



# THE VILLAGER

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## THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING IN TOUCH.....

**A**s we journey through another period of National Lockdown and efforts to finally bring the Coronavirus Pandemic under control alongside the good news of vaccines being rolled out, one of the things I have found myself reflecting on is the importance of keeping in touch and how in the last eleven months or so this has been highlighted and how we have found different ways to do it.

Many people, if not all, have gone through the agony of not being able to meet up as usual with family and friends. This is not easy, especially when family live away, and I have noticed this in particular with my elderly mother living 60 miles away in Barrow. We regularly speak on the phone and she has even learnt how to send text messages and do WhatsApp video calls (sort of!) but its not the same as meeting face to face, going out for lunch, sitting in each other's homes, but it's something we have all had to do and learned to live with in these strange and challenging times.

As a Church, and community we have also had to learn to do the same and have adopted numerous ways of making sure we keep in touch, whether that be for work, meetings, learning, socializing and of course our weekly worship during times when church buildings are closed. We've grown into Zoom, WhatsApp, Facetime, Microsoft Teams, Google, and YouTube to name but a few of the 'new' ways of communicating and 'keeping in touch', and last week we, as part of our present online worship from St Paul's, ventured

into the realms of Streamyard to bring other people into the online stream. All of these have become vital and important parts of our current way of life, nowhere near the same or as good as face-to-face contact but they do help us to keep in touch with each other for now and until things improve.

I want to take this opportunity to share with you a couple of the ways we have done this as a church, ensuring that we stay in touch with and keep our communities informed of what is happening.

### Facebook:

Our churches have 2 dedicated Facebook pages: **St Paul's Church, Seaton, Workington** (our primary page) and **Seaton, St Paul's Church**. On both of these pages you can find regular updates, together with Livestream worship and links to our website and other information. There is also the opportunity to communicate with us via the Facebook Messenger platform.

### Website:

For those who do not have Facebook, but do have access to the internet, lots of information, including video of the Livestream worship can be found on our website

[www.seatonchurches.org.uk](http://www.seatonchurches.org.uk)

The website also contains links to send messages and 'donate buttons' for those who might like to help financially in supporting the continued life of our churches.

### WhatsApp Group:

At the beginning of the first lockdown in March last year I went through all the contacts on my mobile phone and created a group called **St Paul's Corona Response**. We use this group to keep in touch, share bits of information as well as lots of light-

hearted banter and humour. (This group will continue beyond the current situation and will probably be re-named eventually).

Together with word of mouth, telephone and text messages, e-mail and other methods of communication these methods have, I hope, played their part in helping people to keep in touch, and will continue to do so in the future.

Please do make use of them all. You can search for the Facebook pages and 'like' them to access the information as well as being able to send direct messages; if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group please contact me on 07707500107 with your name and mobile number; or, of course, if you need anything, even just someone to talk to, please pick up the phone.

Please continue to Stay Safe, Take Care of Yourselves and Each Other.....and.....Keep in Touch.

**Rev Ian Grainger**  
**Vicar**

## PARISH PRAYERS

Members of the community are invited to submit concerns/issues for prayer. In February, our focus is on Whitestiles, High Seaton, Sunnyside, Fernleigh Drive, Fernleigh Close

If you do have any concerns or items for prayer, please do let us know. Please do let us know especially if you have family or friends who are ill, and we can ensure that they are included in our prayers and visits arranged if required.



ST PAUL'S CHURCH, SEATON (C of E)  
9.30am Sunday Parish Communion & Children's Church & Crèche  
Thursday Morning 9.30a.m. Communion Service  
Vicar: Rev. Ian Grainger.  
Tel:- 01900 602162

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11.00am Holy Communion  
1st Sunday in Month in Church  
Rev Ian Grainger Tel:- 01900 602162  
Baptism or Wedding Booking:-  
e-mail:- [stpaulsseaton@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsseaton@gmail.com).

METHODIST MINISTER  
Rev. Richard Skinner  
Tel:- Workington 602214

### CHRISTINGLE 2020

Thank you to all who participated in our 'Virtual Christingle' on Christmas Eve. Not quite the same as having full churches but at least we managed to do something. 150 Christingle bags were prepared and collected and as a result of your kindness and generosity we were able to send £400 to support, as we do every year, the continued work of The Children's Society. We would also like to thank Morrisons, Workington, who generously donated the oranges for making the Christingles.

### POSADA 2020

Another 'virtual' in 2020 was the Posada journey of Mary, Joseph and the Donkey from one of our nativity scenes. Normally, beginning on Advent Sunday, the figures would journey around, spending different nights in different homes to help us remember the journey of that Mary and Joseph made and prepare for Christmas, eventually returning to St Paul's in time for Christmas Eve. This year they spent time with Rev Ian, with a daily blog updating everyone of what they were doing (😊) – including a time spent in isolation due to being enticed by the Elf on The Shelf!! The Posada journey helps to raise money to support the work of The Church Army, and even without the normal interactions we were able to send £90. Thank you.

### ALLERDALE AND LAKELAND LOTTERY

You may or may not be aware of the recently launched **Allerdale and Lakeland Lottery**. This has been set up as a way of helping to support local good causes and a number of organisations including St Paul's and St Peter's, Seaton St Paul's C of E Junior School and Seaton Scouts have been accepted and registered as good causes. If you would like to support any of them please visit the website [www.allerdalelottery.com](http://www.allerdalelottery.com) and sign up.

### ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT 2021

Ash Wednesday, marking the beginning of Lent, falls on the 17<sup>th</sup> February and it is highly unlikely that there will be the usual service this year but there will be something on the Facebook page. If this changes Rev Ian will get the detail out.

If anyone would be interested in a Lent Study Group via Zoom please contact Rev Ian and we will see if we can set this up.

### THE VILLAGER

We were hoping to start to deliver The Villager to homes with this issue, however, current circumstances have prevented that and so we continue online for now. There may be a few areas where we need new distributors and will be asking for willing volunteers. Would current distributors who are willing and able to continue once we restart delivering please let Rev Ian (01900 602162) or Barbara Woolf (01900 62350) know so that we can update our list. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our advertisers for their continued support and for staying with us. Please do continue to support them and remember to mention The Villager when contacting them.



### SEATON VILLAGE HALL

We are pleased so many of you enjoyed the afternoon teas and the feedback has been excellent makes it feel it was all worthwhile..

It was hard work on the 19<sup>th</sup> and we would like to thank all the volunteers who turned up and did a fantastic job delivering them. A total of 550 boxes came to the hall and all delivered. We would also like to thank The Bakehouse, Maryport who made up the boxes all freshly made that morning. The hall will remain closed to all except essential services. I will up date when we are allowed to open up again.

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**A warning to all dog owners who walk their dogs around the hall grounds, WE NOW HAVE C.C.T.V. in operation and it covers a large area, so please pick up after your dogs.**

### HOLY MATRIMONY

"Those whom God has joined together"

**St. Peter's Camerton**

23rd December 2020

**STEPHEN MACLEOD &  
EMILY LANGLEY**

### CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

"I am the resurrection  
and the Life"

14th December 2020

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Clarendon Grange  
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15th December 2020

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4th January

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8th January

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11th January

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15th January

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21st January

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