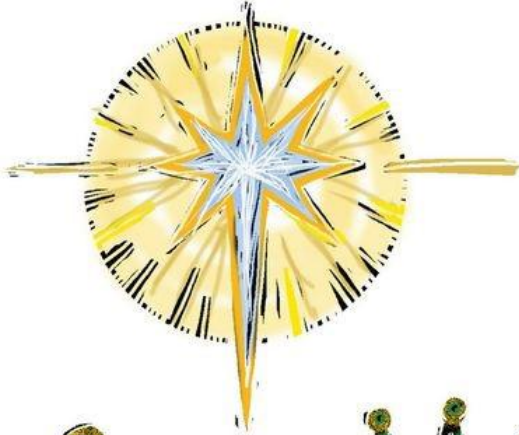


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*To proclaim the Good News of God
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with Jesus.*

**At the start of a New Year,
we wish all our readers good health and happiness
in 2025**

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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)



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From the Rectory

What time is it?...

I confess that I was a little amused last year when on Boxing Day (no less) someone posted a note on Social Media saying, “Job done! Decorations down! Christmas finished!”. This was a little extreme we might think, but it’s an anecdote designed to get the likes of me reminding anyone who’ll listen that by the 26th of December Christmas has, in fact, only just begun.

I’m reminded of the silly game we used to play as children called, “What time is it, Mr. Wolf?”, because at the heart of this person’s confusion about Christmas is basically a different understanding of time, at least as compared to how Christians see it. For Christians our year is divided into seasons in which we tell the Christian story.

Broadly speaking, they are Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. There’s more we could say but each of these seasons and the festive events that go with them give shape to our lives and, yes, they tell us what time it is.

Let me explain. On the 6th January it’s quite legitimate to say, “Job done! Decorations down! Christmas finished”, because that’s the point at which the Epiphany season begins. On this day we recall the visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus but, notice, Saint Matthew tells us that these things happened, “...in the time of Herod the King”.

This reference to time is important. Firstly it teaches us that the Christian faith is historical. It helps us remember that our roots are not in fables and fairy tales but in particular times, places and people. Secondly, Matthew speaks of the events surrounding the birth of Jesus in this way because he wants to set up a quite deliberate contrast. Yes, the birth of Jesus may well have taken place in the time of Herod the King, but the story Matthew wants to tell is about entering a new era; in short it is now the time of ‘Jesus the King’. This, thirdly, keeps us from turning faith into something purely inward-looking and private. Herod became enraged when he heard that the visitors from the East were in search of a new King, and committed mass murder because he knew that such talk was far from theoretical; it was a threat to the way he had organised his world.

In other words, we cannot re-define Jesus as just another religious guru, concerned only with our ‘inner’ world of feelings thoughts and opinions. On the contrary, the predictions of his birth were about the coming of the Messiah - the King – and, in the end, this was the principal charge laid against him and why Jesus was crucified. Remember the inscription over his Cross was “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews”... King of the world.

In all manner of ways, some blatant and some subtle, our imaginations are daily taken hostage by so many attempts to convince us that we live in the time of ‘Herod the King’ (or is that ‘Donald the King’? Name any political leader you wish because, in the end, they all think it’s ‘their’ time).

But by his actions and teaching Jesus Christ (Christ means ‘king’) entirely re-defined what that word ‘king’ actually means; and the ‘Epiphany’ message is that we now live in the era of this King Jesus.

So, let me invite you to spend some moments reflecting on Epiphany time. I wonder “What time you think it is?” and therefore “What story is currently shaping your life, decisions and behaviour?”

Is it a story in which your imagination has been ignited by the astonishing thought that the world’s true king, ‘God with us’, has finally come?

Is it a story which puts all the bluster and noise of today’s political tyrants in perspective because you know that the world is now under new management?

Is it a story (like the one which Jesus told) which feels like discovering a great treasure and you have to give everything to gain it?

Is it a story which (notwithstanding the arthritis) drives you to your knees in wonder and praise because, like the three visitors, you know what time it is.... it’s time to worship the world’s true King?

Every blessing

David

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 18TH—25TH JANUARY

Each weekday there will be a short time of prayer with tea or coffee and conversation, meeting at a different church in the area each day.

Monday, 20th	10 am	St Charles, Grange
Tuesday, 21st	10 am	St John’s, Flookburgh
Wednesday, 23rd	10 am	St Paul’s, Grange
Thursday, 24th	10.30 am	URC, Grange
Friday, 25th	10.30 am	Methodist Church, Grange

All welcome!

BIG THANK YOU - Margaret Caseley wishes to thank you for the beautiful cards she has received, your kind words and your prayers have really been a wonderful support at such a sad time.

Love Margaret

A SEASONAL TAPESTRY

Charles Edmondson's final concert at St Paul's was an amazing end to his 51 concerts, this time working with Audrey Gorman as a brilliant narrator. We had a large audience of over 60 who enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of readings and music.



Working with three pairs of hands on piano, Charles, David Edmonds and Wendy Nicholas played a wide array of music from polkas to 'A Sleigh Ride'; it was fascinating to see three pianists on one piano creating such an amazing musical sound - just brilliant.

Audrey gave us a taste of Christmas with readings about Christmas traditions - carol singing by Laurie Lee, the delight of Christmas Eve in *Pickwick Papers* by Charles Dickens, a bit of Laurie Lee, and finally 'What the Donkey saw' by Ursula Fanthorpe. These small excerpts made you want to pick up the books over the festive period.

We are so lucky to have such talented musicians performing in St Paul's, and the concerts by Charles and his friends will be much missed. We say the biggest 'thank you' to Charles for his concerts which have given so much pleasure over the years.

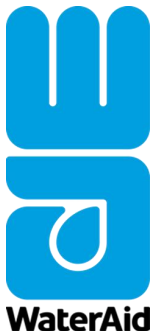
Happy Birthday, Charles - who knows, you may squeeze in another concert yet!

Judith

PRINTS OF OLD GRANGE

As a result of our silent auction for the six prints of old Grange donated by Pat Rye £195 has been added to the fund for the upgrade of our heating system at St Paul's.

Many thanks to all those who took part. The prints are now on their way to the new owners!



St Paul's Alternative Christmas Card

Many thanks to everyone who donated to our annual WaterAid collection. £380.00 has been donated of which £350.00 was gift-aided., making the total £467.50. A splendid response.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year.

Sue and Penny

GRANGE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL—OPEN EVENING 2024

Surrounded by 33 Christmas trees, thoughtfully decorated by local groups and organisations, a packed church listened to Tim Farron MP as he opened St Paul's eleventh Christmas Tree Festival on Thursday 5th December. Tim explained that this event is the one in his calendar that kick-starts the whole Christmas season for him. He asked if anyone had an advent calendar and, not surprisingly, many in the audience had one that is full of chocolate. Advent calendars remind us of the first Christmas that God promised thousands of years ago. But it was a long wait; 400 years after the last prophet's promise, Jesus did arrive, not where or how many expected him to come, but he did come.

It seems a long wait from opening door 1 of our advent calendars to door 24, but Tim assured us that the government has not cancelled Christmas this year and it WILL come. He also agreed that this is the one time of the year when it is socially acceptable to eat chocolate for breakfast.

Grange Primary School Choir, adorned in reindeer antlers, elf and Santa hats, sang beautifully. All their hard work giving up lunchtimes to practise was well worth it. 'Peace, Joy and Love' was accompanied by British Sign Language and reminded us of the simple message that is true at Christmas. The Christmas alphabet is a favourite and the Figgy Pudding actions made us all smile and just a little hungry. Thank you Miss Milburn for co-ordinating such a polished performance.

The Bay Community Singers, dressed resplendently in black and red, opened with their signature theme tune, written for the group's 10th anniversary this year, and let their voices be heard 'from the hills to the bay.' They followed with some festive songs and ended with a Christmas blessing to us all. Jane Thedham is looking forward to members of the primary school choir joining them when they are older. A full church singing traditional carols in the candlelight under decorative paper stars raised the rafters with joy and celebration.

The Revd David Wilmot concluded the service by thanking those who had given so much time and effort to decorate the trees. The ingenuity, creativity and attention to detail is quite remarkable. Particular thanks were given to Gill Webster for helping to make it all possible, and the mayor Roger Handley for joining in the festival fun.

The church was open for all to read the moving stories behind the designs until 27th December.

After all the singing we were treated to a seasonal punch and mince pies. There was also a chocolate treat waiting at the door as we left.

May the peace of the Christ child be with you this Christmas.

May the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you always.

All funds raised from this event will be shared between Barrow Foodbank and St Paul's heating fund.

Pip

Some photographs taken during the evening. The full set can be viewed on the web site grangepcc.co.uk



Particularly poignant was the tree decorated by Bay Search and Rescue in memory of the 23 Chinese cocklers who lost their lives in Morecambe Bay 20 years ago. Each of their names was written - in Chinese - on a star, and lit by blue candles.



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Thank you once again for making this year's festival such a success. As always, the trees looked fantastic and everyone who visited the festival thought they were amazing. Thank you so much to everyone who was involved in any way.

The festival was again open for 3 weeks, and over that period we received donations of £1573.20. Two of the donations were made specifically for the Church Heating Fund so £884.38 will be retained by church for that specific purpose and the remaining £688.82 will be sent to Barrow Foodbank.

The visitor numbers were up on last year with approximately 800 people visiting to view the trees. In addition, there were nearly 250 at the opening reception as well as many other people who attended services over the Christmas period.

Thank you again for making this such a successful community event.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Gill

Thank you to all who supported Friends of the Holy Land at our Christmas Fair



I wanted to thank you and confirm receipt of your £278 donation, by bank transfer, to help support Christians in the Holy Land. Your support means so much to us and I'm deeply grateful.

Though Christmas celebrations may have been cancelled in Bethlehem, our brothers and sisters there share our hope in Christ, which is very much alive.

We will use your kind gifts where they will have the most impact during and after this time of conflict, allowing us to act quickly and respond where the need is greatest.

May the Light of the World bless you and those dear to you.

Best wishes

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NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE



Bishop Rob's New Year message.....

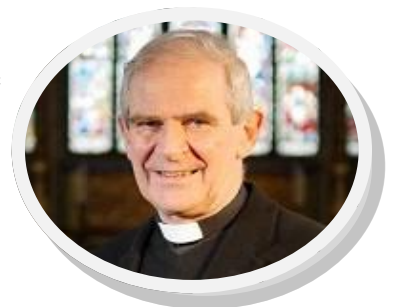
The Acting Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh, recognises the difficulties and anxieties many people are facing as we begin 2025: due to war, unrest and financial or health problems. However, Bishop Rob talks of the hope we have in God during times of trouble, adding: "One of the things that Christian faith allows us to do is to stare reality in the face and recognise anxiety and struggle. But our faith also does teach us that God is bigger than anything we might worry about."

Referring to Psalm 121, Bishop Rob also draws on the imagery of our county's famed fells which have witnessed so much over generations, but which are dwarfed by God's greatness. He says: "The fells around about us may be a reminder of the permanence and trustworthiness of God in all circumstances, but God is bigger and more permanent even than the ground on which we walk."

He concludes by reminding us that God will be with us all throughout the coming year, adding: "Our help comes from God, so no matter what the new year will bring, be it happy, hopeful, difficult or trouble, we know that the maker of heaven and earth, the one for whom nothing is too big, is our help and he walks at our side."

Congratulations go to the former Dean of Carlisle who has been awarded an MBE for services to the Cathedral and the community in Cumbria in the New Year's honours list.

The Very Revd Mark Boyling retired in September 2022, having been in post for 18 years during which time he led on the Cathedral's multi-million pound Fraternity project whilst also overseeing it becoming one of the first Cathedrals to achieve charitable status.



THE DIOCESAN NEWSPAPER

A reminder that the Winter edition of The Way is out now, packed full of inspirational stories about how God is moving in people's lives across Cumbria.

Hear more about the Salvation Army's wonderful Christmas Toy Appeal which will benefit hundreds of children across the county and meet the north Cumbrian churchwarden who has been named the county's 'Greatest Neighbour' in recognition of her community work.

<https://godforall.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/The-Way-Winter-2024.pdf>



AND SOME MORE READING MATTER FOR YOU FROM CHURCHES TOGETHER

WINTER NEWSLETTER FROM THE CT YOUTH TRUST

Now available at the back of St Paul's and on our web site. Do open and read it! It is full of exciting and encouraging news and great photos, showing the ways in which God is blessing the ministry of Chris and Andrea Mason in their respective roles, reaching out to young people, families and the community.

Andrea and Chris ask us to pray and give thanks

- Thanks for the Years 7 & 8 'Chill Out Club' at Cartmel Priory School, and thanks for Maggie who has been supporting us. Thanks also for the Year 7 assemblies that Andrea and Chris have been taking for the last year.
- Pray for 'Soul Fuel' that meets at the URC hall on alternate Mondays during term times 5.30-7.00pm, and also for 'Soul Fuel Explorers' meeting in St Mary's Allithwaite on Wednesdays 4.00-5.30pm. (Contact Andrea for further information)
- Pray for the planning of Prayer Space and Year 6 transition events to take place in the summer of 2025.
- Thanks for the Light Party in St Mary's Allithwaite on the 31st October.
- Thanks for the connections with primary schools and pray for everyone involved in Christian input, including Andrea.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CUMBRIA NEWSLETTER FOR DECEMBER – JANUARY

This is also available on our web site.. There are some excellent and interesting articles in it.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - JANUARY 2025

Wednesday, 1st - New Years Day

10 am - Holy Communion (CW) - St Paul's Church, Grange

Wednesday, 8th

12 noon - Funeral of Geoffrey Caseley, St Paul's Church, Grange

7 pm - Licensing of the Revd Marcus Bagg, St Anne's Haverthwaite

Tuesday, 14th

7 pm - CTiG Meeting, St Paul's Church, Grange

Wednesday, 15th

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

Thursday, 16th

2 pm - Social Sub Committee Meeting, St Paul's Church, Grange

Saturday 18th

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (see p4)

Sunday, 26th

PATRONAL FESTIVAL - St Paul's Church, Grange, with lunch

NB There is no Cake & Cuppa in January, and no lunch at Haverthwaite

Tuesday 28th January, 7-9 pm, in the Methodist Hall, Grange - meet Lyndon Howson who is already building a strong track record of leadership and achievement in standing up for nature. Conservationist of the year - Fauna at People of Nature Awards 2024. Amongst other things he has served as a local Grange councillor and is now on the Chester Zoo Youth Board and is Student Trustee at Chester Students Union. (Lyndon joined us for Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve with his grandmother, Marilyn Howson.)

FROM THE REGISTERS JANUARY 2025

YEAR'S MIND

Dennis Whittaker	16/01/2020
Eveline Robinson	13/01/2020
Kathleen Wilson	09/01/2020
Maureen Briggs	16/01/2020
Dorothy Royston	25/01/2021



***"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.*

JANUARY - WEDNESDAY & SUNDAY SERVICES 2025

JANUARY 2025	GRANGE-OVER-SANDS ST-PAUL'S	GRANGE-FELL	FIELD-BROUGHTON-& LINDALE ST-PETER'S
1 st JANUARY WEDNESDAY	10 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller		
5 th JANUARY EPIPHANY	11 am Holy Communion CW Rev'd David Wilmot		9.30 am Holy Communion BCP Rev'd David Wilmot 12.30 pm Epiphany Lunch Field Broughton
8 th JANUARY WEDNESDAY	10 am Holy Communion Rev'd David Wilmot		
12 th JANUARY BAPTISM OF CHRIST	11.00 am Holy Communion CW Rev'd Annette Miller	9.30 am Martins BCP Lay-led	9.30 am Holy Communion CW Rev'd Annette Miller
15 th JANUARY WEDNESDAY	10 am Holy Communion Rev'd David Wilmot		
19 th JANUARY 2 ND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	11 am Sunday Celebration		4.30 pm Holy Communion CW
22 nd JANUARY WEDNESDAY	10 am Prayers Audrey Gousson Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		
26 th JANUARY 3 RD SUNDAY OF EPHANY	11 am Holy Communion CW Rev'd David Wilmot 12.30 pm Patronal Lunch St Paul's	9.30 am Holy Communion BCP Rev'd Annette Miller	9.30 am Martins Biddy Hibbert
29 th JANUARY WEDNESDAY	10 am Holy Communion Rev'd Annette Miller		

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE, 24th December 2024

It was a pleasure to be at the packed St Paul's Christingle service attended by all ages where children got to shine, sharing the story of Jesus's birth. Little hands shot up eagerly in the air at each question the Revd David Wilmot posed about Mary's journey to Bethlehem, with different children bringing up little golden characters during each carol, to add to the nativity scene.



Revd Wilmot had given my daughter, Rosalyn, aged 8, baby Jesus, reminding me of when, as an 11-month-old while we visited elderly friends in hospital at Christmas, she decided to borrow a mobility walker. Hurling off down a corridor she found baby Jesus and wouldn't give him back!



Having returned to England earlier this year with my daughter after living in Australia for 15 years, it was a thrill to join the throng, with 3 generations of my family, my mother Reina, a Grange resident of 30 years, joining us too.

Thankfully, now older and wiser, Rosalyn did not need to have Jesus prised from her arms, and laid him down gently in the manger, as *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* rang out in the church.

Helen Hopper

£146.44 has been sent to the Children's Society from donations at the service

EILEEN ATTWOOD - celebrated her 100th birthday with a lunch on the 17th November at the Kendal Care Home, surrounded by many of her family, including 5 great grand children.

Joyce and I were very privileged to be invited to join them.

It was a lovely occasion, and Eileen was very proud to show us the card she had received from the King.

Sue Fleetwood



Candlelights

The PCC are inviting views about the use of our pew-end candles in church and whether we should continue with the candelabra in future years. These were designed and made for St Paul's by Ron Cottyn, and have been in use for several years now. However, there is, of course, the obvious element of safety to consider, as well as avoiding getting wax all over pews and floor. There is no doubt that they bring about a lovely atmosphere in church when they are used, but during the PCC meetings in 2025 we wish to deliberate on the issue and decide what to do for future festive seasons. Please do share any views you have with either Brian as churchwarden or any other members of the PCC. Pictured here for readers are the candles in use at the 2024 carol service in St Paul's.



Colin (PCC member with responsibility for fabric)

An exciting opportunity for Lily

Lily is 15, now in her last year at Cartmel Priory School, where she is Deputy Head Girl. She is a Young Leader at 1st Grange Guides and has enjoyed being in Girlguiding since she was 5, as a Rainbow. She is also the granddaughter of Sandra and Derek Barton, and a former member of our Edward Bear Club.



The PCC were delighted to learn that Lily had been selected to go on Girlguiding North West England's Journey to Zero Conservation trip to Costa Rica during this coming summer. This will be her first international trip. She will be staying for two weeks, most of which will be spent volunteering at 'Rescue Centre Costa Rica' to help rescue, rehabilitate and release rainforest wildlife, including sloths and exotic birds. But to get to Costa Rica she needed to fundraise almost £3,000, and the PCC offered to make a small contribution, but we were too late! She tells us that "as a result of overwhelming support from the community, I have reached my target and much more, with surplus funds to cover both the cost of my trip and expenses. For this reason, I feel it would not be right to accept any new donations, especially when they could be used by the church for other purposes. Thank you very much for your consideration and kind offer, though."



A very noble and honest response!

We are asking Lily if she will come and tell us about her trip after she returns.

END OF TERM CHRISTMAS SERVICE

On Friday 20th December the church was full to capacity with children, parents, grandparents, family and friends who came to witness the Grange CofE Primary School Nursery Nativity.

Nursery teacher, Mrs Helen Hill, announced the proceedings and, along with Christmas songs sung by the school choir, a small number of Year Six pupils introduced the main characters and acts of the Nativity.

It was lovely to witness 3- and 4-years-olds dressed up in costume as they paraded down the aisle to assemble the “Bethlehem Stable” at the chancel steps. Eventually all members of the nursery class had acted out their piece, and the Christmas Tableau was complete. Smiling happy nursery children beamed out at the masses elsewhere in the church, and all the other pupils in the school watched in amazement and sang selected carols with full gusto.

It was a memorable Christmas occasion.

Colin



PHENOTYPIC PLASTICITY INCREDIBLE NATURE!

Did you know that, if Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*) finds its leaves are being nibbled by deer, it switches genes on to make them spiky when they regrow. So on taller Holly trees, the upper leaves (which are out of reach) have smooth edges, while the lower leaves are prickly.

The ability of an organism to change its characteristics in response to environmental variations is known as phenotypic plasticity and it is the key driving factor in the evolution of a species.



Fell Church Festive Welcome



On Wednesday 11th December the Fell Church opened its door and welcomed all to visit this unusual little church where The Sands Band delighted us with a selection of traditional folk carols, wassails and tunes. This was followed by tea/coffee, biscuits/cake and mince pies.

What an amazing event this turned out to be. The church was almost full and the ambience and friendship was wonderful.

We hope to host more events in the future.

If you would like to join us for Sunday worship our next Services are Mattins on 12th January and Holy Communion on 26th January at 9.30 am.

Pauline Ramsbottom

LAUGHTER LINES

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorise one of the most quoted passages in the Bible, Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Bobby was excited about the task, but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Bobby was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my shepherd .and that's all I need to know!"

HAVERTHWAITE LUNCH CLUB

On 11th December around 15 of us enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, a glass of Prosecco and crackers.

Following the meal children from years 3 and 4 at Leven Valley CoffE school entertained us with Christmas songs and carols, and we were invited to join in. Each child had made a Christmas card about how they could 'Shine their light in the World' and had written their own thoughts on how they could

do that. The children came round to chat and gave each of us one of the cards they had made. Each child received a bag of sweets to take home.

Many thanks to Celia, Dave and team at St Anne's for a very enjoyable lunchtime.

Feliz Navidad.

Eileen



A message from Dave Birchall, Churchwarden at St Anne's, Haverthwaite

Please give our love from Haverthwaite to all our friends and the congregation at St Paul's Grange, especially, of course, the Lunch Club members. We will miss you in January but we have to get our new vicar Marcus settled in, so it makes sense to start up again in February with some really warming 'stick to the ribs' menus to take us through the winter.

Have a fantastic Christmas and may 2025 (our bicentennial year)
be good for all of us.

God Bless, stay safe and well,
Much love from the Haverthwaite gang.
Dave

SERVICES IN OUR CARE HOMES

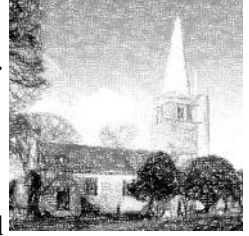
Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together lead ecumenical worship each month.

- 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 (edmol11@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!

NEWS FROM ST PETER'S, FIELD BROUGHTON

This is a new contribution in our Magazine from the other parish in our Benefice, and we hope it will become a regular feature as a means of fostering links and sharing news



An extract from the Field Broughton Community Newsletter
As with everything in life, things change, move on (and back) and this communication is rather like that too. Please read on and see the latest thoughts for reaching as many in the community as possible.

But first things first - dates for your diaries

Sunday, 5th January	Epiphany Lunch, 12.30 pm for 1 pm £15 Two-course hot lunch including wine (see p24)
Wednesday, 29th January	Medieval Banquet, 6.45 pm for 7 pm £15 A feast with wines and ales
Tuesday, February 18th	Friends of St Peter's AGM, 7 pm (no need to book)

All events/activities are in the Parish Rooms unless otherwise stated.
Please contact Louise Shrapnel to book any of the events (louiseshrapnel@gmail.com).
Payment, and donations, currently cash only.

PARISH ROOMS

Following a number of grant applications to a variety of local organisations, all of the funding has been secured to re-slate and insulate the staircase roof and replace the two leaking velux. Thanks go to the Hadfield Trust, the Holehird Trust, Westmorland & Furness Council, and Broughton East Parish Council. Work is expected to take place towards the end of February 2024. With a full new roof, fund-raising will then start for new windows.

AND FINALLY.....

Whilst we use social media to reach a lot of people, not everyone uses it, or wants to use it. An option would perhaps be to e-mail people who would like to receive this and updates/reminders about events. Hard copies would still be available to be delivered and copies available in church, parish rooms, etc, for other visitors and users.

A couple of the social committee members are looking at creating an email data base (adhering to GDPR requirements), a dedicated social media page and a dedicated email address for booking events to make communications inclusive and available to all.....just watch this space!

ST PAUL'S PIPE ORGAN

December 2024 marked the fifth anniversary of the inaugural concert following the restoration and refurbishment of the organ in St Paul's, work which was carried out under the PCC and a duly constituted specialist committee in 2017-2019. We continue to receive plaudits for the work and the continuing high quality and richness of the organ's sound, but also comments along the lines of "Why did we bother?" and "Did we need to spend that much money?" So here are one or two reminders of the thinking at the time and the facts of the costs.



In the mid-teens of this century, the quality of the organ's sound had deteriorated – not surprisingly since its build in the 1860s – and it was prone to various sighs, groans and gurgles during its usage, despite a regular programme of tuning and maintenance. So we reviewed our options.

It immediately became apparent that a "scrap it and buy a modern electronic model" would not be supported by the Diocese through the faculty system. Reports were requested from The Victorian Society, The British Society of Organists and the Diocesan Organ Advisor who all attested to the instrument's unique heritage and value to the area's and the nation's musical history. Similarly, the suggestion that we should sell the organ to a needy church in Europe met an identical response – and which church would wish to buy a failing organ at a price which would cover its dismantling, packaging, and freight?

A modern, smaller electronic instrument, allegedly freeing up space for additional vestry and meeting capacity, had its advocates but this idea would mean mothballing the present organ and not actually giving any additional space at all. And a drawback to a modern instrument was that no grants were available, whereas the restoration of a worthy older model could entail a substantial grant from one of a number of charitable societies.

The committee, aided by Charles, our Director of Music, asked three well-known organ restorers in the north and centre of the UK to visit, inspect and make their recommendations and quotations. Firms from Leeds, Wakefield and Nottingham responded, all with excellent portfolios of organs that they had renovated and now maintained, and all with histories of excellence and diligence in responding to any emergency which might present itself. Prices varied from £35,000 to over £70,000. All quotes were remarkably thorough in identifying the many faults which needed to be ironed out and corrected, and there were interesting variations in the "extras" which were offered, including the problem of what happens when the regular organist cannot attend because of holiday, illness or other commitment.

RSPB BIG GARDEN BIRDWATCH 2025

The festive season may be over, but the countdown continues! Yes, we're counting down to the biggest birdwatching event of the year, Big Garden Birdwatch. Just spend an hour counting birds between 24th and 26th January and help us understand how our garden birds are doing.

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<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/>

Happy New Year!

An extract from the January Newsletter from PEAT

Did anyone see the article about Tomorrow's World and their predictions made 30 years ago for 2025, or if you are like me you remember the programme itself! Some of them were far-fetched but most of them have an element of realisation in the 30 years since the predictions were made, such as the growth of automated banking, and virtual reality. The article also updates predictions for 2055, citing materials science and bioengineering as the biggest growth areas.

However we don't need a BBC article₂ or Tomorrow's World to see now how the future will look. The trajectory is more extreme weather, greater accumulative impact of human activity on the environment, and much less security and reliability of food, water, and infrastructure systems, as we have seen over the past few days, weeks, months.

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At PEAT we invite you to start 2025 with fresh eyes, bring your beginner's mind and come on an adventure with us to make a mainstream, inclusive, climate movement. Climate breakdown is here now and we want to start the biggest conversation about how to adapt and act together for the future and Cartmel Peninsula communities are renowned for being supportive, resilient, and creative. We will be starting a new project shortly, we want to tap into all our energies, ideas, enthusiasms to create our own peninsula adaptation movement. More information will follow.

Meanwhile check out this article by Rupert Read

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2025/jan/01/extinction-rebellion-uk-net-zero-2025-climate>

IT'S A SMALL WORLD

I experienced an amazing meeting a few months ago whilst visiting my daughter Janet who lives in Newcastle. On the Saturday with Janet and her two children, Mollie, aged 9, and Joseph, aged 7, we visited Woodhorn Mining Museum near to Morpeth in Northumberland. When paying for admission to the museum the lady cashier asked if I had visited before, and I told her that I now lived in the Lake District but was spending some time with my daughter and family in Newcastle. I then said that I was born close to Leigh in Lancashire and that I was very interested in mining as my father, who was born in Leigh, spent 53 years working underground on the coal face in the mine. The lady then asked my name. I told her that my surname was Pendlebury and she entered it on my ticket which she said entitled us to visit again free of charge in the next twelve months.

Behind us in the queue was an elderly man with his wife, and he tapped me on the shoulder and asked "Did you say that you lived near to Leigh? I overheard your surname. When we married in the late '60s my wife and I bought a terraced house in the village of Calcheth". He said that he and his wife became very friendly with an elderly couple next door-but-one, whose names were Joe and Elsie and he was a retired miner. I asked him whether he lived at No 84 Wigshaw Lane, to which he surprisingly replied "yes". I then told him that Joe and Elsie were my parents and that I was born in No 80 in 1937 but moved to live in Chester soon after I married in 1964. I remember from childhood that No 84 was Pritchard's butcher's shop. He then said that they had bought the house from Mr and Mrs Prichard and converted it back to a normal terraced house after removing the shop fittings.

In the conversation which followed, the man told how Joe and Elsie had been extremely kind when they moved in. It was their first home, and they didn't have much money, but they were kindly invited on many days to come in and keep warm as they always had a roaring coal fire: Joe being a miner received concessionary coal after he retired. He said he remembered Joe was badly disfigured after being burned on the coal face in a mining accident many years before. They had moved out of Culcheth in the mid-'70's but heard later that both Joe and Elsie had passed away.

How fondly did they speak of my parents and what an amazing coincidence after over 50 years - it surely is a small world!

David Pendlebury



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February	91	69	99	263	139	171	42	161
March	162	60	182	75	134	48	173	134
April	15	98	39	12	12	40	84	149
May	75	37	52	26	101	68	34	110
June	135	19	91	99	30	79	87	63
July	126	33	134	169	70	80	226	111
August	86	108	180	188	63	78	143	176
September	177	133	177	66	62	112	189	154
October	172	131	160	165	304	158	144	183
November	189	62	85	114	71	177	227	64
December	109	160	155	126	153	162	259	72*
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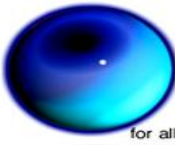
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