

 **Today's Hymns** 

- 513 Lord the light of your love
- 262 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
- 416 Father hear the prayer we offer
- 356 Judge eternal throned in splendour



**Pew Notices** Can be viewed @ [www.stpetersfieldbroughton.org.uk](http://www.stpetersfieldbroughton.org.uk)

**Remembrance:** Today we remember Gunner Thomas Jackson killed in action on 1st November 1914.

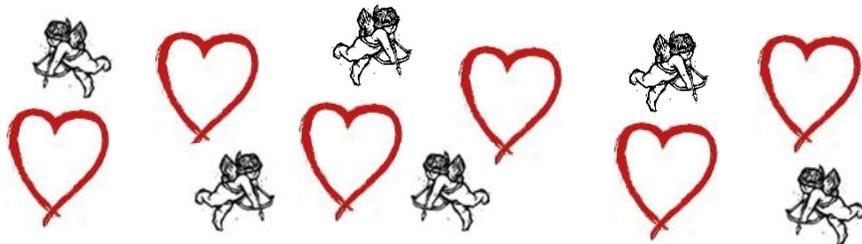
**Lent Lunches:** Fridays 12.00 - 1.30pm. The first Lent Lunch will be at Boarbank Hall, Allithwaite on 16th February. Full list will be on the noticeboard.

**Women's Day of Prayer:** This is on 2nd March, 2pm at the Methodist Church in Grange. See Grange Now.

**Meditation** as usual at 5.30pm after the hymn choosing.

**Mothering Sunday:** 11th March - A service with distribution of flower posies and thanksgiving for all our mothers and 'mother' parishes.

**Parish Walk:** [Advanced notice.] On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March the Parish Bounds will be beaten once again. Details to follow.



**Our Next Service**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February – First Sunday in Lent**  
**Book of Common Prayer - Matins**

*After the service, please join us at the back of the church for tea or coffee. Please take a copy of this pew sheet to read at home, or for anyone who might like to receive one. If you know anyone who would like to receive home communion, please let one of the churchwardens know.*

*An Anglican presence on the Cartmel Peninsula*

**St Peter's**  
**Field Broughton**



Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2018  
Sunday Before Lent  
Valentine's Sunday  
A Celebration of Love  
Rev'd Nick Devenish

Reading One  
Touched by an Angel  
(Maya Angelou)



We, unaccustomed to courage  
exiles from delight  
live coiled in shells of loneliness  
until love leaves its high holy temple  
and comes into our sight  
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives  
and in its train come ecstasies  
old memories of pleasure  
ancient histories of pain.  
Yet if we are bold,  
love strikes away the chains of fear  
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity  
In the flush of love's light  
we dare be brave  
And suddenly we see  
that love costs all we are  
and will ever be.  
Yet it is only love  
which sets us free.



Saint Valentine, officially Saint Valentine of Rome, is a widely recognized 3rd century Roman saint commemorated on February 14 and since the High Middle Ages is associated with a tradition of courtly love.

Reading Two

Sonnet 116:

Let me not to the marriage of true minds

(William Shakespeare)

Let me not to the marriage of true minds  
Admit impediments. Love is not love  
Which alters when it alteration finds,  
Or bends with the remover to remove.  
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark  
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;  
It is the star to every wand'ring bark,  
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.  
Love's not Time's fool, though rosy lips and cheeks  
Within his bending sickle's compass come;  
Love alters not with his brief hours and weeks,  
But bears it out even to the edge of doom.  
If this be error and upon me prov'd,  
I never writ, nor no man ever lov'd.



Reading Three

From the Book of Ruth – Chapter 1

*Naomi, forced by starvation from Israel to the land of Moab, has been dealt a series of terrible blows. Her husband's death left her a poor widow. Later both her sons died, leaving her with two Moabite daughters-in-law. Naomi decides to return to Israel, and tries to persuade her daughters-in-law to stay in their own country, and remarry Moabite husbands. Orpah returns, but Ruth demonstrates her love for Naomi and refuses to leave her.*

But Naomi said, 'Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.' Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So Naomi said, 'See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.'

But Ruth said,  
'Do not press me to leave you  
or to turn back from following you!  
Where you go, I will go;  
where you lodge, I will lodge;  
your people shall be my people,  
and your God my God.  
Where you die, I will die—  
there will I be buried.  
May the Lord do thus and so to me,  
and more as well,  
if even death parts me from you!'

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. So, the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.