church, Spring Fair (<i>see page 15</i>)

3rd May - 2 pm - Cuppa & Cake
In celebration of King Charles III Coronation
St Paul's Church, Grange

BISHOP JAMES TO RETIRE

The Bishop of Carlisle has announced he is set to retire at the end of August after more than 20 years' senior leadership ministry in Cumbria. A special service of thanksgiving for his ministry is planned for Sunday 16 July at Carlisle Cathedral.

The Rt Rev James Newcome and his wife Alison first came to the county in 2002, following his appointment as the Suffragan Bishop of Penrith. Seven years later he was appointed the Diocesan bishop.

In his letter he writes: "Having served here as Bishop for the last 21 years I need hardly say how much I have come to love this beautiful county and its wonderful people. It has been an immense privilege to live and work in Cumbria, and while it would be a slight exaggeration to say that I have enjoyed every single minute of my ministry here (!) I can honestly report that these have been among the happiest and most fulfilling years of my life, for which I am profoundly grateful. I was astonished when God first called us to this Diocese: but am now so very glad that he did, and I have particularly valued his gracious provision of outstanding colleagues and so many kind and loyal friends."

VACANCY IN SEE

A bishop looks after a 'see', so when there is a vacancy in a bishop's post, it is called a Vacancy in See.

Our Vacancy in See Committee was first convened in March 2023 at the request of the Archbishops' Appointment Secretary to begin the process for discerning and appointing the next Bishop of Carlisle. The Committee is required to meet at least twice, but has chosen to hold at least four meetings between March and May 2023, with allowance for a further provisionl meeting if needed.

The Committee asks all members of our diocesan community to support this important task through prayer and reflection. The process includes a range of tasks and responsibilities at both a diocesan and national level.

The Committee has two tasks specified in the legislation:

- to prepare a Statement of Needs giving a brief overview of our diocese and a statement setting out the desired profile and qualities of our new Bishop.
- to elect six diocesan representatives to the Crown Nominations Commission to assist in the selection and interviewing of all potential candidates.

As one of the people involved in drafting the Statement of Needs, the Revd Jane Maycock wants to hear from as many people as possible. Archdeacon Vernon Ross and Revd Andrew Norman are part of the Consultation Group.

This diocesan work runs in tandem with a national consultation led by the Archbishops' Appointment Secretary and the Prime Minister's Appointment Secretary in May.

To find out more about the process, visit <https://www.carlslediocese.org.uk/vacancy-in-see/>



A Prayer for our new Bishop

Everlasting God,
You have welcomed each one of us in
Jesus and called us to be your people in
this place;

Send us your Holy Spirit, and fill us with
vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer,
that we may be true to our calling to
follow daily, care deeply, speak boldly and
tread gently.

Guide us as we seek to discern who you
are calling to be our new Bishop, that they
may be a wise and gentle shepherd of
your people, ready to serve us with joy,
build us up in faith and be a herald of
your son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen



The church has an infestation of mice !

A new family has arrived in church—courtesy of Margaret Ratcliffe. A family of mice representing different aspects of our church life has appeared, and will be used during visits to St Paul's by the Primary School and other young people.



From the **ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**

I'm so honoured and grateful that His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III and the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem have consecrated the Chrism oil that will be used to anoint The King at his Coronation in May.

I want to thank His Beatitude Patriarch Theophilos III for providing the Coronation Oil from the Mount of Olives - which reflects The King's personal family connection with the Holy Land and his great care for its peoples.

I'm also delighted that the Anglican Archbishop in Jerusalem, the Most Revd Hosam Naoum, shared in the consecration at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

Since beginning the planning for the Coronation, my desire has been for a new Coronation oil to be produced using olive oil from the Mount of Olives. This demonstrates the deep historic link between the Coronation, the Bible and the Holy Land.

It has been created using olives harvested from two groves on the Mount of Olives, at the Monastery of Mary Magdalene and the Monastery of the Ascension - near the burial place of the King's grandmother, Princess Alice of Greece.

The Chrism oil, which uses olives pressed just outside of Bethlehem, is perfumed with sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin, amber and orange blossom - the same recipe used at the late Queen's Coronation.

From ancient kings and now to the present day, monarchs have been anointed with oil from this sacred place. As we prepare to anoint The King and The Queen Consort, I pray that they would be guided and strengthened by the Holy Spirit.



KING CHARLES III CORONATION PRAYERS

The Coronation of King Charles III will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023 at Westminster Abbey, in a service steeped in centuries of tradition and rich in Christian symbols and values. To mark this important moment in our nation's life, the Church of England is calling for a period of prayer and has released a



book of Daily Prayers. Running from Easter Day for 28 days up to the Coronation, this booklet provides a daily theme, reading, reflection and prayer for use by individuals, churches or groups who wish to use these days to:

- * pray for The King, our nation and the world
- * explore the symbolism of the Coronation service
- * reflect on Jesus, the Servant King.

It also includes prayers for The King and the Royal Family for use in years to come.

Several copies have been ordered for St Paul's and the Fell Church, but anyone wishing to buy their own copy can order them from the Church of England web site - £1.50. Digital versions are also available via the Church of England's website and social media channels. (Church House Publishing **ISBN:** 9781781404119)

Churches and cathedrals around the country will be leading and joining local celebrations throughout the Coronation Weekend, and St Paul's will be holding an ecumenical service at 11 am on Sunday, 7th May.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for Charles your servant and our King, for his devotion to his family, nation and Commonwealth and to the Earth, our fragile home. We thank you for his faith in you and his love for all peoples and for his call to be our sovereign in such a time as this.

Bless and protect Charles in all the years to come, grant him long to reign over us and give him gifts of wisdom and discernment as together we face the opportunities and challenges of our age.

Bless Camilla the Queen Consort, William, Prince of Wales, and all the Royal Family in this time of mourning and of change.

May we all abide in your love, draw strength from the deep wells of Christian hope and dedicate ourselves afresh to God's kingdom of justice and peace.

Sunday Services around the Benefice

	ALLITHWAITE	FLOORBURGH	GRANGE	GRANGE-FELL	FINSHWAITE	HAVERTHWAITE	STAVELEYN-CARTMEL	FIELD-BROUGHTON-&LINDALE
April 2023								
Sunday 2 nd April Palm Sunday	10.00-am Service of the Word Rev. Jenny Leahy	10.00-am Holy Communion Rev. d. Jane Marcock	11.00-am Holy Communion Rev. d. Jonathan Brewster		11.00-am United Service Rev. d. Annette Miller	11.00-am United Service at Finshwaite	11.00-am United Service at Finshwaite	9.30-am Holy Communion Rev. d. Jonathan Brewster
Monday 3 rd April								8.00 pm Compline
Tuesday 4 th April								
Wednesday 5 th April			10.00-am Holy Communion		8.00 pm Compline			
Thursday 6 th April Maundy Thursday		7.00 pm A Passover Celebration Frances Hogan	6.30 pm Passover Supper Rev. d. Jonathan Brewster					
Friday 7 th April Good Friday	11.00-12.30 Hot-Cross-Buns and things to do All-ages welcome	2.00-3.00 pm An hour before the Cross	2-3 pm At the foot of the cross Rev. d. Annette Miller				2-3 pm At the foot of the cross Rev. d. Jonathan Brewster	
8.30 pm - Easter Eve - Service of Light and renewal of baptismal vows Carmel Priory Rev. d. Nick Devenish								
Saturday 8 th April Easter Eve								
Sunday 9 th April Easter Day	10.00-am Holy Communion Rev. d. Jane Marcock	10.00-am Holy Communion Rev. d. George Wilson	6.20 am Sunrise Service CTYG Hampshill Carparks Rev. d. David Edmondson	9.30 am Holy Communion The Venerable Penny Diver	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	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev. d. Annette Miller

April-2023 continued	ALLITHWAITE	FLOOKBURGH	GRANGE	GRANGE-FELL	FINSTHWAIT E	HAVERTHWAITE	STAVELEY-IN-CARMELE	FIELD-BROUGHTON-&LINDALE	
Sunday 16 th -April 2 nd -Sunday-after Easter	4.00 pm Service of the Word	4 pm Cafe-Style-Service All>Welcome	11.00am Morning-Worship Lay-led		9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd-Annette Miller	11.00 am Holy-Communion Arch:Deacon: Vernon-Ross	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd-Annette Miller	9.30 am Holy Communion Arch:Deacon: Vernon-Ross	
Sunday 23 rd -April 3 rd -Sunday-after Easter	Joint-Holy- Communion At-Str-John's Church Flookburgh	10.00 am Joint-Holy- Communion With-Str-Mary's- Allithwaite Rev'd Jane Maycock	11.00 am Holy-Communion Rev'd-Annette-Miller	9.30 am Morning- Holy- Communion Rev'd-Annette- Miller	6.00 pm Evening Lay-led	11.00 am Morning-Worship Lay-led	11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led	9.30 am Morning- Worship Lay-led	
Sunday 30 th -April 4 th -Sunday-after Easter	10.00 am Service of the Word Rev'd Jane Maycock	10.00 am Morning-Worship Lay-led	11.00 am United-Service Holy-Communion Bishop Rob & Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	11.00 am-United-Service-at-Str-Paul's-Grange					
TELEPHONE-NUMBERS--Clergy									
Rev'd Jonathan Brewster--07977127244									
Rev'd Jane Maycock--01539443063									
Canon Amiel Osmaison--01539535476									
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Richard Rhodes--01539533634									
Jenny Leahy--01539535979									
Dianne Maguire--07951423789									
Biddy Hibbert--01539536411									



Wednesday Clergy Rota - April 2023 - 10 am - Holy Communion	
5th April	Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller
12th April	Morning Worship - Lay-led
19th April	Joint service with Methodists at Methodist Church, Grange
26th April	Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

**SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S & FELL CHURCH
FOR APRIL 2023**

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL - PALM SUNDAY

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion – Rev'd Jonathan Brewster



WEDNESDAY 5TH APRIL

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion – Rev'd Annette Miller

SUNDAY 9TH APRIL - EASTER DAY

6.20 am - Sunrise Service -

Hampsfell Carpark, hot cross buns at St Paul's

9.30 am – The Fell Church, Grange

Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

11 am – St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver



WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL

10 am – St Paul's Church, Grange

Morning Worship - Lay-led



SUNDAY 16TH APRIL - 2ND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

11 am – St Paul's Church, Grange

Morning Worship - Lay-led - Rosemary Hoyle and Anita Peat

WEDNESDAY 19TH APRIL

10 am - Service at the Methodist Church, Grange

SUNDAY 23RD APRIL - 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

9.30 am – The Fell Church, Grange - Holy Communion – Rev'd Annette Miller

11 am – St Paul's Church, Grange – Rev'd Annette Miller

WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver



SUNDAY 30TH APRIL - 4TH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

United Service

Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

BRASS IN CHURCH

On Friday, 3rd March, our volunteer cleaners flicked their dusters to the accompaniment of a brass duet!

Eleanor Knowles and her friend Dave Higson arrived in St Paul's to play for an hour. You may remember we received a request from Eleanor to include St Paul's on their musical expedition around Cumbrian churches.



Eleanor is a primary teacher at Grasmere, and Dave is retired but tutors at Grasmere school 15 youngsters learning to play brass instruments. They are both members of Burnside Brass, Dave the conductor. The 'mad' idea came about last July as they travelled home by train from Edinburgh where they had spent two hours busking on Princes Street to mark Dave's birthday! Why churches? "Because brass music can sound beautiful in the accoustics of a church".

There are 254 parish churches in Cumbria, and we were no. 43 on their list! Wasdale was the coldest church, Aldingham the most unusual where they had been greeted by a reporter from Radio Cumbria, Cowgill the quirkiest where they had arrived to an audience of 20! I think we got the prize for the best biscuits!!

It was a delight to meet them both and to listen as they practised for their entry at the South Cumbrian Music Festival in Ulverston on the 25th March, We wished them every luck.

AND THE RESPONSE FROM ELEANOR WHICH APPEARED ON FACEBOOK

Church 43. St Paul's Church, Grange-over-Sands. Friday 3rd March 2023. There was a great 'feel' as soon as we entered today. The building was busy with volunteers cleaning, sweeping, working in the office, and other necessary mundanities, and we were welcomed with a tray of drinks and biscuits. We enjoyed a lazy time chatting over tea and coffee about our project and hearing about all the musical activities that take place in this church. And on the subject of musical activities, one stand-out feature was the beautiful Bechstein grand piano - I wished I'd brought some music along. We were chuffed to hear that our visit would be written up in the Parish Magazine next month and didn't need much encouragement to share stories of the adventures we've had so far on our expedition.

We then spent a bit more time admiring the space because it really was lovely. It is bright, open and welcoming; its beautiful interior has been subtly modernised, and hence is incredibly usable. It has retained its original features and style and thus has its integrity intact. We loved it. So by the time we set about playing, we'd been in the building quite some time already and felt incredibly relaxed.

Afterwards, Dave and I discussed future planning, over toasted sandwiches in a typical Grange-over-Sands cafe down the street. I think it's a little to do with spring being in the air (I saw my first blossom and my first lambs today), but whatever the reason, we got excited thinking beyond the contest, looking ahead to summer, and what we might focus on next. Who knows! But it's fun to imagine all the possibilities.

Thanks so much to the volunteers at St Paul's Church. Lovely to meet you all today.

Delighted to tell you that Burneside Brass Band will be playing for us in concert on Sunday, 26th November. A note for your diary!



STATEMENT OF FAITH *(written by two 14-year-old boys)*

We believe in God,

who made the sun and the sky, the stars and the sea,
who calls us to live responsibly.

We believe in Jesus Christ,

who became human,
who healed the sick, who talked to children,
who made friends with sinners.
He burned brightly and offended many.
His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.
His light continues to shine in darkness.

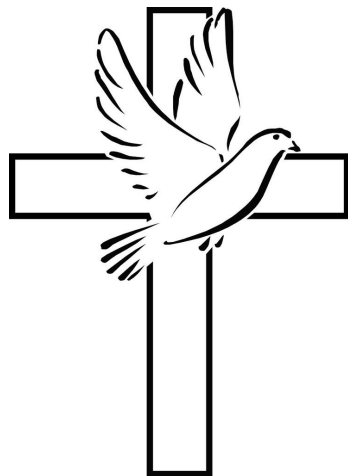
We believe in the Holy Spirit,

who inspires the scriptures
and whose breath we breathe.

We believe that God calls us to be a community,
committed to one another,
offering a welcome to everyone.
old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.

We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers,
workers for justice,
brothers and sisters,
a light for our world.

Amen



St Paul's Spring Fair

Sue's Café

Serving Coffee, Tea & Bacon Baps

**Books - Tombola - Cakes
Bags'n'Hats - and more**

**RAFFLE
& Prizes**
All in aid of
Community
Defibrillator



Saturday 22nd April 2023

10.00 am onwards

St Paul's Church, Grange over Sands

ADMISSION FREE

HOW WE CAME TO GRANGE - No. 8

We have been in Grange, Kents Bank to be exact, for 43 years this year, almost but not quite locals. During this time we have lived in three different properties, each one specific to our stage in life.

How did we come to be here?

My parents were already living in Grange but going through a period of ill health. We found ourselves travelling the M6 from Southport most weekends. As well as this, our two girls were coming up to the time for changing schools from junior to secondary. So, we took the plunge and bought a guest house in Kents Bank. Our friends thought we were mad to leave good secure jobs to become self-employed and move into the unknown. I was a Home Economics Teacher at a Comprehensive School in Southport and Derek was a joiner.

We moved in on April 1st 1980 and it was snowing. To say that it was a culture shock was an understatement. It was so cold and so large to what we had been used to that we all slept in one room for a week to keep warm. We had a few days to get ready for the Easter bookings and then it was all go.

In 1980, Kents Bank was a thriving village. There were two Christian Holiday houses, numerous small guest houses, a Post Office and café, and a very good hotel which was also the local pub. There was a decent bus service and as now a railway station. Holiday-makers liked Kents Bank for these reasons and for the lovely walk, past Cedric Robinson's cottage, to the swimming pool, promenade and into the town itself. After Easter the girls started at Grange School and from then on never really looked back. They quickly joined Brownies; their leader in Southport had written to Joyce Rawlins in Grange and she made them very welcome. They went from Brownies to Guides to Rangers and then to become leaders themselves.

We soon became part of the community quickly making friends, joining Chamber of Trade and being involved with Grange Carnival and then The Edwardian Festival. There is one thing about Grange that is surprising to people that don't live here—there is always plenty to do if you take the time to join in.

Our 20 years in the guest house were very hard work, but we had a lot of fun and met some very nice people, many of whom would come back to see us each year. At that time the season was Easter to end of October. We would then close and get out the paint brushes. In between working Derek upgraded all rooms and maintained the property. When we look back we sometimes wonder how we found the time for everything.



Our church life was difficult at this time as the hospitality industry doesn't respect service times. As life got a bit easier we were able to take a fuller part in the life of St Paul's Church. I can honestly say that we have never regretted moving to Grange. Over time we have lost all our parents but have been blessed with a good family and four wonderful granddaughters. We have all benefitted from living in this wonderful part of the world and from being part of this community.

Sandra and Derek Barton

For many years Sandra was the leader of our flower team and masterminded a fantastic flower festival and various festivals in St Paul's, ably assisted by Derek who made some stunning artefacts to go with the displays – I remember particularly a free-standing wooden signpost made for 'Moving Mountains' and a miniature wooden cart for the Harvest Festival! Sandra was also a helper with the Edward Bear Club.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 3RD MARCH 2023

All those who attended this year's service at St Mary's, Allithwaite, were part of the huge wave of prayer which circled the earth for at least 38 hours. It began at dawn in Western Samoa and Tonga in the Pacific Ocean (when we would have been listening to the previous day's 6 o'clock news) and ended at dusk in American Samoa (when we were having breakfast the following day). How amazing to be part of something so huge! This is what makes the Day of Prayer so special.

Each year the service is written by the Christian women of a different country, and this year it was the turn of Taiwan, a country that has for many years been caught in a superpower struggle. It has been isolated internationally for decades and, as of April 2022, only 13 of the 193 United Nations Member States and Vatican City/Holy See have recognised Taiwan as a sovereign country.

China continues to claim Taiwan as its sovereign territory although a large majority of Taiwanese reject reunification with China, which has begun to harass Taiwan almost on a daily basis. According to Reuters, the risk of conflict is now at its highest level for decades. The people of Taiwan are very much in need of our prayers at this time.

This service was both thought-provoking and appropriate in our current climate. It included letters of encouragement for women who face suffering and injustice. These stories of faith focused on issues shared by women and girls around the world that continue to challenge us to prayerful action.

We thank the Christian women of Taiwan for this service, and St Mary's, Allithwaite, for hosting it and providing delicious refreshments. Next year's service will be prepared by Palestine, and the following year by the Cook Islands.

www.wwdp.org.uk

THE MILLENIUM PEACE PAVEMENT IN GRANGE

Because some people were unaware of the exact location of our peace pavement in Grange – some unfortunately turning up in the Sensory Garden for the Ukrainian vigil last month - I thought it might be of interest to explain the origins of this pavement.

The idea came after a visit to the Dane John gardens in Canterbury where we saw their European Peace Pavement, containing paving stones representing cities in Europe which suffered from devastating bombing raids in World War II, eg Dresden, Guernica, Coventry and Canterbury.

A dear friend, the late Pam Baines, an Elder in the United Reformed Church, was President of Churches Together at that time, and took up the idea of creating a similar pavement in Grange to mark the millennium. A site was chosen by the top path in the ornamental gardens, alongside the railway line and overlooking the War Memorial. Much care was taken in the choice of the words that should appear. The stone came from Burlington Slate at Kirkby-in-Furness and funding was obtained from Churches Together, Grange Town Council; Neighbourhood Forum and South Lakeland District Council, with folk in Grange invited to sponsor one of the letters in the wording chosen.

PEACE LOVE FAITH FORGIVENESS JUSTICE HOPE TRUTH

“THINK ON THESE THINGS”

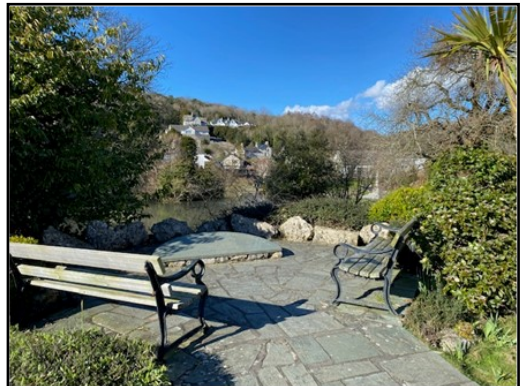
Jesus said

**Love the Lord your God with all
your heart, with all your soul and all your mind.**

Love your neighbour as yourself

AD 2000

The pavement was dedicated on the 11th June 2000 ‘to celebrate 2000 years of Christian faith now and for the future’.



Do you remember when we met in groups to knit the red poppies? Well, we now have a new initiative starting in May which we hope will appeal!

Pip has offered to share some of her crafty ideas with us—you may remember the white paper lanterns that she made one Christmas, and the red poppies that she made for our front lawn.

Make a note to come and join us and enjoy some 'crafty' time together.

CRAFTY OPEN WORKSHOPS
*Are you crafty, feeling creative
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Come along to the free crafty workshops that are open to all. No crafty expertise is necessary but a pair of scissors, and generous bags of enthusiasm to experiment with crafting will be invaluable.

These workshops are not about the product but all about the process and the fun we have on the way.

Venue: St Paul's Church, Grange over Sands

Date: 18th May 2023

Time: 2-4 pm

Please email me before the end of April if you are interested:

pipwoon14@gmail.com or call on 07786 902075

This will give me an idea of how many biscuits and other resources to bring !!!

WITHIN YOUR HEART

'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.' (Ephesians 2:10, NIV)

'It is not yours to finish the task, but neither are you free to set it aside.'
Rabbi Tarfon

Within your heart

It is true, the odds are stacked against us.

It is true, the weight of the world feels
as though it may break us.

Our days are numbered;
the clock is ticking;
and the goodness on which we wanted to depend
too often seems to go missing.

Do not be afraid –
to complete the repair of the world
is not why you were made.
You were created to play
only your small part; whatever is within your hands;
whatever is the now of your heart.

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The situation regarding the Revd Rachel Stavert has at last been resolved. Following a Church of England disciplinary process, Rachel has been removed from office and prohibited from ministry for a period of four years. She will be leaving the vicarage in due course. The Revds Jonathan Brewster and Jane Maycock are meeting with the Archdeacon as soon as possible to consider the next step.

Please remember Rachel in your prayers as she makes arrangements for her future and discerns how and where God is calling her, and for the parishes of Allithwaite and Flookburgh as they begin a new chapter.



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

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ANGELS AND INSECTS

‘To the Lord your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it.’ (Deuteronomy 10:14, NIV)

In her book *Why Rebel*, Jay Griffiths writes: ‘I wish that everyone who said they believed in angels would actually believe in insects’.

One third of all crop production on Earth relies on pollinators such as bees and other insects. Nearly 800 million people currently don’t have enough food to eat– if insect populations continue to decline, that number will skyrocket.

Our mistreatment of God's creation also accelerates flooding: trees and coral reefs– which are being destroyed by human activity – are natural flood defences. The clearing of rainforests meanwhile releases huge amounts of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, as well as reducing the Earth’s ability to absorb them– accelerating climate change.

If we truly love Christ, we need to love both people and the wider creation. The two are inseparable.

God of creation, we repent for the way we have abused this earth – the poisoned rivers, the toxic fumes, the polluted seas, the species we have made extinct. Forgive us, and, out of love for you and your creation, help us to change. Amen

Gideon Heugh

Gideon writes for Tearfund and is a poet and environmentalist

Recent messages from PEAT (Peninsula Environmental Action Together)

Saturday, 22nd April

There is to be a Climate Protest gathering in London of concerned people, sending a message to the government and all political parties that we need them to take urgent action to protect the fragile environment and ensure that there will be a sustainable world for our young people to live in. The UK is behind with all its climate pledges and targets and is still giving billions of pounds in subsidies to fossil fuel companies. It will be a peaceful and non-disruptive protest, and there will be far more to fear from climate catastrophe if we just do nothing to influence the policy-makers. Many of us are terribly concerned and politicians need to know that.

Tuesday, April 25th 7pm

An online meeting to watch the Mike Berners Lee film, *Morecambe Bay in the Anthropocene*, which is being shown as part of the Morecambe Bay Sunset series. Booking costs £5 and is through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/morecambe-bay-in-the-anthropocene-with-professor-mike-berners-lee-tickets-566261682937>

Do you know?

1. 70% of all animals in the jungle rely on figs for their survival.
2. The five worst cities in the United States for air pollution are all in California.
3. One pint of donated blood can save up to three lives.
4. Small animals such as flies and hummingbirds experience time in slow motion, which is why they can avoid your newspaper swats.
5. Your brain keeps developing until your late 40s.
6. In 5000 years of human history, only one disease has been eradicated: smallpox.
7. There are more left-handed people with IQs over 140 than right-handed people, a study found.
8. When Montenegro became independent from Yugoslavia, its internet domain name went from .yu to .me !
9. China has treatment camps for internet addicts.
10. It would take less than 6 months to get to the moon by car at 60 mph.
11. When Columbus 'discovered' the Americas, the continent was already inhabited by 90 million people which was a third of the world's population.
12. Bananas have more trade regulations than AK-47s.
13. Facebook has over 100 million active users in Africa.
14. People drink more slowly when alcohol is served in straight-sided glasses than when it's served in glasses with curved sides
15. The Amazon accounts for more than half of the planet's remaining rainforest and is home to more than half the world's species of plants and animals.



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The FREE newspaper of the Church in Cumbria – Spring 2023



The latest edition of “The Way” is out (the digital newspaper for the Church in Cumbria): click on the link below for some great stories about what’s going on in the life of the church around the county.

https://godforall.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/The-Way_-Spring-2023.pdf

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	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
January	141	98	142	73	107	186	58	174
February	125	91	69	99	263	139	171	40*
March	107	162	60	182	75	134	48	
April	72	15	98	39	12	12	40	
May	32	75	37	52	26	101	68	
June	185	135	19	91	99	30	79	
July	113	126	33	134	169	70	80	
August	168	86	108	180	188	63	78	
September	118	177	133	177	66	62	112	
October	31	172	131	160	165	304	158	
November	118	189	62	85	114	71	177	
December	65	109	160	155	126	153	162	
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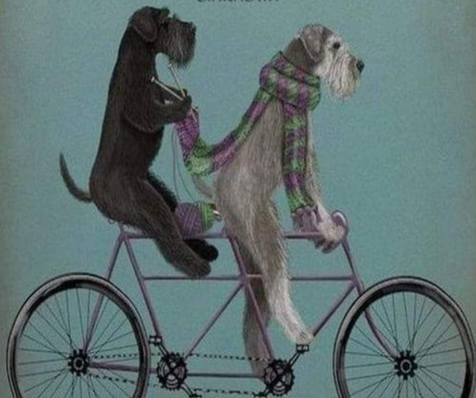
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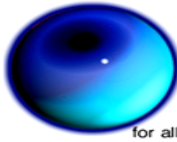
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