

The Parish Church of St Paul Grange-over-Sands



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THE PARISH OF ST PAUL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Normal services at The Parish Church

Sundays - 11.00am - Parish Service

4.00pm - Evening Prayer

Wednesdays - 10.00am - Holy Communion



and at The Fell Church, Grange-over-Sands

9.30am Second Sunday - Mattins (BCP)

9.30am - Fourth Sunday - Holy Communion (BCP)

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

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From the Rectory

The Company You Keep

A Parable. One day in the 1950's in an Edinburgh hospital, a child died tragically on the operating table. Later that week two friends were talking over the sad events and one of them expressed sympathy for the surgeon involved, since he had obviously met unexpected complications.

However, the other, a colleague of the surgeon, strongly disagreed and said: "I think the man is to blame. If anybody had handed me ether instead of chloroform, I would have known from the weight it was the wrong thing. You see, I know the man well. We trained together at medical school and he could have become one of the finest surgeons in Europe if only he had given his mind to it but he didn't. He was more interested in golf. So, he just used to do enough work to pass his examinations and no more. And that is how he has lived his life... just enough to get through but no more; so, he never picked up those seemingly peripheral bits of knowledge that can one day be crucial. The other day in that operating theatre a bit of 'peripheral' knowledge was crucial and he didn't have it. But it wasn't the other day that he failed, it was 39 years ago, when he only gave himself half-heartedly to medicine."

This rather abrupt tale invites us to reflect for a moment on the details of our life: in short, those apparently small habits and influences which, over time, form our character, attitudes and behaviour.

I'm reminded of how, one day, two of Jesus's disciples were arrested. We're told that when the authorities "saw the boldness of Peter and John and realised that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognised them as companions of Jesus" (Acts 4.1).

In short, something of Jesus had rubbed off on Peter and John, something of Jesus's boldness, perhaps? And just as we sometimes warn our young people about the company they keep, this little incident reminds us of how friendship with Jesus can have an effect on the kind of person we are becoming.

People are only too ready sometimes to point a critical finger at Christians, saying "that wasn't a very Christian thing to do". What intrigues me is that, whilst it's fair to say that none of us are without fault, it might equally be the case that in this Christian we have encountered a Jesus we didn't expect, who perhaps 'ruffled our feathers' a little.

Jesus tells us, "Woe to you when all speak well of you". Being his follower is not about courting popularity or cultivating niceness; any more than HE did(!). Being his follower means making a daily 'Yes' to Jesus and the influence of his Holy Spirit in our lives so that HIS character and purposes are known, regardless of what

people think of US. Because, again, the point is not that the Christian is especially liked, understood or popular but that Jesus is recognised, even the Jesus that upsets or confounds us.

This might be challenging for those of us who want to be liked. But Jesus asks us to 'abide' or 'keep company' with him. The question we're asked is, "what habits and reminders of the presence of Jesus are we following?", so that, under the influence of his Spirit, our choices, living and acting become a matter of instinct ... so that we might be recognised as 'companion of Jesus'.

Every blessing

David

FROM THE REGISTERS SEPTEMBER 2026

YEAR'S MIND

Michael Towers Barber	1 October 2021
Alan James Howson	15 October 2022
John Harrison	26 October 2022
David Joseph Gamble	27 October 2022
Derek Paul Frobisher	8 October 2024
Martha Broderick	31 October 2025



*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.*

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Our annual service of Prayers for the Faithful Departed will take place
on Sunday, 1st November, at 11.00am.

If you would like a friend or loved one remembered by name at this service and to
light a candle in their memory, please add their name to the list which will be available
in St Paul's from the middle of October or contact the Parish Office

(015395 35560 - stpaulschurchgrange@gmail.com)

OUR METHODIST FRIENDS

As you may be aware, our good friends at Grange Methodist Church have for some time been planning to redevelop their Church building. All being well, in the coming weeks these works are about to begin.

For the duration of these works they will have to vacate their building, and so we are pleased to announce that St Paul's and the Fell Church will become their temporary home, probably until May 2027.

The day-to-day details of this will appear here in the Magazine, on our weekly pewsheets and noticeboards. However, essentially this means that their regular Sunday Worship will be at the Fell Church at 11.00am along with their (Third Sunday) Songs of Praise. Their Tuesday Baby Group will also be at the Fell Church on Tuesday mornings.

St Paul's will be pleased to welcome their Toast Church at 8.45am on Sundays. We will share Wednesday morning Holy Communion and Coffee, followed by (monthly) Lunch & Pray and on (Second Tuesday) Friendly Food Lunch.

Please join with me in praying for our friends as they embark on this important step in their congregational life. We look forward to getting to know one another better.

David

“Companions on the Way” ***Learning to Pray with St Benedict***

On 24th September, a group of parishioners spent a reflective morning at Field Broughton Parish Rooms learning about St Benedict's vision of Christian spirituality and how to deepen both communal and personal prayer in the pursuit of a Christ-shaped life.

We discovered how St Benedict (480-547), having established the Benedictine Rule which became the norm for monastic living throughout Europe, was proclaimed patron saint of all Europe by Pope Paul VI in 1964.

During our Morning Prayer and Eucharist, we practised “Lectio Divina” - Divine or Sacred Reading - the slow, meditative reading of Scriptures, allowing us the time for words to resonate with us, reveal their full meaning and call for our response to them. This method of reading helps us to know, love and serve God. St Benedict begins his Rule with the need to “Listen”, to God, to our neighbours, and to the community, putting aside self-centred concerns. Our prayers during this Quiet Morning certainly guided us along the way.

We very much enjoyed our discussions - and our refreshments! - during the morning as we experienced some of the key Benedictine qualities: stability, hospitality, prayer, stewardship and community.

Dawn

SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY SERVICES - OCTOBER 2026

DATES	ST PAUL'S GRANGE-OVER- SANDS	GRANGE FELL	ST PETER'S FIELD BROUGHTON & LINDALE
4TH OCTOBER HARVEST THANKSGIVING	11.00am Holy Communion CW Rev'd David Wilmot 4.00pm Evening Worship		9.30am Holy Communion CW Rev'd David Wilmot
7TH OCTOBER WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion CW Rev'd Annette Miller		
11TH OCTOBER NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	11.00am Holy Communion CW Venerable Penny Driver	9.30am Mattins BCP Rev'd Annette Miller	9.30am Holy Communion CW Rev'd George Wilson
14TH OCTOBER WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion CW Rev'd Annette Miller		
18TH OCTOBER TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	11.00am Holy Communion CW Venerable Penny Driver		9.30am Holy Communion CW Rev'd Annette Miller
21ST OCTOBER WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion CW TBC		
25TH OCTOBER TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	11.00am Holy Communion CW Venerable Penny Driver	9.30am Holy Communion BCP Venerable Penny Driver	9.30am Mattins BCP Biddy Hibbert
28TH OCTOBER WEDNESDAY	10.00am Holy Communion CW Rev'd David Wilmot		
1ST NOVEMBER ALL SAINTS DAY	11.00am Holy Communion CW Rev'd David Wilmot 4.00pm Evening Worship		9.30am Holy Communion BCP Rev'd David Wilmot

St Paul's Church Heating - Progress

From September 2025 to May 2026 the new heating boilers commissioned in March 2025 were programmed to run on Sundays mostly from 5.30am to just after noon. This typically gave a temperature in the church during the coldest months of 16 degrees Centigrade or a little higher. To improve this temperature, the PCC examined options for operating the boilers. It was noticed during the December 2025 Christmas Tree Festival, when the boilers were run on 22 days, that the church felt warm. Therefore, the PCC proposes that during November and January the heating will be run for a similar number of days as in December. It is estimated that this will cost an extra £500 per annum. There are sometimes problems maintaining a satisfactory temperature when there are significant winds causing draughts. However, to minimise the draughts would require extremely costly insulation and double glazing.

The PCC has also looked at installing some infrared electric heaters. These heaters would heat the people rather than the building, and would be put in the Lady Chapel and in the choir stalls, which are not well covered by the existing radiators, and near the kitchen. Wednesday worshippers would then be warmed by the electric heaters in the Lady Chapel and where they have their coffee near the kitchen. This option would avoid running the gas boilers more but with little benefit in view of the lack of radiators at the East end. A very approximate capital cost for these heaters is £19K, with an estimated power cost of £250 per annum. This could be considered further by the PCC after experience of running the gas boilers in November and in January over a similar number of days as in December.

The running of the gas boilers is under constant review.

ST MARY'S HOSPICE
COMPASSIONATE CAFÉ
Every Thursday 10.00am-12.00 noon
Grange Hotel, Station Square

This is a gentle, welcoming space for anyone experiencing loss, whether recent or longer ago. There is no time limit on grief.
Led by St Mary's Hospice staff and trained volunteers, the café offers a safe place to sit, talk or simply be, in a supportive and understanding environment with a cup of tea and friendly faces.
No need to book – simply drop in.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - OCTOBER 2026

Thursday 1st	2.30pm - Grange Primary School Harvest Service
Friday 2nd	5.00-7.00pm - Repair Café, Methodist Hall
Saturday 3rd	8.30am - Men's monthly breakfast, Methodist Hall
Sunday 4th	1.00pm - Harvest parish lunch, St Paul's 6.00-7.00pm - 'Stillness and Song', Methodist Church
Monday 5th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's 4.00pm - M Teresa Co-Workers meditation & prayer, St Charles
Tuesday 6th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Wednesday 7th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Thursday 8th	2.00pm - Social Committee meeting, St Paul's
Monday 12th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Tuesday 13th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Wednesday 14th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's 3.15pm - Fun & Friendship, Grange Primary School
Monday 19th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Tuesday 20th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Wednesday 21st	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Thursday 22nd	12.30-2.30pm - Men's Shed lunch, St Paul's
Friday 23rd	10.30am - "Time for Peace", Cartmel Quaker Meeting House
Sunday 25th	2.00pm - Burneside Brass Band Concert, St Paul's
Monday 26th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm - Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Tuesday 27th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm—Evening Prayer, St Paul's
Wednesday 28th	8.30am - Morning Prayer & 5.00pm—Evening Prayer, St Paul's

SERVICE OF HEALING

Sunday, 27th September, 4.00pm

Ten people gathered in the Lady Chapel on a Sunday afternoon for a Holy Communion service with prayers for healing and wholeness, led by David with Carole Ford. It was a quiet, reflective hour, during which we were invited to go forward for the laying on of hands, and was much appreciated by those present.

It is hoped that this might become a regular part of our services offered at St Paul's.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Sunday 4th October at 11.00am

THANK YOU

Hopefully by now, everyone will have had a letter thanking them for their contributions to the Ministry and Life of our two Churches. In that letter I perhaps understated the **hundreds of hours per week** that **committed volunteers** spend caring for our Churches, and the work and Ministry they carry out in the wider community!

(Volunteering opportunities within the Church and its work within the community come in all shapes and sizes, from an odd hour once a month to taking on one of the Church Officer roles, all are welcome!)

Unfortunately Good Works can only go so far; running our Churches and providing Ministry also costs Money. Once again a huge thank you is due to the **60 people who last year selflessly gave over £35,000 to our churches** by pledging to give consistently and regularly!

Through using the Gift Aid Scheme, this figure increased to **over £42,000**. It is this regular and consistent giving that forms the **bedrock** of the Church's financial stability, and that is why Your Generosity is so Important!
So, once again, Thank You.

RENEWAL OF PLEDGES

Harvest Thanksgiving is a time when we give our thanks to God for all the **great and generous gifts He has freely given us.**

It is also our opportunity as individuals to reflect on **our own generous response to God's gifts!**

So if you are one of the 60 individuals who currently pledge a regular amount to the Church, **thank you**, and I hope you will feel able to continue to do so.

If you wish and feel able to increase your giving, please complete the form you should have already received. (Spare forms can be found at the back of the Church.)

If you don't currently give regularly, but would like to, again please complete the aforementioned form.

If you have any difficulty with the form or setting up a Standing Order, please let me know and I will do my best to help.

Now it is not mine, or anyone else's place to tell you what to do, and I know that at previous Harvest Thanksgivings our Vicar David has offered advice and guidance, and this is reprinted elsewhere in this magazine. (page 18).

If I could offer one piece of advice in any decision-making process, it would be:
Look within and hear what God is saying to YOU!

From a personal point of view I don't find it easy to talk to people about money. However I do know that our Churches, like most in the country, face ever greater demands on their financial resources. Hence keeping a healthy bank balance becomes more challenging as the years go by, so unfortunately here I am writing this article for the Parish Magazine! (Great value at £1 and compiled by volunteers!)

Chris Brown
(Stewardship Secretary)

**Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under compulsion, For God loves a Cheerful Giver!**

2 Corinthians 9:7

**RELEASE FREE MONEY FOR YOUR CHURCH
TRIPLE THE VALUE OF YOUR FIRST MONTH'S GIFT
AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOURSELF!**

**A member of the congregation has made a pledge of their own!
Any new pledges and any increases on existing pledges received by
the end of November will be tripled by them!**

MONTHLY STANDING ORDERS

Example 1: New Pledges. Pledge a sum of £50 per month for a minimum of 12 months and they will add £100 to your first month's gift.

Example 2: Increases on existing Pledges. Increase your monthly Pledge by £10 and they will add £20 to your first month's gift.

WEEKLY ENVELOPE SCHEME

Example 1: New Pledges. Pledge a sum of £10 per week for a minimum of 12 months and they will add £80 after one month to your gifts.

Example 2: Increases on existing Pledges. Increase your weekly Pledge by £5 and they will add £40 after one month to your gifts.

*PLEASE NOTE: The above amounts are for example only,
please choose your own amounts!*

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES—BISHOP'S HARVEST APPEAL 2026

**Working together for God's glory
Communities in Northern Argentina and Burkina
Faso are transformed due to your generosity**

We read constantly of the squeeze on household finances due to the cost of living. So, a huge thank you goes to those who supported last year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal. We saw an increase in annual giving of nearly £2,500; that is amazing! This year sees the culmination of our three-year programme of support for Christian Aid's work in **Burkina Faso**, helping families in rural communities to find sustainable sources of food, income and dignity; and partnering with the Church Mission Society in Northern Argentina to grow new indigenous Christian leaders for ministry. Much has been achieved in those years, thanks to your kindness and generosity. My deep wish is that this continues over the next 12 months as together we support our brothers and sisters in Christ across the world.



Bishop Rob

For more information, click on this link: [Bishop's Harvest Appeal - Diocese of Carlisle](#). Envelopes for your donation are available at the back of St Paul's.

'BIBLE COME TO LIFE' EXHIBITION

Tuesday 6th to Sunday 11th October, at St Thomas' Kendal (Stricklandgate)

An all-age exhibition with a Bedouin tent, a model of the Jerusalem second temple, a half-scale Ark of the Covenant, a display of the biblical feasts, and a display explaining Jesus Christ: his incarnation, life, death and resurrection. And more!

There will be people dressed as priests, prophets, shepherds, Nazarene ladies and a Roman centurion to show you round. There's something for everyone — adults and children alike!

Free admission.

Wednesday to Friday 6.30–9pm,

Saturday 10am–4pm.

For full details, venue and contacts, click on this link: [bible comes to life kendal.pdf](#)



An extract from PEAT's recent newsletter by Annette Hennessy (Chair)

For me, the death of Wendell Berry on 31st August and the International Day of Peace on 21st September feel inextricably linked. Berry was a poet farmer and environmentalist, someone who believed deeply in peace and justice. He wrote about how the land does not belong to us; it is entrusted to our care, shared with others and passed on to those who come after us.

21st September marked the UN International Day of Peace. Conflict exacts a terrible cost, not only on children, families, communities and infrastructure, but also on landscapes, wildlife and the wider living world. The deliberate destruction of soil, land, agriculture and animals has far-reaching consequences for ecosystems, including health, food security, displacing vast swathes of populations. One widely cited estimate suggests that militaries account for over 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions and, as we heard from the People's Emergency Briefing, geopolitical tensions, national security and conflict over resources are increasing. 'Invest in Peace: For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day,' is this year's UN theme, and UN Secretary General António Guterres says: *'Peace is not just made at conference tables, but in classrooms, neighbourhoods, and everywhere people meet with open minds and open hearts. Together, day by day, we can build a more just world, with compassion, equality and dignity for all'.*

There are moments when the scale of all this feels overwhelming, I can feel lost and find myself asking: what can I do? Berry asks, *'What does this earth require of us if we want to continue to live on it?'* In other words, the world does not belong to us to do with as we wish. More lies within our grasp than we imagine. Berry wrote: *'We must support what supports local life, which means community, family, household life - the moral capital our larger institutions have to come to rest upon'.*

Perhaps peace begins in how we inhabit a place, how we treat the land and one another, and how we care for what has been entrusted to us. Every act that repairs rather than destroys, restores rather than depletes, and brings people together rather than driving them apart is part of the work particularly in the face of the increasing climate shocks that lie ahead. We may not know where our actions will lead or whether they will be enough, but certainty of success is not a requirement before we begin. Peace, like our environment, is not something we can take for granted, it is something to cultivate and nurture patiently, locally and together. So perhaps the question isn't 'Can I change the world?' but 'What is mine to care for, and how can I help make it possible?'

PEAT Activities

Our next **Repair Café** will be on Friday **2nd October** 5.00-7.00pm - at the Grange Methodist Church.

Our next **Litter Pick** will be on **11th October** in Grange 10.00am outside Abi and Tom's. We are hoping to do one elsewhere locally at the same time.

As ever, PEAT is only as relevant and effective as its membership. Please join us in helping to shape the future we wish to see. Annual subscription £10 which goes to support local environmental projects. Payable by BACS

Peninsula Environmental Action Together (PEAT)

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The Peace of Wild Things by Wendell Berry

*When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.*

*I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.*

*And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.*



On offer! ... for re-use rather than landfill!

Ten unwanted used box files are going for free if anyone would like one or as many as required.. Contact: Margaret Caseley (015395 32692)

A new home at St Paul's

Have you spotted the new bug hotel in the garden area to the right of the path leading to the front porch?

This was designed and made by the Eco club at the Primary School last year and installed by Dennis Whalley.

During their summer holidays, Matilda and Izzy have decorated it with help from their Gran, Fiona Whalley. It really is very smart and rather special. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and imagination, helping God's creatures – while also helping us towards a silver Eco award!



NEWS FROM ST PETER'S, FIELD BROUGHTON

Dates for your Diaries and Calendars

Tuesday 13th October from 7.00pm

INDOOR BOWLS/TABLE TENNIS/SOCIAL EVENING

– everyone welcome to “have a go” or just pop in for a drink. Donation (cash) bar.

Tuesday 27th October 6.45pm for 7.00pm

BAVARIAN NIGHT – hearty, rustic and comforting food with a Bavarian spin!

Booking a must via fieldbroughtonsocial@gmail.com.

And, on **Wednesday 11th November** we will be doing something a little different, a Poetry for Pleasure evening. More details in the next magazine.

BROUGHTON EAST PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th October, starting at 6.30pm in Field Broughton Parish Rooms. The public are welcome to attend.

Louise Shrapnel

Chairman, Friends of St Peter's Social Committee

Committee Member, Field Broughton Parish Rooms Committee

Member of St Peter's Field Broughton with Lindale, PCC



Grange Town Council has a new web site -
<https://www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk>

THE CO-WORKERS OF MOTHER TERESA

After a summer break the group will be meeting again on the first Monday of each month, beginning 5th October, at 4 pm in the side chapel of St Charles RC church for a short period of prayer and meditation. We are a small ecumenical group, who would welcome others to join us.

It was in 1946 that Mother Teresa met Jacqueline de Decker of Belgium. Jacqueline's intention was to join Mother Teresa's new order of nuns but when spinal problems prevented her Mother Teresa invited her to become 'spiritually bound to our society', to pray for her and offer the pain of her condition for the work being started in the slums of Calcutta. 'In reality you can do much more while on your bed of pain than I running on my feet ... you and I together can do all things in Him who strengthens us.' Thus, the Co-workers of Mother Teresa were established and now include lay people from every part of the world and from different faiths and backgrounds.

What does it mean to be a Co-worker?

- To endeavour to see the presence of God in every human being and to fully share in the real service of the poor using hands to serve and hearts to love.
- To maintain deep family love in their own homes, and to seek to serve those in need in their own neighbourhood, their town, their country, the world.
- To find those in need and get to know them personally for only when we know the people can we understand and love them.
- To do the little things in life that no one else has time for.

The history of the group in Grange

Way back in 1993 Sue and I visited Calcutta at the end of a Soroptimist conference in Hong Kong, and were taken to the Mother House to meet Mother Teresa, a little stooped old lady, her feet and hands malformed with arthritis and in old and battered sandals, one of them fastened with a safety pin and elastic bands, and wearing her simple white sari very much darned. She took each of us by the hand and asked us to contact the MC home in 177 Bravington Road, London. We did, and there learnt of the Co-workers movement sharing Mother Teresa's vision to bring God's love to every person with whom they have contact, and especially the poor. In her words: poverty is not only the lack of material possessions or wealth. When she had visited England she was overcome by the terrible loneliness – homeless wandering the streets, the elderly imprisoned in their own homes, abandoned by families and friends.

We joined with a small group from St Charles, and thus began the ecumenical group in Grange, which now runs the foodbank.





Our next date will be Sunday, 6th December, for our Christmas collection.

One not to be missed !



The Parish Church of St Paul, Grange
invites you to
an afternoon concert
with

Burneside Brass

Sunday, 25th October 2026

2.30 pm

in St Paul's Church



Burneside Brass is a friendly community band based in the village of Burneside, just outside Kendal. They compete in the 4th section at local area contests, and also enjoy a busy social programme of concerts throughout the year. The band is proud to have lots of young players in its ranks, and encourages new players to learn through its training band system.

Burneside Brass looks forward to entertaining you once again with a mixed programme of brass band classics, popular tunes, and some Christmas music at this concert.

Entry free, but donations welcomed

Refreshments

A privileged invitation - *and an unforgettable experience !*

As members of the local group of Co-workers Sue and I received tickets for Mother Teresa's beatification service in St Peter's Square, Rome, in 2003 - a historic and moving occasion. We had been advised to be at the gates of the Square by 7.00am to ensure a seat – the service did not start until 10.00am! We left our hotel at 6.00am when it was still dark. All the buses were packed with nuns in their white and blue saris making their way to the same destination. Carried along by the throng to the barriers, we waited until the Vatican officials (all dressed in tails, white bow ties, and medals) let us through. After the security check we found our seats – just ten rows from the front! And then we waited! We saw the sun rise over the dome of St Peter's in a cloudless sky, the lorries bringing in the banks of flowers for the centre stage – all in blue and white, and the crowds gathering. The atmosphere was electric – people from all over the world, and so colourful - 400 Missionaries of Charity nuns in their blue and white saris, 300+ cardinals in their shades of red with gold skull caps, the Vatican guards in their blue and yellow, and the 500 young priests in black and white. At about 9.30am the choir began singing, and four huge TV screens relayed shots of the square and the roads leading to it. 400,000 people were estimated to have been in the square - many of them young people - and around 12 million in Rome for that day!

Eventually Pope John Paul appeared. Although obviously weak and incapacitated, he led as much of the Mass as he could. We had been issued with service books in Italian and in English, so were able to follow it word for word. Young Indian girls performed a traditional dance of welcome, and relicts of Mother Teresa were presented – samples of her blood and hair. At the moment of her beatification, a huge portrait was unfurled from the balcony of St Peter's. When it came to the distribution, the young priests collected the host, and came down into the crowds, each one accompanied by a young server carrying a white golf umbrella. When the service ended and the Pope was taken inside St Peter's, at about 12.30pm, we thought that was the end, but then he reappeared in his buggy and drove right down through the Square, acknowledging the crowds.

As you can imagine, it took a long time for the crowds to disperse. Nobody seemed in any hurry to move away from the Square, but continued to sit in the sunshine soaking up the almost euphoric atmosphere. Eventually we made our way back to our hotel, but were back again at night for the firework display laid on by the Mayor of Rome.

As well as the beatification service, we attended a Preparatory Mass in St John Lateran, Rome's Cathedral, led by the retired Bishop da Souza who had worked alongside Mother Teresa in Calcutta. We also attended the special Prayer Vigil for Mission Sunday, inside the Vatican City in the Paul VI Hall, and visited one of the MC homes. At that time there were 5076 Sisters working in 132 countries, 400 of which had travelled to Rome, 50 from India.

Mother Teresa was canonised in 2016 by Pope Francis. Her feast day is observed annually on 5th September, the anniversary of her death.

WHAT SHOULD I GIVE?

The Giving of the Living

The days when a few rich families kept the church going are gone, as are the days when we could rely on inherited wealth. The Foundations of the Future depend on our Commitment today.

IT'S YOUR DECISION

Nobody would be so unwise as to try to tell you what to give. Only you know your circumstances. Therefore, only you can decide. However, here are some guidelines which others have found helpful.

The First Hour Principle. The first hour is for God himself. Some people decide to give the first hour's wage per week and one hour's service per week. All of which is backed up by one hour's worship on the first day of the week to set the tone for the whole week's living.

The Non-Essentials. Add up what you spend each week on non-essential items, over and above necessities. Place your answer side by side with your giving and ask if the balance is right. This can be a very challenging and humbling experience if done honestly.

A Gift of Love. There are those who feel that Giving to God should be a spontaneous and generous response to God's love towards us. They give with joy and that joy is their reward. Many people seek to give 5% of their disposable income and you might be surprised to know how many Christians accept the Biblical tenth or tithe as their standard.

The Teaching of Paul – Regular, Committed and Proportionate Giving. “Now, concerning what you wrote about money to be raised to help God's people in Judea. You must do what I told the churches in Galatia to do. Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what you have earned, and save it up, so that there will be no need to collect money when I come”
(*1 Corinthians 16: 1-2*).

We praise you, God our Father, for the many riches you have lavished upon us as members of your Church in this parish. Help us to respond to your love by being generous with our possessions, that the work of your Church may grow and prosper and that we may know more of your love for us. Grant that we may freely give as we have received and do all in the name of Him who gave His life for us,
Jesus Christ our Saviour and our Lord.

Amen.

LEARNING TO PAINT ON SILK

Margaret Wilmot led a wonderful day-workshop on Saturday 5th September. I had never tried the ancient art of painting on silk before (not much painting on anything before, to be honest!), so I had no idea how it would turn out.

About a dozen of us gathered at St Paul's, wearing a motley array of aprons and clutching our packed lunches.

Margaret greeted us with an amazing and intriguing array of equipment for us to experiment with. There were masses of brilliant jewel-like paints, slim detail-brushes, fat splatter-brushes, heated bowls of melted wax, and even Indonesian tjantings (like tiny copper teapots on sticks) for drawing with the liquid wax on silk.

We were taught the practicalities, and then set free to exercise our imaginations. It was enormous fun! I really enjoyed 'having a go' and seeing the variety of creative ways other people experimented. It was great having a chance to chat, share ideas, and get to know some new people too.

Thank you, Margaret!
Amiel

The Royal British Legion, St. Paul's Parish Church, Churches Together in Grange and Grange Town Council invite you to





Remembrance in Grange



Remembrance Sunday - 8 Nov 2026
2pm
Civic Service of Remembrance.
St Paul's Parish Church, Crown Hill, LA11 6BD

Approximately 3.15pm
Act of Remembrance with the laying of wreaths.
The War Memorial, Ornamental Gardens, LA11 6ED

Followed by tea and biscuits at the Victoria Hall.
All are welcome.

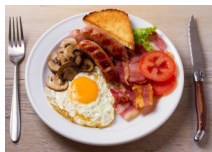


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11am
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If you want to know more, contact Revd David Edmondson
 on edmola11@yahoo.co.uk

WHAT WAS THE OCCASION?

On Saturday 19th September, I attended the open Heritage day at the Victoria Hall and noticed the photograph (below) of a large crowd of people gathered near to St Paul's Church watching something. It generated quite a lot of discussion from a small crowd of onlookers. We wondered what the occasion might have been?

Three suggestions were "the old May procession", "the annual Whitsuntide gathering" or a celebration connected to the "Coronation of King Edward VII". Everybody looks very cheerful, so not a funeral! Clearly the photograph was taken in late spring or early summer judging by the large number of folk with parasols! Also, there is no clock tower and the main entrance to the church is by way of the doorway on to Sea View Road. The



Lady Chapel had not at this time in question been added on the church. I had never seen this particular photograph of old Grange before and wondered what readers of our church magazine might make of it, and indeed whether they may have some definite knowledge of what precisely was going on.

A lovely moment captured in time?

Colin

A response from Penny

The bearded gentleman in the carriage is the Vicar Canon Cooper and he retired in 1907 so presumably the photo was taken before that date. There was obviously a banner - I think it could have been a celebration of the Coronation in August 1902, or perhaps was taken in April 1907 when the Fell Church was dedicated by Bishop Diggle and there was a confirmation service in St Paul's for 55 people, 33 from Grange (!). Or was it an occasion to mark the retirement of Canon Cooper after 19 years as Vicar.

We could look to see if there is anything mentioned in the early parish magazines. Canon Cooper was responsible for starting the magazines in 1898!

Incidentally, the clock tower was built in 1912 and the alterations to the east end of St Paul's were consecrated in 1933.

If anyone is interested in reading more about the history of St Paul's – and the Fell Church – there are two publications you may enjoy, both available at the back of St Paul's or from the Office.

- Sarah's acorn: the history of St Paul's – 1853-2016
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June	91	99	30	79	87	63	200	129
July	134	169	70	80	226	111	125	29
August	180	188	63	78	143	176	115	85
September	177	66	62	112	189	154	254	
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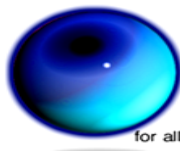
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