

**Profile: Part-time (0.5) Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes Greystoke with Penruddock and Mungrisdale  
& Blencathra Mission Community Leader**



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## A welcome from the Penrith Mission Area Leader Canon Gary Cregeen

The two parishes that make up this part-time post have been linked for a number of years. After a period of consultation about deployment in the area to the west of Penrith a configuration has gained an unusual level of support from the churches, not only in this group but in the wider area, compared to previous initiatives.

Now that the deployment decisions have been taken, there is a common desire across the Blencathra Mission Community to grow - both numerically and in Christian discipleship. We are all committed to the Diocesan 'God for All' Vision, which is quoted on the front page of this document.

Each of the parishes have provided a 'snapshot' in this profile of their local areas, the life of the local church, both historically and as it is at present, as well as indicators of their hopes for the future and the qualities needed of their new Priest-in-Charge to realise the 'God For All' vision, both within the local context and across the Blencathra Mission Community Area.

We have created this post to be enjoyable, with plenty of challenge and rewards. As Priest-in-Charge of these two parishes, you will have the opportunity for mission and ministry within a variety of existing church contexts in rural parishes, which have easy access to the nearby market town of Penrith and the tourist town of Keswick. The largest village is Greystoke, with about 1,300 population, and this is where you will be based.

This post also includes the role of the Blencathra Mission Community Leader, which will require intentional missional leadership and a commitment to making and growing disciples and empowering and enabling others. Across the Blencathra Mission Community area there is a growing recognition of the need to work together to reach people groups the existing churches are not currently reaching. This means you will also have opportunities to be involved in the development and formation of Fresh Expressions across the Mission Community.

As you read this profile you will discover that there is much to be celebrated and valued in the existing ministries offered by these three churches. The congregations are keen to build on those strengths, and will need support and encouragement in entering this new phase of their ministry and mission. The lay ministry over this time has been excellent, so you will have a good base of lay people to work with.

We are praying that God will provide someone who is convinced by the gospel to change lives and who will inspire and help each church develop its distinctive ministry and discover new opportunities for engaging with the community. The parishes are being well served during this vacancy and are in surprisingly good heart. Given the rural nature of these villages it is likely that you will have a good grasp of the joys and challenges of rural ministry, but more importantly that you are someone who discerns how the love and gospel of Jesus Christ can be accessed by more people within the contexts in which you serve. As a key member of the Blencathra Mission Community we will value your wisdom as we develop vision and priorities for the local area and beyond. This is a role for someone who is missionally and pastorally motivated, and who values the benefits of being able to work in a wider team of clergy and lay people, as well as in their own context.

Thank you for reading this Profile and we hope the information will be helpful as you prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to serve here in the Blencathra Mission Community and Penrith Mission Area.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact either myself (01768 868786 or [Gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk](mailto:Gary@GandJCregeen.co.uk)) or the Archdeacon of Carlisle, Ven. Lee Townend (01768 885587 or [archdeacon.north@carlisediocese.org.uk](mailto:archdeacon.north@carlisediocese.org.uk))





## Blencathra Mission Community

The Diocese of Carlisle remains committed to its God for All vision: 'By 2020 every person in Cumbria of all ages and backgrounds will have an opportunity to discover more of God and God's purpose for their lives, so that they will discover more of Jesus and the Good News and become followers of Jesus within a Christian community'.

The strategy to achieve this is currently under review, but the primary organisational units across the Diocese to achieve this will remain as:

- Ecumenical Mission Communities, each with a Mission Community Leader.
- Existing Churches.
- Development of Fresh Expressions/New/Pioneer Christian communities.

The Blencathra Mission Community is a newly formed Mission Community within the wider Penrith Mission Area (PMA). PMA consists of 48 churches (Anglican, Methodist, URC & Salvation Army), and is led by the PMA Leader, Canon Gary Cregeen.

There are four Mission Communities within the Penrith Mission Area:

- Penrith.
- East of Eden.
- Blencathra.
- Ullswater.

Blencathra MC currently consists of:

- 'The Greystoke Group' (Greystoke, Penruddock, Mungrisdale).
- 'The Inglewood Group' (Ainstable, Armathwaite, Calthwaite, Hesketh, Hutton, Skelton) + Plumpton Wall\*, Cottage Wood Methodist Church & Skelton Methodist Church.

*\*Plumpton Wall currently comes under the pastoral care of the Team Rector of Penrith. Also, Ivegill (currently in the 'Inglewood Group') is expected to come under the pastoral care of the Priest-in-Charge of Dalston*

All these church communities are pre-existing, and there is a missional scope for developing new outreach and Christian communities in villages and people groups not currently served by an existing church.

The missional priorities for the area are:

- 'Local' population of primarily farming community, the retired and commuters. This will include assisting where possible with local affordable housing needs within the area. These communities are mainly 'settled'.
- Explore and develop links with Newton Rigg Agricultural College.
- Making the most of the significant tourist footfall, concentrated around the various tourist sites, campsites and facilities in the Blencathra area, and enabling visitors to encounter God in a meaningful way.
- Identifying needs and opportunities in all the local villages, not least with local schools.

As the God for All Vision has both evangelism and discipleship within a local Christian community at its heart, healthy and vibrant Christian communities will be at the core of the strategy for achieving the 'God for All' vision in the PMA context.

All Mission Community Leaders, and all clergy licensed within this area, will be expected to liaise together within the wider Penrith Mission Area to support the PMA Leader and one another in achieving the God for All vision.



## Outline of Role Description

This is a Part-time (0.5) Stipendiary Priest-in-Charge post + MC Leader

### The core elements of the Priest-in-Charge aspect of this role are:

- Working Hours: Sundays + 2 days per week
- To develop the health and vibrancy of both the existing and emerging churches in the group, so as to be able to fulfil the Diocesan 'God for All' vision. This will include working with clergy, laity and churches beyond the group for a holistic approach to mission, ministry and growth across the wider Blencathra Mission Community and Penrith Mission Area.
- Leadership of the two PCCs (with support from the ministry team).
- Being the main point of contact for pastoral care of these two parishes, with additional pastoral support from within the Mission Community
- Organising Sunday and mid-week services in these villages, in partnership with denominational and ecumenical colleagues and licensed lay ministers.

### The core elements of the Mission Community Leader role are:

- Working Hours: 1 Day per week
- To play a key role, working alongside the PMA Leader, the Blencathra MC Steering Group, churches and church leaders, in the development of a strategy to fulfil the God for All vision across the Blencathra MC.
- To enable a missional strategy which addresses the identified priorities in the Blencathra MC Leader Job Description (see attachment).
- To support, as needed, Christian communities in the wider PMA area.
- To identify and fulfil training needs across the Blencathra MC related to fulfilling the strategy for achieving God for All & Vision Refresh.
- To work with parishes in vacancy in preparation of parish profiles reflecting the strategy for this area to fulfil the God for All vision, in co-operation with Diocesan/Ecumenical County recruitment processes, and to be involved in interview and selection processes.

## Person Specification

### You will have:

- A love for Jesus Christ and the flourishing of His church.
- A heart for mission and pastoral ministry in village and tourist contexts, and a passion to see rural churches fulfil the 'God for All' vision. This will be evidenced by previous experience of church health and growth, and leading people to faith in Christ.
- The ability to inspire, and harness the good-will, abilities and skills of capable lay people.
- Confidence in the Christian faith and gospel, and in preaching with clarity and conviction.
- An ability to lead worship in both traditional and emerging contexts.
- Self-motivated, and able to work on their own, as well as in partnership with others.





# Housing

## The Rectory, Greystoke

Built in 1955, this comfortable five bedroomed Rectory is situated in a country lane just off one of the main access roads to the village of Greystoke. It is within easy access to the church (though not next door to it), the village pub, school, shop and outdoor swimming pool. There is a private and easy to maintain garden surrounding the property and an open aspect to the rear.



The substantial, modern house has oil fired heating central heating and hot water, and double glazing, making it economical to run. It comprises: entrance hall, cloakroom, living room, kitchen/diner, study, and utility room. There are five bedrooms and one family bathroom. Outside there is parking space for three cars to the front of the property and a garage.



## CURRENT SUNDAY WORSHIP PATTERN

SUNDAY	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
St Andrew's, Greystoke 9.15 am	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Praise	Holy Communion	Morning Praise
All Saints', Penruddock 10.45 am	No Service	Morning Service	No Service	Holy Communion	Holy Communion (10.45 am)
St Kentigern's Mungrisdale 11 am	Holy Communion	Holy Communion (BCP)	Holy Communion	Morning Praise	Café Church Mungrisdale Village Hall



## St Andrew's Church, Greystoke

### Background/The Village ([www.greystokevillage.co.uk](http://www.greystokevillage.co.uk))

The lively community of Greystoke grew up around the medieval castle and with its shop/post office, village hall, pub, racing stables and swimming pool, it is popular with tourists and locals alike. The village hall ([www.greystokevillagehall.co.uk](http://www.greystokevillagehall.co.uk)) provides a focus for much of the village's social life. It is well served by an enthusiastic committee. It is the venue of regular activities for adults such as Social Cub, WI, exercise classes, film nights and uniformed youth organisations, playgroup and dance classes for children. Greystoke has a Primary School which in term time hosts the community to its Wednesday school lunch. It has a good academic record and recruits from a wide area. The open-air swimming pool ([www.greystokepool.co.uk](http://www.greystokepool.co.uk)) and playground provide village children and visitors with the opportunity for outdoor play. Greystoke is recognised as a village renowned for the longevity of its residents. It is indeed a good place to live and has easy access to Penrith, the west coast rail line and the M6, being only 5 miles away.



### The Church

The church is a large 13<sup>th</sup> century building with a fascinating history and attracts a large number of visitors every year. It is graded as 2\* and its maintenance provides a challenge to the community. The cost of maintenance is provided for by the efforts of a community-wide fund-raising group. The church is open daily and a hospitality table is provided. Within the church there is a collection point for the Penrith Foodbank and a table through which people can share, by giving and taking, home produced produce. The church hosts art exhibitions and concerts. The churchyard is maintained so as to encourage wildlife, & in one corner Messy Church has planted three apple trees for the benefit of the community. We worship weekly through a mixture of Holy Communion and Morning Praise services. Lay participation is encouraged and has developed through the challenges and opportunities provided by the current interregnum.

### Church Community/Activities

**Outreach** The church has an enthusiastic band of members who under the Open the Book banner present bible stories in the parish's two primary schools by dressing up and acting, usually involving the children. At Easter the older children come to church to journey through the story of Holy Week as it is presented by the Open the Book team. A very enthusiastic Messy Church takes place every two months in the village hall. With a normal attendance of 30 to 40, sharing in worship, activities and food in a Jesus-centred atmosphere, they explore the theme of the day. At Christmas the church becomes full on Christmas Eve with families taking part in the Christingle service, as it does for the village carol service. The church takes its witness of Christmas to the village pub with its annual 'Carols in the Pub'



**Contributions to the Life of the Village** The church organises events for the wider community such as Remembrance Day, Christmas Tree Festival, winter coffee mornings, Macmillan Coffee Morning and with other local churches provides a free monthly magazine which goes into every household. Although primarily organised for the benefit of the church maintenance fund, annual events such as Plant Sale, Craft Fair, Open Gardens give the wider community the opportunity to contribute and benefit from these events.

### Personal Profile of a Rector

As a Church Family in Greystoke we are seeking a Minister who will be:

- Someone who will be visible to all parts of our community who takes time and trouble to get to know and be known throughout the community.
- Someone who is an effective communicator, approachable, and a sympathetic listener who will guide and encourage people of all ages to grow in faith and to live their lives according to the Christian gospel.
- Someone with a vision shaped by the greatness of God who can see beyond present difficulties with compassion, imagination, optimism and a good sense of humour.



# All Saints' Church, Penruddock

## Background/The Village

The area the church serves is SW of Greystoke and straddles the main A66. The civil parish is Hutton and the land is partly in the Lake District National Park and the remainder is in Eden. The local amenities include a busy Village Hall with the Primary School adjacent to it. The School has 60-70 pupils who come from a wide area. There is a local pub in the village, which serves meals, and another just a couple of miles, towards Keswick. There is also a popular Farm Shop/ Cafe nearby. The area does rely on tourism to supplement the agricultural economy and many of our residents go farther afield to work. The village has easy access to the M6 as well as the heart of the Lake District.



## The Church

This church was built in 1901 as a Chapel of Ease to Greystoke. There was a belief that the population in and around Penruddock would grow as the railway line through to the west coast from Penrith had a station in Penruddock.



There were more houses built in the area, but in a gradual fashion, and that trend continues still. The Church is the only place of worship in the local area. The building is of simple design, constructed on clean lines and welcomes people to worship together. Our regular congregation is small but in good heart and very faithful. We have people willing to open services, lead

prayers, read lessons and a very good pianist to enable our worship to be more joyous!

Members of Penruddock Church help as members of the Open the Book Team who go into the two local schools to lead assemblies. There is some fund raising done specifically for All Saints' and members support fund-raising down at Greystoke. Our finances are run with Greystoke's, due to our historic links, which we value.



We have a strong link with Penruddock Primary School who use the church building at Harvest and Christmas and visit the Easter Journey produced at Greystoke Church. The Church is outward-facing as it supports the Food Bank locally in Penrith and charities such as Christians Against Poverty and Water Aid, as well as children's charities around Christmas.

## Personal Profile of a Rector

As a Church Family in Penruddock we are seeking a Minister who will be:

- Someone who loves to share the Gospel, who will pray alongside us and give us that leadership that encourages both personal spiritual growth and growth in numbers.



## St Kentigern's Church, Mungrisdale

### Background/The Village ([www.mungrisdale.com](http://www.mungrisdale.com))

Mungrisdale village is a warm and caring community. Its new Village Hall (opened by HRH The Prince of Wales in March 2005) is the centre of community activities including church activities such as Café Church, Lent Courses and Harvest Supper.



The village pub 'The Mill Inn' provides food & accommodation for visitors and welcomes church activities such as 'Carols in the Pub' and St Kentigern's Day celebrations.

([www.facebook.com/themillinmungrisdale](https://www.facebook.com/themillinmungrisdale))

### The Church

St. Kentigern's is a small, stone-built church built in 1756, that seats approximately 80 people and nestles in the Lake District National Park. It is always open for visitors; some 90 write in the visitors book each year that the presence of God is felt here. Services are held every Sunday at 11 am providing a diversity of worship. The congregation of about 20 works well together to ensure that everyone is welcomed and invited to enjoy fellowship after the service.



## Church Community/Activities

A Bible Fellowship group meets fortnightly in St. Mungo's House, a small church building used for meetings that provides washing and toilet facilities for the church. There is a prayer time in the church every Tuesday morning.



The duty rosters draw in many of the congregation - preparing for the service, serving coffee, leading prayer, reading the Word, cleaning the church and putting in flowers. Several families with local holiday homes who come from churches all over the country have become very much part of our fellowship.

We believe we are required to be generous with what God provides. Our church directly supports several charities both local and further afield; also, the carol service offering goes to the Salvation Army, and the Harvest offering to the Bishop's Appeal.

Although there is no school in the parish, church members volunteer with Open the Book and The Gathering - a Network Youth Church based in Penrith, serving young people across the Penrith Mission Area, (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qQkq4bL-rE&t=9s>).



We are also involved in various other activities, such as the monthly 'Walk 'n Talk' and The Northern Fells Group (NFG) that organises practical help for people of any age who are ill or disabled and their carers including a minibus service and a lend-a-hand scheme and a monthly Lunch Group in the Mill Inn for people not able to get out ([www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk](http://www.northernfellsgroup.org.uk)).

### Personal Profile of a Rector

Going forward, the church would hope to have even more opportunities to engage with our community. We long to be the church family where others can encounter God. In our new Vicar we look for a Bible-teacher and 'people person' – someone happy to engage with God's Word faithfully & in Pastoral Care in the community, to be visible at our church community events and at ease to be involved whenever time allows.



## Meet the Blencathra Mission Community Steering Group...

These are the churches which make up the Blencathra Mission Community. Each chapel/parish is represented on the MS Steering Group by the following:

St Michael & All Angels, Ainstable – Eric Guise

Christ & St Mary, Armathwaite – Jenny Roscoe

All Saints', Calthwaite – Pat. Ivinson or Ally Snaith

Cottage Wood Centre – Sheila Mallinson

St Andrew's, Greystoke w. All Saints', Penruddock – Maureen Hardy

St Mary the Virgin, Hesketh-in-the-Forest – Carol Lewis

St James', Hutton-in-the-Forest – Myles Walker

The 'Inglewood Group' – Charles Ecroyd

St Kentigern's, Mungrisdale – Brian Davis

The 'Inglewood Group' – Mark Houston (Priest-in-Charge)

St John, Plumpton Wall – Cath or Alan Pattinson

St Michael's, Skelton (Anglican) – Jim Mills

Skelton (Methodist) – Lois Morton

Penrith Methodist Circuit - Dave Milner (Superintendent Minister)

Penrith Mission Area – Gary Cregeen



### **Gary Cregeen, Penrith Mission Area Leader**

Gary was appointed to oversee the 'God for All' vision across 48 churches ecumenically, in June 2019. Cumbrian 'born and bred' he hails from Whitehaven in West Cumbria. After eighteen years working in industry and local government he was ordained and has served in rural and urban parishes in Cumbria. Gary is married to Julie, a Teaching Assistant at Stainton School.

The post of **Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of Greystoke with Penruddock and Mungrisdale, and Blencathra Mission Community Leader** will be leading and mentoring Christian leaders and churches. It is therefore an Occupational Requirement (Schedule 9 part 1 of the Equality Act 2010) of this post to have a committed Christian faith.

For more information please contact either:

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Deadline for applications: Thursday 6 May 2021 (Noon)

Interviews: Friday 28 May 2021

Enhanced DBS disclosure is required for this post.