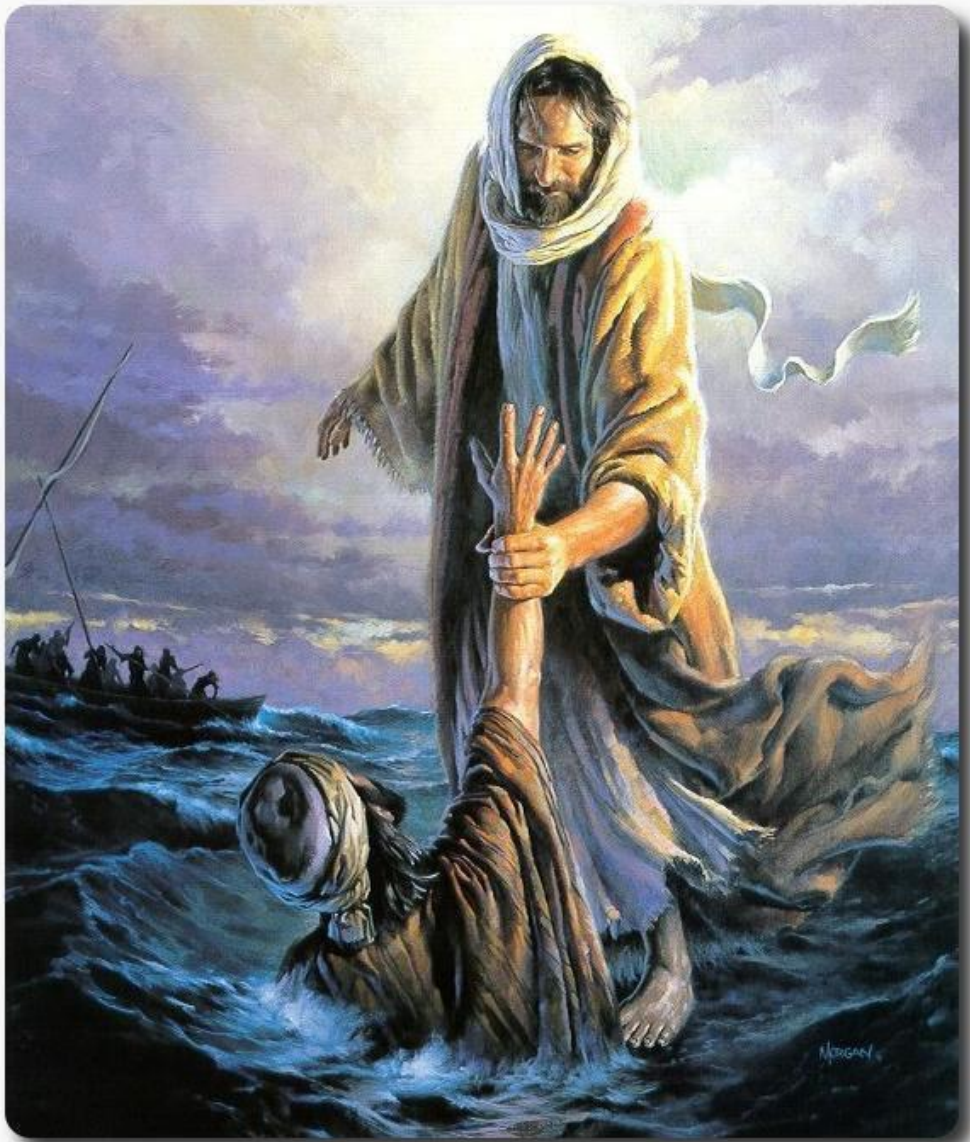


THE PARISH CHURCH OF
SAINT PAUL
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



August 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

It has been a great privilege to serve in the parishes of Grange-Over-Sands, Field Broughton with Lindale, Haverthwaite, Finthswaite and Staveley. Over the last 21 months I have sought to build stronger relationships across the Cartmel Peninsula Team who have suffered a considerable amount of challenge over a sustained period of time. The shortage of clerical provision alongside significant pastoral concerns precipitated my appointment, working alongside Nick and Jane to progress a new pastoral scheme and to bring about new structures. I am grateful that we are now able to advertise three new posts to three new benefices, making sense of history and restoring hope to this wonderful part of Cumbria.



As you will know I am a great believer in working together wherever possible, and that's why Nick, Jane and I ran the Difference Course last year and the Moving Forward Together course earlier this year. Working more closely together doesn't negate the fact that the 'local' context remains vital but, unless we can work out how we can move forwards together, we will end up looking inwards and becoming self-serving. Jesus said 'For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it'. Or again, 'Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single seed, but if it dies, it bears much fruit'. Working together constructively requires little deaths on everyone's part for the whole to become fruitful. I am so grateful for the way in which parishes have committed to working through some of these issues, and I am hopeful that the new structures will enable further growth.

Sarah and I have enjoyed being part of each parish community and I know how much Sarah will miss running the lunch club at Haverthwaite enjoying your company and good humour. I have regularly pinched myself at the beauty of this part of the world, whatever the weather throws at us! As a family we have enjoyed paddle boarding, cycling, dog walking, climbing, and BBQ's in the vicarage garden wherever possible. We will take many happy memories with us and will look forward to welcoming you if you find yourself up in Carlisle - just knock on the Deanery door! My installation service takes place on Saturday 30th September at 3pm to which you are all welcome. Tickets will soon become available on the Diocesan website.

In the meantime, God be with you and every blessing over the summer,

Jonathan

WE SAY 'FAREWELL' TO JONATHAN, SARAH, POPPY AND MILLIE

Members from six of the churches across the peninsula came together on Sunday, 30th July, at a joint service at St Anne's, Haverthwaite, to say our 'goodbyes' to the Brewster family at Jonathan's last service with us. Although sad to be losing them as Jonathan takes up his post as Dean of Carlisle Cathedral, it was a joyful service with some splendid singing. Members from St Anne's read the lessons, and Millie and Poppy led the intercessions. At the very end gifts were presented from the different churches, before we adjourned to the parish hall to enjoy a Jacob's Join lunch.



Our gift was a voucher for the Roundthorn Country House Hotel. Some of you may remember the Revd Alan Carruthers and his wife Doris, and this hotel is owned by their son Graham.



In the evening the Brewster family joined us for our ecumenical Songs of Praise at St

Paul's which was well attended and much enjoyed. The Revd David Edmondson who led the service paid tribute to Jonathan and wished him well for the future.

And at the end Brian presented the girls with our card and an envelope containing last-minute donations for them to 'treat the family' once they arrived in France. They left St Paul's to drive down to the south coast to catch the ferry the following day for a fortnight's rest and relaxation before returning for the 'move'. The 24th August will be their first night in the Deanery in Carlisle.



NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

FAREWELL TO BISHOP JAMES

The Rt Revd James Newcome retires at the end of August after 21 years' ministry in Cumbria, and he and his wife, Alison, will move to Oxfordshire to be closer to family. On Sunday, 16th July, more than 500 people attended Carlisle Cathedral to say 'thank you' to the Bishop at his Farewell Service.

The congregation heard Bishop James preach on the encouragement he has both offered and experienced during more than two decades leading mission in the county.

Drawing on readings from 2 Chronicles and 1 Thessalonians and alluding to the four central themes of the county's ecumenical God for All vision and strategy – Follow Daily, Speak Boldly, Care Deeply and Tread Gently - Bishop James said: "In the New Testament encouragement is always an expression of love. It's one of the foundations of the church's life along with compassion and participation in the work of the Holy Spirit. Encouragement is a prophetic aspect of our mission as Christians. Mutual encouragement is fundamental to the development of community and the growth of the church".

The Choral Evensong included anthems sung by the Cathedral choir with the congregation also led by a worship band, prior to a time of thanksgiving for the ministry of Bishop James and Alison.

Among the dignitaries attending the service were the county's new Lord-Lieutenant Alexander Scott and his wife, Samantha, who is the current High Sheriff, as well as the Mayor of Carlisle Cllr Abdul Harid. As part of the thanksgiving, the county's former Lord Lieutenant, Clare Hensman, paid tribute to Bishop James and Alison, and the wife of the Bishop of Penrith, Emma Saner-Haigh, also paid particular tribute to the work of Alison Newcome in support of clergy spouses.



<https://www.carlisedioocese.org.uk/news/2023/07/18/hundreds-thank-bishop-carlisle-his-farewell-service/>

A selection of pictures from the Farewell Service have also been uploaded to the Diocesan website.

DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER

The summer edition of The Way has been digitally published and features a personal reflection from Bishop James on his call to ordination 45 years ago and his 21 years' ministry in Cumbria.

Other features include the work of artist Mark Hunt who has upcycled materials to create a stunning Christ on the Cross art installation which he is offering to a church in Cumbria for free.

We also hear from the URC's newly-appointed Moderator for the North Western Synod, the Rev Clare Downing, as well as exploring exciting plans to grow church plants in the county. We learn about the volunteers who have worked painstakingly to uncover the fascinating stories behind monuments in Ulverston Parish Church and find out how we're reducing carbon emissions by simply switching to LED bulbs in churches, halls and vicarages.

https://godforall.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/The-Way_Summer-2023.pdf



ADMISSION OF OUR CHURCHWARDEN

A group from St Paul's attended Kendal Parish Church on Thursday, 6th July, to support Brian McCann as he was formally admitted as our Churchwarden by the Archdeacon, the Venerable Vernon Ross.

Brian took his oath:

“I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently execute the office of Churchwarden for my parish for the year of my appointment.”

And the Archdeacon responded:

“I do therefore admit you to the office of Churchwarden for the new current year in the name of God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.”

A meaningful service as folk from across the Archdeaconry of Westmorland and Furness pledged to fulfil this important role.

It was well attended by the supporters from the various parishes—and excellent refreshments were served afterwards!

HAVERTHWAITE LUNCH CLUB SAYS 'GOODBYE' TO SARAH

Starting up again from the previous closed Levens Valley club, many of us from the community have enjoyed monthly lunches at Haverthwaite, master-minded by Sarah Brewster to whom we owe our gratitude. Thank you also to Jonathan, Poppy and Millie for their input. We shall all miss the camaraderie and warm hospitality.



On the final lunch on Wednesday, 12th July, Sarah was presented with an engraved crystal bowl from us all, so well-deserved. She was very pleased and touched.

There is a faint possibility that the lunch club may rise a second time, but Sarah is a very hard act to follow.

Thank you from us all, Sarah - we will miss you.

Eileen Burke

The profile for the new benefice of Grange-over-Sands and Field Broughton with Lindale has now been approved by both PCCs, and will be sent to the Archdeacon, together with a set of last year's accounts. Advertisements will hopefully appear in September both on-line and in the Church Times. The profile can be viewed on our web site by scrolling down the homepage or going to News.

Please keep praying for the 'right' person for us to be appointed.

*God our Father, help us to put our trust in you to send
your chosen person to lead us on to where you would have us to be.*

Amen

SOLO DINERS

Our most recent Solo lunch gathering was at the newly re-opened Royal Oak in Lindale. Around 20 of us sat down to browse the menu which was both varied and included tempting desserts. Being Sunday lunch-time, the inn was very busy but the staff were friendly, attentive and the service was excellent.

Another lunch where we enjoyed company, chat and excellent food.

Susan JD

HOW WE CAME TO GRANGE – NO. 12

Just before the Second World War my paternal grandparents retired to Grange (Kents Bank). From when I was a toddler I had wonderful summer holidays here with my cousins. Their father, like mine, had lost his life in the war.

My grandfather, according to the local newspaper obituary, chaired Grange's wartime Food Committee, and later was among the founding members of Grange Forum. He and my grandmother were present at the poignant rededication of the War Memorial, newly bearing the names of their only two children. For us, our children and grandchild, too, the Memorial gives Grange a special meaning.

Looking back to those far distant summer holidays when my cousins and I went daily to the baths, the sun always shone! Many a time we saw, and heard, the bore wave surging in by the promenade. On a Sunday we worshipped at Allithwaite Church (then the parish church for Kents Bank). Once, when I was about 7, I was taken to see Cartmel village. We looked in the Priory and, when no-one else was around, I inscribed my signature on the organ case – in thick black pencil! Shame on me – I was so relieved years later when we came to live here that the old organ had been replaced!

Celia told me, very soon after we met, about her own idyllic family holidays in her grandparents' house in Northern Ireland – on the shore's edge, at the foothills of her beloved Mourne Mountains. She wanted to take me there; but, before she could, her parents sold the house because of the Troubles. She was desolated, and still dreams of such happy times there.

When I asked her if she knew the Lake District, she said she didn't. When I told her our Fells were, geologically, an extension of the Mournes (I hope no geologists are reading this!), she was hooked. So, from soon after our girls were born, this became our regular summer family destination – hiring a holiday cottage near Grange. Later, after they had left home, Celia and I often stayed at Graythwaite Manor Hotel.

It was whilst there in 1997 that we pondered on eventually retiring to Grange. On a rainy day we looked at estate agents – just out of curiosity. Next day the weather was lovely for getting up into the Lakes. But we had already agreed to see the property we now live in. We were instantly wowed by the lovely view. From 1997 to 2013 it was our frequent bolt-hole, first from Wakefield and then from Manchester, until it became our permanent home.

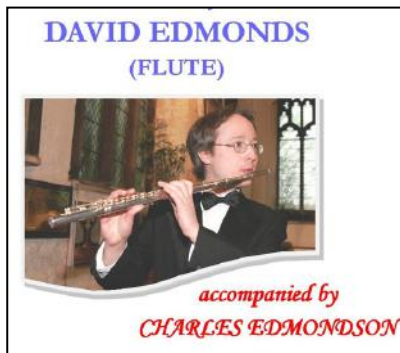
Celia came up here to sort it all out some months before I actually retired. On her first Sunday she decided to try St Paul's (confession time: I had never even been inside the church). She found it so peaceful and worshipful, so loving and welcoming, that when I joined her she brought me along too. So here we are: and we thank God for being a tiny part of this special family at St Paul's.

+ Nigel

CHARLES & DAVID CREATE A SONG & DANCE

Our July concert led us a merry song and dance. Charles Edmondson and David Edmonds gave us a concert filled with delight. We had an anthology of dances and songs without words from six different European countries all set for the flute and/or piano.

David Edmonds, who hails from Kendal, was the principal flute player in the Cumbria Youth Orchestra, studied at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, and was a woodwind finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year. David is a member of several local orchestras as well as being accompanist to three local choral societies, one of them being Ulverston Choral Society in which Rosemary and Penny Driver sing. He delighted us with his repertoire; he is a superb flautist who seemed to have the ability to make the best use of the sympathetic acoustic of St Paul's. David is also an accomplished pianist, as was well demonstrated in the piano duets he played with Charles.



Not forgetting our very own Charles who, as you know, brings to any performance his skill and experience of many years as a music educationalist, cathedral organist and choir leader, with over 400 organ recitals under his belt; we are so lucky to have him.

The programme was well balanced with the pieces chosen ranging from the 1500's through to the 1940's. Some were hauntingly beautiful and others light and joyful. The Berceuse piece from Faure's Dolly Suite took us back to the 50's to the "Listen with Mother" series on the radio, while the Minuet by Boccherini took us to the film set of the Lady Killers. The majority of the pieces played were familiar to us, even if we don't always associate the title with the tune until we hear it!

All in all, this short concert was a delight to hear, and the applause justly deserved.

Rosemary & Penny D



We now look forward to the next event in our concert series on Thursday, 10th August, at 11 am when Audrey Gorman and Charles Edmondson will present 'A seasonal tapestry of words and music' (see page 24).

FROM THE REGISTERS—AUGUST 2023



BAPTISMS

Ella Irene Robinson 23rd July 2023

YEAR'S MIND

Shirley Elizabeth Sherratt 2nd August 2018
Alan Meadowcroft 6th August 2018
Margaret Grundy 18th August 2019
Geraint Jones 11th August 2020

***“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.



Can you help?

St Paul's needs a Health and Safety Officer.
Is this something you feel called to do?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN AUGUST 2023

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|-----------------------|---|
| Wednesday, 2nd | 2.30 pm - Cuppa and Cake, St Paul's. All welcome |
| Sunday, 6th | 4.15 pm - Praise on the Prom |
| Wednesday, 9th | 12 noon - Funeral - June Turner, St Paul's 7 pm - Standing Committee - St Paul's |
| Thursday, 10th | 11 am - A Seasonal Tapestry of Words and Music - Audrey Gorman and Charles Edmondson |
| Saturday, 12th | An audience with Jonathan Veira - Victoria Hall (<i>see page 22</i>) |
| Sunday, 13th | 4.15 pm - Praise on the Prom |
| Thursday, 17th | 2 pm - Social Committee, St Paul's |
| Sunday, 20th | 4.15 pm - Praise on the Prom |
| Monday, 21st | 11 am - Remembrance Day service meeting, Victoria Hall |
| Tuesday, 22nd | 2.30 pm - Service at Cartmel Grange Care Home |
| Thursday, 24th | 2 pm - Crafty afternoon with Pip, St Paul's |
| Sunday, 27th | 11 am - Craft Fair, Victoria Hall, & Prom Art |
| Monday, 28th | Bank Holiday Monday |
| Tuesday, 29th | 2 pm - Worship Meeting, St Paul's |

PET BLESSING SERVICE

On a beautiful summer Sunday afternoon at the beginning of July, 12 dogs, a baby bearded dragon lizard, 2 woodlice in their own luxury cage, and assorted stuffed toy animals brought their owners along to the field of Grange Primary School for a Pet Blessing service.

Beautifully devised and conducted by Annette, assisted by some of the children, the service was a celebration not only of the pets but of the whole of creation, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Needless to say, having been blessed, the pets behaved impeccably.

Our thanks go to Annette and to Phillipa for all her help with this venture and for the photos.

Audrey



SCHOOL LEAVERS' SERVICE

How time flies! We see another year over at Grange Primary School, and I can't believe that the year 6 are now 'moving on', one of whom, in particular, you may have seen. Alice Evans helped in church services when she was younger, also writing items for the magazine. Now she's a grown up 11-year-old.

It was wonderful to see the church full with children and parents as we listened to Year 6 memories of their time at school – luckily nothing too embarrassing, but showing a great love of their time there. Each leaver or Year 6 student had painted their favourite value on a stone, and during the service they brought them up to build a cairn to represent these. The Christian values of the school are Love, Hope and Trust.

'Moving on' was the theme of the service from the Revd Jonathan Brewster, reflected in the hymn 'One more step', the prayers from Annette Miller, and the personal 'Farewells to Year 6' from Mrs Summers, a very personal touch. Margaret Ratcliffe from church presented each of the leavers with a friendship bracelet and card (see p19 of the July magazine), which had been made by our 'Crafty' folk – there was even one for Mrs Summers made in red and white, the school colours!

We had two dancing performances from the Year 6 children which were great to see, and wonderful singing with actions from the schoolchildren as we sang 'ENJOY'.

A massive credit to our Headteacher, Phillipa Summers, and staff at the school, and what a celebration to have in St Paul's!

Judith Mitchell



HANDS

This is good. I'll never look at my hands the same!

Grandpa, some 90+ years, sat feebly on the patio bench. He didn't move, just sat with his head down staring at his hands. When I sat down beside him he didn't acknowledge my presence and the longer I sat, I wondered if he was OK.

Finally, not really wanting to disturb him but wanting to check on him at the same time, I asked him if he was OK. He raised his head and looked at me and smiled.

"Yes, I'm fine. Thank you for asking", he said in a clear strong voice. "I didn't mean to disturb you, Grandpa, but you were just sitting here staring at your hands and I wanted to make sure you were OK", I explained to him.

"Have you ever looked at your hands", he asked. "I mean really looked at your hands?" I slowly opened my hands and stared down at them. I turned them over, palms up and then palms down. No, I guess I had never really looked at my hands as I tried to figure out the point he was making. Grandpa smiled and related this story.

"Stop and think for a moment about the hands you have, how they have served you well throughout your years. These hands, though wrinkled, shrivelled, and weak have been the tools I have used all my life to reach out and grab and embrace life. They put food in my mouth and clothes on my back. As a child my mother taught me to fold them in prayer. They tied my shoes and pulled on my boots. They have been dirty, scraped and raw, swollen and bent.

They were uneasy and clumsy when I tried to hold my newborn son. Decorated with my wedding band they showed the world that I was married and loved someone special. They trembled and shook when I buried my parents and spouse and walked my daughter down the aisle.

They have covered my face, combed my hair, and washed and cleansed the rest of my body. They have been sticky and wet, bent and broken, dried and raw. And to this day, when not much of anything else of me works really well, these hands hold me up, lay me down, and again continue to fold in prayer. These hands are the mark of where I've been and the ruggedness of my life.

But more importantly it will be these hands that God will reach out and take when he leads me home. And with my hands He will lift me to His side and there I will use these hands to touch the face of Christ."

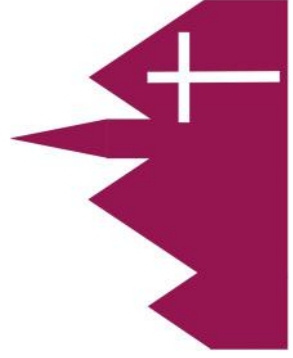
I will never look at my hands the same again. But I remember God reached out and took my Grandpa's hands and led him home. When my hands are hurt or sore I think of Grandpa. I know he has been stroked and caressed and held by the hands of God. I, too, want to touch the face of God and feel His hands upon my face.



Sunday Services around the Benefice

| August 2023 | ALLITHWAITE | FLOOKBURGH | GRANGE | GRANGE FELL | FINSTHWAITE | HAVERTHWAITE | STAVELEY IN CARTMEL | FIELD BROUGHTON & LINDALE |
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| Sunday 6 th August 9 th after Trinity | 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 Morning Worship Rev'd Annette Osmaaston | 9.30 am Morning Worship Lay-led | 11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led | 11.00 am Morning Worship Liz Holmes | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller |
| Sunday 13 th August 10 th after Trinity | 4.00 pm Service of the Word Jenny Leahy | 10.00 am Morning Prayer Lay-led | 11.00 am Holy Communion The Venerable Penny Driver | 9.30 am Matins Lay-led | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller | 11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller | 9.30 am Morning Worship Lay-led |
| Sunday 20 th August 11 th after Trinity | 10.00 am Service of the Word Rev'd Peter Anderson | 4.00 pm Afternoon Prayer Lay-led All Welcome | 11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller | 9.30 am Holy Communion The Archdeacon Vernon Ross | 11.00 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller | 11.00 am Holy Communion The Archdeacon Vernon Ross | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller |
| Sunday 27 th August 12 th after Trinity | Joint Service of Holy Communion 10.00 am At St John's Church Flookburgh | 10.00 am Joint Service of Holy Communion with St Mary's Rev'd Jane Maycock At Flookburgh | 11 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller | 9.30 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller | 6.00 pm Evensong Lay-led | 11.00 am Morning Worship Lay-led | 11.00 am Morning Worship by Extension Richard Rhodes | 9.30 am Morning Worship Lay-led |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS - Clergy Rev'd Jane Maycock - 015394 43063 Canon Aniel Osmaaston - 07785782973 Archdeacon Vernon Ross - 015395 34717 | | | | | | | | |
| TELEPHONE NUMBERS - Readers Steve Bell - 015395 36789 Richard Rhodes - 015395 31634 Biddy Hibbert - 015395 36411 Jenny Leahy - 015395 35979 | | | | | | | | |

| Wednesday Clergy Rota - August 2023 - 10 am - Holy Communion | |
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| 2nd August | Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver |
| 9th August | Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller |
| 16th August | Holy Communion service at Methodist Church in Grange |
| 23rd August | Morning Worship - Lay-led |
| 30th August | Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver |



**SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S & THE FELL CHURCH
AUGUST 2023**



WEDNESDAY 2ND AUGUST

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion – The Venerable Penny Driver

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST - 9TH AFTER TRINITY

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller

WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion – Rev'd Annette Miller

SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST - 10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am – The Fell Church, Grange

Matins - Lay-led

11 am – St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion - The Venerable Penny Driver

WEDNESDAY 16TH AUGUST

10 am – Joint with Methodists at Methodist Church, Grange

Holy Communion

SUNDAY 20TH AUGUST – 11TH AFTER TRINITY

11 am – St Paul's Church, Grange

Morning Worship - Lay-led

Margaret Ratcliffe and Ruth Briddock

WEDNESDAY 23RD AUGUST

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Morning Worship - Lay-led

Audrey Gorman

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST – 12TH AFTER TRINITY

9.30 am – The Fell Church, Grange

Holy Communion – Rev'd Annette Miller

WEDNESDAY 30TH AUGUST

10 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion – The Venerable Penny Driver

MY LIFE AND TIMES IN THE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

Prudence Dailey

Last year, in the late Queen's Jubilee Birthday Honours list, I was honoured to be awarded an MBE for services to the Book of Common Prayer. This followed a 13-year stint (2007-2020) as National Chairman of the Prayer Book Society (PBS), which exists to promote the use and understanding of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

Founded in 1972, when the wider culture was swept up in a spirit of 'Out with the old and in with the new', the PBS squared off against a Church establishment erroneously convinced that declining church attendance

could be blamed on the stuffy old Prayer Book and would be reversed by introducing new services with modernised words. From the mid-1960s onwards, as Vatican II heralded liturgical upheaval in the Roman Catholic Church, two generations of Anglican clergy were taught to regard the BCP as at best irrelevant, and at worst - with its emphasis on sin and repentance - as theologically abhorrent. Those who disagreed were often mocked and derided. The Prayer Book - for centuries seen as second in importance only to the Bible - almost disappeared from theological education. Meanwhile, in churches up and down the country, dismayed parishioners were fighting rear-guard actions against clergy who were determined to side-line the BCP, or even to do away with it altogether. My local Parish Church used a mixture of the old and new services, but - even as a child - I knew which I preferred!

As the years passed, the attitude of the Church started to alter. There was no longer one authentic way to 'do liturgy', but any form of worship that was of value to somebody somewhere was to be supported and encouraged. Slowly, doors began to open again. When Common Worship was published in 2000, it incorporated the most commonly used services from the BCP between its covers, with the stated aim of encouraging their wider use. The PBS realised that our emphasis also needed to shift, away from frequent opposition to the Church hierarchy and criticism of contemporary liturgies, towards the increasing building of partnerships, along with a positive focus on the merits of the Prayer Book.

Simultaneously, a new generation of ordinands and clergy were encountering the BCP for the first time—and some of them found that they liked it. Unlike their predecessors, they had not grown up with it, and many of them did not even come from an Anglican background; so they came to it without preconception.



Prudence receiving her MBE at Windsor Castle, February this year (Palace Photos)

The PBS took a key strategic decision to prioritize work with clergy and ordinands (as well as with sympathetic churches), including fostering relationships with theological training institutions across the Church of England.

Amongst clergy and laity alike, the BCP has found itself gaining a new, and much younger, following: this is also reflected in the membership of the PBS, as witnessed in the age profile of those attending its conferences. At the same time, donations and subscriptions continue to be augmented by the generous legacies of late members and supporters, sustaining the work of the Society. Through their kindness, the PBS is expanding its programme of giving copies of the BCP to ordinands and Readers-in-training, parish churches, college chapels, prisoners (through their chaplains), and - soon - to choristers.

More than three decades on from when I initially joined the PBS, the Prayer Book's time is coming again. When I first became involved, there was an entrenched idea that the BCP should be dismissed as a quaint throwback and of no interest to new generations of Christians: I am gladdened to see that such a notion has, at last, itself become obsolete, as new generations find life in Christ through its pages.

Prudence Dailey MBE is based in Oxford, but spends roughly half her time in Grange, caring for her elderly mother. She regularly attends the Fell Church. She has been a lay member of the General Synod for the Oxford Diocese for 23 years, and is one of the national representatives on the Crown Nominations Commission that will be choosing the new Bishop of Carlisle.

To find out more about the PBS, please visit www.pbs.org.uk

CHURCHES TOGETHER

Two recent newsletters have recently been issued, and both are available on our web site.

- Churches Together in Cumbria—July-August
- Churches Together Youth Trust—Summer

The latter includes a note from the Trustees.

“We would like to say a big ‘thank you’ to Chrissie Greaves who has stepped down as a Trustee. We will miss her prayerful contributions to our team as well as her ‘hands on’ work with young people. We are pleased, however, to welcome Rob Martin as a new Trustee. The Trustees play a key role in finance, planning and strategy, support and prayer for youth ministry in the peninsula area. We would like to further strengthen the team so please let us know if you are interested. We are also looking for someone to take over from Sarah Robinson as secretary/administrator. Sarah would be glad to chat to anyone who may be interested in finding out more.”

A FEW QUOTES

Christianity, if false is of no importance, and, if true, of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important. *C S Lewis*

The whole Christian message is less an outline of information and more a wonderful song, less a thesis to be argued and proved and more a mystery to celebrate, sing and dance. *Brian McLaren*

At least five times the Christian faith has to all appearances gone to the dogs. In each of these five cases it was the dog that died. *G K Chesterton*

God is always the life-bringer, and therefore the heart of the Christian faith is not threat but invitation. *Alan Bartlett*

Hold fast to Christ and for the rest be totally uncommitted. *Herbert Butterfield*

AND TWO TO MAKE YOU SMILE

My husband and I went through the McDonald's driveway window and I gave the cashier a £5 note. Our total was £4.25, so I also handed her 25p. She said, 'you gave me too much money.' I said, 'Yes I know, but this way you can just give me a pound back.'

She sighed and went to get the manager who asked me to repeat my request. I did so, and he handed me back the 25p, and said 'We're sorry but we don't do that kind of thing'.

The cashier then proceeded to give me back 75p in change.

Do not confuse the people at MacD's.

We had to have the garage door repaired.

The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a 'large' enough motor on the opener. I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at that time, a 1/2 horsepower. He shook his head and said, 'You need a 1/4 horsepower.' I responded that 1/2 was larger than 1/4 and he said, 'NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two.'

We haven't used that repairman since... !

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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.



NEW PLANS FOR 'THE LANTERN'

Michael Fieldhouse wrote to Allithwaite PCC last week:

"Good News! Over recent months, a number of circumstances have led me believe that it was time to move on from 'The Lantern' and allow it to evolve and serve the larger community in a new way. Consequently, we shall stop taking donations and be closing the shop over the next few weeks.

Coming soon! 'Cockles Convenience Store', who successfully operate already in Flookburgh and Cartmel, are very excited about expanding into Allithwaite. The Lantern is the most suitable location for them to do this.

I wanted to share this with you first and thank you for all your support since I set it up in the new Millennium year.

We have been blessed in many ways in the past and believe that this will enable our village to flourish and grow in the future.

Love and blessings – Michael".

Steve Bell responded on behalf of the PCC:

"Hi Michael, Thanks for letting us know. You have done an amazing work with The Lantern, complementing what we do as church and reaching further into the community, shining God's love further than we have managed as a church. Thank you for your vision, hard work and perseverance and in including so many people in what you have done to create a mission team. We have much to learn from you and I hope and pray that we can continue some of what you have achieved through The Lantern in the church building. It would be great if you could help us with that! Allowing Cockles to have a shop in Allithwaite will be a real boost for the community.

Thanks again for 23 years of amazing service to the community! - Steve"

BOOSTING YOUR PENSION?

Taxpayers now have until 5 April 2025 to fill gaps in their National Insurance record from April 2006.

"Extending the voluntary National Insurance contributions deadline until 2025 means that people have more time to properly consider whether paying voluntary contributions is right for them and ensures no-one need miss out on the possibility of boosting their State Pension entitlements".

www.gov.uk

I realise that this update may not be relevant to many readers of this magazine who may already be receiving their state pension. However, I am sure you will know family and friends who won't want to miss out on receiving theirs.

Pip

More from our 'crafty' folk

For their July session the 'crafters' invested their two hours in helping the church celebrate the various events it holds throughout the year by helping to publicise those events in our local community and draw attention to the church as a venue and place of worship.

A note sent out beforehand by Pip asked them to bring along:

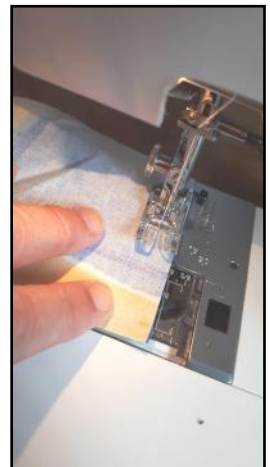
- * material of various colours, eg old sheets pillow cases, clothes, patterned or plain
- * fabric or sharp scissors

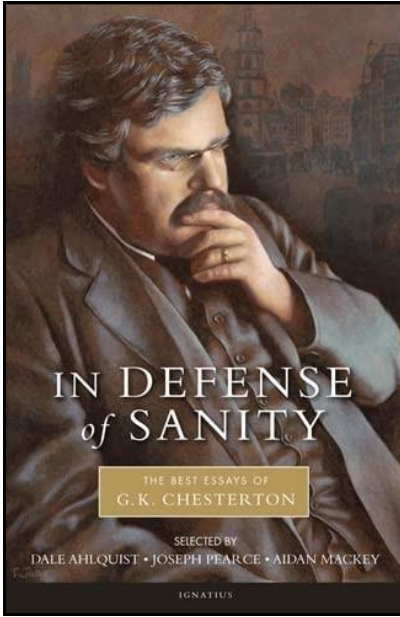
Can you guess what they were going to make? The answer '**outdoor bunting**' !

Without it no celebration is complete. It smacks of party, getting together and having fun. Originating from the Navy in the 17th century because the person's job to put the flags up on the ship was called a 'bunt', bunting is a fabulous way to acknowledge a celebration. The word is also derived from France, where it means lightweight wool fabric which would be used to make the shapes strung together and draped around the party place.



Some of the finished result put up for the School visit



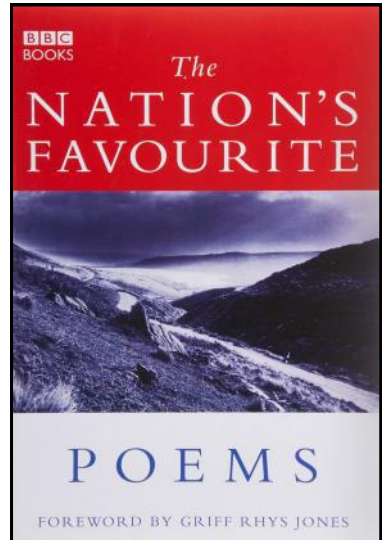


Chesterton was a master essayist. But reading his essays is not just an exercise in studying a literary form at its finest, it is an encounter with timeless truths that jump off the page as fresh and powerful as the day they were written. The only problem with Chesterton's essays is that there are too many of them. Over 5000! For most GKC readers it is not even possible to know where to start or how to begin to approach them. So three of the world's leading authorities on Chesterton - Dale Ahlquist, Joseph Pearce, Aidan Mackey - have joined together to select the "best" Chesterton essays, a collection that will be appreciated by both the newcomer and the seasoned student of this great 20th century man of letters. The variety of topics are astounding: barbarians, architects, mystics, ghosts, fireworks, rain, juries, gargoyles and much more. Plus a look at Shakespeare, Dickens, Jane Austen, George

MacDonald, T.S. Eliot, and the Bible. All in that inimitable, formidable but always quotable style of GKC. Even more astounding than the variety is the continuity of Chesterton's thought that ties everything together. A veritable feast for the mind and heart. While some of the essays in this volume may be familiar, many of them are collected here for the first time, making their first appearance in over a century.

In a nationwide poll to discover Britain's favourite poem, Rudyard Kipling's 'If...' was voted number one. This unique anthology brings together the results of the poll in a collection of the nation's 100 best-loved poems.

Among the selection are popular classics such as Tennyson's 'The Lady of Shalott' and Wordsworth's 'The Daffodils', alongside contemporary poetry such as Allan Ahlberg's 'Please Mrs Butler' and Jenny Joseph's 'Warning'. Also included is the poignant 'Do not Stand at my Grave and Weep', often used at funerals.



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He has recorded a number of albums that reflect his Christian faith – they include traditional hymns and carols, blues and gospel, and a number of well-known inspirational secular songs.



**There you are in the early light of day
There you are in the quiet words I pray**

I've been blessed by the simple happiness
of His righteousness

Every time I turn around
When I'm lost and when I'm found
Like an angel standing guard
There you are

Every time I take a breath
And when I forget to breathe
You're watching over me
There you are

When I'm looking for the light
In the middle of the night
Searching for the Bright Morning Star
There you are

There you are standing in a crowded room
There you are, Maker of the Earth and Moon
My desire is to stand by Your Fire
That burns inside of you

Every time I turn around
When I'm lost and when I'm found
Like an angel standing guard
There you are



Congratulations to the Methodist Church in hosting the Knitted Bible exhibition—and to the United Reformed Church in Hartlepool whose congregation made the brilliant display of 36 scenes in 2008.

Grange shopkeepers are saying that all their customers are discussing it... and anything that gets the population talking about the Bible is a GOOD THING!!

From Grange the exhibition is travelling to Millom where the Old and New Testament schemes will be split between two churches.

A FEW FACTS

- Christians in the world – 2-3 billion (one-third of the world's population)
- Worldwide rate of growth – 70,000 more Christians every day
- Number of people in church each week in England and Wales – over 3 million
- Proportion of people who go into a church during the year – 86%

(Taken from 'Christianity' – in the Simple Guide Series funded by Church Commissioners)

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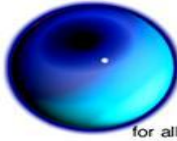
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