

Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry

In 1997 the parish of St Paul became part of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry which includes the parishes of Allithwaite, Cartmel, Field Broughton, Flookburgh, Lindale and the Leven Valley Benefice.

A Church Trail leaflet invites you to visit the 10 churches of the Team.

The incumbent of St Paul's is
the Team Rector.

Church activities

Edward Bear Club for the 0-5 year olds

A robed choir

Lay Pastoral Team of visitors

Home Communion for the housebound

Prayer group and study groups

A dining club for those living alone

St Paul's has strong ecumenical links with the other churches in the town and is a member of Churches Together. It also works with the local CE Primary School at Grange, running a weekly lunchtime Bible club and a termly After School Club, and with the Secondary School at Cartmel.

It supports Fair Trade.

Details about all aspects of life at St Paul's are available on the web site

www.grangepcc.co.uk and can be found in the monthly magazine

available at the back of church.

The Parish Office is open Tuesday and Wednesday (10am-12.30pm) and on Friday (9am-1pm).

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to build confidence in Jesus Christ in the heart of the community through prayer, worship and learning, in joy and practical service to the wider world.

To all who visit this Parish Church

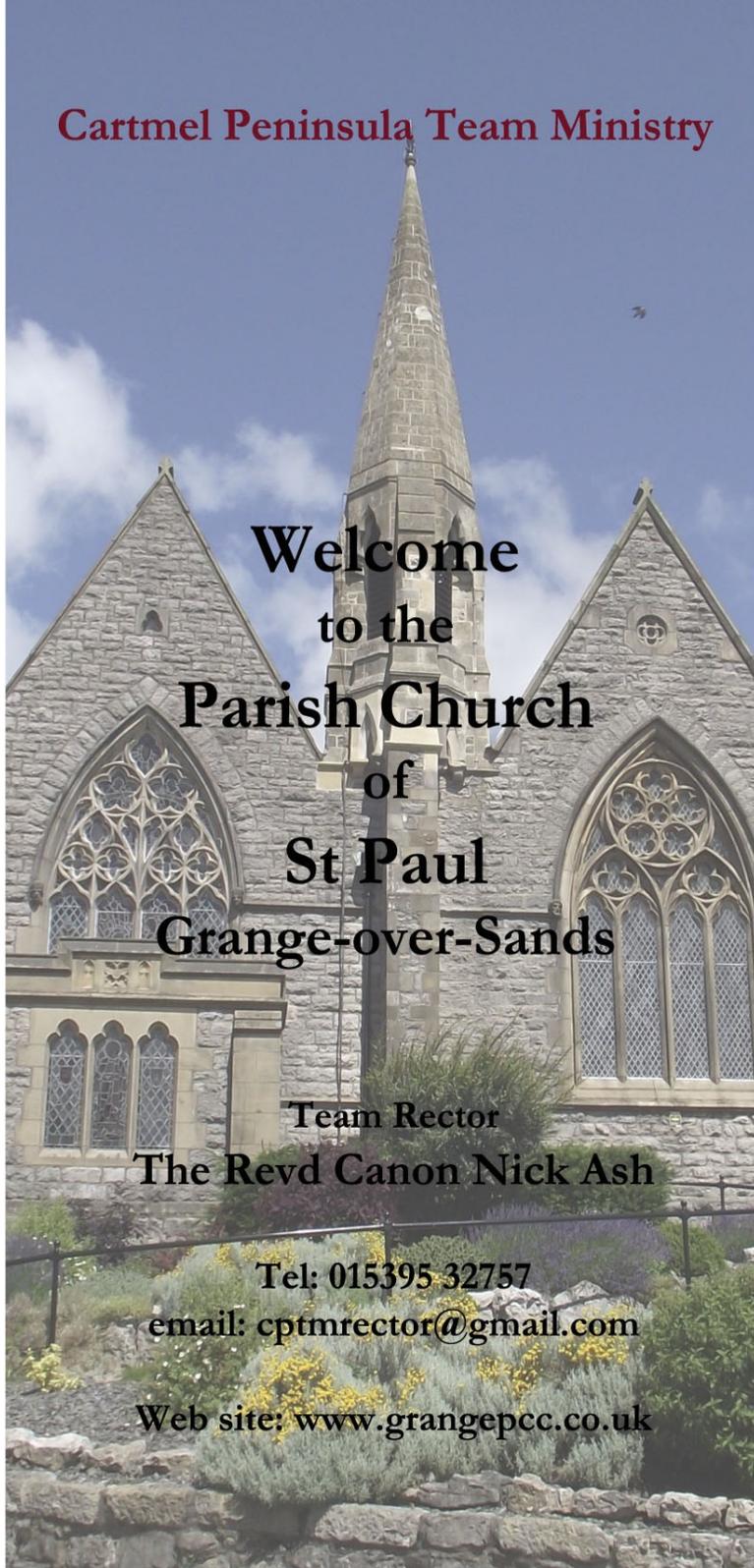
***May the love of God enfold you
May the mercy of God absolve you
May the strength of God support you
May the peace of God console you.***

Please stay and enjoy the peace and quiet of the church and spend time on your own reflections and prayers.

Prayer cards and leaflets are available in the prayer corner.

If you would like to find out more about the Christian faith, visit www.rejesus.co.uk

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**Welcome
to the
Parish Church
of
St Paul
Grange-over-Sands**

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History of St Paul's

The ancient parish of Cartmel was extensive: it included Grange and places to the west of the River Leven, the southern part of Lake Windermere, east to the River Winster and south to the shore of Morecambe Bay – about 40 miles round.

Although many people passed through Grange on the over-sands route between Lancaster and Ulverston, few people settled until early in the 19th century when the population increased and the first holiday visitors arrived. One was Sarah Ann Clarke from Liverpool; she was distressed to find that most of the inhabitants excused themselves from church because of the poor state of the roads leading to the parish church at Cartmel and the chapel at Lindale.

In 1851, Miss Clarke appealed for funds to erect a church at Grange at an estimated cost of £2,100. The foundation stone was laid in 1852 by the Earl of Burlington (later 7th Duke of Devonshire). One year later on 13th October 1853 the Church of St Paul was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester.

When the railway arrived in 1857, the town began to develop and by 1861 the church was too small. A north aisle was added at a cost of £663 and in 1867 the south aisle was built at a cost of £1,180. In 1875 the chancel was lengthened by 15 ft and the organ added. 1932 saw more improvements: the chancel was enlarged, the south aisle lengthened eastwards, and better vestries were built. In 1950 the pews were replaced with oak ones and the flooring was re-laid with oak blocks. The west end was changed considerably so that by 1953 there was an oak-panelled baptistry, a new porch and entrance under the west window, and stained glass in the window itself.



A Guided Walk around St Paul's

- ◆ The porch and main entrance were built to commemorate the Centenary of the church in 1953.
- ◆ The oaken pews were donated by Col A T P Porritt in memory of his wife and of his son, Richard Porritt, the first Member of Parliament to be killed in action in 1940. Col Porritt also provided funds for the west porch, churchwardens' stalls, baptistry, font and the carved oak panelling throughout the Church.

Turning to the right

- ◆ A memorial of historic interest is on the south wall, in memory of Evan Arthur Leigh who died on 7th May 1915 when the SS Lusitania sank, the first ship to be sunk by a German submarine torpedo in the 1914-18 War.
- ◆ Further along the south wall is a memorial to the first incumbent, the Revd Wilson Rigg. He came from Lancaster and his coach overturned whilst crossing the sands. He lost all his possessions and was lucky to get to shore alive.
- ◆ At the entrance to the Lady Chapel you will notice the prayer corner where you may leave a note requesting a prayer for someone in need.
- ◆ The stained glass windows are very fine. The Lady Chapel windows depict Jesus calling his fishermen disciples and Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well.
- ◆ The east window behind the main altar shows the figure of Christ with two angels flanked by St Peter and St Paul.
- ◆ The seven altar kneelers along the altar rail were dedicated at Pentecost in 2001. A separate leaflet on the wall to the left of the altar rail gives more information.



- ◆ The brass lectern dates from 1915. It was donated, together with the altar table and rail and altar screen, by Mrs Kellaway in memory of her mother, Mrs Dearden, who, incidentally, in 1912 gave to the town the clock tower which stands adjacent to the church.
- ◆ The organ was designed by George Rathbone, a well-known musician of Cartmel.
- ◆ Memorials on the north wall are to George Podmore, founder of Charney Hall School (a preparatory school for boys which closed in 1972), his wife Matilda and two of his sons, Eric, who died aged 11 years, and the battlefield cross of Major Hubert Podmore killed in Flanders in 1917.
- ◆ There are also memorials to old boys of the school killed in the South African War and in World War II.
- ◆ The oldest tablet in the church is sited at the top right of the centre window on the north wall, in memory of Sarah Ann Clarke, the founder. She died aged 55 in 1857 just four years after the church was consecrated.
- ◆ The baptistry, in the north-west corner, is decorated with oak panelling and the font is also beautifully carved oak. The names of the incumbents of St Paul's are listed on a board behind the font – 14 since the church was built.



As you complete your journey around church you may wish to stop and add your name to the visitors' book.