A thriving community of willing and dedicated Christians who further our mission in all sorts of ways. Time for fellowship follows every service, with refreshments and an opportunity to talk.

# **Opportunities for Mission**

The resident population in the benefice is growing with new housing. Tourists abound with hotels, B&Bs, rental apartments, lodges and several caravan sites. The two Church of England primary schools feed in to the local CofE secondary school in Cartmel, and there is plenty of goodwill to reach out further to these schools. The wider peninsula group of churches includes a part-time children's and families' worker and a Network Church Youth Worker.

# Ecumenical opportunities

Cartmel Peninsula mission community will be constituted soon, potentially evolving naturally from the local Churches Together group which includes Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed Churches. It arranges services and activities on special occasions, from Lent lunches, Advent carol services in the Augustinian Community of Catholic Sisters, and Taizé-style worship to a Men's Breakfast Club.

# A range of Worship

In Grange St Paul's describes itself as a modern-traditional church using Common Worship (CW) for Holy Communion and a monthly Service of the Word. It values thoughtful bible-based preaching and liturgy that connects. It has a regular congregation of 50-60, while the Fell Church has two BCP services each month, Mattins and Communion, attracting 18-20 regulars. In addition, St Paul's has a weekly Communion service on a Wednesday morning, joining with the Methodists on the third Wednesday.

At Field Broughton St Peter's has a weekly service at 9.30 am, with a balance of CW and BCP. Currently the congregation averages 16, taking time to recover from a high of 20 before Covid.



Most civic ecumenical services are held at the Parish Church.

# Music is important

St Paul's has a Director of Music/organist with choir. St Peter's congregation sings as much as possible in its services, and even manages a capella at times! Christmas carols are sung all over the Benefice.



Festivals are celebrated with attractive and imaginative liturgies.

# Clergy support

Retired and associate priests live locally and take services in all churches, as do the lay leaders.

# **Pastoral support**

A dedicated team of laity keeps abreast of news

of parishioners, maintaining a prayer 'tree', visiting at home or in hospital, and taking out Holy Communion each month to the housebound.



### Fantastic buildings



# Grange over Sands:

The Parish Church of St Paul, built in 1853, situated in the heart of Grange, at the top of Main Street and adjacent to the Clock Tower. It is an attractive building, well maintained, with light oak panelling and pews and some beautiful stained glass windows, and seats around 250. A recent remodelling has provided an office, two toilets, and a social area with kitchen. There is no church graveyard, but a council-run cemetery 0.5 miles above the town and a newly built crematorium 6 miles away.

The Fell (mission) Church lies up the hill over toward Cartmel, built in 1907 for the worshippers on the fell'. It is in good condition, needs little upkeep, and seats around 40.

### Field Broughton:

St Peter's Church is a grade II\* listed building distinguished by its shingled spire. Built in 1894 in the Arts and Crafts style, it seats 175, and has an open graveyard. Parish rooms owned by a church trust.

# Administrative support

St Paul's has a parish administrator and a fully functioning office, and WiFi. A defibrillator has recently been installed in St Paul's.





