

THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT PAUL
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



June 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

At the end of this month several candidates from across our Anglican Churches on the Peninsula are going to be confirmed, including a member of St Paul's. The service is taking place at St John's Flookburgh at 10 am on Sunday 25th June, and all are welcome to join us on this special occasion.

In recent weeks some have asked me what confirmation means. Confirmation is a special church service in which a person confirms the promises that were made when they were baptised. It's the second part of a two-part process of Christian initiation, the first part being infant baptism or christening. But I'm already a Christian - isn't that enough? Certainly our love for God is vital but the New Testament encourages us to express our love in a public act of witness in the presence of the Church (Acts 2:38-41; Romans 10:9-10, 1 Timothy 6:12). Depending on your denomination this could be adult baptism, or adult baptism with confirmation, or just confirmation in the case of someone baptised as an infant.

The present Church of England practice - like many traditions in other churches - has evolved down the centuries from the early church's practices, but the root principle is about a public declaration of faith. This public declaration can happen at any time in a person's life and it's never too late! The service is presided over by a Bishop, in our case Bishop James Newcome, who lays hands on each candidate, confirming or *sealing* their acceptance of Jesus Christ and praying for the Holy Spirit to be with them.

The laying on of hands by a Bishop is a powerful sign and action that has been part of the Christian practice for two thousand years (Acts 8:14-17). In the context of a confirmation service, the laying on of hands is used in two ways: to commission a person for a life of Christian service and a special prayer that a person might receive the Holy Spirit's strength and power to live the Christian life. This doesn't mean that a person did not previously receive the Spirit at their baptism. But at the confirmation service the Church's prayer is that the presence of the Spirit in their life should be confirmed and that they should be filled with that same Spirit of God. As we go on in our lives we need continually to be filled with the Spirit and this should be our prayer day by day.

I write this on Pentecost Sunday, when we remember the outpouring of God's Spirit on the early church. Let's pray for each other that we may have renewed confidence and compassion as we seek to live by the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Jonathan

There will be no service at St Paul's at 11 am on the 25th June to enable us to support Chris Brown as he is confirmed at St John's, Flookburgh, by Bishop James. The Rev'd Annette Miller will be leading the Holy Communion service at the Fell Church at 9.30 am. This will also be the last opportunity for us to say goodbye to Bishop James before he retires.

The next step in the life of St Paul's and the Fell Churches

After 7 long years of uncertainty since the departure of the Revd Nick Ash, progress is being made, and to a tight timetable!

The Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry is to be dissolved, and will be replaced by four new benefices.

Allithwaite and Flookburgh, with one full-time priest-in-charge (PiC)
Grange and Field Broughton with Linda, with one full-time PiC
Cartmel, with 0.5 PiC paid by the Diocese and 0.5 PiC paid by Cartmel PCC
Leven Valley (Finsthwaite, Haverthwaite, Staveley), with 0.5 PiC



Each PCC has now been asked to prepare a 'profile' covering four aspects:

- Background – general overall description of the parish
- The church – history, condition, uses, etc
- The congregation – age profile, types of service, what we are looking for, how we engage with the community, etc
- Worship – usual pattern, how it might be changed

We have been given the proposed timetable for appointing the priests-in-charge to each of these benefices.

End of June – a complete draft parish profile

End of July – parish profile agreed

September – post advertised

November – interviews

The whole process will involve consultation. We will be working closely with Field Broughton, and we are seeking your views on the gifts, qualities, skills and experience you would like to see in a new vicar. There is a file at the back of both St Paul's and the Fell Churches, and we would welcome your comments before the 17th June so that they can be incorporated into the profile that we are being asked to complete by the end of June.

We have been assured that our priest-in-charge will be based at the Rectory in Grange, and understand that the current tenants have received two months' notice to vacate so that work can begin on modifying the present building to bring it up to the required standard.

It is exciting to hear that at last progress is being made, and we can begin to move forward in the life of our church within a mission community that encompasses the whole of the Cartmel peninsula, including Anglicans, Methodists, the United Reformed Church, and friends in other companion denominations.

Brian McCann

Please pray for us all on this next stage as we begin to prepare the profile.

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

The Vacancy in See Committee has now completed work to draw up a Statement of Needs and elect six representatives to serve on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) as part of the process towards appointing a new Bishop of Carlisle.

The Statement of Needs has been published on the Diocesan website, and you can also find details of the six people elected. They are:

Zoe Ham

Derek Hurton

Jane Maycock

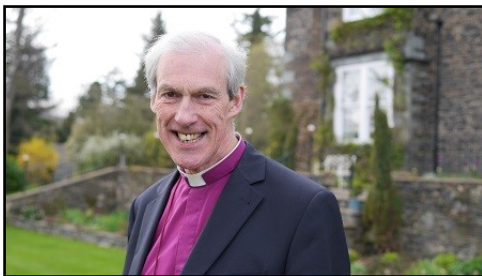
Andrew Norman

Shanthi Thompson

Lol Wood

They will join with national members of the CNC and the Archbishops to shortlist and interview candidates. Interviews will take place in December with an announcement about two months later. Given the various legal processes, it is likely that a new Bishop will only take up his/her responsibilities some months after that.

People have until Friday 9th June to submit any further comments about the needs of the Diocese or names of potential candidates that they may wish to nominate.



Thanksgiving Collection

A reminder that you can contribute towards a gift for Bishop James and Alison to be presented at a farewell service at Carlisle Cathedral on **Sunday 16th July**.

If you would like to make an offer, please send your gift to Ric Jacques at Church House, preferably by online banking to:

Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd
HSBC 40-16-22 71373722
Reference “+James Collection”

Gifts may also be made by cash or cheque, payable to “Carlisle DBF”, and posted to Church House, 19-24 Friargate, Penrith, CA11 7RX, with a note that it is for Bishop James’ Collection. It would be helpful if gifts were received by **Sunday 9th July**.

FROM THE REGISTERS JUNE 2023

BAPTISMS

Knox Beau Wilson	28th May 2023
Jolyon Hugh Derek Dobson Smith	28th May 2023

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Olivia May Webster	12th June 2022
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YEAR'S MIND

Patricia Shaw	18th June 2018	<i>“In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ”</i>
Alan Conway Jones	20th June 2019	
Hilda Boldy	3rd June 2020	
Michael Hornung	10th June 2021	

We were delighted to welcome Jolly, the great-grandson of the late Nancey Atkinson, and Knox, the great grandson of Rosemary and Ian Ballance.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN JUNE 2023

Friday, 2nd	6 - 8 pm - Repair Café , Methodist Church Hall, Grange
Sunday, 4th	9.30 - 1.30 pm - Boarbank Garden Sale , Allithwaite
Wednesday, 7th	2.30 pm - Cuppa and Cake , St Paul's Church. All welcome
Thursday, 8th	11 am - Concert with South Cumbria Brass Band
Saturday, 10th	AGM of Churches Together in Cumbria , 10 am-3 pm, Penrith Methodist Church
Sunday, 11th	10.30 am - 2 pm - Plant Sale , outside St Paul's 6 pm - Stillness & Song , Taize-style service at Methodist Church
Wednesday, 14th	12 noon - Haverthwaite Lunch Club 3.15 pm - Fun & Friendship at Grange Primary School 7 pm - Standing Committee , St Paul's
Thursday, 15th	2 pm - Craft afternoon with Pip, in St Paul's
Friday, 16th	12 noon - Wedding Rehearsal in St Paul's
Saturday, 17th	1 pm - Wedding of Helen Wheeler & Mark Robinson, St Paul's
Tuesday, 20th	11 am - Funeral of Margaret Jenkins , St Paul's
Sunday, 25th	10 am - Confirmation , St John's Church, Flookburgh 11 am - 3.30 pm, Craft Fair , Victoria Hall, Grange
Tuesday, 27th	9.30 am - Primary School Year 2 visit to St Paul's 2.30 pm - Visit to Cartmel Grange Care Home for service
Thursday, 29th	2 pm - Worship Committee , St Paul's
Sunday, 2nd July	Solo lunch - venue to be arranged

SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S & FELL CHURCH FOR JUNE 2023

SUNDAY 4TH JUNE - TRINITY SUNDAY

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Rev'd Annette Miller

WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE - 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

BARNABAS THE APOSTLE

9.30 am - The Fell Church, Grange

Matins - Lay-led

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - Rev'd Jonathan Brewster

SUNDAY 18TH JUNE - 2ND AFTER TRINITY

FATHER'S DAY

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Morning Worship - Lay-led

WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE

10 am - Joint with Methodists at Methodist Church, Grange

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE - 3RD AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am - The Fell Church, Grange

Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller

There will be no service at

11.00 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

To enable us to support Chris Brown

as he is confirmed by Bishop James

at St John's, Flookburgh at 10 am

WEDNESDAY 28TH JUNE

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

DIOCESAN GIVING PLATFORM

In the light of changes in the way we handle our finances these days, we have been exploring various ways of giving to Church. With fewer people actually carrying cash, the banks charging us to use cheques, and many of us now banking on-line, the ‘times they are a-changing’! Many of us have now chosen to make annual or monthly on-line bank transfers for our regular giving, but what about the individuals, often visitors, who would like to make a one-off donation using their smart phones? The PCC has now decided that the simplest – and cheapest – method is to use the Diocesan Giving Portal with our own QR code which leads to an electronic form where names, addresses and card numbers can be entered. There is also an option to gift aid the donation. In making this decision, we are following most of the other churches in the peninsula.

HOW THE DIOCESAN GIVING PLATFORM WORKS

Pages have been set up by the Diocese, and any monies donated through these pages will go directly through to Carlisle Diocese. Where appropriate, gift aid is collected on our behalf, and on a quarterly basis the total value of donations plus gift aid is sent through to us. The QR code is now available for display in our pews, on pewsheets, orders of service, on the web site, etc, and a card of explanation will soon be appearing in each of the pews showing this code and how to use it with a mobile phone.

1. Open the camera app on the phone.
2. Point phone at the QR code.
3. Get the QR code in the viewfinder box. Wait a few seconds until a pop-up banner appears.
4. Tap pop-up banner or the QR icon which appears. You are then ready to go.

If the pop-up banner does not appear make sure that the QR code is wholly inside the viewfinder. If the banner still does not appear check that the QR reader is enabled on the phone. Go to the settings app and scroll down and tap camera. Make sure that the slider for scanning QR codes is in the right position. Then go to 4 as above.

Alternatively, two different links are available

ONE-OFF GIFTS

<https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/f847ac4f-a472-4e25-91ea-f036dfc45bcc> will take people through to our giving page (with an option for filling in a gift aid declaration included)

REGULAR GIFTS

<https://www.mygiving.online/regulargift/regularadonation?buttonid=0756ca52-0c2b-47f5-84b9-d1e168154566> will also take people through to our giving page for monthly gifts (again with the option for filling in a gift aid declaration). In addition, the QR code will be displayed on the web site with a ‘donate now’ button to connect to the giving page.



Sunday Services around the Benefice

	ALLITHWAITE	FLOOKBURGH	GRANGE	GRANGE FELL	FINSTHWAITE	HAVERTHWAITE	STAVELEY IN CARTMEL	FIELD BROUGHTON & LINDALE
June 2023								
Sunday 4 th June Trinity Sunday	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Maycock	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd George Wilson	11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller		9.30 am Holy Communion The Venerable Penny Driver	11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led	11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led	9.30 am Morning Worship Lay-led
Thursday 8 th June Corpus Christi								7.00 pm Corpus Christi Service Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
Sunday 11 th June 1 st Sunday after Trinity	4.00 pm Service of the Word Janice & John Tindale	10.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Jane Maycock	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	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller
Sunday 18 th June 2 nd After Trinity Fathers Day	10.00 am Service of the Word Steve Bell	4.00 pm Café Style Service All Welcome	11.00am Morning Worship Lay-led		11.00 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
Sunday 25 th June 3 rd after Trinity	Joint Confirmation Service at St John's Church Flookburgh	Joint Confirmation Service Bishop James Rev'd Jane Maycock Rev'd Jonathan Brewster	No Service today At Grange	9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller	6.00 pm Patronal Service Rev'd Annette Miller	11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led	11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led	9.30 am Lay-led

Thursday, 8th June, the Rev'd Jonathan Brewster will be celebrating **Corpus Christi** at Field Broughton at 7 pm.

Sunday, 25th June, Bishop James will be confirming 4 candidates at St John's, Flookburgh, at 10 am.

Wednesday Clergy Rota - June 2023 - 10 am - Holy Communion	
7th June	Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller
14th June	Holy Communion - Rev'd Jonathan Brewster
21st June	Joint service Holy Communion at Methodist Church, Grange
28th June	Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

A CELEBRATION OF THE CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III

What a pleasure to walk into St Paul's and see the long colourful table beautifully laid for the celebration tea. The atmosphere was so positive with people smiling and helping to set out the tea. Audrey and her flower team had added to the setting by displaying sprays of purple and white flowers and, placed on a side table, was a magnificent cake made by Emma Walmsley and donated by her father Mark.



The red and white tablecloths and union jack displays created an appropriate background for the increasing number of plates of sandwiches, baked savouries, cakes and biscuits. The tiered cake stands, holding a variety of delicacies, and the setting out of the crockery made it clear this was going to be a tea party to be remembered – indeed, fit for a King.

Forty-six took their seats and, after a welcome and introduction by Brian and grace led by Annette, everyone started to select their refreshments from the wide choice before them. As people happily chatted and ate, they were looked after by a very attentive team of helpers, serving hot drinks and replenishing the platters of food. An observer would witness a large family having a thoroughly enjoyable celebration of the coronation of King Charles III.

As the pace of eating and drinking eased, people started to turn their attention to a challenging Royal Quiz of 15 questions, to test our knowledge of the historical background to the coronation. This led to a great deal of discussion amongst those sat next to each other, much frowning, joyful looks as some answers emerged, and a lot of laughter as suggested answers were debated. In the end, it was Mike who had most of the correct answers and some of us kept quiet about our low scores.



Despite the best efforts of the many helpers to encourage the eating of more cakes, everyone eventually had to admit they were full. Not many would want any tea or dinner at home that night. All agreed with Brian when he thanked the team of helpers who had worked with Penny to arrange the celebration tea, setting it out so beautifully, all those who had busied themselves making sure everyone was well looked after with food and drink, and all those who had contributed the delicious savouries and cakes.

The afternoon tea was a fine example of the St Paul's family working together to create a memorable 'cuppa and cake' to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Pauline and Alan Wheatley



A VISIT BY THE ROSSALL MUSICIANS

On a Sunday last month St Paul's were privileged to host a visit by the musicians of Rossall School, Fleetwood, who gave us a stimulating lunchtime concert. What a pity that not more of our regular congregation were present to witness the talent displayed – and we learned after the event that the senior musicians of the group had not been allowed to make the trip as the proximity of serious examinations made further revision necessary.

However, those who made the visit gave us a most enjoyable and worthwhile presentation with a variety of skills displayed which ranged over a wide range of composers, from Bach to Anthony Newley. Our piano was well used and we also heard the cello and the clarinet, plus a wonderfully rendered Robert Schumann solo sung in German. All the soloists performed with confidence, enthusiasm and clarity, and it was a pleasure to receive and hear them. Our thanks go to Adam Dobson, the Teacher of Music, and his assistant, Georgia, for their work and skills and in giving up their Sunday to make the trip north.

Rossall has a rich musical tradition. The school has produced many eminent musicians, most notably the acclaimed conductor Sir Thomas Beecham – and the final piano soloist, a young Ukrainian with just a year in the UK to his name, has already been accepted for further studies at the Royal Northern College of Music. The school possesses 21 Steinway grand pianos and is home to an International Piano Academy.

Later, a larger number of musicians comprising the school chapel choir led Choral Evensong. The Revd Jonathan Brewster presided, with Charles Edmondson on the organ – a further wonderful experience for the benefice. Particular thanks go to

Richard Rhodes, former pupil at Rossall who later returned as Headmaster until his retirement. Richard is currently churchwarden at St Mary's, Staveley, and arranged the visit. Thanks also go to Jeremy Quartermain, Headmaster, for allowing the trip (and singing in the choir). We look forward to welcoming further visits for additional artistic experiences.

Mike Hill



How uplifting it was to be in St Paul's on a Sunday evening and to hear the swell of young voices filling the building. Evensong is a favorite service for many of us who miss the fact that it is no longer offered as a regular part of our worship. "The office of Evensong has played a prominent part in the life of the church since the Reformation. Cranmer's



original Book of Common Prayer of 1549 established the classic pattern for the Anglican Office of psalm-lesson-canticle-lesson-canticle. This pattern survived all the liturgical revision and upheavals and was reiterated in the definite 1662 version."



It was indeed a treat to hear it sung by the 30+ strong Chapel Choir of Rossall School. It was also fascinating to have the opportunity of talking to some of the young people, learning about their plans for the future. Jo who sang the

versicles had taken time off from revising for an exam the following Wednesday. He is hoping to read History at Durham. There were two boys from the Ukraine who had been at the school for just over 12 months. One of them lived in Kiev and recalled hearing the first of the bombs to hit the city. He was on one of the first crowded trains to leave for Austria with his mother and siblings, while his father stayed behind to fight.

Penny

NEED A LIFT? CONTACT THE VOLUNTARY DRIVER SERVICE

Co-ordinator Jan Maynard 01539742500 or 07825340226

Joyce has used this service for hospital visits and to the local surgery. Requests should be made before Thursday morning for the following week. The cost is 45p per mile.

However, be warned! They cannot guarantee a driver as there is a shortage of volunteers.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRANGE-OVER-SANDS AND DISTRICT

YOUTH TRUST

Dear friend/supporter,

As you may well already know, following a rigorous recruitment and selection process, we have appointed Andrea Mason as our new Community & Youth Leader. Andrea will succeed Helen Hoyle, who stepped down at the end of December, and will begin on 1 September 2023. She is excited about her new job – working in partnership with our churches and schools in this ministry to young people.

We would like to invite you to a ‘Meet our new Community & Youth Leader’ event on **Saturday, 30th September 2023, at 10 am in the Methodist Church Hall in Grange**. Over coffee we will introduce Andrea and talk with you about future plans. We know that this seems a long way off but please add it to your diary and share the news and invitation with your friends/colleagues/congregation.

Do look out for our newsletters with more information (*available on our church web site*).

Kind regards, Mervyn Hull, Chair, Youth Trust.

Men’s Breakfast on Saturday 3rd June

Do come and join in the ecumenical Men’s Breakfast at 8.30 am on Saturday, June 3rd, at Grange Methodist Church. All men welcome! It is a great way of making friends across our different churches, and chatting over good food.

Do invite people who don’t normally go to church too.

Feedback on the new service at Cartmel Grange Care Home

The monthly CTiG service at Cartmel Grange duly started Tuesday afternoon, 23rd May, with 7 people from 3 different churches leading worship (thank you to all these volunteers!). The half a dozen or so residents who were present were appreciative and hope that we will come again. The next service will be on Tuesday, June 27th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Youth Trust are looking for another trustee and also a secretary, and Churches Together need a Vice-President. Is this something you could do?



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

Our free Advice Line is open 7 days a week, 8am-7pm on 0800 169 65 65. Or, if you’re feeling lonely and want a friendly chat, day or night, you can call **The Silver Line on 0800 47080 90**.

Age UK provides information and advice on every facet of later life, from helping people find out benefits they are entitled to claim, to discussing options to help make later life at home more manageable. Our aim is to be the first port of call – the first place that people turn to when they have an age-related need.

Another number to ring - **HELPLINE 03030030003**

Website: www.ageuk.org.uk/campaigns Twitter: [@ageukcampaigns](https://twitter.com/ageukcampaigns)

HOW I CAME TO GRANGE-OVER-SANDS - No. 10

I came to live in Flookburgh (not quite Grange, but near enough) in July 1990 with my parents, who had always wanted to retire to the area. Their place of choice was Arnside, and they had intended to move about 10 years before, but things got delayed. When we arrived in the area to look for a new house, we started in Arnside, looked at the hill and the house prices (they didn't compare very favorably with house prices in Huddersfield and my parents were then 10 years older than when the move was first planned). We looked in Milnthorpe, Holme, and then came around the bay to Grange – had a look at another steep hill, and kept going to Kents Bank, and eventually Flookburgh, where we found 2 houses for sale. The first was a semi-detached house and we were wanting to down-size, so went to the second which had not yet been built, and having looking at the other houses that were already built on the development, my parents bought the bungalow that I still live in. We spent a day or two each month coming to look at progress, choose finishes, etc, and eventually agreed our moving in date.

I was working in Kirklees Metropolitan Council in Huddersfield, in the Building Control Department, and started to apply for jobs in the area. At my second interview at what was then the Nature Conservancy Council (NCC), I was offered the job of typist – a lower salary, but with the possibility of earning more if I passed the typing proficiency tests. At my interview the Chief Typist from the head office in Peterborough said at every sentence end, 'but your current job is not a typist' and try as I might to convince her that I could type, she wasn't buying it. However, when the typing test came, she'd really wound me up to the 'I'll show you whether I can type or not' stage! At the end of the test, she was very surprised that I had completed it and was two-thirds of the way through checking it. She later said that she had only had one other person who had managed that and said I should immediately put in for the advanced Civil Service typing test, which I passed, and thence managed to bring my salary up to the level I had left in Huddersfield. At that time NCC's office was at Blackwell, the Arts and Crafts house, in Bowness, now owned by Abbot Hall. I really enjoyed my time with NCC (who later became English Nature, then Natural England) until they offered voluntary retirement to all their administration staff, which is when I became Secretary/Personal Assistant to the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness.

My parents were both musicians, and we wanted to join a church choir when we arrived here. First we went to Cartmel Priory, thinking that would be the best choir, but that didn't work out; next we tried Flookburgh, who had their rehearsals at 5 pm on Thursdays – I was still at work in Bowness at that time. I worked with Pauline Bleasdale, who was in the church choir at St Paul's, Grange, and she invited myself and my mother to come to Grange and she would introduce us to Ann Waller, the choir mistress at the time.

We never looked back and I'm sure we picked the right church! My father was a Baptist and of course the nearest Baptist Chapel is in Tottlebank – too far without

his own car, so he went to the URC when we first moved here. Later, when we lost two good male members of the church choir at St Paul's we persuaded him to join us. My father was an organist and was still playing at funerals in his 90s! My mother was a singer, taught singing and also conducted several ladies' choirs, including The Ghyll Singers, Ulverston.

Strangely, when I was talking to Margaret Caseley when she was new at St Paul's, she heard I came from Huddersfield, and asked if I knew 'the Smiths'. It seemed a long shot, but when she started to describe the family, I realized we lived next door to them!

When I was young, we didn't have a car in the family and often caught the train to visit Grange-over-Sands, walking over to Cartmel and back. I never thought at that time that I would live here one day. I have never regretted the move – it is one of the best things that has ever happened in my life. Both my parents are now dead; however, they very much enjoyed the last years of their lives living in this beautiful area.

Rosemary Hoyle

£2 BUS FARE CAP SCHEME

The £300 million Government-funded scheme has now been extended to 31st October 2023, and then until November 2024 at £2.50 a ticket.

At £2 for a single journey, you can now jump aboard a bus and see the country.

Available in England only, outside London, though journeys that start in England can cross borders into Scotland and Wales.

Payment can be made by cash on-board, by the Stagecoach bus app, contactless or Google/Apple pay.

Single tickets that currently cost less than £2 will remain the same.

In April, May and June a Stagecoach bus app customer chosen at random will be automatically entered into a 'give-away' to receive a year's free travel.

Let's jump aboard, save the planet and leave the negotiation of narrow country lanes and parking to the bus driver.



**POPULAR LOCAL BRASS BAND
RETURNS TO GRANGE FOR A JUNE CONCERT**

South Cumbria Brass Band returns to Grange as the first of two Brass Band Concerts to be given this year in St Paul's Church.



On Thursday 8 June at 11 am,
the South Cumbria Band, which is based in Ulverston, will present an hour of varied music comprising original works for Brass Band as well as works arranged for Band. The Band played here last year and their concert was so popular that they've been asked to return.

Listeners will be in for a real treat as they will be presenting a dazzling array of music.

Admission to the concert is free but donations are welcome.

Coffee and biscuits will be served from 10.30 am onwards.

Charles' next concert for piano and organ is on 13th July and details will appear in next month's issue.

Another Brass Band concert is due to take place in St Paul's on 26th November when Burneside Brass will be visiting us. You may remember Eleanor Knowles and Dave Higson played in the church during their Musical Expedition around churches in Cumbria. If you are interested to read some of Eleanor's write-ups of the many churches they have visited, see her Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092218187739>





On a bright sunny day last month a 30-seater coach set off from Grange to visit the National Memorial Arboretum at Alrewas in Staffordshire. The trip had been organised by Grange Soroptimists to see their own memorial and also the new one dedicated to the Submariners Association, part of which had been designed by a young schoolgirl from Ulverston.

The Arboretum was the idea of Naval Commander David Childs CBE who had been inspired by a visit to Arlington Cemetery and the National Arboretum in Washington, and believed that the UK should have a 'living' memorial to ensure we never forget the lives that have been lost - for whatever reason – 'A celebration of lives lived'.

Supported by Group Captain Leonard Cheshire VC, an appeal was launched in 1994 by the then Prime Minister, John Major. The project began with no money, no land, no staff and no trees. The National Lottery, in the form of the Millennium Commission, granted 40% of the funds needed and this was matched by thousands of donations from a wide variety of organisations both military and civilian, men and women, corporate and voluntary.



Redland Aggregates (now Tarmac) offered the 150 acre site on reclaimed gravel workings on a marsh plain between two rivers for a rent of £1 per year, and planting began in 1997. The Arboretum was created by a small army of volunteers and an original friends group with vital support and grants from the Forestry Commission and the National Forest Company. From the start it was seen as a place of joy where the lives of people would be remembered by living trees that would grow and mature in a world at peace. The Polar Bear Memorial was the first actual memorial to be unveiled at the Arboretum and was dedicated on 7 June 1998 as a tribute to the 49th West Riding Infantry Division, nicknamed 'polar bears' after their actions in icy Norway and Iceland.

In 2000 the millenium chapel of peace and forgiveness was dedicated, the only place in the country where an Act of Remembrance is observed every day. It features the Last Post, a Silence and the Reveille, and takes place at 11am. The altar and lectern were made by young offenders from Swinfell Hall.



The Arboretum was officially opened to the public in May 2001 by HRH the Duchess of Kent, with the Armed Forces Memorial being dedicated six years later in 2007 as a national monument to those who have lost their lives on duty or as an act of terrorism since the Second World War. Now a registered charity, the Arboretum is part of the Royal British Legion, but a separate legal body, and ensures that:

- the unique contribution of those who have served and sacrificed is never forgotten
- the baton of Remembrance is passed on through the generations
- there is a year-round space to celebrate lives lived and commemorate lives lost.

It is not only the armed forces that are remembered. There are memorials to many service organisations, eg Rotary, Soroptimists, Scouts, but there is also a garden dedicated to the Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Charity. Perhaps the most poignant is the ‘Shot at Dawn’ memorial.



The Arboretum currently holds 413 monuments and over 25,000 trees all set in beautiful parkland. Ten gardeners are employed but the rest of the work is done by volunteers. Our visit coincided with that of the Green Thumb judges, so the grounds



were immaculate! A further 25 acres have recently been given for a memorial walk around a lake to be dedicated to those who died during Covid.

Entry is free and there is a good restaurant and café, with plenty of parking – and dogs are welcome! Seats on a land train can be purchased and includes a 50-minute ride around the site with commentary. Buggies are also available for those with mobility problems, and there are plenty of seats around the site. If you have not already visited, then a trip is warmly recommended!

Celebration 2000 Prayer

Dear Lord our heavenly father,
 At the dawn of a new millennium
 In a world of darkness give us your light.
 In lands of war and prejudice grant us peace.
 In a world of despair give us hope.
 In a world of sadness and tears show us your joy.
 In a world of hatred show us your love.
 In a world of arrogance give us humility.
 In a world of disbelief give us faith.
 Give us courage to face the challenges
 of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked,
 housing the homeless and healing the sick.
 Give us the power to make a difference in
 your world, and to protect your creation.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Written by Anna Crompton aged 13,
 and on the wall outside the millennium chapel*

Penny



GETTING CRAFTY

On Thursday 18th May we held our first craft event at church.

Pip demonstrated how to transform A4 sheets of paper and card into decorative boxes which turned out to be quite sturdy. Armed with pencil, ruler, scissors and glue stick we created an assortment of colourful cartons which could be used in a variety of ways:

- * Gifts - pop in a personalised present for the recipient's birthday, anniversary or Christmas
- * Invitations - including a written invite to church or a tea bag inviting the recipient over for a cuppa and a natter.
- * Acceptances - for the big day or any day !!
- * Envelopes - for a 3-D greetings card or a card that encourages someone who needs uplifting.

To make them even more fancy we made paper flowers to adorn the outside. It's amazing how such a thoughtful creation can bring a smile to someone's day.

Pip also brought in other decorations made from foliage, shells, dried flowers and real petals to inspire us to create our own unique designs.

And after all that hard work we enjoyed a cuppa and biscuits to refresh us.

A lovely couple of hours taking time out to focus on a new skill and have a chat in a peaceful place.

These crafty events are open to all and will be run each month, probably on the third Thursday.

**Next date is the 15th June, when we shall be making
friendship bracelets as gifts for the youngsters
leaving Grange Primary School at the end of this
term**



OUR CHURCH MICE

Our family of mice have now taken up residence in St Paul's, and we are pleased to introduce them to you.

Nick the Vic(ar) in the Pulpit

Morgan at the organ

Christopher and Christine waiting for their baby to be christened at the font

Maisy Mop by the kitchen

Freda the reader at the Lectern

Wendy the Warden in the churchwarden's pew

Walter from Malta, with his bride at the altar

Anna at the Mothers' Union banner

Hugh sitting patiently in a pew

Flora the florist by one of her arrangements



We are sure they are going to be a popular resource for our school parties and, indeed, for any children visiting the church.

With many thanks to Margaret Ratcliffe for her imagination and skill.

Our **defibrillator** has now been installed on the wall to the right-hand side of the serving hatch.



WHO IS WEARING THE CROWN?

The above stand was made by a parent of a youngster at Grange School, and was on display at the afternoon party at the school held to celebrate the coronation.

No prizes for guessing who it is!



PEAT EVENTS—PENINSULA ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TOGETHER Great Big Green Week June 10th – 18th

There will be lots of events across Cumbria and PEAT have the following planned:

Sunday, June 11th, 11.30 – 3pm, old Natwest Bank, Main St

Talk and workshop entitled ‘How the Earth Thinks - the Web Effect’ looking at the interconnectedness of our gut micro biome, brain function, soil health and the climate and biodiversity emergencies. It will be held in the old NatWest Bank building (now named Lancaster Bank, for future reference). Bring a packed lunch and a reusable cup for drinks. Free event, open to non-members, so please bring friends as it sounds like a fascinating topic and a reminder that our continued existence is inextricably linked to a healthy natural world.

Tuesday, June 13th, 7pm, Grange Methodist Hall

We will be showing a talk by Mike Berners Lee entitled “What will it really take to deal with the climate emergency?” Those of you in the U3A Environmental Awareness group may have seen this before but a second viewing often consolidates what you have seen first time round. This is also a free event open to non-members and we hope to attract people who are not yet so clued up about these issues. Please tell people about it and bring along friends, neighbours and family.

This event will be our main June meeting and we will not therefore meet on June 27th.

A TOUCH OF PARADISE

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An opportunity to pray for those who lost relatives in the Pandemic who will come together on July 9th. Heather’s husband, Ian, served as a Licensed Lay Minister in two parishes, preaching for 40 years, and retired to Grange to the place of his happy childhood.



Grange Drama presents Agatha Christie's Mystery Play
TOWARDS ZERO, directed by Deborah Powell

7.30 pm at Lower Holker Village Hall on **Wednesday-Saturday**, 7-10 June 2023
Adults : £10; 16 & under £5 Booking On Line (**from 8 May**) or pay at the door
Website : grange-drama.org.uk / Facebook

Termed a Christie Mystery by her publishers as well as ourselves, is in rehearsal. Preparations are underway for the society's forthcoming production in Cark in Cartmel. It is nothing new that our summer production is to be staged away from our Grange over Sands base of Victoria Hall. Over the years at this time of year Grange Drama has performed plays at a variety of venues, indoors & outdoors, throughout the wider area of South Lakeland – it being a pleasure to bring amateur theatre to both residents, those on holiday & sometimes in support of local charitable causes.

Margaret McDonagh (Grange Drama Member) (mcdonaghm015@outlook.com)



THE SMALL GARDEN BELOW THE LADY CHAPEL WINDOWS

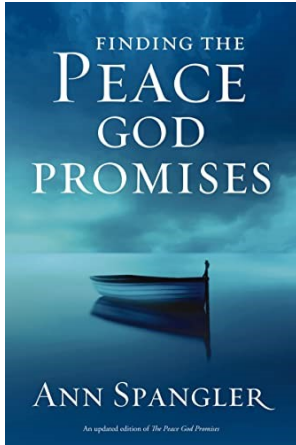
I wonder how many folk have walked down the steps behind the Church to the lane leading to the clock tower. There is a small garden area there, at the bottom of the path up to the kitchen door.

On one of my visits to Grange from Maghull before coming to live here, and when my sister was Churchwarden in the 80's, she asked me to help her clear and redesign this space which had become completely overgrown. We retained several cypress trees, and Jo Cottam provided some large stones for us to make a rockery where we planted heathers, aubretia and hebes. Over the years things have changed - and so have I! I cannot believe that I have been looking after this garden since my sister introduced me to it all those years ago. However, my mobility isn't that good now, and I would appreciate any offers of help with the upkeep of this plot.

Sue Fleetwood

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FINDING THE PEACE GOD PROMISES - Ann Spangler



If God has promised to give us the “peace that passes understanding”, why do we sometimes feel so anxious? What are we so afraid of? Are there ways of living that lead to peace? Conversely, are there ways of thinking and acting that lead to anxiety and a conflicted life? How does Jesus embody peace and where did his peace come from?

Finding the Peace God Promises sets our longings for peace beside God’s promise to provide it. Exploring the stories that shape us, the memories that define us, and the relationships that connect us, bestselling author Ann Spangler looks for ways to help us become more peaceful. What can we learn from Scripture, from Jewish tradition, from the Amish and others about rest, simplicity, healing, and peace? The stories she shares and the answers she

discovers may surprise you, enabling you to experience the transformative peace God wants you to have.

AMBITION - Emma Ineson

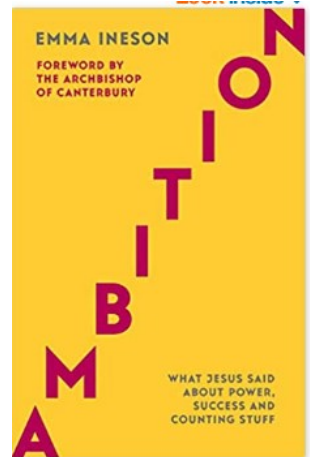
'Be encouraged by Bishop Emma's advice and inspired by her wisdom and humour.'

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Counting things is very much on the table at the moment. But what is the theology around notions of ambition and success? Why do they sit so uncomfortably in a Christian context? After all, growth is not the preserve of big business when viewed through the lens of the story of God and his people. So, we need to ask, what is right about ambition for the Christian leader? And what were Jesus' views?

Inevitably (because everything interesting is paradoxical), success and failure are close bedfellows. The single most successful event in the history of humankind - the victory of love over sin and death - looked very much like one man, naked, shamed and abandoned by most of his followers, hanging on a cross.

If we keep a vision of the Kingdom of God at the centre of all we do, we cannot go far wrong. This lively and liberating book includes a brilliant take on Jesus' teaching in 'The Beatitudes for Ambitious Leaders'. Here Emma Ineson describes key spiritual dispositions that will enable us - whether in the church or living out our vocation elsewhere - to do just that.



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Join Grange Soroptimists for an evening with Kendal Lecturer and Grange resident, Sarah Neill as she enthral's with her tales and stunning images of her recent expedition 200 miles above the Arctic Circle in Norway with Sea Women Expeditions.



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"I may be back home on land, but my mind is still wandering at sea, underwater in the dark blue coming face to face with the apex predators of the ocean! It was unreal!" Sarah Neill

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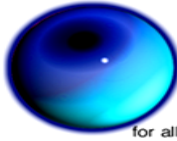
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