

Diocese of Carlisle
Furness Mission Community
Parishes of Broughton & Duddon,
Kirkby Ireleth and Thwaites



PARISH PROFILES
2023



The Bishop of Carlisle
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February 2023

Dear Applicant

Broughton and Duddon and Kirkby Ireleth

The benefices of Broughton and Duddon and Kirkby Ireleth and the Parish of Thwaites have some of the most lively and faithful congregations in Carlisle Diocese. The benefices actively support the ecumenical 'God for All' vision and strategy in Cumbria which encourages us all to 'Follow Daily; Care Deeply; Speak Boldly and Tread Gently', and over the years the benefices have been at the forefront of developing gifts and enabling ministries of every kind.

As the Parish Profile makes clear, this post offers an outstanding opportunity for a strategic leader with a passion for Mission to lead churches which have huge potential for further growth, and which engage well with the local community. We are looking for someone with a deep and resilient faith; a heart for pastoral care; and a vision for building up the people of God in whole-life discipleship.

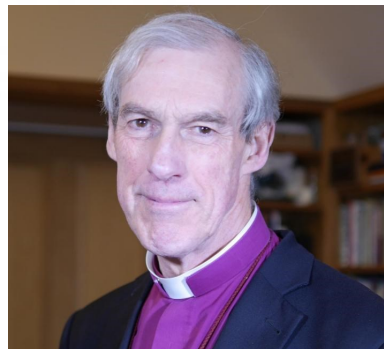
The Diocese of Carlisle has seen a number of exciting developments in recent years, including the development of ecumenical 'Mission Communities' and a strong emphasis on lay ministry and the distinctive diaconate. Geographically, the diocese is huge. But it is also very beautiful and has managed to maintain a strong sense of 'family' despite large distances. We are deeply committed to the 'well-being' of our clergy, and are passionate about spreading the Gospel and building God's Kingdom.

If you share that passion, we would love to welcome you here, and very much look forward to receiving your application.

With every blessing in Christ,



James Newcome
Bishop of Carlisle



The Right Reverend James Newcome
Bishop of Carlisle

WELCOME!

Our three rural parishes lie between the Duddon estuary and high Lakeland fells: Kirkby (one PCC and one church) to the east, Broughton & Duddon (one PCC, five churches and the vicarage to the north, and Thwaites (one church) to the west. Although we have a relatively small population of 3,600, our parishes are the southern gateway to West Cumbria and close to the UK's most advanced shipbuilding and nuclear industry.

Our parishes offer a rich diversity of services, from traditional liturgical Communion and Service of the Word to Celtic worship and Café, Messy and “Mossy” Church. However active or contemplative you are, our parishes’ offer abundant opportunities for personal and communal re-creation.

We can offer an active Church life including traditional worshipping communities, Bible study groups and youth work, plus opportunities to engage with nursery & primary Schools in Broughton, Kirkby and Thwaites.

We would like a Priest in the Benefice who is:

- able to train and develop the vocation of all believers, this is important for the Benefice but also for the wider Deanery;
- a team player, an enabler, someone who is effective at developing the ministry of all and is approachable and friendly and able to work with the community and schools; and
- committed to nurturing our work with young people.

This is an interim post for 3 years in the first instance and may be renewable. Whether extended or not, the measure of your success will be for us to miss you as a friend, whilst being strengthened to continue our parishes’ work without you.

St Cuthbert's, Kirkby Ireleth, looking west across the Duddon estuary

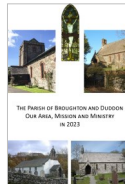


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Great Sickle, looking south

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE BENEFICE AND AREA

Welcome to the Benefice of
Broughton & Duddon, Kirkby Ireleth and Thwaites
together surrounding the beautiful Duddon estuary.

***“From the highest of heights
to the depths of the sea
Creation’s revealing your majesty”***

(Chris Tomlin, Indescribable)

The united parish and benefice of Broughton & Duddon was formed in 1975 by the amalgamation of the parishes of Broughton with Broughton Mills and Woodland, and Ulpha and Seathwaite. It consists of five churches under one PCC.

The parish of Kirby Ireleth consists of one church under one PCC.

In 2020 these parishes became the Benefice of Broughton & Duddon and Kirkby Ireleth with a single priest-in-charge.

Broughton & Duddon has three patrons and Kirby Ireleth one. However, the right of presentation to the living of the Benefice is currently suspended.

In September, 2022, the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee proposed the transfer of the parish of Thwaites from the Benefice of Millom to the Benefice of Broughton & Duddon and Kirkby Ireleth, to form a new Benefice of Broughton & Duddon, Kirkby Ireleth and Thwaites.

The Duddon Estuary, looking west towards Black Combe



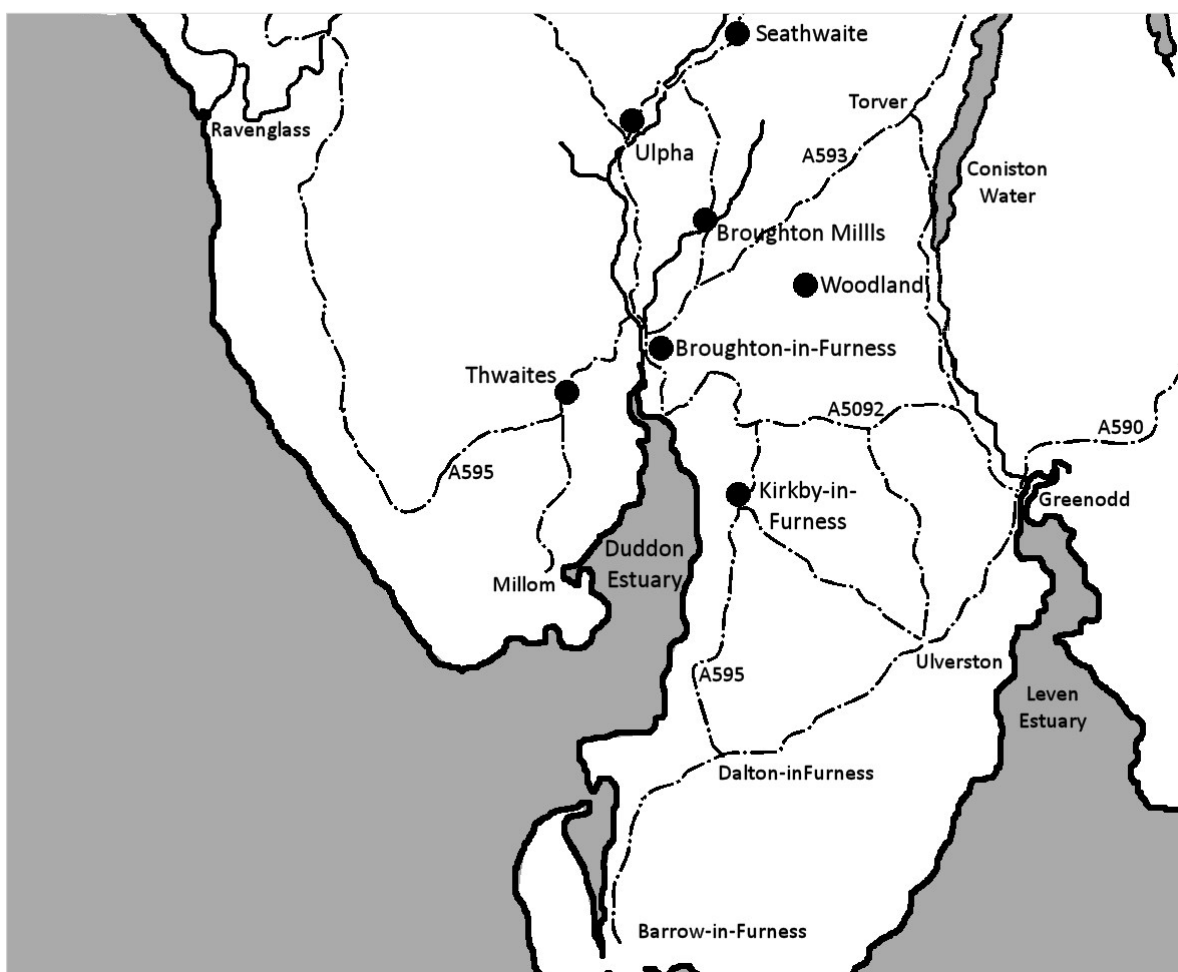
The new benefice will cover an area around the upper Duddon estuary in Cumbria. A proportion lies within the Lake District National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The community is largely made up of people involved in farming and agriculture, in tourism and industries such as BAE Systems and Kimberley-Clark in Barrow, Sellafield, light engineering firms, health and social care workers, and people who have retired here.

The largest employer within the benefice is Coordination Group Publications (CGP Books) an educational publisher founded by a local entrepreneur. CGP actively supports our local shops and some local activities and buildings via its Community Trust Fund.

Ulverston (10 miles from Broughton) is our local shopping hub. Barrow (15 miles) and Millom (8 Miles) are additional centres for banking and culture. It is possible to work from home as internet speeds are acceptable across the area.

The population of the whole proposed benefice will be about 3,600 of whom a significant number are retired. The ratio of local occupation to second homes and holiday lets is about 60:40, but is 50:50 in the Duddon valley.

There are wide-ranging opportunities to take part in outdoor activities, using all the possibilities that the National Park and Cumbria's west coast have to offer.



The locations of the three parishes' seven churches



THE PARISH OF BROUGHTON & DUDDON OUR AREA, MISSION AND MINISTRY IN 2023



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A baptism service at Broughton Mills

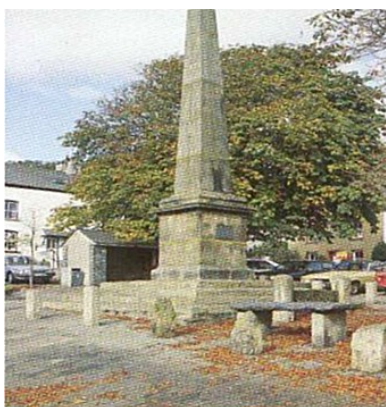
OUR LOCATION

Broughton-in-Furness

Broughton has held a Charter to hold a local market for over 400 years so is a market town. The Charter is commemorated each year on 1 August. There is a comprehensive selection of professional and commercial businesses including a medical practice, veterinary surgery, an accountant, and the local retained fire station. There are two pubs in Broughton and a third nearby in Broughton Mills. Broughton also has a bakery, a butcher's/grocery/off-licence, a café, a Post Office and newsagent incorporating the 'Broughton Rail'



Princes Street, in Broughton



Broughton town square

model shop, a hairdresser, a repair garage, two filling stations, the local NFU office and the Broughton Auction Mart. There is a garden centre nearby at Foxfield. The Victory Hall acts as a village hall, a voting centre and a venue for a host of other events and activities including the famous Broughton Community Pantomime held annually in February. Eccle Riggs, home to the offices of CGP, offers local residents access to their staff leisure club, swimming pool and golf course.

Woodland Valley

Woodland is a wooded valley with some 60 dwellings. According to Alfred Wainwright "Woodland is a corner of Lakeland unspoilt by modern development and bypassed by new forms of exploitation".

Woodland is rich with archaeological sites and glimpses of early industry such as coppicing and

other woodland trades. Whilst Woodland has no school, pub or shops, it does have a church! The tourist visitors remain few and far between, yet people come here to enjoy the peace and quiet of this corner of the National Park which is rich in many ways.



The Duddon Valley

The Duddon Valley

The Duddon Valley is a beautiful narrow valley with 2 churches standing as beacons of hope and faith. The river Duddon is much used by swimmers and picnickers in fine weather and in wet spells by anglers and canoeists. The surrounding fells attract walkers, rock climbers and cyclists.

There is a popular pub at Seathwaite and a very busy campsite!

The two community halls are used by local groups and can be hired by individuals. The Browfoot Room at Ulpha hosts a weekly coffee and chat with a 'pop-up' Post Office, regular music nights and W.I. meetings, and the annual church Christmas fair.

The Parish Room at Seathwaite hosts local groups and occasional church service refreshments.



Duddon Bridge

OUR SHARED TASK

As Christians our task in this place is to reach out to everyone with the Good News of Jesus. We need to reconnect people with the relevance of the Gospel to their everyday lives, in their homes, families, work-places, schools and places of recreation by:

- Nurturing our contacts with the younger people in our community, through the Youth Group, our primary school and our links with other Christian organisations;
- Developing pastoral care across the parish by following up baptisms and marriages, and by co-ordinating our concern for all who are vulnerable or suffering; and
- Embracing a spirit of encouragement, seeking our own renewal and reliance on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We praise God for all that has been achieved in various initiatives over the years but we need to build on this progress and we are not afraid to try “a new thing”. Therefore, we envisage that the person we are looking for will be:

- An encourager who teaches from Scripture, and whose loving leadership is founded on a deep commitment to personal and communal spiritual growth;
- Committed to nurturing our work with young people and children, helping us encourage them to participate in the worship and life of the Church;
- Willing and able to work with and guide our nascent leadership team and the full PCC in the development of our vision and strategy during the Interim appointment period and beyond;
- Approachable and friendly, able to get on with all sorts of people within the Church and our wider communities, committed to listening, to making people feel accepted and understood, and prepared to take an active interest out and about in the life of the whole community.

Experience of working in a rural, multi-church, multi-parish benefice is desirable given the limited period of this interim appointment.

OUR MINISTRY

We praise God for the things that have been achieved during the last two incumbencies in youth work, schools work and worship.

We seek to maintain and broaden a spirit of encouragement as we go forward, working for our own renewal, and relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit.



A service in Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills

Worship

The worship style of each of our five churches is varied but may be described as informal central traditional. Common Worship Order One is generally followed. Common Worship Morning and Evening prayer are used in the Valley Churches. Our current service pattern includes Celtic, lay-led worship and Café Church, with both services conducted monthly at Broughton. A Taizé evening service has been offered at St Cuthbert's in Kirkby. Services at Woodland use the Book of Common Prayer. Our churches use *Complete Anglican Hymns Old and New*, together with some songs from *Mission Praise*.

Broughton has projection facilities, amplification and a hearing loop. Our singing is led by an organist or guitarist or by recorded means. We take a flexible approach to robing; we do not have vestments.

We have considerable ministerial, musical and leadership gifts among the laity. A group of 10 people regularly lead worship and preach, giving talks and reflections across our churches.

Prayer

A weekly half hour of dedicated prayer is held by a small faithful group every Tuesday at 8.00am via Zoom.



A youth group sleepover in St Mary Magdalene, Broughton

Study Groups

Two groups meet on Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings. The aim of the groups is to support one another as we grow in Christ, through encouragement, bible study and prayer. A range of materials have been used.



The youth group walking the old railway line, in Broughton ...



... making "eggs" ...



... using the Parsonage Room ...



... and relaxing in the Methodist Hall

Youth Work

A weekly meeting takes place in the Methodist Church Hall assisted by a group of local church members overseen by the Deanery Network Youth Church Leader based in Ulverston, who also comes and preaches for us once a term. Between 12 and 20 young people regularly attend. Outings and events with a Christian theme are interspersed with drop-in sessions and social interaction in a safe space.

For more information about the Network Youth Church initiative in Carlisle Diocese please use this link:

<https://www.networkyouthchurch.org.uk/>

Reality check for our community:

We have ongoing difficulty finding sufficient volunteers or getting new people interested in and committed to a number of important ministries.

Communication within and between our churches can be an issue. The lack of central leadership in forming and developing our Mission Community has not helped us to develop our own mission strategies.

School Work - Broughton Primary & Nursery School

Broughton has a thriving Church of England primary and nursery school, which currently has 136 children. The children, staff, and governors place great importance on the school's Christian ethos and the aim is to enable Christianity to permeate every aspect of school life. The priest-in-charge is an ex-officio Foundation Governor and, in the past, has taken an active role in collective worship and other activities in school.

Pupils and parents gather in Broughton church for Praise Assemblies and end of term services. Members of the local church have in the past participated in 'Open the Book', this is currently on hold due to the school being over capacity and no suitable room being available. The members of the church run 'Experience Easter' and 'Experience Christmas' programs which are very well received by pupils. A small local trust fund (of which the priest-in-charge is an ex-officio trustee) supports a teacher to run a school choir teaching Christian worship songs.

The school is about to start a major building project for a new nursery and baby unit, which is due for completion at the end of 2023.

The Keppleway Trust

Located next to Broughton Primary School, Keppleway is a Christian Charity with an inclusive focus, operating a fully accessible education and outdoor activity centre providing residential activity experiences to a wide variety of disabled and non disabled groups both from the local and wider community.

Joint applications have been made recently by the parishes together with Keppleway for Diocesan intern places. These have been unsuccessful, largely due to Covid, Brexit and competition for scarce resources.



Broughton School Nativity service



Broughton Mills Nativity service (above and below)



Broughton School's "Experience Christmas" day in St Mary Magdalene's, Broughton

Overseas Mission

We support the Keppleway Burundi Link with the Anglican Church in Muyinga – “Bethesda Burundi”. This is an outdoor and learning centre in one of the poorest countries in the world, bringing together people who have disabilities and those who do not. Teaching Christ’s love for all, they are providing activities and help with prosthetics and mobility.

We also support Mission Aviation Fellowship and the Bethany Orphanage in Tanzania through personal contacts.



“No room at the Blacksmith’s” during the Broughton Mills Nativity service

Food Bank

Several of the churches act as collection points for our local food bank, based in Barrow and with branches in Ulverston and Millom.

A small group from the parish aim to meet regularly to share news and to pray.

Christian Aid has always been well supported by each church and village together raising money by putting on events in Christian Aid week and beyond.



A visiting choir concert in Broughton

Fair Trade

An initiative is being trialed to introduce Fair Trade products into our daily shopping routines. While still small scale, there is potential for growth in both practical sales and in awareness of issues around justice in food production.



OUR CHURCH COMMUNITY

There are 128 names on the Broughton & Duddon Electoral roll.

Each church has active churchwardens and church member meetings are held when necessary. One PCC serves Broughton & Duddon, having 20 members. The PCC recognises the benefit of establishing a strategy and planning group to direct our mission. Work on this began recently.

There is already a certain amount of co-operation and participation within our three parishes and we have some good links with our neighbouring C of E parishes, links with the Barrow-in-Furness Methodist/URC United Area and the Church of Christ in Kirkby.

The Minister is priest-in-charge. There is a reader, one retired priest with Permission-to-Officiate (who now is able to do only very occasional services); eight authorized service leaders and an Agricultural Chaplain.

We are proud that one of our former churchwardens is about to complete training at IME1, prior to moving to a nearby curacy.

Safeguarding officers are in place in the parish and both on-line and face to face training is up to date. For more information on Safeguarding in Carlisle Diocese please use this link.

<https://www.carlisediocese.org.uk/safeguarding/>

God for All – a Carlisle Diocese Initiative

“The problem is that, as Christians, we are few and far between. If all the worshippers of the 26 Anglican churches in our Deanery/Mission Community were all in one place on a Sunday, we would feel like a large and vibrant church. Individually, we often feel very small.”

God for All 2015-2020 brought together the vision of the Diocese of Carlisle, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church and the Salvation Army from across Cumbria to work in radical and ambitious new ways towards its mission by developing the Mission Community concept. This offers a framework or at least an impetus in which to develop a combination of critical mass in some areas of church life, while preserving our important roots in local communities and local church buildings.

For more information and insight into Vision Refresh 2022 follow this link:

<https://godforall.org.uk/>



Follow Daily **Care Deeply**
Speak Boldly **Tread Gently**

OUR BUILDINGS

St Mary Magdalene, Broughton

Intriguingly Broughton Parish Church is set apart from the rest of the village, down a drive of some 300 yards, amid fields and surrounded by a sizeable churchyard and open extension. The main graveyard is maintained as a wild flower meadow; being cut twice a year. The site itself may be of Saxon origin but the existing building was extensively remodelled and enlarged in the mid 19th and early 20th Centuries. Ancient scratch marks on the stones of the Norman doorway are thought to have been made by arrows being sharpened at a time when the churchyard was used for archery practice. It provides a familiar space for baptisms, weddings and funerals; and it is here that the community gathers on Remembrance Sunday around the War Memorial. There is much scope on such occasions for the church to witness to the love of Christ.

Prior to this vacancy there was a service in the church every Sunday. Attendance range is 20-30.

There is a well-equipped hospitality area at the rear of the church, which has been recently enlarged by the removal of a number of pews under temporary licence. A full faculty is now being sought. The vestry contains a kitchen sink and separate toilet. Above the vestry is a small multipurpose meeting room.



St Mary Magdalene, Broughton

The tower contains a fine ring of 12 bells, one of only three in Cumbria, and so is a magnet for visiting bell ringers. We currently have a fledgling group of our own local ringers under tuition.

The most recent quinquennial inspection in 2020 noted that the building was well cared for and revealed only minor concerns in the short term.

Our offer is normally paid in full and it is the policy of Broughton Church to give away 10% of its income to support worthy causes both at home and overseas.



St Mary Magdalene, Broughton

Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills

Holy Innocents was built in 1888 as a Chapel of Ease to St Mary Magdalene, Broughton, and as such, needs a special licence for marriages. There are no burials at the site. It is a small church with seating for about eighty. The door is always open; its

character is simple and unpretentious, as is its regular mid-weekly worship and prayer. It attracts quite a large number of visitors. Described by Pevsner as “closed as unsafe in 2007”, but recently re-roofed, it is now in very good order.



Holy Innocents, Broughton Mills



Holy Trinity, Seathwaite

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Holy Trinity is half-way up the Duddon Valley, 7 miles from Broughton. The church is a ‘Festival Church’ having occasional services, historically on every fifth Sunday, and an annual carol service. The original chapel was built in the first half of the 16th century and in 1870 the old chapel was deemed to be too dilapidated to restore. The church was rebuilt in its present form and consecrated in May 1875.

The church's fame is through association with the Reverend Robert Walker, incumbent from 1736 until his death at the age of 92 in 1802. He was admired and respected by his descendants and all who knew him and was known as "Wonderful Walker" because of William Wordsworth's reference to him in his poem "The Excursion" and his sonnet "The River Duddon". The stone with the sundial inset is reputed to be the one used by Robert Walker when clipping sheep at Gatescale. The age of the sundial is unknown.

The church has an excellent pipe organ, some fine stained glass windows and the building itself is in good repair as reported in the last quinquennial. The churchyard is well kept and a wild flower meadow is nurtured in summer. There are only three grave places remaining plus one reserved space and limited capacity to mark the burial of cremated remains. The entries in the visitors' book show that it receives a steady stream of visitors; locals and tourists from all over the globe who appreciate its peace, beauty and tranquility. The priest-in-charge is an ex-officio trustee of Seathwaite School House Trust which provides occasional financial support to the church.



Robert Walker's sundial

St John the Baptist, Ulpha

St John's is a simple, early 17th century chapel built on the site of an earlier church dating from the first half of the 13th Century, four miles from Broughton. It is the only church in the benefice which was not rebuilt or significantly remodelled in the Victorian period. It is grade 2* listed and has recently been awarded grant funding for repairs to the west wall. The churchyards are appreciated and well tended by the local community and many visitors enjoy the tranquility and simplicity of this ancient place of worship, which is always open. It currently offers two services a month. There are currently 25 places in the southern churchyard.



St John the Baptist, Ulpha

There is a row of ten alms houses called Gunson Cottages near Ulpha Church. The priest-in-charge is an ex-officio trustee of the Joseph and Eleanor Gunson Alms House Trust.

St John the Evangelist, Woodland



St John the Evangelist, Woodland

The Church was rebuilt in 1865 on the site of former chapels. It is a Sharpe, Paley & Austin church with a distinctive nave and apse design, seating 125 people. The building is in good condition, with an on-going programme of restoration work. There is a well-kept, grassed churchyard in which there are approximately 6 spaces remaining. Two evening services are offered every month with organ accompaniment. The organist has played for St. John, Woodland for many years and also offers her services to St Mary Magdalene.

The church works with its local community to organize joint events throughout the year – a Mothering Sunday lunch cooked by the men of the area; a charity event in Christian Aid week and the Harvest Supper. The annual carol service, traditionally held on Boxing Day, is always very well attended.

Broughton Vicarage

This is a detached house built in 1984 in the centre of Broughton, about 7 minutes walk from St Mary Magdalene in the grounds of the Victorian vicarage. It has double glazing and is centrally heated by a gas fired boiler. There is a gas fire in the sitting room. Downstairs there is a hallway, study, linked sitting and dining rooms, kitchen (fitted for gas and electricity), utility room, and toilet. Upstairs there are four bedrooms, two with hand wash basins, a bathroom and a shower room with toilet and basin. There are built-in wardrobes in the bedrooms and an airing cupboard on the landing. There is a garage adjoining the house and a parking area, with tidy gardens in a plot of about a quarter of an acre.

(The Vicarage, Broughton-in-Furness. LA20 6HS)



The vicarage

Reality Check for Our Buildings:

as with all listed historic buildings, the costs of upkeep could overwhelm our resources. An important challenge is giving a selection of widely-spread churches individual identity, financial security and a sense of mission.

The Parsonage Room

Dating from the 1930's this small hall is conveniently situated at the bottom of the vicarage drive. It is used by the church community as a base of activity and offered to local organizations as a low cost, easy to heat, accessible venue.



The Parsonage Room

The Methodist Hall

There is an arrangement at present with the Methodist Circuit for the use of their village centre building for activities and outreach. Currently the youth work and one study group have made it their base while Scouts, Cubs and Girl-Guides use it frequently.



OUR FINANCES AND AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BROUGHTON AND DUDDON
DRAFT STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ending 31 December 2022

	Holy Innocents Broughton Mills	Holy Trinity Seathwaite	St John the Baptist Ulpha	St John the Evangelist Woodland	St Mary Magda- lene Broughton	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOME							
Voluntary income							
Planned giving tax efficient	-	3,258.57	2,680.00	1,772.00	25,064.00	32,774.57	32,044.00
Gift Aid recovered	692.53	788.00	1,228.00	1,058.00	6,877.65	10,644.18	8,998.38
Planned giving other	-	340.00	320.00	-	-	660.00	660.00
Collections at services	1,071.95	239.50	1,781.54	2,188.57	4,611.35	9,892.91	9,652.58
Grants	-	-	26,900.00	-	-	26,900.00	20,000.00
Legacies	14,549.46	-	-	-	-	14,549.46	7,118.18
Donations and gifts	2,140.44	399.38	1,271.67	-	914.50	4,725.99	2,850.27
	18,454.38	5,025.45	34,181.21	5,018.57	37,467.50	100,147.11	81,323.41
Activities for generating funds	-	611.81	611.80	6,000.00	-	7,223.61	555.36
Other income	-	215.00	420.00	700.00	-	1,335.00	280.00
Income from investments							
Bank interest	-	103.36	60.33	-	1.02	164.71	12.35
Dividends	-	-	61.82	-	171.84	233.66	78.89
Rent	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	103.36	122.15	-	172.86	398.37	91.24
Income from church activities							
Fees retained for weddings, funerals and monuments	-	515.00	366.00	580.00	1,744.00	3,205.00	2,467.00
Total receipts	18,454.38	6,470.62	35,701.16	12,298.57	39,384.36	112,309.09	84,717.01
EXPENDITURE							
Church activities							
Missionary and charitable giving	-	-	-	244.00	3,425.00	3,669.00	2,802.62
Diocesan parish share	1,944.00	3,240.00	4,212.00	4,212.00	18,792.00	32,400.00	31,200.00
Deanery	-	-	-	-	330.00	330.00	330.00
Clergy expenses	127.00	212.00	275.00	275.00	1,173.46	2,062.46	1,641.33
Church running and maintenance							
Insurance	474.20	971.54	1,179.24	920.27	3,409.30	6,954.55	6,615.52
Repairs	-	-	42.00	380.00	5,814.75	6,236.75	3,207.91
Heating and lighting	304.27	384.00	855.38	325.09	2,438.42	4,307.16	3,258.65
Professional fees	205.00	550.00	-	-	-	755.00	227.00
Sundry expenses	-	32.93	0.35	40.98	-	74.26	238.83
Maintenance	37.50	385.38	-	-	-	422.88	529.10
Accounting software	-	96.00	96.00	-	-	192.00	90.00
Independent examiner's fees	-	45.00	45.00	-	282.00	372.00	372.00
Publications	152.88	32.35	32.35	-	-	217.58	-
Altar services	-	18.99	-	-	340.89	359.88	325.66
Organist and bellringing fees	-	-	-	-	192.00	192.00	-
Water rates	-	-	-	-	-	-	108.58
	1,173.85	2,516.19	2,250.32	1,666.34	12,477.36	20,084.06	14,973.25
Major repairs	-	-	11,400.00	(1,193.00)	-	10,207.00	20,000.00
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3,244.85	5,968.19	18,137.32	5,204.34	36,197.82	68,752.52	70,947.20
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) BEFORE INVESTMENT GAINS/(LOSSES)	15,209.53	502.43	17,563.84	7,094.23	3,186.54	43,556.57	13,769.81
NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS	-	-	(130.52)	-	-	(130.52)	171.73
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	15,209.53	502.43	17,433.32	7,094.23	3,186.54	43,426.05	13,941.54
Total funds brought forward	6,931.35	19,399.06	17,945.20	13,683.40	65,364.50	123,323.51	109,381.97
Total funds carried forward	22,140.88	19,901.49	35,378.52	20,777.63	68,551.04	166,749.56	123,323.51

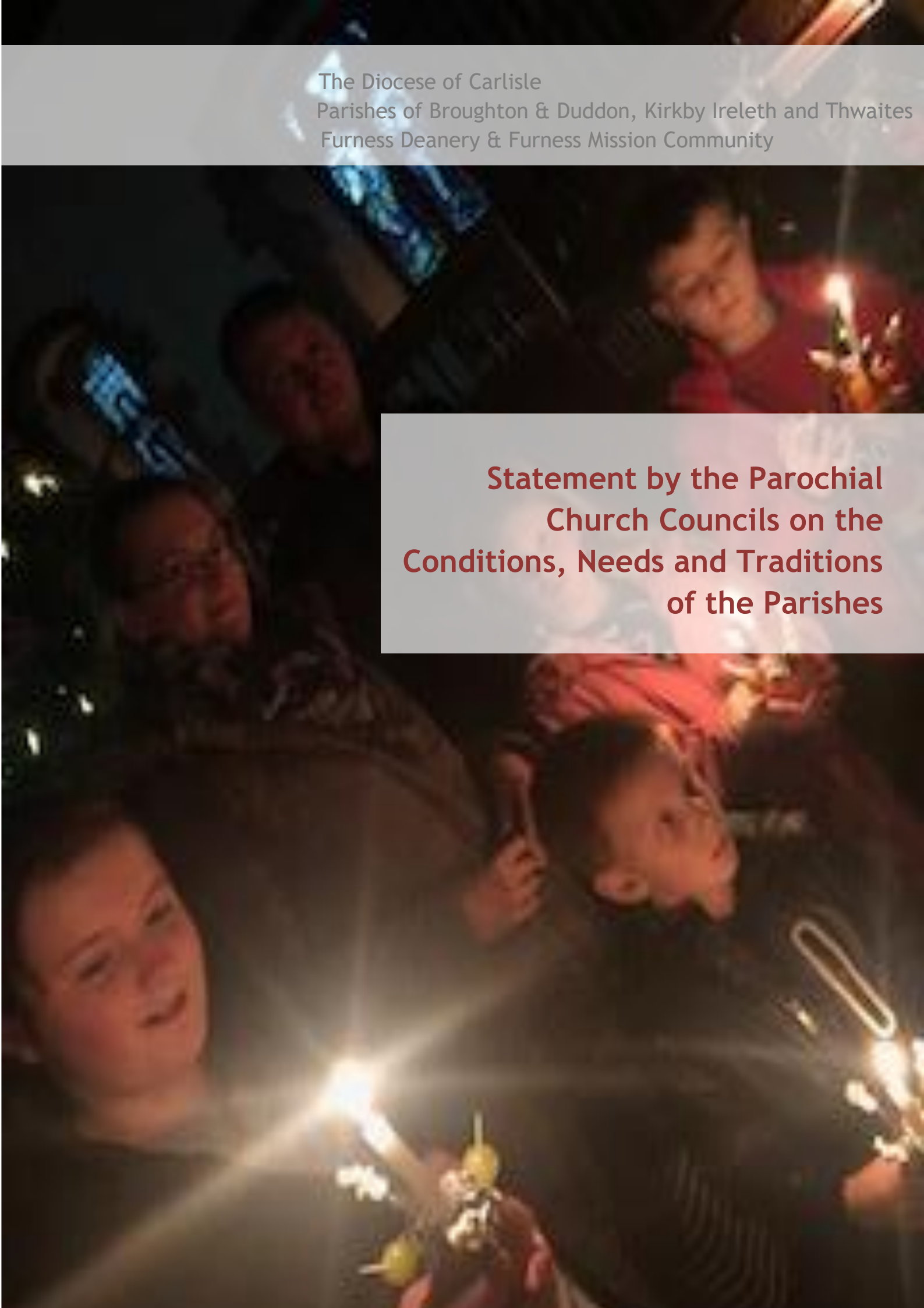
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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF BROUGHTON AND DUDDON
DRAFT BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Holy Inno- cents Broughton Mills	Holy Trinity Seathwaite	St John the Baptist Ul- pha	St John the Evangelist Woodland	St Mary Mag- dalene Broughton	2022 TOTAL	2021 TOTAL
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS							
Investments	-	-	1,275.87	-	-	1,275.87	1,406.39
CURRENT ASSETS							
Short-term deposits							
Bank accounts	-	9,423.29	26,986.02	-	1,050.62	37,459.93	14,727.53
CCLA	-	7,765.79	5,662.00	-	13,236.76	26,664.55	26,391.90
CBF	-	-	-	-	-	-	845.06
	-	17,189.08	32,648.02	-	14,287.38	64,124.48	41,964.49
Cash at bank and in hand							
Current accounts	22,140.88	2,686.05	1,454.63	20,777.63	54,263.66	101,322.85	99,952.63
Petty cash	-	26.36	-	-	-	26.36	-
Total Current Assets	22,140.88	19,901.49	34,102.65	20,777.63	68,551.04	165,473.69	141,917.12
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year							(20,000.00)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	22,140.88	19,901.49	35,378.52	20,777.63	68,551.04	166,749.56	123,323.51
PARISH FUNDS							
Unrestricted							
Designated	22,140.88	19,901.49	14,547.24	13,349.83	68,551.04	138,490.48	118,601.56
Restricted			19,555.41	7,427.80		26,983.21	3,315.56
Endowment funds			1,275.87			1,275.87	1,406.39
	22,140.88	19,901.49	35,378.52	20,777.63	68,551.04	166,749.56	123,323.51
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Parish of Broughton and Duddon
Service pattern from 2023 with average attendances based on 2022

	1 st Sun	Average attendance	2 nd Sun	Average attendance	3 rd Sun	Average attendance	4 th Sun	Average attendance	5 th Sun	Average attendance
Broughton	10.00 Café Church	25			10.00 Celtic Worship	18	10.00 Holy Communion	22		
Ulpha			10.00 Holy Communion	20	6.00pm Evening Prayer	12				
Woodland			6 pm Songs of Praise	17			6pm BCP Evensong	15		
Seathwaite									6.00 Evening Prayer (April and July)	25 (based on festival numbers)
B Mills	Weds 10.00 Morning Prayer	8	Weds 10.00 Morning Prayer	8	Weds 10.00 Morning Prayer	8	Weds 10.00 Morning Prayer	8	Weds 10.00 Morning Prayer	8

A photograph of a group of people, including children and adults, holding lit candles in a dark setting, likely a church service. The scene is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the flames of the candles. The people are looking towards the right side of the frame. The background is dark, with some faint blue light visible in the upper left.

The Diocese of Carlisle
Parishes of Broughton & Duddon, Kirkby Ireleth and Thwaites
Furness Deanery & Furness Mission Community

**Statement by the Parochial
Church Councils on the
Conditions, Needs and Traditions
of the Parishes**

*We look forward to working with you in our mission
to reach out and grow in the love of Jesus Christ with all.*



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Kirkby Ireleth is a rural parish in South Lakeland centered on the village of Kirkby in Furness. The church and our Sunday congregation usually numbers around twenty to thirty. There is active lay involvement including a Reader, churchwardens, a sacristan, two organists, a choir, readers & intercessors. Festival, occasional office and school services see the church full of regular and periodic attendees. The bell tower has eight bells but currently only visiting ringers.

There is active involvement in the primary school and activities and events within the village. There is also a Methodist Chapel and Church of Christ within the parish and ecumenical events.



The parish of Kirkby Ireleth seek to appoint a priest who values the traditional and the contemporary and is able to:

- **promote the worship and mission of the church throughout the communities and help people grow in faith and the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ**
- **value and develop current traditions and practice**
- **relate to and communicate effectively with people of all ages and levels of involvement**
- **show commitment to building relationships and teamwork within, between and beyond the individual parishes**

“We hope you will come into school often.”

“We look forward to you becoming part of our community and leading the future development of the Church in all our parishes.”

“Thank you for the consistent warmth of your welcome and your great care over public worship. It has been a great joy, to sing with the choir”

“We would like you to get to know the people of Kirkby, even though you won’t be living among us.”



The Church Community

Worship - Although we are a traditional rural parish, the congregation has embraced a variety of services for a number of years. Our services include Common Worship Communion, Service of the Word, seasonal services (e.g., All Souls, Christingle, Remembrance) and occasional offices. Robes and vestments are used by those leading services and the choir. Traditional and contemporary language are used within parish service booklets and weekly sheets. The organist leads the music for services and holds regular choir practices. There is a good stock of Complete Anglican Hymns Old & New, an effective sound system, microphones, CDs and projection facilities.

Ministry - The village looks forward to a new vicar but there is an increasing understanding of the changing role of clergy and a recognition of the contribution of the church community in maintaining the worship, pastoral care and maintenance of the buildings and churchyards.

Mission - The parish has developed links with neighbouring parishes and is within the Furness Deanery which is also identified as the Furness Mission Community, the Mission Statement of which is:

‘In the Furness Mission Community, we will work together for the common good, with generosity and with gladness, so that people of all ages may come to know Jesus and follow him.’



Kirkby Ireleth Parish Mission Action Plan

Where we are going -

- increased profile, presence and participation in the life and mission of the Parish Church within the community and neighbouring communities

How will we get there -

- to identify opportunities to develop, question and consider our faith in worship collectively and individually
- to encourage all to live out their faith in their daily lives
- to demonstrate that as a church, we are a living caring community which reaches out to all within the parish community and beyond

What we need to do -

- to review collective and individual worship to identify future service plans, groups, training
- to encourage all to live out their faith in their daily lives
- to find a minister who will guide us in our worship and mission and further develop the life and work of St Cuthbert's in our Mission Community



The Community We Serve

Kirkby Ireleth lies in the south west of Cumbria in the Furness peninsular overlooking the Duddon estuary. Approximately twelve hundred people live in Kirkby and the surrounding hamlets.

The nearest towns, Ulverston and Dalton, are each approximately five miles away. The A595 passes through the village giving access to Barrow in Furness to the south and the west coast of Cumbria. There is also a railway station (West Coast line, Cumbria) and limited bus service. The M6 is thirty-five to forty-five minutes away.

The village is a pleasant mix of farmland, low lying marsh and moorland. Within the community there is the Burlington Church of England VC Primary School, a Community Centre, a hall which is owned by the church but let to a fitness coach, two garages, three pubs, a medical centre and a number of independent small businesses. A seasonal caravan site of around two hundred static caravans and chalets is located within farmland south west of the Burlington Slate Quarry.

In addition to St Cuthbert's Church there is a Methodist Chapel at Marshside and the Church of Christ at Wallend. The P.C.C. is also responsible for The Village Hall, Beckside, an old school building that has been used as a hall for community use and is owned by the Diocese but currently let. Within the parish there is also the recently refurbished Community Centre which is situated adjacent to St Cuthbert's and affords football and cricket pitches, children's play area, bowling green, a recently installed MUGA pitch, changing rooms and toilets accessible to the public. There is also a Community Hall within the hamlet of Grizebeck.

There is a wealth of organisations and groups for many ages and interests which meet at the various halls, churches, pubs and homes. An overview of these is available at the Parish Council website www.kirkby-in-furness.org A monthly parish magazine, The Caller, aims to offer a topical letter, information from all the churches, the community and items of interest. These are collated and published by St. Cuthbert's and distributed to all households in the parish by community distributors.





The Church



St Cuthbert's dates from the twelfth century and is listed as Grade 2*. It is a traditional stone-built church with oak pews and choir stalls. The Norman doorway, two very old oak chests and a door depicting St Cuthbert's life are some of the architectural features of our church.

The nave and north aisle were re-roofed in 2007-8 following significant fund raising and grants from such as English Heritage, WREN and Churches Trust. The vestry is housed on the ground floor of the tower in which



there is a fine peal of eight bells and clock.



The clock face has recently been re-gilded and the mechanism restored. The funding for this work has been achieved through community fund raising and donations.

Recent improvements and re-ordering include the installation of outer doors on the porch, the repositioning of the font, development of a play area for children and installation of LED lighting. Plans have been drawn up to install toilet and kitchen facilities but not progressed as yet. There is a cold water outside tap and the side vestry area is currently used as a storage, work and kitchen area.

Car parking, other than street parking, and toilet facilities are located at the neighbouring Community Centre which is a few minutes away.

Appendix 1 - Attendance (2019-2022)

St Cuthbert's, Kirkby Ireleth (weekly services)

Average Sunday Attendance	24	2022
Easter Day Attendance	41 (3 children, 38 adults)	
Christmas Attendance	50 (1 child 30 adults - Midnight; 19 adults)	
Harvest	21(2 children, 19 adults)	
Remembrance	59 (2 children, 57 adults)	
Christingle	125 (42 children, 83 adults)	
Weddings	3	
Baptisms	3	
Funerals	6	

Average Sunday Attendance	21	2021
Easter Day Attendance	31 (3 children, 28 adults)	
Christmas Attendance	43 (24 adults - Midnight; 19 adults a.m.)	
Harvest	22 (22 adults)	
Remembrance	40 (4 children, 36 adults)	
Christingle	30 (12 children, 18 adults) Held in 2022	
Weddings	0	
Baptisms	4	
Funerals	6	

Average Sunday Attendance	24	2020
Easter Day Attendance	66 (13 children, 53 adults)	
Christmas Attendance	38 (21 adults - Midnight; 17 adults a.m.)	
Harvest	26 (2 children, 24 adults)	
Remembrance	53 (11 children, 42 adults)	
Christingle	85 (21 children, 64 adults)	
Weddings	0	
Baptisms	0	
Funerals	2	

Average Sunday Attendance	26	2019
Easter Day Attendance	54 (12 children, 42 adults)	
Christmas Attendance	47 (32 adults - Midnight; 15 adults a.m.)	
Harvest	31 (0 children, 31 adults)	
Remembrance	54 (7 children, 47 adults)	
Christingle	156 (47 children, 109 adults)	
Weddings	1	
Baptisms	7	
Funerals	7	

Appendix 2 – Finance (2021)

Kirkby Ireleth PCC Financial Statement to December 2022

Bank Balance at 1 Jan 2022		£8,886.41		
	Income		Expenditure	
St. Cuthbert's collections	FWO	£4,816.80	Parish Offering	£20,000.00
Standing Orders		£9,752.96	Heating	£1,826.79
Gift aid repayment		£3,707.37	Electricity	£358.05
Investment income		£2,026.32	Water	£123.12
Bank Interest		£22.97	Expenses	£1,440.25
Grants		£2,476.40	Diocesan Fees	£2,044.00
Donations		£1,610.90	Choir Fund	£0.00
Diocesan Fees		£2,033.00	Repairs & Maintenance	£476.48
Choir Fund		£0.00	Insurance	£3,134.56
Appeals and Fundraising		£111.70	Upkeep of services	£136.86
St. Cuthbert's Gift Day		£0.00	Charitable giving	£802.00
PCC Fees		£4,205.00	Churchyard + Tower	£1,670.76
Social events		£0.00	Furness Deanery	£186.00
Funeral collections for charities		£827.00	Development Fund	£0.00
Development Fund		£1,190.00		
Total		£35,481.68	Total	£32,448.87
Bank Balance at 31 Dec 2022		£11,919.22		
Difference from 1st Jan		£3,032.81		

Current Assets at Bank	2022	Anticipated expenditure 2023	
Churchyard Fund	-£1,492.37	Insurance	-£3,300.00
Ringing Room Fund	£1,102.10	Offering	-£20,000.00
General Fund	£6,012.79	Utilities	-£3,300.00
Choir Fund	£137.65	Expenses	-£1,000.00
Development Fund	£6,159.05		
TOTAL	£11,919.22	Anticipated income 2023	
		Gift Aid	£3,700.00
		Collections	£7,000.00
		Standing orders	£9,900.00
		Grants	£2,000.00
		Parish Fees	£4,000.00
		TOTAL	-£1,000.00
Investments	£85,862.00	Anticipated Balance 31st Dec	£10,919.22



St Anne's, Thwaites

THE PARISH OF THWAITES

Hallthwaites, along with the hamlets of The Green, Strands, Arnaby, Dunningwell and Ladyhall make up the area known as Thwaites on the north-western shore of the Duddon Estuary.

St. Anne's Church is situated at the top of Chapel Brow, Hallthwaites alongside the junction with the A595 and near the junction with the A5093 to Millom.

South-eastwards from the churchyard views extend across the Duddon estuary towards Barrow-in-Furness and north-westwards towards the Lakeland fells, Black Combe being our nearest and the most westerly of all the fells.

The current church, opened in 1854, replaced several earlier ones on a site across the road and was paid for by public subscription. Local people also provided labour, transport and materials for the construction of the church. The scale of the church reflects the confidence of the community in its thriving woollen industry.

The church has several windows dedicated to the Lewthwaite family, local landowners. Some of these windows were designed by the prolific stained-glass artist, William Wailes. It is surrounded by an open churchyard.

The church and churchyard at St. Anne's provide a wonderful place for quiet reflection. Whether in the Church looking at the lovely reredos or stained-glass windows, or sitting on a bench outside enjoying the wonderful views, in any weather, there is tranquillity.

A recent quinquennial report revealed significant work is needed to the church fabric. Fundraising is underway to try to meet these costs.

The church community depends heavily on monies brought in through fundraising activities to keep the Church finances buoyant, including sponsored walks, supper dances and occasional concerts.



St Anne’s plays host to Messy Church and “Mossy Church”, an estuary-wide Fresh Expression of church which regularly sees 60+ adults and children engaged. Run by an Authorized Lay Pioneer Minister, it attracts families from across the whole area.

There are also 2 services a month; the 2nd Sunday is a lay-led informal service which is attended by 10-15 people and a monthly family service on the 4th Sunday which is currently in growth and brings in 30+ people, mostly made up of young families.



Youth events at St Anne’s, Thwaites (top, above and below)



AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FURNESS DEANERY AND MISSION COMMUNITY

The Deanery covers a wide area split between the towns of Ulverston, Dalton and Millom and the rural parishes of the Low Furness, Crake Valley and Broughton benefices. Ulverston is the second largest church in the diocese and shares the Network Youth and Families ministry. At present there is one full time stipendiary priest, and three vacancies, this and the benefice of Dalton with Ireleth are currently being advertised. There is one part time priest and one who shares parish ministry with a wider role. There is a Distinctive Deacon and a significant number of Lay ministers in the rural churches, including an Anna Chaplain.

Over the past few years Furness Deanery has worked closely with Barrow Deanery with joint Chapter and Synod meetings. There are 22 churches and 17 parishes. The mission community is in the early stages of formation. Moving towards the Commissioning of a Mission community is a priority for the Deanery and ecumenical partners. Discussions over recent years have identified a likely operating model for the Furness Mission Community split into three Mission Areas based around the centres of population as Ulverston & East, Dalton & Low Furness and Millom & West. The intention is to create a faithful, functional and vibrant Mission Community that evidences the aspiration of our Christian community being together greater than the sum of its parts.

Prayer is understood as a foundation stone of this Mission Community and in addition to finding opportunities to bring churches together in prayer there needs to be a strategic overview and understanding of the diverse needs between rural and semi-rural churches. The Mission Community area currently lacks any cohesive administrative function or overview and is an aspect of working together that needs to be addressed. The role of Mission Community leader will undertaken by the parish Priest of Dalton and Ireleth, once appointed.

Fr. Jack Knill-Jones

Rural Dean of Barrow and Interim Rural Dean of Furness