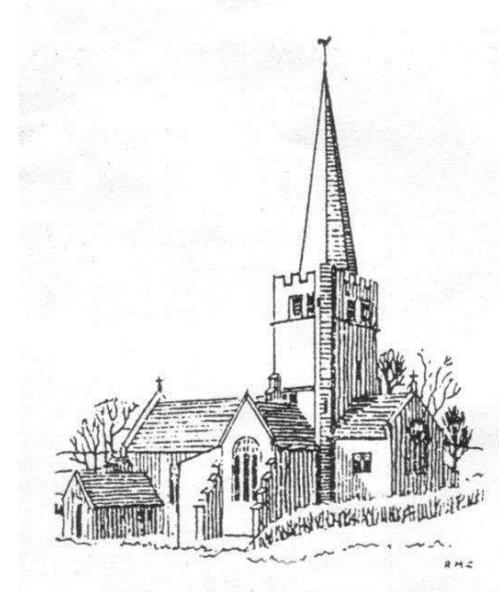


The Parish of St Peter's Field Broughton



Maintaining an Anglican presence since 1724

From the Vicarage

A Happy New Year to you all! I write this on Epiphany Sunday, which marks the end of our Christmas celebrations, and so is a wonderful opportunity to look back over the last month and reflect on how St Peter's continues to thrive and bear witness to the Christian message in the Cartmel Valley and beyond. We are not hiding our light under a bushel, but confidently proclaiming the Gospel and offering a welcome to all in our parish to St Peter's. Epiphany is the Greek word for 'manifestation' so it is fitting that at this time of year St Peter's is 'showing off' its mission to bring the community together. We should also be proud of our contribution to good causes in the wider community. Please support our initiatives for 2017, including our plans for February 12th (Valentine's Sunday) and our new group meeting for spiritual replenishment in these uncertain times.

What's happening in the Parish?

Meeting with the Bishop: On 16th Jan at 6.00pm Bishop James will be coming to Cartmel Priory to discuss our plans to create a new benefice with Cartmel. The legal process is now underway and this is your chance to be updated. [8/1/2017] A further update will be published in the next Community News.

The Friends of St Peter's: There is now a page on our website to publicise events organised by FSOP. Look for the link in the top menu bar!

Mind Yourself at St Peter's in 2017: All are welcome! Worried about 2017? Feel stressed out half the time? Or would you just welcome some quiet, reflective time to put things into perspective? At St Peter's we are planning to offer an opportunity for shared peace and quiet. We hope to begin the programme by late February, and would welcome suggestions from those who might consider attending. Some ideas under consideration are: brief discussion of a pre-determined passage of spiritual significance, private reading of such a passage or listening to appropriate music. (This is not going to be a Bible study group, as one already exists in Cartmel to which all in our parish are welcome.) We anticipate that about twenty minutes of silence will become a central feature of our gatherings. We are very keen to extend this invitation to all – to those from different denominations, and to those who do not see themselves as churchgoers. There will be no arm-twisting, only a gentle mental massage and spiritual sustenance. Please send any comments or questions to Val Richardson via our website. Please also tell us what times would be difficult for you to attend.

Donations to charity: This year St Mary's provided the carol singers with a collection box so the exact amount raised could not be counted — but it will be a substantial sum. From other collections over £300 was raised for Derian House — our most generous gift so far. The Tree of Light alone raised £100.



For Your Diary

Sunday 12th February: We are planning a special Valentine's Sunday service as a celebration of Love. We hope to invite couples who were married at St Peter's and are searching our records to find 'St Peter's Couples' who are still in the area and would like an invitation. Please: If you know of anybody who might like to attend this service inform one of the churchwardens.



Saturday 25th March: The date for the parish walk has been fixed and this year it falls properly on Lady Day (March 25th). Walkers will set off from Broughton Bank at 9.30am, lunch at the Crown, High Newton, at around 12.15, and survivors' tea back at Broughton Bank around 4.00pm. Please feel free to join at any point on the course.

Sunday 26th March: Mothering Sunday. Sunday 16th April: Easter Sunday.

St Peter's and FOSP Calendar

Events for both the church and the FSOP are now being entered on the calendar on our website. If you would like something added or corrected then click on the appropriate link!

A snapshot of the website's front page.

Welcome to St Peter's Church Field Broughton
Helping to maintain an Anglican presence in the Cartmel Valley and offering a warm welcome to those of all denominations and to all our visitors

Happy New Year to you all!
New - Please see our FOSP page in the menu

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4	5	6
11	12	13 19:00 Quiz, pie and j
18 19:00 Friends of St P	19	20 14:00 Hymn Choosin
25	26	27

Click on this link on the homepage and you'll find the Calendar. Click on each event for more information.

Christmas Day: A massive THANK YOU to two people who made our Christmas service so special this year. The Rev Adam Watkinson, chaplain at Charterhouse School, officiated with real friendliness and warmth, and preached a short sermon which really touched our hearts. Laura Wilson sang an unaccompanied carol beautifully as we went up for communion. Truly uplifting. Please, both of you, come back if you can.

Epiphany Service and Lunch: Bidy Hibbert led our Service of the Word on Epiphany Sunday. Referring to Robbie Burns' *To a Louse* in her talk, she reminded us of the need to "to see ourself as ithers see us" (sic). The Epiphany Lunch which followed in the Parish Rooms was well attended. A delicious spread was provided (as always) and, again, much thanks to all who worked so hard to provide a super meal.

From the PCC (The minutes are on the board in church and on the website.)

Leaving the team: As the next step in the legal procedure, the proposal to do this was taken to the Pastoral Committee at Haverthwaite on Thursday 24th November, and we await developments, and are hopeful of a positive outcome.

Let there be light: The purchase of portable, re-chargeable, mini-floodlights to

St Peter's Church of England – who to contact?

Vicar: Reverend Nick Devenish 36261

Church Wardens: John Hibbert 36411 & Ben Crossley 36331
We can also be contacted via the website

Pastoral Visitor: Judith Slater 36361



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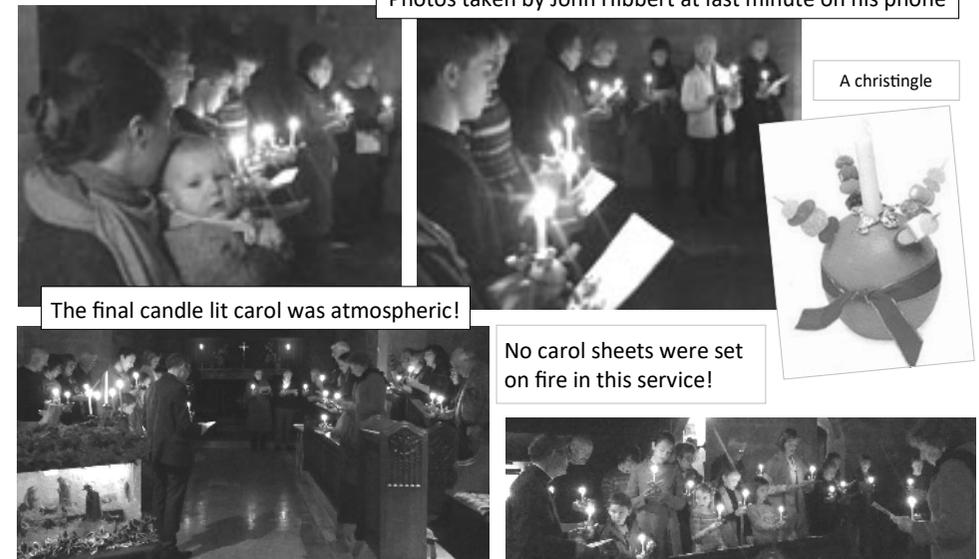
Special Events and Services

The visit from St Paul's, Grange: This took place on November 8th and was a great success. A fabulous tea was enjoyed by all who attended. John Hibbert gave a brief talk on the history of St Peter's. The altar frontals were all on display and were much admired. A few intrepid guests ventured up the tower and enjoyed the view, and returned covered in dust and cobwebs!



Christingle on December 18th: Did you know? The idea of Christingles came from a Moravian Church in Germany in 1747. The minister gave children at the service a lighted candle with a red ribbon around it. The symbolism of the Christingle: The orange represents the world, the red ribbon symbolises the love and blood of Christ, the sweets and dried fruit represent all of God's creations, and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

Photos taken by John Hibbert at last minute on his phone



A christingle

The final candle lit carol was atmospheric!

No carol sheets were set on fire in this service!