

THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
SAINT PAUL  
GRANGE-OVER-SANDS



*Wishing our readers all the blessings of Christmas*

December 2024

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## A New Beginning

You will be aware that over the past few months the decision was taken by the Bishop of Carlisle to disband the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry. The formal process has now been completed and the new Pastoral Scheme made by the Church Commissioners comes into effect from 1st September. St Paul's and the Fell Churches are now in the new **Benefice of Grange-over-Sands and Field Broughton with Lindale.**

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### ST PAUL'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To proclaim the Good News of God and to draw others into a life-changing encounter with Jesus.*



#### **Normal services at The Parish Church**

Sundays - 11 am - Parish Service

Wednesdays - 10 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)**



**\*\*Saints Days and Holy Days - See Notice Board/Pew Sheet\*\***

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From the Rectory



## Don't be afraid

In a memorable phrase, the old Christmas carol has a wonderful way of recounting the story of the angels' appearance to the shepherds: "Fear not", said he, "for mighty dread had seized their troubled mind". Clearly, when God turned up, they were startled and frightened; and we might say, "that's understandable"!

This insistence that we shouldn't be afraid is one of the key themes of the Christmas story. Not only do the angels seem to go to great lengths to calm the Shepherds, it was Gabriel who memorably told Mary, "Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God".

My point is that this is such a familiar theme that I rather think their words are meant for a wider audience, one which includes the likes of you and me.

After all, fear seems to haunt the steps of so many of us these days. There's the fear of what others will think of us, the inflated fear of going out late at night, fear for the future, fear for loved ones, fear for our job, fear of death. We seem to carry a million and one worries and what makes it worse is that all too often our image of God is one based on fear.

And to make matters worse, I frequently meet people whose basic understanding of God is one who generates fear. Rather like when the teacher returned to the classroom and someone said "Sssh!" And it's all reinforced by this notion that he's somehow 'looking down on us' as the song says: "from a distance".

So, I wonder whether the time has come to appreciate that the Christmas story is actually an antidote to all of this fear. Because the Christmas story actually offers us a very different picture of God from the fear-ridden caricature many of us live with. He is one who comes among us in a totally unthreatening way. His messengers say, "Don't be afraid. I bring you Good News, of great joy, for to you is born a Saviour" (*Luke 2*).

Yes, the child Jesus, of course, grew to manhood and challenged us profoundly to turn away from our self-centred lives but his first words to us are "Don't be afraid". His first words are about an end to all the fears we carry. Yes, this is indeed the season of Peace and Good Will. But first and foremost it is the season of *God's* peace and *God's* good will to a frightened people. As another Christmas carol puts it: "The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight".

Happy Christmas!

*David*

**FROM THE REGISTERS  
DECEMBER 2024**



**YEAR'S MIND**

Alan Howson	15/10/2022
Barry Turner	04/12/2020
Alan Mathews	16/12/2020
Victor Holt	30/12/2021
Barbara Wainwright	07/12/2022
Leonard Geoffrey Hill	04/12/2022
Peter Black	21/12/2022

***“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.*



**You will be very welcome to Christmas Worship  
at St Peter's in Field Broughton and St Paul's and the Fell in Grange**

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

4.30 pm Christingle at St Peter's, Field Broughton.

**SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER**

4.00 pm Traditional Lessons and Carols at St Paul's, Grange.

6.00 pm Traditional Lessons and Carols at St Peter's, Field Broughton.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

6.30 pm Christingle at St Paul's, Grange.

11.00 pm Midnight Mass at St Paul's, Grange.

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.30 am Holy Communion with Carols at St Peter's, Field Broughton.

11.00 am Holy Communion with Carols at St Paul's, Grange.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DECEMBER 2024

Sunday, 1st

3 pm - Advent Carol Service - Boarbank Chapel, Allithwaite

Wednesday, 4th

11 am - Meeting with those who lead intersessions, Rev'd David Wilmot

2.30 pm - Cake & Cuppa, St Paul's

12-4 pm & 6-8 pm - **Setting up of Christmas trees** for Festival, St Paul's

Thursday, 5th

10 am- 2pm - **Setting up of Christmas trees** for Festival, St Paul's

7 pm - **Open Evening of Christmas Tree Festival**

Friday, 6th—27th

10 am-4 pm **Christmas Tree Festival open** (see page 23)

1.30 pm - Charles Edmondson, recording Christmas music in church

Tuesday, 10th

6 pm - **Carol Singing** by the Christmas Tree in Lindale, refreshments available

Wednesday, 11th

10 am - **Fell Church Festive Welcome** - the Sands Band presents a selection of traditional folk carols, wassails & tunes followed by refreshments (see page 14)

12 noon - **Haverthwaite Lunch Club** (please book, tel: 31338)

7 pm - **Standing Committee Meeting**, St Paul's

Thursday, 12th

6 pm - **Carol Singing** in Field Broughton churchyard, refreshments available

Saturday, 14th

2 pm - **"A Tapestry of Words & Music"** - Charles Edmondson & Audrey Gorman (with friends), St Paul's

Tuesday, 17th

6 pm - **Carol Singing** in High Newton Village Hall, refreshments available

Wednesday, 18th

12 noon - **Age UK Lunch**, Thornleigh Hotel (£14, please book 01539 728118)

Friday, 20th

8.45 am - **Grange Primary School** end-of-term service, St Paul's

Monday, 23rd

10 am - **Christingle making** in church

Friday, 27th

**Final Day of Christmas Tree Festival**

4-6 pm - **Christmas trees taken down**

Saturday, 28th

10 am-12 noon **Christmas trees taken down**

**Christmas Tree Festival  
Opening Night  
Thursday 5th December at 7pm**



# SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S, ST PETER'S & THE FELL CHURCH DECEMBER 2024

## SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER - 1ST OF ADVENT

9.30 am - St Peter's Church, Field Broughton

Holy Communion BCP - Rev'd David Wilmot  
*"Hang a Star on the Tree of Light for Remembrance"*

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion CW - Rev'd David Wilmot



**WEDNESDAY, 4th**

**10 am - Holy Communion** - Rev'd David Wilmot

## SUNDAY, 8TH DECEMBER - 2ND OF ADVENT

9.30 am - St Peter's Church, Field Broughton

Holy Communion CW - Rev'd Annette Miller

9.30 am - The Fell Church, Grange

Mattins BCP - Lay-led

11.00 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion CW - Rev'd Annette Miller

**WEDNESDAY, 11TH**

**10 am - Holy Communion** - Rev'd Annette Miller

## SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER - 3RD OF ADVENT

4.30 pm - St Peter's Church, Field Broughton

Family Christingle & Blessing of the Crib - Rev'd Annette Miller & Bidy Hibbert

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Sunday Celebration - Penny Ward & Rev'd David Wilmot

**WEDNESDAY, 18th**

Joint Holy Communion at Methodist Church, Grange

## SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER - 4TH OF ADVENT

9.30 am - The Fell Church, Grange

Holy Communion BCP - Rev'd Annette Miller

11 am - St Paul's Church, Grange

Holy Communion CW - Rev'd David Wilmot

4.00 pm - St Paul's Church, Grange

9 Lessons & Carols - Rev'd David Wilmot

6.00 pm - St Peter's Church, Field Broughton

9 Lessons & Carols - Bidy Hibbert



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**TUESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE**

**St Paul's Church, Grange**

6.30 pm - Christingle Service - Rev'd David Wilmot

**WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY**

**St Peter's Church, Field Broughton**

9.30 am - Holy Communion CW - Rev'd David Wilmot



**St Paul's Church, Grange**

11.00 am - Holy Communion CW - Rev'd David Wilmot

**SUNDAY, 29TH DECEMBER - 1ST OF CHRISTMAS**

**9.30 am - St Peter's Church, Field Broughton**

Holy Communion - Rev'd Annette Miller

**11.00 am - St Paul's Church, Grange**

Holy Communion CW - Rev'd Annette Miller



**SKETCHES OF OLD GRANGE**

St Paul's has been gifted a set of attractive framed prints of old Grange, and we are putting them up for a 'silent' auction with the proceeds going towards the upgrade of our heating system. The pictures will be on display during the Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree Festival when the church is manned.

We are seeking sealed bids—cards and envelopes are available for you to select the print number(s) and your bid, together with a contact number. Sealed envelopes should be passed to Penny, John or Brian, with final bids before 31st December

## REMEMBRANCE

On Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November, a congregation of 200, including 46 young people, gathered in St Paul's Church for the annual Civic Service of Remembrance. The Vicar, David Wilmot, conducted the service with clergy from the other churches in the town taking part. The official guests included Rob Cairns, the Deputy Lieutenant, and representatives from the District and Grange Town Councils.



The Standard of the Royal British Legion and the Union Flag led the procession of banners and colours of the various uniformed organisations and from the Primary School, followed by members of the community with their poppy wreaths.

Particularly poignant moments in the service were the carrying up to the altar of the wooden cross which once stood above the battlefield grave of a soldier from Grange killed in the First World War, the choir from the Primary School singing 'Let there be peace on earth', and the reading out of the names of the 54 men from Grange killed in the First and the Second World Wars.

Following the service a short Act of Remembrance was held at the War Memorial in the Ornamental Gardens when Flookburgh Silver Band played the Last Post and Reveille, a schoolboy read the Kohima Epitaph, and the wreaths were laid.



## THE CHRISTMAS TABLECLOTH

(A True Story)

The brand-new pastor and his wife were assigned to their first ministry. They had been asked to re-open a church in urban Brooklyn. They arrived in early October excited about their opportunities but when they saw the church it was very run down and needed much work. They set a goal to have everything done by Christmas Eve. They worked hard, repairing pews, plastering walls, painting, etc, and on December 18th they were ahead of schedule and just about finished. However, on December 19th a driving rainstorm hit the area, and it lasted for two days.

On December 21st the pastor went over to the church and his heart sank when he saw that the roof had leaked, causing a large area of plaster about six foot by eight foot to fall off the front wall of the sanctuary just behind the pulpit. He cleaned up the mess on the floor and, not knowing what else to do, he postponed the Christmas Eve service.

He decided to go home but, on the way, he noticed that a local business was having a flea market-type of sale for charity, so he stepped in. Among the items on sale was a beautiful handmade, ivory-coloured crocheted tablecloth with exquisite work, fine colours and a cross embroidered right in the centre. It looked just the right size to cover up the hole in the front wall, so he bought it and went back to the church.

By this time it had started to snow. An older woman running in the opposite direction was trying to catch a bus. She missed it. The pastor invited her to wait in the warm church for the next bus 45 minutes later. She sat in the pew and paid no attention to the pastor while he got a ladder to put up the tablecloth as a wall tapestry. He could hardly believe how beautiful it looked and it covered up the entire problem area. "Pastor", she asked, "where did you get that tablecloth?" He told her how he had found it and the woman asked him to check the lower right corner to see if the initials EBG were crocheted there. They were. Amazingly, these were her initials. She had made this cloth 35 years before in Austria.

The woman could hardly believe it, and she explained that before the war she and her husband were well-to-do people in Austria. When the Nazis came, she had been forced to leave, and her husband was going to follow her the next week. She was captured and sent to prison and never saw her husband or her home again.

The pastor wanted to give her the tablecloth but she made him keep it for the church. The pastor insisted on driving her home, feeling that was the least he could do. She lived on the other side of Staten Island and was only in Brooklyn for the day for a house cleaning job.

What a wonderful service they had on Christmas Eve! The church was almost full. The music and the spirit were great. At the end of the service the pastor and his wife greeted everyone at the door and many said they would return.

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An older man from the neighbourhood, whom the pastor recognised, continued to sit in one of the pews and stare. The pastor wondered why he was not leaving. The man asked him where he got the tablecloth on the front wall because it was identical to the one his wife had made many years ago when they lived in Austria before the war.

He told the pastor how the Nazis came, how he forced his wife to flee for her safety and he was supposed to follow her. However, he was arrested and put in a concentration camp. He had never seen his wife or his home again for all the 35 years in between. The pastor asked him if would allow him to take him for a little ride. They drove to Staten Island and to the house where he had taken the woman three days earlier! He helped the man climb three flights of stairs to the woman's apartment and knocked on the door.

He saw the greatest Christmas reunion he could ever remember!

## FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND

Some of you may remember that after my last Pilgrimage to the Holy Land I gave a presentation in Church and also knitted and sold Terry's chocolate orange covers (with the chocolate inside, of course) to raise funds for The Friends of the Holy Land (FoHL). During our visit in 2017, we visited two of the establishments that FoHL run.

- **The School of Joy** founded by Father Mamdouh Abusada in 1998 for children with special needs who were being excluded from schools.
- **St Martha's House**, the first day care centre for elderly women in Bethlehem aged 70+, mainly widows living alone with no-one to care for them, either because their families have emigrated or they simply can't afford to help. No welfare systems exist in Bethlehem so St Martha's provides a safe and caring environment where they can spend quality time with friends.

After listening to Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimmon's talk in St Paul's about her recent visit to Israel/Palestine as an observer, and the worsening situation there, I decided it was time to knit some more chocolate orange covers. I was delighted on Saturday at our Christmas Fair (and on the Sunday) that I sold 51 of the chocolate oranges with covers, so that St Paul's will be able to send £255 to The Friends of the Holy Land, as part of its annual charitable giving.

Here is a link to The Friends of the Holy Land website, if you would like to find out more about them. <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/>

Rosemary



## RAISING THE ROOF AT ST PAUL'S

On Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, we were delighted to welcome a return visit by Burnside Brass Band. We had been warned the previous evening that the concert might have to be cancelled because some of the band members were marooned by flooded roads, but thankfully the waters subsided overnight.

The church was filled and the 32 members + two percussionists raised the roof with a varied programme of brass band music. The first half featured more traditional numbers, while the second moved us into the Christmas season some well-known and some new pieces. It was lovely to see the number of young members in the band, including a student from the Royal Northern College of Music.

In her introduction Penny explained the origin of our link with this Band. Two members – Dave Higson (conductor) and Eleanor Knowles (euphonium) - had emailed in 2022 asking if they could visit and play in St Paul's as part of their 'Brass duets in Churches Expedition' as they were attempting to play in all the parish churches of Cumbria. Eleanor wrote an account of each visit, and has created a web page on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100092218187739>

The band features in the annual summer programme of concerts in the bandstand in Grange. We hope that St Paul's may also become an annual feature in their calendar.



## CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

A very big-thank you to all who supported our latest appeal. A bumper collection was taken to Barrow, together with £300 in cash donations, and a sackful of gifts. Hopefully we will have made a difference to someone's Christmas this year!



### Winners of our Christmas raffle

- Lakeside Hotel Spa day with afternoon tea - Mike Hill
- Lunch at the Newby Bridge hotel - Pip Woon
- Moët Chandon Champagne – Stewart Charlton
- Food hamper with Prosecco – Sue Fleetwood
- Clarins goodies from Treatment Rooms – Robert Unsworth
- Choco-Lori donation - Alan Wilson
- Fletchers voucher - Anne Buckleton
- Flower arrangement - Robert Unsworth
- White jug & sugar bowl - Sylvia Otway
- Gin infusions & white wine - D Griffiths
- Crackers box - Barbara O'Connor
- Tea for One - Duncan BCS
- Prosecco & Chambord - Terry Robinson
- Willow face products - Lyn Bailey
- Higginsons voucher - Brian McCann
- Advent Calendar - Nigel McCulloch



**With thanks to all the donors**

## OUR ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CARD

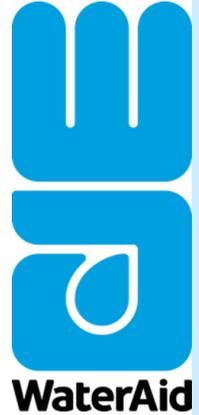
Once again Penny and I invite you to join us in supporting WaterAid. This year's appeal is for the region of Chinanji in Malawi where 9 of the 15 villages still have no access to clean water. 1830 people have to rely on shallow wells, which frequently dry up, or they have to walk miles to reach boreholes. With our support WaterAid are hoping to extend the present pipe system to five more villages and to build a solar-powered system to reach the remaining four.

They highlight the difference between two school friends. The one who has access to clean water can enjoy all the after-school activities, whilst the friend has to return home to collect water, which is often dirty. Globally 1 in 10 people still have NO access to clean water.

Please add your greetings to our Christmas tree, and give your donation to Penny, myself or John Millican, gift-aiding where possible.

A very happy Christmas to you all, and many thanks for your support.

Sue Fleetwood



### FELL CHURCH FESTIVE WELCOME

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

10am

The Sands Band present

a selection of traditional folk carols, wassails and tunes.

Followed at 10.45 by

Tea, coffee, biscuits, cake and mince pies

Free entry but donations welcome

You are cordially invited to take this opportunity to visit our unusual little church on Grange Fell Road.



## NOVEMBER CONCERT

On Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, Charles Edmondson invited us to his 12<sup>th</sup> – and final – concert in his series of mid-week concerts. The first concert of the first season was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and comprised piano duets and organ solos given by Avril Harding and Charles Edmondson; 54 more followed, all organised by Charles, and have included pianists, organists, a harpist, violinists, a trumpeter, flautists, an oboist, a clarinettist, a narrator, vocalists, a consort of ladies' voices, a Brass Band and, quite recently, the Sine Nomine Singers. As well as accompanying most of the visiting musicians in these concerts, Charles has performed nearly 150 solo pieces for the piano and 130 for the organ.

This concert was the 50<sup>th</sup> in which Charles has performed, and he did not disappoint! The programme was both interesting and varied. It was split up into four sections –

- \* Three pieces by composers born in 1685 – Scarlatti, Bach and Handel
- \* Three pieces by composers who died in 1924 – Stanford, Fauré and Renaud
- \* Three pieces for piano by French composers – Ravel, Debussy and Chaminade
- \* Three pieces for organ by English composers – Goss-Custard, Walond and Fletcher

Interestingly the first section was played on an electronic keyboard synthesised for a harpsichord, so as well as the pieces Charles had chosen being varied the instruments were also! The audience were most appreciative – particularly enjoying the final chosen piece - Festival Toccata.

The good news is that this was not Charles' final concert. **On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> December**, he will present '**A seasonal tapestry of words and music**', with Audrey as the narrator of the spoken numbers and Charles accompanied by David Edmonds and Wendy Nicholas who will attempt to play with six hands on one piano. (*See p22*)



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Another number to ring - **HELPLINE 03030030003**

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

### AGEUK LUNCH

**The third Wednesday of each month at Thornleigh - £14**

**Book your place at the hotel - 01539728118**

## **A POSITIVE OLD AGE**

from Joyce

I was discussing this recently with the Revd Ruth Crossley (former curate at St Paul's) and with Annette. They gave me some books and I have been inspired reading them.

### **Rich in Years** by Johann Christopher Arnold *Finding peace and purpose in a long life*

Despite the trials of old age, the anxiety, the fear of the future, we can appreciate the wonder of our world and the people around us. There are opportunities for us to live with purpose and hope, through our faith in Jesus Christ.

### **A Good Old Age** by Derek Prime

An A – Z of loving and following the Lord Jesus in later life. The first chapter is A – Acceptance of old age; the last chapter is Z for Zeal.

### **All Our Yesterdays** compiled by Gervaise Phinn

*A unique collection of childhood memories from across the decades*

An opportunity to share memories with our friends and to thank God for times past and the joy and laughter we can share.

### **Out of the Woods but not over the Hill** by Gervaise Phinn

Growing old for Gervaise is not to be snoozing in an armchair with a walk to the pub to play dominoes. The book is full of humorous stories of his life. He brings out the joy of everything he has left and ends with a poem (page 271)

#### **A Precious Gift** (a smile)

“It brightens up our weary world  
And brightens up our life,  
Brings sunshine to our shadows  
At a time of pain and strife.”

### **Now tell Me about You** by Gill Johnson and Marilyn McGregor

Poem to share with older people, with ideas to start conversations and share experiences.

### **Bible Reflections for Older People (BRF)**

Creation: there are reflections on the diversity, majesty and inspiration of God's creation. The Gift of Years: a person describes how she has grown through the years from a formal belief in God to a vibrant living relationship with Him.

Whilst acknowledging the frustrations and fears of old age there is much for which to live and to thank God.

- Joy in the little kindnesses given and accepted
  - Fellowship as we worship and pray together
  - Friendship of those who support us, making us laugh or sharing our sorrows.
- We live in such a beautiful place and we can enjoy the wonder of God's creation, the sunrises, the autumn colours and look forward to the snowdrops!

Many thanks to Ruth and Annette for giving us these books which are now in our Church library and available to anyone who would like to read them.

## A FITTING GIFT

We are not sure who worked the cross-stitch picture that appeared on our bric-a-brac stall at the Christmas Fair, but I thought you might like to know where it has ended up!

It has been given to Maria Benjamin, a former film maker and creative producer, who farms with her partner at Nibthwaite, in the Coniston valley.

Three years ago, Maria set out to create the first ever collection of tweed created from the fleece of sheep flocks farmed in the 13 valleys of the Lake District., and on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Lake District Tweed collection was launched. Each valley represented tells a story – of its history, geography and culture and the farms where sheep walk the fells and fields.

Inspired by the beauty and the history of the landscape, Lake District Tweed honours the hard-working farmers and the hardy animals who are such a familiar part of

Lakeland; 23 farmers are now supplying their wool and are paid above-market price for their fleece and are able see it made into a local heritage product. Each tweed is:

- made from wool supplied by sheep farmed in the valley of its name
- designed by the Lancs & and Lakes Guild of Weavers, Spinners & Dyers
- scoured and washed in Bradford; combed, spun and dyed in Huddersfield; woven in Oldham
- sold as throws and cloth for garments and soft furnishings with revenue reinvested in the local community.

Maria was absolutely delighted with her gift, and it is now in place beside the rolls of tweed!



## SERVICES IN OUR CARE HOMES

Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together lead ecumenical worship each month.

- The **Old Vicarage, Allithwaite**, at 2:30 pm on the last Sunday of each month
- **Cartmel Grange** at 2:30 pm on the last Tuesday of each month

Do come to join in and help chat to the residents if you can. We sing 4 hymns (give or take one or two) with prayers, etc, which takes around 25 minutes, then stay to chat with the “congregation”.

Contact Revd David Edmondson ( [cdmola11@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cdmola11@yahoo.co.uk) or 015395 36213 ) if you would like to help with or be at either of these services..... or just show up at the front door of the Care Home at 2:15 pm!

## Laughter Lines

- A little child in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed the offering plates. When they neared the pew where he sat, the youngster piped up so that everyone could hear, "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five."
- Little Johnny had bought Grandma a book for her birthday and wanted to write a suitable inscription. He racked his brain until suddenly he remembered that his father had a book with an inscription of which he was very proud, so Johnny decided to copy it. You can imagine Grandma's surprise when she opened her book, a Bible, and found neatly inscribed the following phrase: "To Grandma, with the compliments of the author".
- A 4-year-old boy was asked to return thanks before Christmas dinner. The family members bowed their heads in expectation. He began his prayer, thanking God for all his friends, naming them one by one. Then he thanked God for Mommy, Daddy, brother, sister, Grandma, Grandpa, and all his aunts and uncles. Then he began to thank God for the food. He gave thanks for the turkey, the dressing, the fruit salad, the cranberry sauce, the pies, the cakes, even the Cool Whip. Then he paused, and everyone waited--and waited. After a long silence, the young fellow looked up at his mother and asked, "If I thank God for the broccoli, won't he know that I'm lying?"

## TWO VISITS TO VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

On a cold November afternoon Fiona and Judith gave a talk on their visits to Vietnam and Cambodia in 2023 and 2024 respectively.



They described the different regions of Vietnam from Hanoi to Saigon looking at the history of the country and the beautiful flowers of Vietnam. There was also talk of the Vietnamese war, the Killing Fields of Cambodia, and the building of the Thai Burma railway with the bridge over the River Kwai in WW2 by Allied prisoners.

The talk was enjoyed by over 20 parishioners and visitors and it was nice to see new people in church. It was amazing to hear from parishioners where they have travelled on holiday as we enjoyed tea and cake.

A big thank you to Colin for his help with the IT, which was most appreciated.

More talks are planned for 2025 covering Nepal by David and Margaret Wilson, India, Sri Lanka, etc, and we hope to see you there.

Judith



## ST PAUL'S CHRISTMAS TREE

This year our church tree is dressed all in white representing the purity and perfection of Christ. Each decoration is a Christian symbol. If you look carefully you should be able to find the following.

- **Alpha & Omega** The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet symbolising that Jesus is the beginning and end of all things
- **Angel** 'The angel of the Lord'
- **Chalice** Symbolising the Lord's supper
- **Cross** Latin, Jerusalem, Orthodox Russian, patriarchal, Celtic, St Nino's
- **Crown** 'The King of Kings'
- **Dove** The symbol of peace and the Holy Spirit who appeared as a dove when Jesus was baptised
- **Fish** The fish or ICHTHUS, the Greek word for fish, and an acrostic of the first letters of Jesus Christ, God's Son, Saviour. One of the most ancient symbols of our Lord, it was secret sign used during times of persecution to point the way to places of worship
- **Heart** 'God is Love'
- **Lamb** 'Behold the lamb of God'
- **Shell** The symbol of baptism, used by pilgrims to identify themselves on the journey and a marker to show the way
- **Star** The five-pointed Epiphany star - 'We have seen his star in the East ...' It also represents the five wounds of Jesus on the cross.
- **Triquetra** Symbolising the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the continuous interwoven to represent unity



Each decoration has been made by hand by members of the congregation, mostly from recycled materials, and thanks go to all who accepted the invitation to make them and to Pip who also made the hanging stars in the main aisle.

And we are very grateful, once again, to Harry Barker of Stribers for supplying our tree.



### Christmas Fair 2024

Raffle	£707
Holy Land	£235
Cakes	£235
Jewellery	£228
Cafe	£226
Books	£92
Bric-a-brac	£76
Tombola	£57
Flowers	£46
Donations	£20
Cards	£13
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1935</b>





## ‘A SEASONAL TAPESTRY IN WORDS AND MUSIC’

On Saturday, 14th December, at 2 pm there will be a celebratory event at St Paul’s Church, Grange over Sands, to mark the fifth anniversary of the extensive restoration of the church’s organ in 2019.

Audrey Gorman will present a varied collection of seasonal readings from works such as Charles Dickens’ *Picknick Papers* and Laurie Lee’s *Cider with Rosie*. There will also be some musical items played on the piano. David Edmonds, Charles Edmondson and Wendy Nicholas have joined together as a “piano trio” to play pieces composed or arranged for six hands on one piano, so expect some unusual and different sounds coming from the piano as they journey through waltzes and polkas and finish with a gallop.

The event also marks the 149<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the organ by William Hill & Son in 1874, which coincided with the enlargement of the whole of the east end of the church, so expect a special 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in December 2025.

Wine and soft drinks, along with fruit cake, will be served during the interval when we will toast the continued good health of the organ which is heard every week year in year out in services and concerts. Also there will be a toast to all those present who have a birthday in December.

There will be no charge for admission and refreshments. It will be quite an informal occasion, set amongst the 34 trees decorated for the annual Christmas Tree Festival in the church.

Don’t miss this one-off event.



ST PAUL'S CHURCH GRANGE OVER SANDS

# Christmas

## Tree Festival 2024

Opening Reception

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 7 pm

To be opened by **Tim Farron MP**  
with musical entertainment from  
the **Bay Community Singers &**  
pupils from **Grange Primary School Choir.**

Mince pies and seasonal punch will be served



St Paul's Church will be open daily from  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December  
10am - 4pm

Closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day  
and for any Services

Entry by voluntary contribution

Proceeds to chosen charities.



# CHRISTMAS IN CARTMEL BENEFICE

## Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> December

9.30 am	Holy Communion BCP	
	Hang a Star on the tree of light	St Peters, Field Broughton
3 pm	Advent Carol Service	Boarbank, Allithwaite
6 pm	Advent Carol Service	St Peter's, Finsthwaite

## Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

9.30 am	United Festival Communion	St Peters, Finsthwaite
4.00 pm	Christingle Service	St Mary's Allithwaite

## Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December

11.00 am	Christingle Service	St Mary's Staveley-in-Cartmel
4.30 pm	Christingle Service	St Peters, Field Broughton
4.00pm	Carols by Candlelight	St John's, Flookburgh

## Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December

11 am	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols	St Anne's, Haverthwaite
4 pm	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols	St Paul's, Grange-over-Sands
4 pm	Carol Service	St Mary's, Allithwaite
6 pm	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols	St Peter's Field Broughton
6 pm	Service of 9 Lessons & Carols	St Peter's, Finsthwaite

## Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Eve

3 pm	Crib Service	St Anne's, Haverthwaite
4 pm	Family Christingle Service	St John's Flookburgh
4 pm	Crib service	St Mary's, Allithwaite
6.30 pm	Christingle Candlelight	St Paul's, Grange-over-Sands
9.30 pm	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Finsthwaite
9.30 pm	Midnight Communion	St John's, Flookburgh
9.30 pm	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Staveley
11.00 pm	Midnight Mass	St Paul's, Grange

## Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Day

8.30 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Allithwaite
9.30 am	Holy Communion	St Peter's, Field Broughton
10.00 am	Family Celebration	St Mary's, Allithwaite
10.30 am	United Holy Communion	St Anne's, Haverthwaite
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Grange-over-Sands

## Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December

10.00 am	Holy Communion	St Mary's, Allithwaite
11.00 am	United Holy Communion	St Anne's, Haverthwaite
11.00 am	Holy Communion	St Paul's, Grange-over-Sands



### THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

'Light in the Darkness' will be open in St Paul's church, Grange, 6th-27th December, 10am-4pm, except Christmas and Boxing Day.

Proceeds to chosen Charities.



### MEMBERS FROM ST PETER'S, FIELD BROUGHTON, WILL BE OUT CAROL SINGING

Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm, by the Christmas Tree, Lindale

Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm, Field Broughton Churchyard.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 6 pm, High Newton Village Hall.

Wrap-up well! Bring a torch or lantern & musical instruments if you can!



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February	91	69	99	<b>263</b>	139	<b>171</b>	42	161
March	162	60	<b>182</b>	75	134	48	173	134
April	15	98	39	12	12	40	84	<b>149</b>
May	75	37	52	26	101	68	34	<b>110</b>
June	<b>135</b>	19	91	99	30	79	87	63
July	126	33	134	169	70	80	<b>226</b>	111
August	86	108	180	<b>188</b>	63	78	143	176
September	177	133	177	66	62	112	<b>189</b>	154
October	172	131	160	165	<b>304</b>	158	144	183
November	189	62	85	114	71	177	<b>227</b>	23*
December	109	<b>160</b>	155	126	153	162	<b>259</b>	
<b>Annual Totals</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>1,433</b>	<b>1,408</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>1,231</b>	<b>1,782</b>	<b>1,493*</b>

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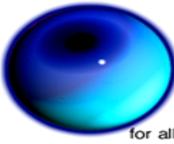
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