



**The Church of St Paul,  
Grange-over-Sands**

**Annual Report & Financial Statements  
of the Parochial Church Council  
year ended 31st December 2022**

Associate Priest:  
**The Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster**

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**Independent Examiner:** Redhead Accountancy Ltd  
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**PARISH CHURCH OF ST PAUL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS  
MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (VESTRY MEETING) HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022 AT 7.30pm AT FELL CHURCH**

There were 19 parishioners present at the meeting.

The meeting opened with prayer, led by Revd Jonathan Brewster, Chairman of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence** were received from: Kath Bush, Fiona Whalley, Mollie Bell, Jose Baguley, Margaret Bargh, Susan Jones-Darlington, Doug Ratcliffe, Bill Jackson and Helen Hill.

2. **Minutes of the Last Parish Meeting held on 25 April 2021**  
These had been included in the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021, which had been available for parishioners in advance of this meeting. The minutes were unanimously agreed as a true record of that meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matters Arising**  
There were no matters arising.

4. **Election of Churchwarden**  
There were vacancies for two Churchwardens; however, only one nomination had been received:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Brian McCann	Margaret Ratcliffe	Judith Mitchell

There being no further nominations, Brian McCann was duly, unanimously, elected by those present at this meeting, for a term of one year. Brian will be officially admitted as Churchwarden by the Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, Venerable Vernon Ross, at a service to be held on 28 July 2022 in Cartmel Priory.

This will be Brian's first year as Churchwarden, and Mike Hill expressed his willingness to assist Brian, acting as Deputy Churchwarden. We will all need to help Brian as much as possible as he learns his new role. We are all very grateful that he has offered to take on this responsible task and wish him well.

Jonathan thanked Mike for all his work over many years. Mike has been totally reliable and has worked over and above his call of duty. There will be a presentation to Mike at the following Sunday service, to publicly thank him for his service.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.

# **PARISH CHURCH OF ST PAUL, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS** **MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON** **WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022 FOLLOWING THE VESTRY MEETING, AT FELL** **CHURCH**

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3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Reports**

All the following reports had been included in the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021, which had been available for parishioners in advance of this meeting.

a) Secretary – Rosemary Hoyle – pages 7-11 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

Rosemary reported that she had made two minor amendments to her report post printing of the document: namely:

- On page 7 – Church Attendance, first sentence – the figure should be 116 parishioners.
- On page 10, after the first paragraph – a new paragraph had been added, as this is a legal requirement of the Report of the PCC, and was omitted in the original document:

‘The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops’ guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults).’

Parishioners were happy to accept the two amendments

Thanks were expressed to Rosemary for producing this document and for the many other tasks that she undertakes throughout the year.

b) Treasurer – John Millican – pages 23-31 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021. There were no questions regarding the accounts and John was thanked for taking on the role of Church Treasurer. Mike informed the meeting that the different sources of income and conduit money (from funerals, etc) have been made clearer, especially our charitable giving.

c) Electoral Roll – Susan Jackson – page 14 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

Susan reported as follows:

A new roll was produced in April 2019 and 124 names were registered.

The 1<sup>st</sup> revision was completed on 30 March 2020, there had been 9 additions and 8 removals (7 deceased, 1 moved) ie 125 names registered.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll was completed for the April 2021 APCM. There had been a further 9 removals (6 deceased, 3 moved). The number on the 2<sup>nd</sup> revision of Electoral Roll in April 2021 was 116.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> revision was completed for this APCM, there had been 3 additions and a further 6 removals (3 deceased, 3 moved). The names registered now being 113.

It was noted that in 2007 there were 180 on the Electoral Roll, so we have seen a significant drop in our numbers. Our average weekly Sunday attendance figure is 57, which is one of the highest figures in the Diocese.

Susan was thanked for her work as Electoral Roll Officer.

d) Fabric – Colin Milner – page 13 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

A request was made that Colin include the wi-fi system in his Fabric report in future years. Recent improvements to the sound system in St Paul's appear to be working well. The PCC will discuss the possibility of acquiring a booster for our wi-fi signal, so that it is available to anyone visiting the Church; presently the signal is too weak to work outside the Parish Office.

Many thanks to Colin for all his work on fabric – he is doing a brilliant job.

This meeting also wished to record their grateful thanks to Trevor Brockbank, for all the work he does to keep the Fell Church grounds looking so good, and for looking after the Fell Church clock.

e) Deanery Synod – Rosemary Hoyle – pages 14-16 of the Annual Report and Financial Statement 2021.

Thanks were expressed to Rosemary for producing this report. The three representatives of St Paul's and the Fell Church are: Rosemary Hoyle, Mike Hill and Nevil Newman, who all have one more year to serve.

All the above reports were unanimously accepted by those present at this meeting.

## 5. **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

After some discussion as to whether we might wish to change our Independent Examiner, as we had used the same firm for many years, it was unanimously agreed that we would once more appoint Bryan Redhead. The company are independent of any of our churches in the Team and are paid a fee for their services. The PCC Secretary will send a letter of appointment to Bryan Redhead.

A question was asked as to whether we are able to see other churches' within the Cartmel Peninsula Team accounts. There is no reason why this cannot happen, and indeed, once we are working closer together as a Mission Community, we will all need to have discussions on how best, as a unit, we can decide on our Parish Offer. At present we are still a Team, in process of being dissolved, prior to becoming three separate benefices, and looking forwards from there, to becoming a Mission Community. Jonathan was asked if it would be possible for someone to either write an article about, or come to a meeting to tell us about Mission Communities – what they are and how they work. We are fortunate to have Revd Jane Maycock currently in our team, who has been involved in providing training to Mission Communities. Jonathan was asked if he could invite her, or someone else to speak initially to PCC members, and following that, perhaps hold an open meeting for all churches in the peninsula and our ecumenical partners. Jonathan will ask Revd Jane Maycock if she will speak to the July PCC meeting.

## 6. **Elections**

- a) PCC Members – up to 5 for 3 years  
Three nominations had been received:

<b>Nominee</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Seconder</b>
Audrey Gorman	Pat Brown	Sue Fleetwood
Mike Hill	Rosemary Hoyle	Penny Ward
Penny Ward	Audrey Gorman	Mike Hill

There being no further nominations, the above three persons were unanimously appointed for a term of three years.

- b) Sides-persons

The following were unanimously elected as sides-persons for the year 2022/2023:

Margaret Ratcliffe	Audrey Gorman	Judith Mitchell
Margaret Caseley	Susan Jones-Darlington	Fiona Whalley
Sue Fleetwood	Penny Ward	Eileen Burke
Carol Calveley	Pat Brown	Chris Brown
Mike Hill	Kath Bush	Alan Wheatley
Bill Jackson	Tony Simpson	

Mike wished to record that the sides-persons had done a tremendous job over the past twelve months, taking on extra duties to assist him, as the only Churchwarden for St Paul's, and hoped that this would continue during the next year, to support Brian.

## 7. **Any Other Business**

- As mentioned in the Vestry Meeting minutes, Mike Hill is willing to stand as Deputy Churchwarden, to assist Brian in his first year in office. This will be particularly helpful to Brian, who will relinquish his role as Head of Governors at Grange Church of England Primary School in July. In the past, the Diocese has held Churchwardens' training days, and it is hoped that these will resume now that the Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted. There are also several books available, and Jonathan is happy to lend these to Brian.
- A question was raised about meeting costs for the running of the Parish Office, as it had been noted from the Annual Report that St Paul's is now solely meeting these costs. It was explained that negotiations are currently underway for other parishes to resume their contributions towards our Team Administrator's salary.
- Several people asked that Jonathan give more time to Grange C of E Primary School. Jonathan explained that as his role covered six churches, plus 25% of his time is designated to working towards a Mission Community, plus all the other tasks that his role demands, he is just not able to spend as much time as he would like in the schools within the parishes that he is responsible for. He agreed to keep in contact with Phillippa Summers and to lead at least one assembly. We need to make known our current situation with one Priest for five parishes (six churches) to our community, to manage people's expectations; perhaps with an article in Grange Now.

- It would be good to encourage more members of our congregations to attend the school services that take place in St Paul's at end of term, and other occasions.
- Phillipa Summers is to speak at one of our lay-led services and is hoping to invite children from school and their parents to attend this service. It was hoped that we could do something to encourage them on this visit, for example, provide drinks.

Thanks were expressed to Jonathan – it is lovely to have him and his family with us and we are grateful for all that he does. Jonathan responded that he is very hopeful for the future and encouraged us all to keep pressing forward. The Lent course had given us all something to be thankful for and at the Easter Evening Vigil, Revd Nick Devenish had been very grateful that people from some of the other parishes had gone to Cartmel Priory for the service, with their Pascal candles. All that we do needs to be done with the help of God and Jonathan encouraged us all to continue to work as we have been doing.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm by saying together 'The Grace'.



# **ST PAUL'S CHURCH, GRANGE-OVER-SANDS ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2022**

## **Administrative Information**

St Paul's Church is situated on Church Hill, Grange-over-Sands LA11 6BD. It is part of the Diocese of Carlisle within the Church of England and part of the Windermere Deanery.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is a Registered Charity registered with the Charity Commission, No: 1136108.

**PCC members** who have served from 1 January 2022 until the date this report was approved are:

Associate Priest: Revd Jonathan Brewster

Associate Priest: Revd Annette Miller (from October 2022)

*Reader Emeritus:* Joyce Leach

*Warden:* Brian McCann

*Deputy Warden:* Mike Hill

*Representatives on the Deanery Synod:* May 2020 to May 2023

Rosemary Hoyle

Mike Hill

Nevil Newman

*Elected Members:* Rosemary Hoyle

John Millican

Colin Milner

Nevil Newman

Brian McCann

Judith Mitchell

Audrey Gorman

Sue Fleetwood

Susan Jones-Darlington

Margaret Ratcliffe

Penny Ward

Secretary APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

Treasurer APCM 2021 to APCM 2024

From APCM 2020 to APCM 2023

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From APCM 2022 to APCM 2025

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The method of appointment of PCC members is set out in the Church Representation Rules. All Church attendees are encouraged to register on the Electoral Roll and stand for election to the PCC. The PCC has complied with the duty under Section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016.

## **Objectives and Activities**

Within the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry, St. Paul's Grange-over-Sands PCC has the responsibility of promoting the whole mission of the Church in sharing the love of God pastorally, evangelistically, socially and ecumenically. It also has the responsibility of maintaining fabric, buildings and grounds of St. Paul's Church and the Fell Church.

## **Church Attendance**

There were 119 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2022. There were 113 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2023.

Average Sunday attendance in both churches was 70, after omitting those Sundays where baptisms were held and attendances "spiked". Attendances during the month of October 2022, was 77, compared with 68 in 2021.

In addition to the above figures, Home Communion was distributed, where deemed to be safe to do so, to approximately 10 members of our congregation during the year.

### **Review of the Year**

The PCC met seven times during 2022, There are 15 PCC members, which includes our Associate Priest, Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster. We welcomed Revd Annette Miller as an Associate Priest to the Cartmel Peninsula Team in October. We have not had an incumbent designated to the parish for six years, and as we are in the process of re-organisation of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry into four separate benefices, the clergy situation will remain in this 'temporary' situation for some time.

The Standing Committee met in the alternate months, to discuss items delegated by the PCC and prepare the Agenda for future meetings.

Throughout the year, the PCC continued to work towards dissolving the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry and forming new benefices, along with the other parishes involved, our Associate Priest and Archdeacon. During the year, a new proposal was put forward which, going forward from the dissolution of the current Team, would form four new benefices: (1) Cartmel, (2) Grange-over-Sands and Field Broughton with Lindale, (3) Allithwaite and Flookburgh and (4) the three Leven Valley parishes (Finsthwaite, Haverthwaite and Staveley). This proposal awaits formal approval by all PCCs concerned and will then be forwarded to the Archdeacon, Ven Vernon Ross, to start the formal process.

The PCC held their annual Away Day on Saturday 5 March 2022 at Rydal Hall, the Diocesan-owned Hotel/Conference Centre, where the main topic was looking at a way forward for our Team, to enable us to work together in an ecumenical Mission Community.

St Paul's Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022, when we appointed Brian McCann as our new Churchwarden, with Mike Hill, our previous Churchwarden for many years, stepping back to the position of Deputy Churchwarden.

Lay-led services have continued, normally on the third Sunday of the month, with a small group of people from St Paul's leading the worship, and a speaker, utilising both our own congregation and also inviting people from outside the Church, such as our local MP, Tim Farron; our Primary School Headteacher, Phillipa Summers; Revd Canon Amiel Osmaston, speaking about an orphanage she is trustee of in Kenya; Joyce Hallam speaking about environmental issues and Eco Church. These services have been well received by our congregation and are an excellent way to encourage those leading the service on their own spiritual journey.

St Paul's Church has very strong links with the Church-aided Primary School, with regular visits to the school by volunteers from the Church who run a lunch-time club, and several people who go into school to assist the pupils with their reading. We have three members of our congregation who are Foundation Governors at the school.

We have two representatives from St Paul's on the committee of Churches Together in Grange and District. This group meets regularly and organises events during the year, involving all the churches in Grange.

St Paul's held its annual Spring Fair and Christmas Fair in 2022, both raising a good amount towards the upkeep of our Church buildings. These are also good social occasions, which welcome the local community into our Church.

The main fabric projects to maintain and enhance the fabric of our two churches were as follows:

- Improvement to the floor, not covered in the creation of the new social area.
- Replacement of light bulbs in St Paul's
- Boosting of our Wi-Fi signal in church and the provision of two Bose speakers.
- Looking into the possibility of installing audio-visual equipment in church
- Looking into the possibility of having a defibrillator in St Paul's

A small group are intending to meet to discuss a long-term 5-10 year plan for fabric issues that need to be addressed in St Paul's.

Further details on fabric can be found in the Fabric Report presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting – page 13 of the Annual Report and Accounts 2022 document.

The PCC is currently looking into the use of Contactless Giving and is hoping to go forward with this when the right system for us has been decided upon. The PCC is also intending to use online banking in future and is in the process of setting this up. John Thompson, the Diocesan Stewardship Officer, came to the PCC's December meeting, and he was able to give much useful information on the way forward with both the above proposals.

We celebrated The Queen's platinum jubilee in June, with an ecumenical service in St Paul's, and sadly, in September, held a Memorial Service to Her Late Majesty.

We are so grateful to Charles Edmondson, one of our organists, for continuing to organise concerts in St Paul's Church, which normally attract an audience of around 50. These concerts are very well received. Charles continues to play for our services, together with Ian Thompson and they have kindly agreed to take on the second Sunday of the month between them, since the retirement of Joan Oliver as one of our organists. Our Church Choir has grown during the year, and we now have eleven members.

As well as our series of concerts in the church, we have also held many other social events throughout the year, including an illustrated talk on her visit to India by Judith Mitchell, a concert given by the Bay Community Singers, several local walks, regular 'Cake and Cuppa' meetings in Church, a Jigsaw Festival, Holiday Club for children, Christmas Tree Festival etc. Members of St Paul's were also involved in the 'Commonwealth Games' involving all primary schools in the peninsula, which was very successful.

The sub-committees of the PCC continue to meet regularly throughout the year and work very well by discussing matters which need attention in greater detail and putting forward recommendations to the PCC. During the year, the Communications sub-committee and Events sub-committee merged to form the Social sub-committee.

The PCC has complied with the duty under section 5 of the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016 (duty to have regard to House of Bishops' guidance on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults). In addition, our Safeguarding officer, Judith Mitchell, has ensured that all safeguarding training is up to date and the DBS

certificates are current. Judith has also attended a training course 'Train the Trainers' which qualifies her to lead safeguarding training in the south of the Carlisle Diocese, along with Bidy Hibbert from the neighbouring church of St Peter, Field Broughton with Lindale.

St Paul's Church is signed up to easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 - so far £580.32 has been received.

I, as PCC Secretary, would like to take this opportunity to thank all PCC members for their attendance and contribution at meetings, during the year.

### Charitable Collections 2022

DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal	£ 726.00
Christian Aid	£ 253.33
Children's Society (Christingle)	£ 261.36
Julius & Dora Children's Centre	£ 280.00
DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	£ 129.50
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 136.45
Cash Collected For Barrow Foodbank	£ 315.88

Sub total £2,102.52

### Charitable Giving 2022

Christian Aid	£ 154.82
Badges Grange C of E School Leavers	£ 45.30
Churches Together In Grange And District	£ 145.60
DEC Pakistan Floods Appeal	£ 395.50
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£ 30.00
Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland	£ 50.00
Rookhow Quaker Meeting House	£ 100.00
Barrow Foodbank	£ 286.72
British Red Cross Ukraine Appeal	£ 400.00
British Red Cross Pakistan Appeal	£ 400.00
<u>Sub total</u>	<u>£ 2,007.94</u>

### Secular Collections 2022

None in 2022 Sub total Nil

**TOTAL** £ 4,110.46

### **Financial Review**

#### **General Fund**

The total receipts for the year were £67,617.50 and the payments out were £48,759.20 plus charitable giving of £2,007.94, giving an in-year surplus of £16,850.36. Of the above expenditure £1027.22 was spent from the general fund on electrical repairs and lighting, £565.00 on extending the St Paul's Wi - Fi to the west of the nave, £826.40 on organ maintenance, £409.00 on a new dishwasher, £300 servicing the lightning conductor, £180 servicing the boiler, £164.49 servicing the fire extinguishers and £140.83 on a Bose Speaker.

### **Financial Review**

#### **Designated Building Fund**

£5571.00 was spent on lacquering the floors and pews in St Paul's Church. This was offset by £1605.00 of donations, £400.00 of associated gift aid and £1238.00 of a Listed Places Of Worship grant. This gives a reduction in the fund of £2328.00.

At the end of 2022, the Church was left with the following balance of funds:

General Fund	£53,082.84
Building	£17,810.47
Total	£70,893.31

The expenditure incurred was in pursuit of the objectives of the Church in providing Christian Ministry in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands with Lindale and after

March 2021 in the Parish of St Paul, Grange-over-Sands . A detailed commentary on the figures is given in the Treasurer's Report, and the formal Statement of Assets and Liabilities providing a breakdown of the assets held, and the receipts and payments for the year is appended to this Annual Report.

### **Reserves Policy**

It is PCC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds, as far as may be possible, to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time. It is our policy to invest our funds with a CCLA Savings Account. A revised Reserves Policy was adopted by the PCC during 2009. At the meeting held on 11 July 2012, the PCC accepted the Reserves Policy document previously circulated. This called for reserves to be maintained, as far as possible, of:

- 6 months of normal expenditure including routine maintenance and renewals
- the next 12 months Parish Offer
- any identified special building maintenance or renewal items falling due in the next two years.

Do remember to look at the Church website which is an excellent source of information and is very attractive [www.grangepcc.co.uk](http://www.grangepcc.co.uk) and don't forget that we also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsGoS>

*Approved by the PCC at their meeting on 26 February 2023*

## **FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PRIEST, REVD CANON JONATHAN BREWSTER**

The year started with a joint Lent course about reconciliation at High Newton Village Hall. The Difference Course was well attended by all Anglican Churches across the Peninsula. Over a meal we strengthened fellowship between our parish communities and were given tools to cross divides and build relationships. Revd Jane Maycock, Revd Nick Devenish and I have continued meeting throughout the year to discuss individual concerns and how we can move our parishes forward together. We have also met regularly with our Ecumenical Colleagues where relationships have been strengthened resulting in joint ventures including an Ecumenical celebration at Pentecost at Grange on the Platinum Jubilee of the late Her Majesty the Queen.

It has been a delight getting to know the villages, town, parishes, farms and school communities that make up the Cartmel Peninsula and spending time with people at the heart of each community. The mission potential in the area is significant but, as is the case in many rural contexts, our congregations are getting older and retired clergy support is diminishing. We were delighted to welcome Revd Annette Miller to the Benefice in October 2022. Annette brings much pastoral and ministerial experience and has been active across the Benefice on Sundays. We are also grateful for the support of Dianne Maguire from the Priory Church and our Archdeacon Vernon Ross. Across our Peninsula schools we are represented on every governing body and engage in many other ways including school services and events, taking part in regular collective worship and we enjoyed taking part in the Priory Day at Cartmel. We are grateful for our Network Youth Leader Chris Mason and also to Helen Hoyle who retired from her role this year.

The proposed pastoral scheme to disband the Cartmel Peninsula Team and bring about new benefices has been an ongoing conversation with individual parish churches and the Archdeacon resulting in an agreed way forward which is now with the Archdeacon and Mission and Pastoral Committee for approval. In the meantime, there has been discussion about how we can move forwards together as a Mission Community. In February Jane Maycock and I led a Moving Forwards Together event at which we had participants from every parish to consider what shape it might become. Recently the Bishops 'toured' the Diocese re-articulating the God for All vision using Garden and Jazz metaphors emphasising the importance of 'time-honoured' (traditional) church working alongside pioneer ministries as part of a wider Mission Community.

The year was punctuated by many weddings and funerals and no less baptisms. Candidates are currently being prepared for confirmation using the Hope Explored material. I want to pay tribute to each of our Church Wardens and PCC's who work tirelessly to ensure that our parish churches and their worship and ministry are in good order and, if I may, especially thank Mike Hill for his many years of service and to Brian McCann for stepping up so willingly as the new Church Warden at Grange. The Haverthwaite lunches re-started this year and have proved very popular with participation from across our Peninsula Churches along with the regular walks that are open to all.

*Revd Canon Jonathan Brewster*

## **ST PAUL'S CHURCH FABRIC REPORT - 2022**

*(Quinquennial Inspection process of the St Paul's building took place in March 2021.)*

At the end of 2022, St Paul's Church is, on the whole, in a very good state fabric wise, with the exception of the west wall and the flower room which have had problems with damp, flaking plaster and water ingress for many years now. There is no evidence that these are dangerous or even getting dramatically worse.

There have been comments made throughout the year as to the building being cold in winter and issues raised by those in the choir that they cannot always hear what is being said through the P.A.system's loudspeakers.

Alex Linney (sound specialist and contractor for audio equipment) is commissioned to visit in early 2023 in attempt to rectify the loudspeaker problems.

With respect to raising the temperature in the church, the PCC has drawn up a long term fabric plan for the building and its priority will be to see what can be done to improve things.

Throughout the year of 2022 the following aspects connected with the church fabric have been completed;-

- In February two new credence tables were gifted and installed into the church in memory of Rev'd Peter Nock and his wife Vicky. In April the PCC commissioned "Border Floors" of Carlisle to re-sand and then varnish the entire wooden floors of the church at a cost of £7,428 less £1,238 (reclaimed VAT) = £6,190 (less £2,005 in donations and gifts) making a net cost to the PCC of £4,185
- New LED-light-bulbs have been purchased and will slowly replace the older "low energy lamps". The Chancel Arch has shown some water ingress and the roof is to have a thorough inspection next year, in an attempt to remedy this issue. I.T technician John Parry fitted a wi-fi router and associated system into the building so all areas now have internet coverage (cost to PCC £475).
- In August we had a bat inspection of both buildings with the outcome that no such small animals were in residence in either, St Paul's or the Fell Church.
- In order to provide more space for readers at the lectern a new wooden platform has been built and placed by the existing stone step to enhance safety of those who stand there.
- The inspection manhole carrying sewage pipes became blocked and was released free of charge by "United Utilities".
- Safety white lines on all internal steps were repainted to enhance the visual aspects.
- A "Bose speaker" has been bought by the church which can be used by The Bay Community Singers, the primary school when they come into the building, as well as those leading services in Church.
- At the end of the year a new external notice board had been purchased to show visitors where the main entrance to the building is from the car park. This will be erected in early 2023.

### **Church gardens**

During 2022 these were maintained by a very small number of congregation members, on an individual basis, as opposed to organizing boon days. Jon Millar continued to cut the lawn throughout the season, despite a slow recovery from serious illness. Contractors looked after the portion of the church garden that was re-planted in memory of Derek Jones-Darlington.

### **Fell Church fabric and grounds (2022)**

One of the overhead heaters in the building was "buzzing" loudly and this is being examined by Robinsons Electric. The second allotment adjacent to Trevor Brockbank's one has had bushes, shrubs and weeds removed along with a lot of raised beds and compost heaps and has now been put back to a level grassy area in



which Trevor has agreed to mow this on a regular basis. A pear tree in memory of Geoffrey Baguley has been left in situ.

*Colin Milner*

## **ELECTORAL ROLL**

A new roll was produced in April 2019 and 124 names were registered.

The 1<sup>st</sup> revision was completed on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020, there had been 9 additions and 8 removals. However due to lockdown rules the April APCM was cancelled and following diocesan guidance the roll was updated for the APCM held in October 2020. From April 2020 to October 2020 there had been a further 6 removals. The number on the updated 1<sup>st</sup> revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll on October 11th 2020 was 119.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll was completed for the April 2021 APCM.

From October 2020 to April 2021 there had been a further 3 removals, all sadly deceased. The number on the 2<sup>nd</sup> revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll in April 2021 was 116.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll was completed for the April 2022 APCM, there had been 6 removals (3 deceased and 3 moved) and 3 additions.

The number on the 3<sup>rd</sup> revision of the 2019 Electoral Roll in April 2022 was 113.

*Susan Jackson*

*Electoral Roll officer*

## **FROM THE REGISTERS**

There were 119 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2022. There were 113 parishioners on the Church Electoral Roll reported to the Annual Meeting held in 2023.

Average Sunday attendance in both churches was 70, after omitting those Sundays where baptisms were held and attendances “spiked”. Attendances during the month of October 2022, was 77, compared with 68 in 2021.

During 2022 there were 9 funerals at St Paul’s and 2 funerals at Fell Church; 2 weddings at St Paul’s and 5 Baptisms at St Paul’s.

In addition to the above figures, Home Communion was distributed, where deemed to be safe to do so, to approximately 10 members of our congregation during the year.

*Brian McCann*

*Churchwarden*

## **WINDERMERE DEANERY SYNOD**

At the February meeting we heard a report from the Archdeaconry Pastoral Committee. (Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021) given by David Thornton. There was a long discussion regarding finances. Many comments on the lingering effects of Covid-19. 28 Stipendiary Clergy in the Archdeaconry – possible that we might lose 2 more. Time for a consultation across the Archdeaconry about a way forward.

**Ministry Strategy:** Central Lakes - A Passion Play for Easter is in the Planning. Pilgrimage Walks have been created- Details available on the website. Looking for funding to advertise in the TIC.

South Lakes - Shanthi Thompson is now in Kendal. Her replacement is to be appointed. The South lakes is now a Team as of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

Cartmel Peninsula - Welcome to Jonathan Brewster – Minister on the Peninsula. `The Difference` Course (about reconciliation) will be held over five weeks in Lent. The Proposed Pastoral Measure for the Peninsula Team. Grange PCC is minded to reject it on the grounds that there is no provision for the Rectory.

### **Deanery Network Youth Ministry-Chris Mason**

The last couple of years have been challenging but there are positive signs on the Cartmel Peninsula (Friday evenings Allithwaite/Haverthwaite). After School activities in Grange over Sands. Central Lakes: work at Ambleside continues. Pray for schools work to resume. Collaborating with Furness Deanery. Chris is happy to visit Churches to speak.

### **Jayne Potts. “Church Buildings: Blessing or Burden?”**

- Covid has accelerated a discussion we have been avoiding for some time.
- Do we need all of our buildings?
- How do we encourage local communities to engage in `ownership` of their church building?
- We have long been in need of some kind of strategy, but no one has been willing to grasp the nettle.
- A huge percentage of church buildings are heritage assets; with many of them `listed` as very significant indeed.
- There are examples of many creative things being done: the hallmark being a church community`s willingness to engage with its community.
- What are the possibilities for Community Trusts to assume ownership of our buildings?
- What has happened to the Diocesan Buildings Strategy?
- Could we establish a `letting` company responsible for utilising our churches in creative/profitable ways.
- Changes to the Pastoral Measure might make creative alternatives possible/easier.
- Learning to think of our buildings as `assets`.
- We are continually frustrated by a range of planning and other regulations and historic amenity societies.

### **At the July Meeting:**

Ministry Strategy-Mission Communities:

Central Lakes - Beverley Lock reported. A Passion Play was held in Ambleside & Hawkshead on Good Friday. A moving dramatic presentation. Five Pilgrimage Walks have been created and were walked over successive weekends in April/May.

South Lakes - James Richards reported. A Team was established from November 2022. Ecumenical have experienced great change and a new appointment as Team Vicar is soon to be announced. It is hoped to follow up the Moving Forward process begun in 2019.

Peninsula - Jane Maycock reported (on behalf of Jonathan Brewster) The Difference Course has been held. Bishop James spoke throughout Holy Week in different Churches. The clergy meet regularly; lunches re-started. Much potential but no formal changes in the Mission Community process as yet.

### **Deanery Network Youth Ministry-Chris Mason**

Thanks for prayers and support for Chris`s work. Schools work is resuming; a `transition` event was held in Allithwaite recently (Year 6); also in Ambleside. Encouraging to have a tea of people working together. Re-engaging with Cartmel School teaching about prayer. Small groups are being re-established across the Deanery. Still not re-entered the Lakes School as yet. A good relationship with Ambleside School. A group at Allithwaite Church on Friday evenings. A drop-in at Grange didn`t work as hoped. Possibility of setting one up at Flookburgh.

### **Guest Speaker. Revd Nicky Smith, Director of Ministry Development: Discipleship and the new Lay Ministry Course. `The Discipleship Project`.**

Nicky Introduced herself. Her primary work is training and development in the Diocese. The fundamental point is the whole people of God joining together in mission and service.

Nicky gave several different examples of people who have found themselves taking steps forward in their vocational journey.

Open to everyone. The Course is a safe space for people to explore how God may be calling them. A year-long course, of six sessions, designed to stimulate vocational growth. Built around the context in which people are set. Around this Core Module are a series of others which may be most suited to them. The course members will be a community that journey with one another. The cost is £15 per Module. Attending all of the modules would cost £75. Teachers and Contributors will be drawn from groups such as Emmanuel Theological College, our various ecumenical partners and others.

Full details are on the website. <https://godforall.org.uk/the-discipleship-project/>

Nicky kindly answered a range of questions from the floor. Her Power-point is to be added to the Minutes of this meeting.

### **At the September meeting:**

#### **Ministry Strategy-Mission Communities**

Central Lakes - The Synod welcomed Jane Nattrass. New Baptist Minister at Hawkshead Hill

New Pilgrimage Project is online at St. Mary`s Ambleside

South Lakes - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October Mission Community Vision Refresh Event to be held Shanthi Thompson is moving to Kendal. Her replacement is to be appointed. A single Team is to be created.

Cartmel Peninsula - Two Interim Ministers have been appointed One Full Time to Grange & Villages. One half-time Allithwaite & Flookburgh.

Community and Youth Leader for Peninsula. Helen Hoyle (our Lay Chair) has been appointed, working alongside Chris Mason. She described some of her work.

### **Deanery Network Youth Ministry-Chris Mason**

Chris reported on his recent work. The hallmark is `deep relationships with low numbers of children`. He welcomed Helen`s appointment. There is a Pizza Event on the 8<sup>th</sup> October on the Peninsula. A drop-in at St. Mary`s Windermere is due to start on Wednesdays at 3.00pm. A small group is meeting on Mondays in Ambleside.

**Archdeacon Vernon Ross** spoke about `What the Church will look like in 2030.

At the November meeting:

### **A report by David Thornton from the South Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee:**

The Revd Lawrence Basham has been appointed to the South Lakes Mission Community- his house preparations having been delayed. Many parishes across the Archdeaconry are being reorganised. It appears that Vacancies are being filled. A

review into the number of Archdeaconries (and Archdeacons) is currently being conducted. We hope to provide members with an internet link.

### **Ministry Strategy-Mission Communities**

Central Lakes - Mission Community Choir has been leading worship at Rydal and Hawkshead. Pilgrim Walks have been continuing. A project to hold Choral Evensong with good quality Choirs is being organised. Rydal Hall is becoming a regular meeting place for Mission Community Events.

South Lakes. - Revd. Lawrence Basham appointed as Team Vicar

Peninsula - Four new Benefices proposed. Revd Annette Miller was licensed on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. A Priory Day for schools at Cartmel went very well. The Priory also received the schools' Labyrinth. A lot of weddings (10 at Field Broughton alone).

All the Churches marked the death of Her Late Majesty the Queen Elizabeth II.

### **Deanery Network Youth Ministry - Chris Mason**

Chris` Thanked everyone their support. Post-Covid it`s very pleasing to be able to go back into schools. Year six transition events went well. Very keen to collaborate with all the churches across the Deanery. Partnership remains a priority. A Friday evening group is going well. Numbers remain small but good relationships are made. Possibly resume the `Drop-in` at St. Mary`s Windermere.

### **Pioneer Ministry and Fresh Expressions**

The Synod received a presentation from Mr. Richard Passmore: "The Mixed Ecology of Church"

A `Mission and Innovation Cumbria` Day will be held in Penrith on 19<sup>th</sup> November.

## **FELL CHURCH**

We had 27 services in the Fell Church in 2022; there were 12 lay-led Mattins, 13 Holy Communion, one funeral and one memorial service. We hosted some joint communion services with St Paul's, which boosted our congregation, and the lay-led services continue to be supported by a smaller but consistent number. Most of us stay after this service, for the coffee and biscuits initiated by the Andersons last year, which has been much appreciated. We are delighted that we have a small number of new members who are joining us regularly. The church was most beautifully decorated in October, by Barbara Ramsden, for the service to mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II. We are very grateful to Andrew Little, who continues to provide us each Sunday, with our 'organ' accompaniment; to Trevor Brockbank, who keeps our outside clock wound and we are pleased that one of our members, Pauline Ramsbottom, has joined the PCC, which keeps us up-to-date with the wider Parish news. Emma Bennie continues to produce a 3-monthly spreadsheet of all our duties and tells me that she loves reading our Parish magazine each month. We lost one of our most devoted members just before Christmas, Peter Black, just six months before his 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday. As ever, we continue to be deeply appreciative of the clergy who come to us each month and to the team at St Paul's who keep us supplied with pew-sheets, notices, candles, wafers and wine.

*Anne Peat*

## **GRANGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The school continues to thrive, and we are proud to be associated with such a special school. The governing body benefits from several governors from church who have a wide range of expertise and experience between them. Brian McCann, Gill Webster Judith Mitchell are all governors. The school follow the Christian vision reflecting their motto Achieve, Believe, Care and through the values of Love, Hope and Trust.

Governors & church members continued to give support at school via hearing readers, library duty, working on the school grounds & generally helping the school. The school is also financially supported via a church trust where money is used to assist with residential costs for families with low incomes.

Sue Wymer, Benefice Schools Minister continues to present Collective worship where possible on a weekly basis, which has really supported the Head Teacher Mrs P Summers, staff and the children and continues to add to the Christian ethos of the school. In addition, Colin Milner ex Head Teacher of Grange school gives assemblies with a nature and Christian theme as a parishioner. I attend Collective Worship on a regular basis at the school as part of governor monitoring. The school has also created displays for church based on the Christian values of Hope and Love.

Our church has strong links through school assemblies and lunchtime clubs. The school services all continue in church again with the whole school Easter service, the Leavers service in July, the whole school Harvest service in October, school participation in the Civic Remembrance service and the end of term Christmas service. The lunchtime club continues to thrive led by Audrey Gorman & Margaret Radcliffe with good levels of attendance (16) in KS1. A morning holiday club was held in the church in July led by Helen Hoyle local youth church leader supported by parishioners on the theme of Noah's Ark and was attended by 10 children.

The school also entered 2 trees in the Christmas Tree Festival and all the children were invited to the annual Christmas Eve Christingle service, with donations for the Children's Society. A new initiative this year was the Pancake Party led by Sarah Brewster for Grange & Lindale schools.

All 7 local Church of England schools attended the Year 5/6 Priory Day at Cartmel Priory which is an annual event, in September with assistance from parishioners.

The school are awaiting an Ofsted inspection in 2023 and Governors will support the school via monitoring & practical advice.

*Judith Mitchell - Foundation Governor 2023*

## **LUNCH-TIME CLUB**

Margaret Ratcliffe and I have continued with the weekly Lunch-time Club, called 'Church Club' by the children, at Grange Church of England Primary School over the past year and have continued to get a good response.

We have been told that it is the most popular school club and we consistently get up to 20 children attending.

The club runs from September through to easter and we are supported by a small group of helpers from church who sign up to do a session with us. Our thanks go to them.

Starting in September, Margaret will be scaling back on her involvement with the club and on behalf of everyone, I would like to thank her for her efforts in keeping the club up and running.

*Audrey Gorman*

## **LAY READERS**

There is one Reader Emeritus in the parish, Joyce Leach with permission to officiate Joyce supports the mission and ministry of the team by supporting and encouraging others and occasionally helping with services, continuing pastoral work and being involved with the life of the church .

*Joyce Leach*

## **PASTORAL TEAM**

The members of the Pastoral Team try to keep in touch with all parishioners, to notice when someone has been absent for some time, but we are very much dependent on being kept informed wherever there is a need for prayer and/or a visit. The prayer tree is always available for prayer requests and is used regularly in our intercessions during services. We continue to provide home communion each month to those who cannot get to church. During the past year we have lost some of our 'regulars', for a variety of reasons.

The introduction of our 'Cuppa and Cake' on the first Wednesday of the month has proved popular, attracting around 18-20 people each time, and this has now become a regular feature in our church calendar. There are invitations at the back of St Paul's – please take some and give to anyone you know who would welcome the opportunity to meet and chat. There is no cost. We have appreciated offers of help in providing the cakes – always a choice of at least three!

The weekly emailing of the pew-sheet with readings continues to be sent out, and is much appreciated, not least by former members of our congregation who have moved away! Please let us know of any changes to email addresses or of anyone who you think might appreciate our news.

We see pastoral care as a most important part of parish life. If there is anyone who feels called to this ministry, then please contact one of the team.

*Penny Ward*

## **HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT 2022**

### Covid

All covid restrictions progressively relaxed during the year. No restrictions currently in place.

### Risk Assessments

Historic:

I have compiled a spreadsheet listing paper documents and those on a CD. It details title, author and date of issue. Any not in the spreadsheet, whether in the parish office or with PCC members which are not included in the database need adding. Once done, the list needs review and any requiring update need identifying and prioritizing.

### 2022 Activity

Remembrance Sunday Church Service Risk assessment generated.

Christmas Fair and Christmas Tree Festival assessments reviewed and updated.

*Steven Parkinson*

*Health & Safety Officer*

## **SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

During 2022 we continued to follow the Diocesan Policy for Safeguarding, covering everything that each Parish must comply with.

We are committed to provide for the safety, wellbeing and proper development of children and vulnerable adults. Over the year safeguarding updating and new checks were carried out for PCC & school volunteers as required using the new Thirty-one-eight online facility. The PCC and Pastoral Team have included safeguarding in their meetings.

The Parish DBS database and Training database continue to be updated and details sent to the Diocesan office. The updated Church of England Safeguarding policy 'Promoting a safer church' is adopted by the PCC and we follow the safeguarding checklist.

No safeguarding cases were reported in 2022.

Training courses, where required, have been completed and a face-to-face Basic & Foundation training course was held at The Fell Church Grange in January 2023 for PCC members and local churches. This joint course was presented by Bidy Hibbert from St Peter's Field Broughton with Lindale and myself, who are both accredited Carlisle Diocesan trainers, as we have completed the Carlisle Diocese 'Train the Trainer' course.

Hand sanitising also continues to be maintained in 2022 as part of COVID management.

*Judith Mitchell*

*Parish Safeguarding Officer*

### **STEWARDSHIP 2022** (FIGURES FOR 2021 IN BRACKETS)

Total giving to the Church through the weekly envelope scheme and by Bank Standing Order was £37,512.28 (£36,286.18).

Gift Aid tax recovery brought in another £10,173.81 (£9,365.13), giving a total of £47,686.09 (£45,651.31). (The Gift Aid figure is boosted by £760.60 (£427.14) from claims made on gifts outside of the stewardship scheme).

As last year, 10 people give regularly to the Church using the weekly envelope scheme, and 64 people by Bank Standing Order (a drop of 2).

I will continue the envelope scheme for those people who do not wish, or are unable to use the Standing Order facility, but if you feel that contributing to the Church by Standing Order may be for you, I would encourage you to proceed, and if you require any assistance, I will be more than happy to help. (I have forms to set up Standing Orders for those who are unable to do it online through their internet banking.) Also, if you are a U.K. Tax Payer, and haven't filled out a Gift Aid Declaration Certificate, again forms are available from me.

On behalf of Saint Paul's may I thank you all for your continued and greatly appreciated support.

*Chris Brown*

*Stewardship Secretary*

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GRANGE AND DISTRICT**



After Russia's invasion of Ukraine a short vigil was held at the Peace Pavement and this was repeated 12 months later.

We held a Big Picnic Garden Party in St Charles' field to celebrate both Pentecost and the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. A bouncy castle ensured that this event was well supported and we hope to do something similar this year. There were also services celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and sadly, for the Queen's death. Both of these were held in St Paul's Church and were well attended. Jonathan reported that the services held in the outlying churches were also well supported.

Once again Praise on the Prom attracted passers-by with about 20-30 people each time.

Helen Hoyle supported 2 holiday activity days, one at St Paul's and a week-long one at St. Mary's Allithwaite. The one at St. Paul's was based on Noah and the Ark. The children were very enthusiastic and produced a lovely wall display.

Once again in September the Priory Day for all the area's primary school children in Years 5 and 6 (127 children) was able to take place with 55 adult helpers on hand to ensure the smooth running of the event.

The Methodist Church and PEAT together have organised 2 Repair Cafes with volunteers acting as repairers and stewards. Anything that these people cannot repair is pointed in the direction of an expert who may be able to.

The Warm Spaces initiative was not particularly well attended but the Methodists hold weekly Coffee Mornings which are there for anyone to attend and St. Pauls hold monthly Coffee and Cake afternoons, both of which provide a warm space and fellowship.

Once again, the Remembrance Services took place at the War Memorial and at St Pauls. The latter with representatives of all the local organisations present.

The Advent Carol Service was able to take place at Boarbank, with face masks optional. Sadly, not enough interest was shown for Nativity on the Move, so this was shelved for another year.

During Advent Revd Sue Nichol led a Quiet Morning. People agreed that this was a special occasion and hoped to repeat it.

During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity different Churches held prayers and served coffee afterwards.

During Lent the Friday Lent Lunches were able to go ahead.

*Margaret Ratcliffe*

## **PARISH MAGAZINE**

The monthly magazine is a source of communication around the parish, and over 100 copies are regularly produced. We have continued with 12 issues rather than 10. At £1 a copy we feel it is good value and hope that it provides interesting reading. It is available for collection from St Paul's and also from the station bookstall – for which we are grateful to Gillian and Geoff Benson. We rely on our advertisers to subsidise the cost of its production. While the use of colour enhances its appearance, this comes at a cost, and we are always open to suggestions of new advertisers.

The regular series of 'Colin's Country Churches' proved popular, so much so that a booklet was produced which is still available at the back of St Paul's for £5. A parish outing was organised to one of the churches described – St Paul's at Rusland, coupled with a visit to the Quaker Meeting House at Rookhow. Although very much enjoyed by those who went, the numbers were fewer than we had hoped for, mainly because of the weather. We are looking to arrange an outing in Spring to another of the country

churches, this time the little church at Rydal, coupled with a visit to the tea room at the Diocesan Centre at Rydal Hall.

We have now started a new series, this time 'How we came to Grange'. With so many people moving or retiring to the town, it is interesting to read about their background. Please think about whether you could offer a contribution.

We are, of course, always open to offers of interesting material!

The magazine is also available on the web site <https://www.grangepcc.co.uk/>

*Penny Ward*



### **EASYFUNDRAISING ACTIVITY**

St Paul's Church is signed up to easyfundraising, which started in December 2011 – so far St Paul's Church has received £580.32.

*Rosemary Hoyle*

### **CAR PARKING 2022**

This year a total of 47 permits, (including complimentary permits for Clergy), were issued for parking at St. Paul's, generating a total of £1,575.

Costing £45 for a full 12 months of convenient parking in the centre of town, this represents great value for the permit holder and provides a most welcome additional income stream for the church.

Please remember to display your permit when parking and enjoy the convenience of this ideal location.

*Chris Brown*

### **ST PAUL'S CHURCH CHOIR**

During the year, we said goodbye to one of our organists, Joan Oliver, who has been with us for three years. Joan has now retired and was presented with a card and flowers at her last service in December 2022. We are very grateful for her contribution to our worship. In addition, Jane Dutton, who played the piano at our lay-led services and also assisted with the choir, has moved away to Leeds. Many thanks to Jane for all her help, and we wish her well in her new job.

We are also very grateful to Charles Edmondson and Ian Thompson, who are now covering our services.

Our choir members are: Rosemary Hoyle, Sylvia Otway, Joyce Leach, Susan Simpson, Christine Parkinson, Margaret Wilson, Pauline Wheatley, Helen Hill, Heather Morgan,

Margaret Lang and Christine McCann. We look forward to Jill Wigfall joining us in January 2023.

We were saddened by the death of Barbara Wainwright during the year. Barbara joined the choir after the Covid-19 pandemic and she was a much-valued member. We are still affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) and this enables us to join in any of their events, as well as receiving a regular magazine and a booklet listing suitable hymns for each Sunday service throughout the year (very useful to Rosemary who produces the service rota for St Paul's church. Charles chooses the hymns for the services at which he is playing).

Being a member of the Church Choir is a big commitment – we are expected to be there every Sunday and also at other services throughout the year, such as additional services at Easter, Christmas, Ascension Day, etc and not forgetting weddings and funerals. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Church Choir for their loyal and dedicated service throughout the year.

*Rosemary Hoyle*

### **CHURCH CLEANING TEAM**

We are very fortunate to have a team of 15 people who give at least one hour per month to keep our church looking clean and tidy. The congregation and visitors to the church are very grateful to these people for their dedication and commitment. Those involved, as well as myself, are:

Barbara Pettit	Margaret & Allan Wilson	Christine Bassinder
Margaret Turner	Audrey Gorman	Carol Calveley
Susan Jones-Darlington	Eileen Burke	Pat & Chris Brown
Margaret Ratcliffe	Fiona Whalley	Sandra Barton

*Rosemary Hoyle – Cleaning Team Co-ordinator*

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

St Paul's returned to normality in 2022 with many social events for parishioners. We had an Indian Railway Talk, walks with Sarah Brewster through the year, a Jubilee Tea, a Jigsaw Festival in July, and in October a visit to Rusland to Rookhow, the Quaker Meeting House, and to St Paul's Parish Church.

Once again, Charles Edmondson organised a series of wonderful organ and piano concerts during the spring, summer and autumn, and The Bay Community Singers returned to perform in November. All these events were well attended.

In May and November, the church fairs were held again with many stalls – bric-a-brac, books, cakes, tombola, plants, flowers, scarves, etc - and the café, raising over £2,000 for church funds, including of course our famous Raffle!

In December the Christmas Tree festival organised by Margaret Ratcliffe, Gill Webster and Christine Parkinson opened with a concert. There were 30 trees decorated by organisations across the community, with a special tree from the Ukraine Support Group, and all were displayed in church for over 3 weeks. This event raised well over £1,000 for the British Red Cross in Ukraine and Pakistan and the Barrow Food Bank. Thank you also to all who provided refreshments and food at our social events through the year.

In September the Events, Catering and Communications sub-committees merged to become the Social sub-committee. Articles continue to appear in Grange Now every month, with our events advertised on our Facebook page, Website, and on *A Church Near You*.

*Judith Mitchell*

*Chair of the Social sub-committee*

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Web site** - <https://www.grangepcc.co.uk/>

Our web site is regularly updated with reports and photographs of all our events, with an on-line diary and link to the community. The What's On page includes our weekly pew-sheet and the monthly rotas for services both in the parish and across the 'benefice'. If you have not already accessed it, can I recommend that you do so and see the amount of information that is available. A number of useful queries have come in from outside the parish via the contact page.

We are very grateful to Margaret Turner and to Colin Milner for supplying photographs. If you notice any mistakes or omissions, please let Penny know.

**Facebook** - <https://www.facebook.com/>

We also have a Facebook account, with regular posts. If you take any photographs of church events, please pass them to Rosemary so she can use them.

*Penny Ward*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Background

The church finances are made up of four funds, each of which must be covered separately in the accounts. These are as follows:

- **The general fund** – this fund is for the 'normal' everyday receipts and payments of the church.
- **The designated building fund** – This is for larger repairs to the fabric of the churches of St Paul and the Fell Church.
- The ring-fenced **Cartmel Team Peninsula Ministry (CPTM) designated fund** which is used only for the running costs of the CPTM. It is run by the CPTM churchwardens assisted by the PCC of the Parish of St Paul. It was moved with the agreement of the CPTM churchwardens into the St Paul's Lloyds Bank account on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 from its former account with Barclays Bank. This was because Barclays Bank needed documentation such as minutes of CPTM meetings and future budgetary details to permit normal operation of the account to continue. Because of the low level of activity in the CPTM it was impossible to provide these documents and it was decided to move the fund into the Lloyds Bank account.
- **The holding fund** – This contains £100 of deposits for wedding fees.
- **Restricted funds** – These are funds which can only be used for a purpose which was specified such as when a donation was made. There are no restricted funds.

The church funds are held in two separate bank accounts, Lloyds and CCLA. The Lloyds current account is the most used one and is used for the many routine transactions. The majority of the funds are held in the CCLA deposit account to maximise interest.

### GENERAL FUND

Income in 2022 was 16.7% higher than in 2021. This compares with the reductions of 4% from 2020 to 2021 and 18% from 2019 to 2020. In 2020 the church was closed for six months and likewise for three months in 2021.

Approximately 75% of St Paul's income in 2022 was derived from stewardship giving, church collections and the related gift aid compared with 83% in 2021. Approximately 19.5% came from fundraising events, car park and church lettings, one-off legacies and donations, and fees from funerals and weddings compared with 13% in 2021. Approximately 5.5% came from printing and advertising, magazine sales, refreshments, flowers, sundries and interest compared with 4% in 2021.

Fee income increased in 2022. There were three weddings compared with none in 2020 and 2021. There were twelve funerals and one thanksgiving service in 2022 compared with six funerals in 2021.

Income from regular stewardship, collections and offertory, gift aid and GASDS, legacies and donations, fundraising, car parking and church lettings, refreshments, printing and advertising, parish magazine sales and interest increased. A significant portion of the Parish's income is used in paying the parish offer. This was £20,000 in 2022 and in 2021 compared with £36,294 in 2020. Expressed as a proportion of total income this represented 29.8% in 2022 compared with 35% in 2021 and 60% in 2020.

During the year £2,007.94 was donated to various charities and £2,102.52 was also collected on behalf of and paid to specific causes as detailed in the PCC report

Wages including organists' fees were higher because there were more services in 2022 than in 2021 and also because of lower contributions from the CPTM to the Parish Office than in 2021.

In 2022 there were no parish payments. These were made in previous years towards the CPTM running costs such as for clergy expenses. In 2022 clergy expenses were paid by St Paul's but were offset by contributions from the parishes of Finsthwaite, Staveley in Cartmel, Haverthwaite and Field Broughton.

On June 30th the Fell Church electricity supply contract with EON.Next ended and a new two year contract with Octopus Energy started. The cost is approximately 26% higher than with the old contract but this was cheaper than EON.Next's variable tariff which was 98% higher.

On 24<sup>th</sup> August the Parish of St Paul changed its contract with BT to a new one which was also with BT but was 15% cheaper.

On 5<sup>th</sup> December the PCC started making most payments by bank transfer.

At the end of 2022 the general fund balance was £53,082.84 compared with £36,232.48 at the end of 2021.

## **DESIGNATED FUNDS**

### **Building Fund**

£5,571 was spent in April 2022 on lacquering the floor and pews in St Paul's Church. This cost was offset by donations of £1,605, £400 of associated gift aid and £1,238 of a Listed Places Of Worship grant. The fund value was £20,138.47 at the start of the year and £17,810.47 at the year end. This gives a reduction over the year of £2,328. This fund is reserved by the PCC for any necessary building or work required to the fabric of both churches in the parish.

### **Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry (CPTM) Fund**

The starting balance of this fund on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 was £2,879.00. Included in this total were contributions totalling £1,100 which were made by the PCC of Allithwaite Parish but these were made after all the other CPTM parishes had stopped contributing. After consultation with the churchwardens of the CPTM parishes these payments were refunded to the PCC of Allithwaite. This leaves a fund balance of £1,779.00

## **RESTRICTED FUNDS**

There are no restricted funds.

## **HOLDING FUND**

The holding fund comprises a wedding deposit of £100.

## **Bank Balances**

The total amount in the banks across all of the funds is £72,772.31 at the end of 2022 compared with £56,570.95 at the end of 2021.

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31 March 2023

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Flowers	14.70	200.00
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Sundry Receipts	345.00	289.45
Interest	521.03	21.52
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>67,617.50</b>	<b>57,968.52</b>
<b>Payments</b>		
Parish Offer	20,000.00	20,000.00
Parish Payments	0.00	1,428.00
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Wages	8,446.70	6,602.25
Utilities	3,742.34	4,517.16
Insurance	3,666.42	3,511.66
Clergy Expenses	1,119.50	0.00
Building Maintenance	3,502.51	6,039.71
Services/Altar/Books/Music	1,395.75	1,057.46
Office/Postage/Stationery/Telephone	4,526.83	3,874.40
Refreshments	101.29	70.49
Flowers	304.25	63.00
Fundraising Expenses	532.28	126.15
Independent examiner fee	576.00	576.00
Sundry	795.33	826.15
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Charitable Giving	-2,007.94	-3,179.46
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<b>Balance b/f from St Paul's Grange over Sands at 1 March 2019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
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<b>Attributable bank balance at 31 December</b>	<b>53,082.84</b>	<b>36,232.48</b>

## Receipts and payments account - Designated Fund

	Year ended 31 December 2022		Year Ended 31 December 2021	
	Buildin g Fund £		Buildin g Fund £	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grant	1,238.00		-	
Donations	1605.00		1,000.00	
Gift Aid	400.00		250.00	
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	3,243.00		1,250.00	
			-	
<b>Payments</b>				
Credence Tables			262.55	
Border Floor	5,571.00			
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	5,571.00		262.55	
<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	(2,328.00)		987.45	
Transfers between Funds	-	-		-
<b>Surplus / deficit for the period</b>	<hr/> (2,328.00) <hr/>		<hr/> 987.45 <hr/>	
<b>Attributable bank balance at 1 January</b>	20,138.47		19,151.02	
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## Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2022

### Statement of Asset and Liabilities

**As at 31 December 2022**

#### MONETARY ASSETS

	General Fund	Designated Fund CPTM Building		Holding Account	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
CCLA	38,980.26	16,172.47	-	-	55,152.73
Lloyds	14,102.58	1,638.00	1,779.0	100.00	17,619.58
	53,082.84	17,810.47	1,779.00	100.00	72,772.31

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## St Pauls Church Grange over Sands

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	2022 £	2021 £
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<b>Payments</b>		
Disadvantaged support	740.00	-
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Cash at bank		
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**Attributable bank balance at 31  
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# **SAINT PAUL'S GRANGE-OVER-SANDS WITH LINDALE AND FELL CHURCH 2020 - 2022 MISSION ACTION PLAN**

<b>FOCUS AREA</b>	<b>ACTIONS</b>	<b>WHO (report back to PCC)</b>
<b>A - Prayer and Worship</b>	1. Keep range and type of services under review in accordance with church and secular calendar. Constantly review ways to make services and events more comfortable and welcoming to all groups. Involve laity in services as far as possible and in line with skills and interests.	Worship committee
<b>B - Maturity in Faith</b>	1. Encourage generosity in giving by church; ensure all are aware of causes and organisations supported. Encourage generosity in giving by congregation; develop new ways of giving (Standing Orders, electronic cards, etc); campaign to make a step leap in levels of giving towards national average; try to make year-on-year giving at least keep up with inflation.	Treasurer/PCC
<b>C - Quality of Relationships</b>	1. Support and work co-operatively with Team Parishes and ecumenical partners in move towards Mission Community/ies. Work enthusiastically with other churches in CTiG and CPTM; publicise and attend joint services and events wherever possible. 2. Use key events to engage our own congregation and to attract others, eg Christmas Tree Festival, Concerts, Remembrance Service.	PCC/CTiG reps Communications committee/ CTiG reps/All  Worship committee/ Communications committee/All
<b>D - Community Service</b>	1. Increase the number of people in pastoral group and give full support to their activities with Home Communion, visiting sick, etc; seek to extend the scope of this work. Proactively seek out the lonely and distressed and offer our healing hands 2. Keep major social issues within Grange and Lindale under review to identify opportunities.	Pastoral Group/PCC/All  Clergy/Standing committee
<b>E - Evangelism</b>	1. Keep work at school actively under review to increase engagement, continuing with Lunch Time Bible Club. Support schools with church members on governing bodies, work inside schools where possible and in church; enable end-of-term services and encourage congregation to attend. 2. Explore ways to facilitate the use of Fell Church by schools and social groups.	PCC and All  Worship committee
<b>OTHER</b>	1. Review buildings to maintain and improve where appropriate	PCC/CW/Colin Milner

	(West wall, sound system, St Paul's heating, draught exclusion).	
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