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St. Mark's Church

Barrow-in-Furness



Parish Profile

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St. Mark's is a Single Church, Town Centre Parish in Barrow in Furness, Cumbria.

"We are a bible-believing Evangelical Church with a friendly outgoing congregation, who hold a passion for serving the Lord."

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Person Specification 01

Essential qualities

We are seeking a person of God to lead us forward; someone who:

- ▶ can motivate and lead St. Mark's in appropriate ways, in the context of our Parish community and Barrow's Mission Community.
- ▶ is open to and reliant upon the prompting of the Holy Spirit to empower their ministry and the work of the Church.
- ▶ is grounded in the authority of scripture.
- ▶ has a passion for serving God.
- ▶ has a passion for serving people.
- ▶ is growing in their own discipleship and willing to share their experiences with others.
- ▶ has a clear calling to move the Church forward in its worship, witness and work for the advancement of God's Kingdom.

Desirable qualities

Someone who is gifted in:

- > biblical preaching/teaching skills.
- > pastoral skills across all generations.
- > communication skills.

Someone who has the ability to identify and encourage the use of gifts in others.



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Introduction to St. Mark's Church

We have in recent years been reclaiming our community roots, which stretch back over 139 years of worship, witness and work, in our Parish and in the town at large.

We are a Church that is keen and open to following the guidance of the Lord, through His word and His Holy Spirit. We are a Church that is generous with its resources, both financial and in people.

Our desire is to see growth in numbers and in discipleship and so the Barrow Mission Community vision "*To know Christ better and to make Christ better known*" is something we embrace wholeheartedly.

We are currently in an interregnum and seeking God's blessing for a new Vicar to lead us forward. This Profile has been prepared to assist potential applicants for the position of Vicar of St. Mark's, Barrow in Furness.



The Church 03

St. Mark's is a single Church Parish. It is one of nine Church of England Churches, grouped into six parishes/Team Ministries within the Barrow Deanery and has a worshipping congregation averaging over 80 people at Morning Services and 20 at Evening Services. The Church itself is situated in Barrow's town centre and the parish encompasses around 1,800 homes along with half of the town centre shops and offices. It is predominantly a working class parish with a wide mix of ages. Built in 1878 to serve the expanding population of the Town, it remains focused on declaring the love of God for all and seeking ways in which this truth can be received and realised by those in our community.



Challenges to face 04

Being ranked as the most deprived Parish in Cumbria and one of the most deprived in England, St. Mark's faces challenges associated with adult and child poverty and stresses associated with single parent families that impact significantly on the lives of many within the Parish. These circumstances may well come with some obvious challenges for those ministering but it may also be viewed that they provide Opportunities.

Whilst St. Mark's has always been able to 'pay its way', current forecasting indicates that there may be potential for some Financial realignment post 2018. The PCC are however, actively addressing this situation.

Although St. Mark's have a number of links with the younger element through its various organisations and clubs, the Youth attendance numbers at Church Services are low.

Hopes & Aspirations for the future

By God's leading, to build on work that is being carried out and has been carried out already, to grow His Church and to be 'Shepherds rather than Sheepdogs' of His people.

"When a Priest becomes sheepdog, not shepherd; when the Church ceases to be for and of its community, but is simply in it, then it loses its Mission fields, and misses almost entirely the arena of God's action to which God has called it. It is a missiological disaster, in which the priest becomes sheepdog, not shepherd."

About our town of...

Barrow-in-Furness

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Barrow in Furness is situated on the coast, in the south west region of Cumbria.

Predominantly a rural County, Cumbria is considered to be one of the most beautiful regions of the UK and includes the whole of the Lake District; England's largest National Park.

There are few Planned towns in the United Kingdom, and Barrow in Furness is one of the oldest. Its centre contains a grid of terraced houses, with a tree-lined road leading away from a central square. Second only in size within the County to Carlisle and currently with a population of around 70,000, Barrow is a large industrial town; a town which grew from a tiny 19th Century hamlet to the biggest iron and steel centre in the world, and a major shipbuilding force, in just 40 years.

Although the iron and steel industry is now long gone, BAE Systems, a leading national and international company in shipbuilding and engineering is still a major employee in the town.

Steeped in local history, Barrow has two English Heritage Sites; Furness Abbey and Piel Island.

The ruins of Furness Abbey (c.1125) are well preserved. Furness Abbey was one of the richest Cistercian monasteries in England, exceeded only by Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire. Just a short Ferry trip from the Mainland (or a walk at low tide), lies Piel Island, which boasts its own Castle and since 1487, its own King.

The website **Visit Cumbria** has many interesting facts and pictures of Barrow today as well as an excellent account of its rich Heritage and colourful history. It also provides Links to the wealth of Activities within the area and places to visit.

Education

There is a wide range of educational establishments in the area, which are generally rated as being 'Good', with 'Outstanding' in particular Curriculum disciplines;

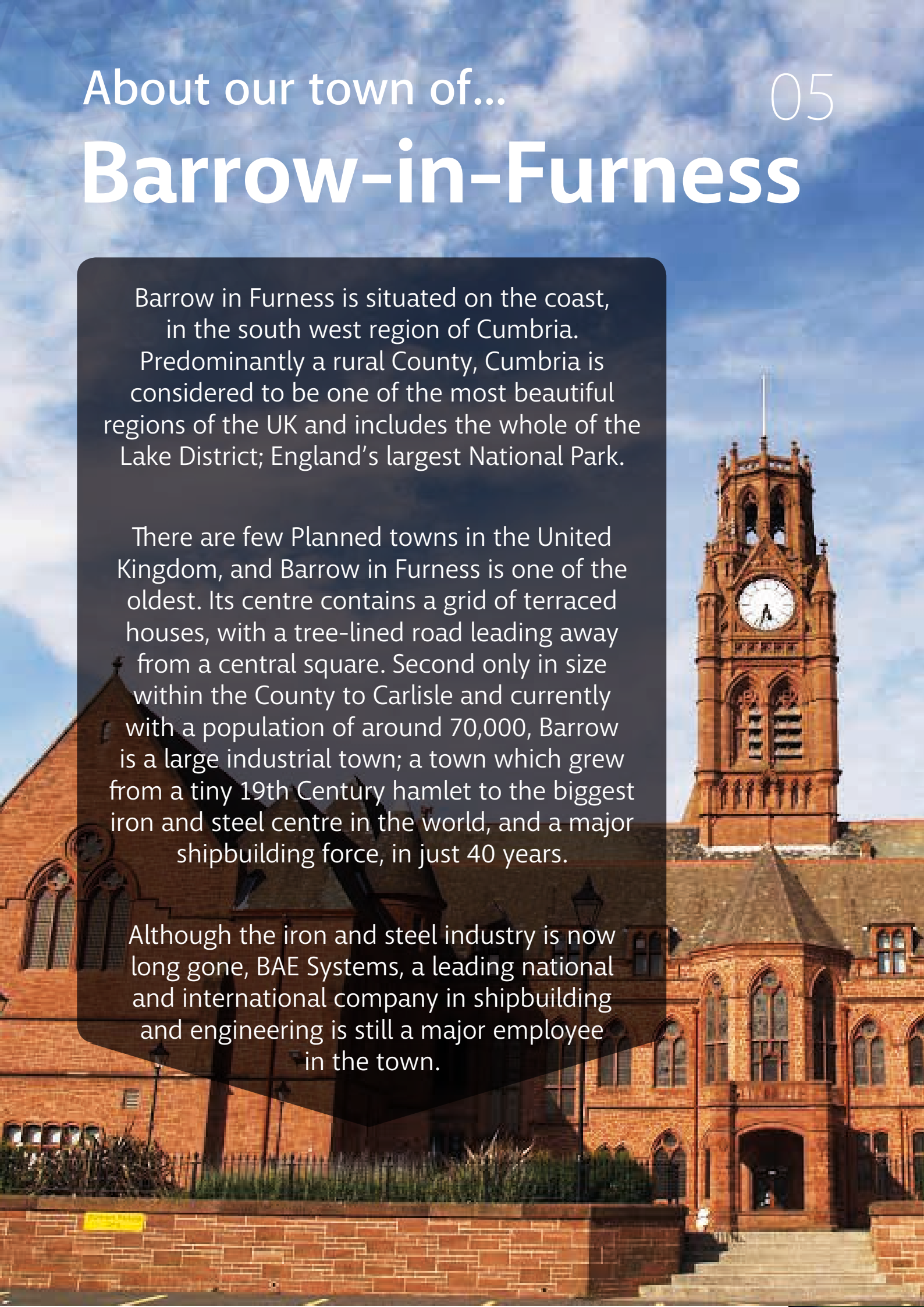
Establishments include: Primary, Comprehensive, Academy, Free school and Sixth Form College. Furness College in Barrow is both Further Education and Higher Education, in partnership with University of Cumbria.

Health Care & Transport

Furness General Hospital in Barrow has a comprehensive range of Treatment units, including A&E. The hospital is also currently building a new, State of the Art Maternity Unit.

Barrow has good road and rail Public service Transportation links, both locally and nationally and main routes for both are within a few minutes walk from anywhere within the Parish.

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Worship

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Sunday services morning and evening at both 10.30am and 6.30pm are varied, structured, yet relaxed and we remain open to the movement of the Holy Spirit within them, as we try to focus on what God is saying and where He is leading us as His Church. The services follow an alternate pattern of inclusion of Communion. The principal form of liturgy used is that of Common Worship; other forms are used, stimulating variety and creativity.

Once a month there is a more informal All Age Service arranged by a small team, led by one of our Local Lay Ministers. During these services we try to have elements which are relevant to all attending and although still having structure, they contain less liturgy than other morning services. Also on a Monthly basis, P3 is a service based around the 'three P's of Praise, Prayer and Preaching. On Fifth Sundays the Communion Service often uses Iona Liturgy.

The Bible is central to each service and traditionally we have had themed preaching plans although there has been a greater use of the Lectionary during the interregnum. Where possible the Morning Service has contained a short 5 minute session based on the theme of the service and initially aimed at younger members before they leave for Sunday School (Go Beginners!).

Most services, with the exception of some Funerals, are 'book-less', where all spoken liturgy and sung words are projected onto a screen and displayed on Video screens which are strategically positioned throughout the main body of the Church for optimum visibility. For anyone who may have difficulty using projected words a small number of Large Print paper booklets are available containing a copy the words projected.

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Over the years, the support of laity within the services has grown and the interregnum has provided additional opportunities in the leading of services and preaching of sermons

We have an organist who plays the more traditional hymns at both Morning and Evening Services, a long and well established Music Group who play modern worship songs mainly in the Morning Service and a worship band who come together for the

P3 Services. The use of CDs or quiet moments of reflection may also on occasion, form part of our Worship.

There is opportunity for prayer ministry after Morning Services where members from a trained team are available. Also after Morning Services, refreshments are served in the Foyer, encouraging many people to stay and chat. This is considered to be a significant part of our fellowship together.



Go Beginners! our small Sunday School for 3-10 year olds, start each week during term time with the rest of the congregation for the first part of the Morning Service. They then move into another room for their own teaching and activities. The children explore the story's meaning through interactive games, colouring and activity sheets. They learn the importance of prayer and regularly get involved in saying their own

prayers. The children join their parents for the All Age Service and when appropriate also take part.

The only services regularly held mid-week are a Maundy Thursday Informal Communion and Good Friday's 'An Hour at the Cross'

A small Pastoral Team offers home Communion to the sick and housebound.

People

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We are from a fairly wide range of social backgrounds and the majority of Members are from outside the Parish. We consider that we mix and work together well and there is a friendly family atmosphere in our Services. As a congregation we are low in numbers for the younger age Groups. Social Events are on the whole well attended

Governance of the Church:

- ▶ PCC, consisting of 13 members
- ▶ Two Wardens: Richard and John and one;
- ▶ Assistant Warden: Owen
- ▶ One Reader with 27 years of Office: Dave



Two Local Lay Ministers:

- ▶ **Liz:** who is involved with Healing and Discipleship Training within the Deanery and the wider Diocese and also leads the Prayer Ministry Team at St. Mark's.
- ▶ **Linda:** who was commissioned to provide Pastoral oversight to Messy Marks (a Messy Church) and also leads a team arranging the monthly service of All Age Worship.

Standing Committee: comprising Clergy, Wardens, Treasurer, two PCC members and can include where necessary the non-voting PCC Secretary as minute taker.

The Church has two part time employees; a Cleaner and the Community Pastor: Gill. Initially we were able to fund the position of a Community Pastor (25 hours per week) for a period of three years from monies received via a legacy. This has been extended a further two years from reserves and a generous donation. We have established an action plan to fund the position beyond May 2019.

We have adopted the Carlisle Diocesan Safeguarding Policy and used it as the basics of our own. Jason our Safeguarding Officer in conjunction with the vicar oversees our activities in respect of the policy.

Leadership Team comprising Clergy, Wardens, Assistant Warden, Reader, Pastoral Care Co-ordinator, All Age Worship Co-ordinator and Community Pastor.



Foundations

In recent years St. Mark's has been involved in a number of initiatives, both in respect of the parish and town-wide. In addition to the 'Believe in Barrow' Missions, St. Mark's was the catalyst in establishing Barrow Foodbank, raising the profile of the Homeless in the town and the appointment of the full-time leader of the Network Youth Church in Barrow (Andy Ward).

In respect of St. Marks alone;

► **Messy Marks:** began in April 2008 as a monthly opportunity to reach out to families unfamiliar with traditional Church in relaxed & welcoming company and those who prefer Church to be a loose mix of crafts, games, friendly conversation, music and food has proved to be very popular over the years with attendances regularly exceeding 100. With a decline in numbers attending and those being available to provide catering, crafts and activities it was decided to pause and review the way forward.

► **Sunday Night Live at Costa Coffee:** is a free outreach event with quality, live entertainment providing an opportunity for Christians to bring a friend or neighbour along to a social evening and one which includes a short 'twist of faith' talk; a Christian take on a current topic/event. It is well attended with an average monthly attendance of sixty five.

► **Community Pastor:** a role which was initiated by St. Mark's Church in April 2014 to develop and enhance the Church's outreach and support for the local community and to help co-ordinate social support which is available in Barrow for the benefit of those in need. As well as providing the desired support, both within and without the Membership of St. Mark's, the efforts of the Community Pastor have led to a significant increase in St. Mark's profile with the wider Community; please see 'Wider community links'.

► Clothes Bank:

The Clothes Bank operates Monday to Friday from 10.00am to midday, providing free clothing, shoes and accessories; toiletries/bedding/curtains, for anyone in need. The work has extended significantly as it now supports all the hospitals in the Morecambe Bay area.

Opportunities for mission and growth

There is a good potential for continued Mission and growth from within the Parish of St. Mark's as well as in the wider community of Barrow;

- Through St. Mark's established Church services, and programmed events
- Through links to the Community, established by the Community Pastor.
- Through membership and links with 'Barrow Mission Community' and 'Churches together in Barrow'
- Through Diocese initiatives such as 'Moving Mountains'

Work with Schools

There is one school within the parish; Ramsden Infants, who have held their Harvest and

Nativity Assemblies in Church for over three decades and have recently included their Leavers' Assembly. The Vicar normally gives a brief talk at the Harvest and Nativity.

Work with elderly

There are three Sheltered Housing Units within the Parish. We currently have no structured visiting arrangements to the elderly, other than for Lay members taking Home Communion to some Church members who may be ill or house bound.

Prayer Groups, Bible Study, Church organisations and Youth Groups

St. Mark's have a number of Church Groups operating, both in the Church Building and in Members' homes.

Other aspects of the work

The Church Building is also used by a number of non-Church Groups and Societies.

Please see the Service and Building use Summary at Appendix IV for further details.

Parish links

► Barrow Deanery

Is one of eleven deaneries in the Diocese of Carlisle, the deanery is the smallest geographically and covers the whole of Barrow in Furness but is the second largest numerically with around 70,000 population.

It consists of the following Churches: St. Mark's, St. Mary's, St. John's, St. Paul's, North Barrow Team Ministry (St. James' & St. Francis'), and South Barrow Team Ministry (St. George's, St. Aidan's and Grace Church).

To address present needs and opportunities the deanery is involved in the development of a Mission Community in the town; the aim is to allow us to use our resources in a more strategic and effective way as part of the overall 'Growing Disciples' strategy for Carlisle Diocese.

Ecumenical links

► Barrow Mission Community

The Barrow Mission Community is a partnership between various Churches; URC, Salvation Army, Church of England and Methodist, in Barrow. Gary Cregeen, the present Rural Dean was appointed Mission Community Leader in November 2016. The Community will develop and support patterns of being Church, that promote effective evangelism and witness throughout Barrow. Those appointed to stipendiary posts will be people who are willing to be involved in this and who will look forward to putting them into practice.

(see A Note from the Rural Dean - page 17)

► Churches Together in Barrow .

St. Mark's is not a formal member of this interdenominational organisation, although we do have PCC members attending specific meetings and through various Church members we provide support to some of their activities.

► Network Youth Church

A Church for young people aged 11 to 18+. Led by Andy Ward and supported by St. Mark's members along with members of other local Churches within Barrow, NYC seeks to connect a new generation of young people with God.

► Wider community links

St. Mark's has long been well respected within the Community in its own right; local people talk about St. Mark's as '*the Church that does stuff in the town*'. More recently, by association through the Office of Community Pastor, it now has an increased profile within the Community.

► **The Community Pastor** leads an active community programme and has established and fostered direct relationships with a broad spectrum of local and national organisations, including:

Action for children, Barrow Foodbank, Furness Homeless Support Group, CADAS, Hate Crimes Committee, Imagine (employing people with learning difficulties), Inspira (help the unemployed to find suitable employment), The local MP's office, Local Churches, Local schools, 'Love Barrow' Families, Mind, My Space, the Police service and PCSO's, PHX Training, Project John, People Plus, the Salvation Army and The Well.

► Believe in Barrow

Believe in Barrow began life in 2014, with the vision cast of a town-wide celebration of the Christian faith. Churches across Barrow came together to plan and prepare, with the first Believe in Barrow then taking place in May 2015.

► **Believe in Barrow: Real Lives:** followed in September 2017, with a month-long celebration of events hosted in various Churches in the town. Real Lives then brought everyone together for a series of events with special guests - which took place over a weekend in The Forum theatre, Barrow.

Gary Cregeen, the Rural Dean & Mission Community Leader, writes:

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"My wife, Julie, and I moved to Barrow in February 2012 and we feel as though we've been here for ages – in a positive way! Without doubt there are real challenges here, such as overcoming the low self-esteem and aspiration, which exists across many communities in Barrow. Geography can be an issue (we're located on the Furness Peninsula, which is a bit of a cul-de-sac) but this same 'problem' can also be a great blessing (in our experience) as the sense of community is pretty strong. In recent years it has been a delight to see a growing confidence and clarity of purpose among God's people in Barrow and to witness both Spiritual and numerical growth around a clear vision of who Jesus is, why He came and how others might come to know Him personally. This is at the core of the following mission statement:

THE CHURCH IN BARROW

"believe in Barrow, life in all its fullness... to know Christ better and to make Him better known."

As the Church in Barrow we aim to be:

- › A series of connected, vibrant, life giving, worshipping communities
- › Who share responsibility for loving and caring for one another
- › Whilst making and growing wholehearted followers of Jesus in Barrow, so that the whole town might be renewed and experience fullness of life in Christ.

This statement has been adopted by every PCC in the Barrow Deanery and each ecumenical partner in the emerging Barrow Mission Community; it is shaping the 'direction of travel',

alongside the Carlisle Diocesan Vision of 'Growing Disciples' and 'God For All', as together we seek to grow God's Kingdom in Barrow and beyond. The statement is also shaping 'Believe in Barrow' which has a diverse ecumenical make-up of Churches committed to evangelism and mission. Such renewed and growing sense of purpose and partnership in the Gospel among Christians throughout Barrow causes me to re-echo the words of the psalmist: 'This is the Lord's doing and it's wonderful to see!'

When we came for interview (for the post of Team Rector of South Barrow) in autumn 2011 we were struck by the local catchphrase which appears on buses and in various other places: 'LOVE BARROW'. It was as though God was saying to us 'I love Barrow and I want you to do the same'. At the heart of the gospel is the self-denying love of Christ – through His wounds we are healed. For us, coming to Barrow has been like 'stepping out of the boat' in faith – yet we are here because we believe it is the place where the Lord wants us to be and we're enjoying it, despite the challenges! We have been struck by the sense of community here in Barrow and the people have been so welcoming. We have been heartened to see people coming to faith in Jesus Christ and 'blossoming' in their faith and confidence in Him. Like us, might God be calling you to 'Love Barrow' and to join in with what He is doing in transforming lives and communities across the town and beyond?"

***Yours, in the service of Jesus Christ,
Gary Cregeen***

Parish Mission Action Plan

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We very early on, adopted the principles and practice of Mission Planning. Our plan over recent years has seen the undertaking of significant actions inclusive of establishing a Community Programme, facilitated via the appointment of our Community Pastor. Our MAP has also covered town-wide Mission actions as evidenced by the level of St. Mark's resources (financial and people) in the Barrow Mission Community and the 'Believe in Barrow' Missions of 2015 and 2017.

We recognise that now, as a consequence of this interregnum and the forthcoming appointment of our new leader, it is an opportune time to take stock of where we are, where we consider God is leading and to open these up to prayer.



Finances:

Almost ten years ago Carlisle Diocese moved from a Parish Share to a Parish Offer System in which each parish and therefore each Deanery pledges an amount to the diocese for the coming year. St. Mark's has each year, pledged as a minimum the stipendiary cost of a vicar.

We operate two freewill giving schemes which gives individuals the opportunity to give weekly or monthly through envelopes or directly by standing order to St. Mark's bank account. The first is general funding for the work of St. Mark's and the second goes to six mission societies we support. Encouragement is regularly given to use the Gift Aid scheme. At harvest our monetary gifts go to Tearfund and food to the Furness Homeless Support Group. We support The Children's Society through the Collections at our annual Christingle and Carols by Candlelight Services.

St. Mark's doesn't run money raising events to support it's general funding but for example, money left after running costs from social events would be given to a charity or project we support.

Please refer to Appendix III for Accounts information

Numbers at worship: using data from August 2016 - July 2017

Number on Electoral Roll – 143 Male – 31% Female – 69%

Percentage of Electoral Roll Members who live in the Parish – 18%

Average Adult Attendance on Sunday

10.30 am	82	Communicants	79
6.30 pm	27	Communicants	21

Adult Attendance on Easter Day 2017

8.00 am	13	Communicants	13
10.30 am	82	Communicants	79
6.30 pm	27	Communicants	21

Adult Attendance on Christmas Day 2016

8.00 am	24	Communicants	24
10.30 am	101	Communicants	90

Baptisms during this period

Child	4	Adults	1
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Weddings	1
Marriage Blessings	1
Funeral Services	5
Home Communion	29

Baptism

- › Preparation sessions for Baptism families and candidates are arranged by the Vicar.
- › The candidate is welcomed into the Family of the Church during a morning service.
- › A portable wooden Font is used for Baptism.

Marriage

- › Marriage Preparation sessions are arranged by the Vicar and St. Mark's approach to marriage has in the past been in line with the Church of England principles of *'getting married in Church'*

Confirmation

- › Preparation sessions are arranged by the Vicar. Confirmations are often shared with other Churches within the Deanery.

Openness to change

St. Mark's is and has been over many years, open to change; change being a foreseeable consequence in a number of instances, for example:

- › through the pioneering work in establishing a Deanery Youth Worker and Community Pastor.
- › through creation of a number of activities to support the needs of its Members and Community
- › in its support of Ecumenical initiatives.

Above all, the recognition of our task to reach out to the lost, means that we do not hold dear to past practice, but readily await and embrace God's direction for our future.

In material terms, the extent to which the building has been maintained and its Design changed is testament to its members both recognising and embracing the need for change in order to provide optimum flexibility in its use.

The Church Building 21

St. Mark's is a Victorian, wood and red brick built structure. It was originally designed as one of four temporary Churches to meet the Spiritual needs of a rapidly growing industrial town of the late nineteenth century.

The Church building consists of the Main building, Vestry Office and Vestry Hall.

During 1987, a major refurbishment of the Church building took place, which externally, saw the front Porch and Steeple removed and by the innovative design of a new Entrance and internal glazing of the Foyer, the main body of the Church became visually open to the outside world. This resulted in the physical concept of a 'Church without Walls', reinforcing St. Mark's Spiritual openness and a sense of Welcome.

Internally, a Meeting Room was created to seat fifty people, a Foyer of equal size, Kitchen and Toilet facilities and a further large Meeting Room above, which is accessed from the Foyer. With the pews removed two hundred cushioned chairs were installed. The chairs may also

be re-arranged or completely removed when necessary to facilitate hosting different Events such as the monthly Messy Marks.

A further two hundred chairs can also be added to the main Worship Area and the Foyer for larger services and events. The cost of this refurbishment was met partly from the sale of redundant Church Halls and grants but mainly from the giving of Church Members themselves.

From 2014 through to 2017, the Church, having received a generous legacy, used part of it to undertake a major programme of updating and refurbishment of the Church and Vestry building, including replacement of Doors, Windows, Toilet areas, Flooring, Heating, Lighting and Seating. This work has added further to opening up the visibility of Church within the community.

Wheelchair access is available to all parts of the building excluding the Upper Meeting Room. Disabled Toilets are included in both the Church and the Vestry Hall Toilet facilities.

The two manual keyboard Pipe Organ has been well maintained and is considered as being one of the better examples in the area.

A flexible Sound Reinforcement System with Induction Loop and Simple Portable/Wall mounting Stage Lighting Equipment are installed in the main worship area.

The Building is well maintained, updated to modern standards, incorporating designs to facilitate maximum flexibility in its use; a place of Worship, in which and from which, we serve our God .

Please refer to Appendix I for the Building Plans.



The Vicarage

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The Vicarage is a detached house situated between the Church and the old Church Halls and was built in 1988 on the site of the original vicarage on behalf of Carlisle Diocese. The house is set back from the Street with a garden at the front and to the side. To the rear of the house is a Garage and large yard with gates which open out onto the next street. The house has double glazing with full central heating, and comprises:

Ground floor

- Lounge, dining room, large kitchen diner and utility room.
There is also a study and downstairs toilet which are separate from the private living area.

First floor

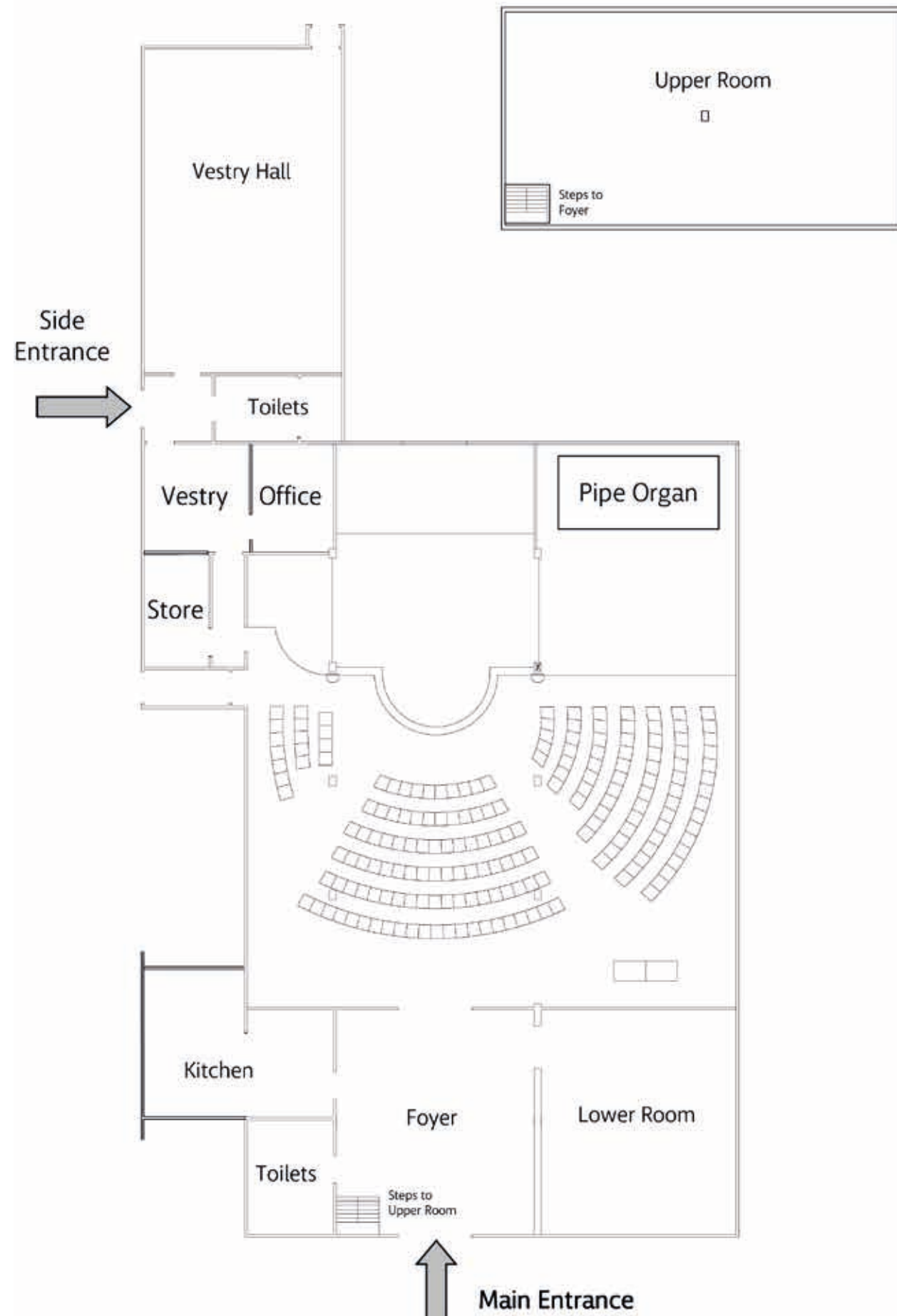
- Four bedrooms, bathroom, toilet, shower and walk in loft above the garage.

Please see Appendix I for Vicarage Floor Plan

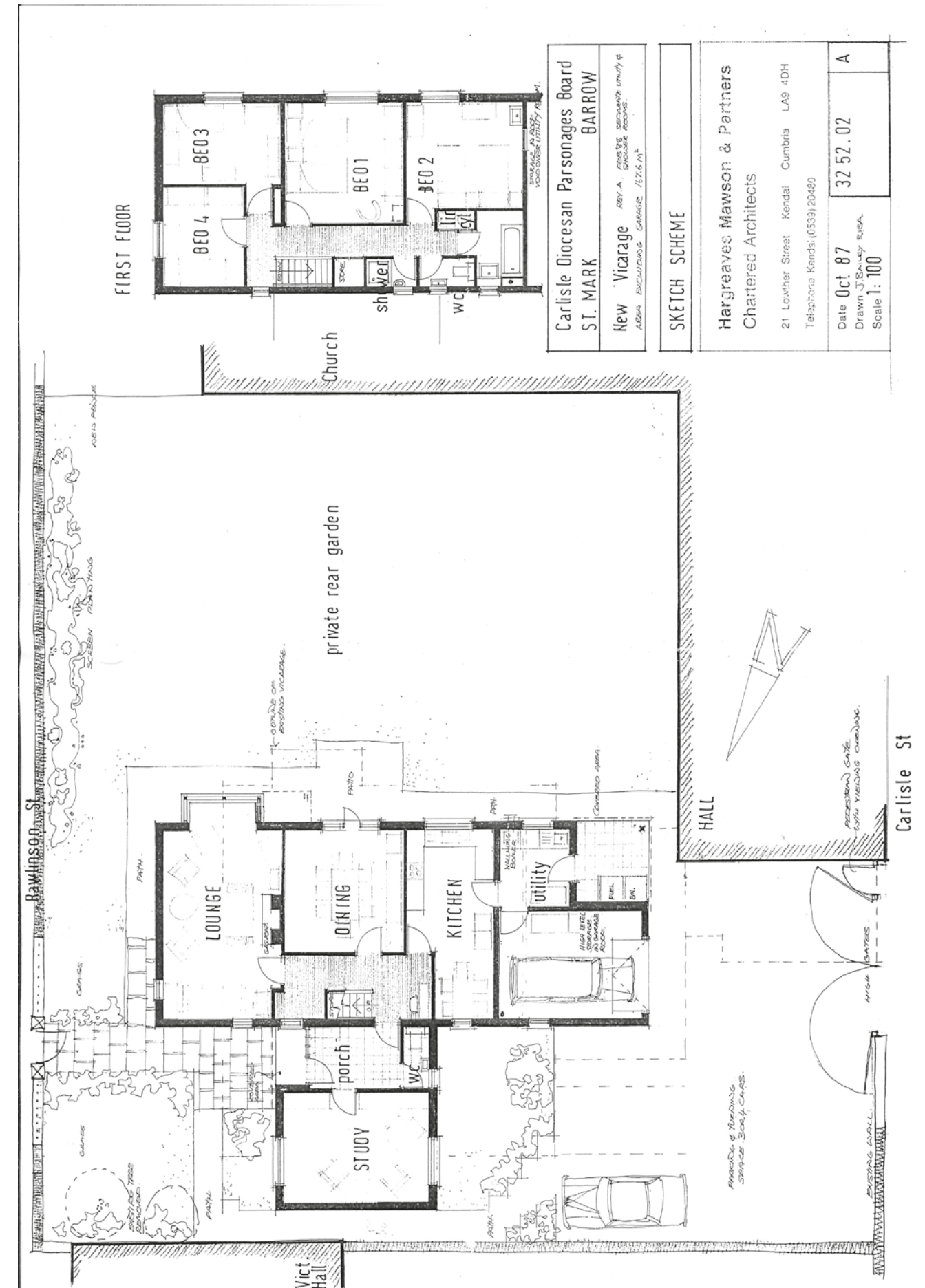


Appendix I St. Mark's Church Building Plans

Building Layout

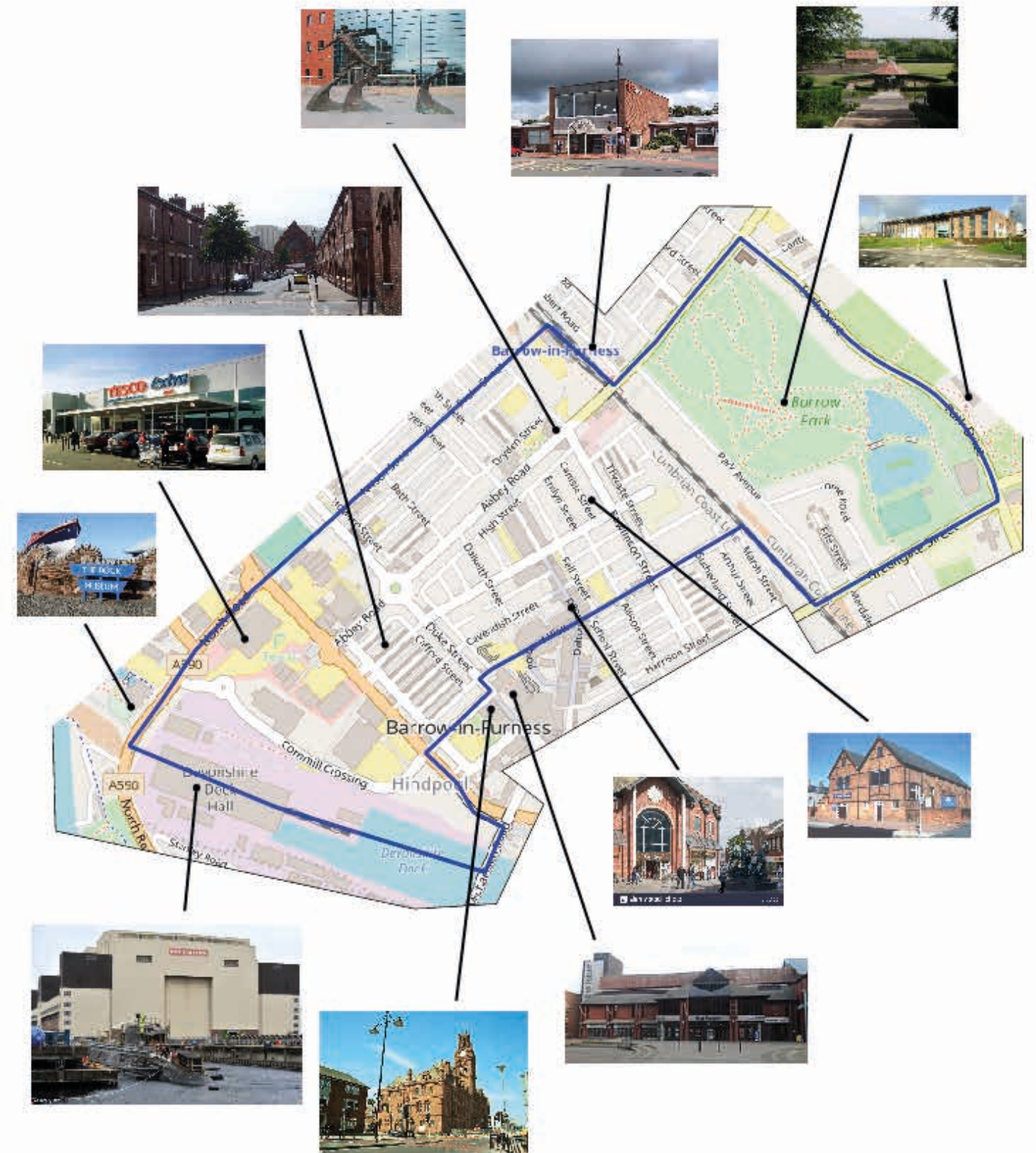


Building Layout



Appendix II Parish Boundary

Appendix II: Map of the Parish Boundary



Appendix III St. Mark's Church Financial Report

St. Mark's Church, Barrow-in-Furness

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st December 2016

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2016

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Totals 2016 £
Monetary Assets					
CAF Cash - Current	14,173.58				14,173.58
Barclays Community - Current		-			-
Total Monetary Assets	14,173.58	-	-		14,173.58
Investment Assets					
CAF Gold		-	8,931.40	146,326.80	155,258.20
National Savings & Investments		1,001.82			1,001.82
Total Investment Assets		1,001.82	8,931.40	146,326.80	156,260.02

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 31st December 2015

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Reserves £	Totals 2015 £
Monetary Assets					
CAF Cash - Current	14,131.32				14,131.32
Barclays Community - Current		-			-
Total Monetary Assets	14,131.32	-	-		14,131.32
Investment Assets					
CAF Gold		100.00	6,429.42	259,936.85	266,466.27
National Savings & Investments		1,001.82			1,001.82
Total Investment Assets		1,101.82	6,429.42	259,936.85	267,468.09

Approved by the PCC on 21st April 2017 and signed on their behalf by Rev Canon Ian Hook (PCC Chairman)

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Receipts	2016 £	2015 £
Incoming resources from donors		
Pledged Giving	53,342.87	49,475.51
Cash Collections	4,718.82	4,251.61
Sundry Donations	244.00	1,172.00
Income Tax Reclaimed	9,232.45	8,800.29
Sub Totals	67,538.14	63,699.41
Other voluntary incoming resources		
Legacies	-	7,360.47
Special events income	479.00	1,865.00
Sub Totals	479.00	9,225.47
Income from charitable and ancillary trading		
Contributions for use of Church building	2,131.00	1,179.00
Fees	1,073.00	1,320.00
Sale of Bible notes & Homegroup books	90.96	433.17
Sub Totals	3,294.96	2,932.17
Other ordinary incoming resources		
Insurance claims	-	-
Photocopying	-	-
Repayments	30.00	1,133.89
Misc	466.35	150.00
Sub Totals	496.35	1,283.89
Messy Marks	56.83	163.53
Community Groups		
Mainly for Men	482.19	429.41
Musical Marks	2,208.75	834.80
Making Marks	-	-
Mini Marks	10.00	86.77
Moving Marks	-	238.00
Sub Totals	2,700.94	1,588.98
Total Receipts - Unrestricted Funds	74,566.22	78,893.45
Restricted Income		
Mission Giving to Societies	9,566.85	9,700.57
Collections for charities	5,298.10	4,464.54
Gift Day - 2016	1,759.50	
Gift Day - 2015	873.75	4,139.00
Gift Day - 2014	-	185.00
Financial Sponsorship of Community Pastor	8,000.00	-
Restricted Donations	5,416.29	2,881.75
Sub Totals	30,914.49	21,370.86
Total Receipts	105,480.71	100,264.31
Excess of Receipts over Payments (Unrestricted Funds)	(13,025.94)	(15,160.19)
Transfer of Deficit Allocation from Legacy	13,068.20	15,840.84

General Fund Receipts and Payments Account

Payments	2016 £	2015 £
Activities directly relating to the work of the Church		
Ministry		
Parish Share	58,000.00	56,500.00
Working Expenses of Clergy		
Vicar Expenses	1,440.00	1,440.00
Telephone	-	-
Curate Expenses	-	-
Telephone	-	-
Visiting Speakers	-	-
Sub Totals	1,440.00	1,440.00
Church Running Expenses		
Electricity, Gas, Water	4,905.42	8,339.70
Insurance	2,340.95	2,261.91
Cleaning	5,315.25	4,944.64
Sub Totals	12,561.62	15,546.25
Church maintenance		
General	867.58	699.68
Organ	1,040.60	2,141.30
Sub Totals	1,908.18	2,840.98
Upkeep of services		
Misc	198.11	274.44
Catering	311.88	68.27
Lay reader expenses	83.94	70.36
Leaflets & Literature	301.73	114.50
Deanery Synod & General Synod	75.00	300.00
Copyright Licence	821.84	595.76
Sub Totals	1,792.50	1,423.33
Support costs		
Training	650.00	560.00
Sunday School	94.29	92.24
Brownies	-	100.00
Sub Totals	744.29	752.24
Building Work		
Major repairs (structure)	-	-
Major repairs/replacement (installations)	-	-
Interior and exterior re-decoration	242.75	-
Sub Totals	242.75	-
Honoraria Organist	425.00	300.00
Special events expenses	1,827.00	2,668.70
Sunday Night Live	2,424.99	2,125.00
Believe in Barrow	-	650.00
Marriage Preparation		
Ancillary Trading	158.04	202.19

Church management and administration		
Stationery & Postage	501.64	306.16
Photocopying	333.76	1,017.93
Church Telephone	64.18	62.06
Computer/Website Expenses	-	-
Architect Fees	442.00	-
Misc	673.34	185.00
Sub Totals	2,014.92	1,571.15
Messy Marks	1,164.83	1,205.79
Community Groups		
Mainly for Men	402.70	333.81
Musical Marks	2,430.51	258.91
Making Marks	-	6.34
Mini Marks	54.83	31.19
Moving Marks	-	-
Sub Totals	2,888.04	630.25
Internal Transfers		
Designated Funds	-	-
General Reserves	-	-
Fabric Reserves	-	-
Legacy Reserves	-	7,360.47
Sub Totals	0.00	7,360.47
Total Payments - Unrestricted	87,592.16	95,216.35
Payment of Restricted Funds		
Mission Giving to Societies	9,566.85	9,700.57
Charity Collections/Donation	5,298.10	4,464.55
Gift Day - 2016	1,759.50	
Gift Day - 2015	873.75	4,139.00
Financial Sponsorship of Community Pastor	8,000.00	
Donations	5,416.29	1,904.03
Sub Totals	30,914.49	20,208.15
Total Payments	118,506.65	115,424.50
Notes re General Fund		
Church Running Expenses		
Electricity	1,575.00	2,091.00
Gas	2,612.91	5,764.00
Water	71.51	484.70

Appendix IV

St. Mark's Church Services & Building Use

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Summary of St. Mark's Services & Building Use

► St. Mark’s Services

Event		Detail	When	Where
Morning Services			Sunday; 10.30am	St. Mark's
Evening Services			Sunday; 6.30pm	St. Mark's
Mid week Services	The only services held mid-week are Good Friday; ‘An Hour At The Cross’ and Maundy Thursday; informal Communion which is incorporated into the weekly mid-week meetings during Lent.			St. Mark's
Go Beginners! (Sunday School)	Held during Sunday Morning Services with the Exception of the ‘All Age Worship’ Service.		Sunday	St. Mark's
Home Communion	Home Communion for sick and elderly .		As required.	

► St. Mark’s run Activities

Event		Detail	When	Where
Morning prayer meeting	Early morning prayer meeting, open to all, following the IONA prayer guide and using a Lectionary.		Monday; 9.30am	St. Mark's
Morning prayer meeting	Ecumenical early morning prayer with Emmanuel Christian Fellowship.		Daily, Mon-Sat; 7.00am	St. Mark's / Emmanuel
OMF prayer Meeting	Prayer in support of Missionary work sponsored by St. Mark's.		Third Monday in the Month	Member’s home
Lent Courses	Teaching Course with weekly meetings during the period of Lent.		Annually	St. Mark's or members’ homes
Discipleship courses	Freedom in Christ discipleship courses, delivered by Local Lay Minister.		Annually	St. Mark's
Preparation Courses	Baptism, Marriage and Confirmation Courses led by the Vicar.		As required	St. Mark's
Messy Marks	An exciting mix of craft activities, conversation, games and worship with a meal.		Monthly; 3rd Wednesday, 3.30pm	St. Mark's
Moving Marks	Community dance group, suitable for all active adults.		Thursday; 7.00pm– 8.00pm	St. Mark's
Making Marks	A craft, knitting and sewing group welcoming beginners and experts.		Monday; 1.00pm– 2.30pm	St. Mark's
Munchin’ Marks	Free lunch with social interaction. All welcome.		Monday	St. Mark's
Musical Marks	A community singing group and great friendship for all. The group performs 2 main concerts each year raising significant funds for charities and visits Residential Care Homes to give short concerts throughout the year.		Ad hoc	St. Mark's

Mainly for Men	Drop in coffee / tea and snacks morning. Enjoy relaxing in the company of others. Not exclusive to men.	Monday; 10.00am- 2.00pm	St. Mark's
Mature Marks	A Social group which meets bi-weekly and is aimed at an age group of over 59 for ‘learning, encouragement and laughs’.	Wednesday; 1.00pm -2.00pm	St. Mark's
Concerts	The Church has organised several large scale performances by well known professional artists and visiting performers. eg Jonathan Veira, Paul and Fiona Jones, Roger Jones’ Choirs, Blackburn Salvation Army Band.		St. Mark's
Brownies	St. Mark's Brownies.	Monday; 5.30pm –7.00pm	St. Mark's
Youth Café	Youth Club, run by Community Pastor with involvement from leadership of ‘Youth Network Church’ (NYC); welcomes all children in school years 6 – 14 for varied fun activities and friendship.	Tuesday; 6.00pm –7.30pm	St. Mark's
Afternoon Fellowship	Ladies Fellowship; fun, teaching and refreshments.	1st and 3rd Thursdays; 2.00pm	St. Mark's
Informal Bible study	Informal Bible study and Prayer time; mainly women but men not excluded.	Tuesday;	In Member's home
FISH	‘Fellowship In Someone’s Home; friendship, sharing, laughter, a ten minute’ Touch of Faith’ and a cuppa.	2nd and 4th Thursdays;	In Member's home
Sunday Night Live	Free quality live entertainment with a twist of faith This is a well attended (av 65) monthly event, providing an opportunity for Christians and non – Christians to meet in a friendly welcoming ‘non Church’ atmosphere to hear a ‘twist of faith’, short talk and quality entertainment.	1st Sunday in the Month;	Coata Coffee, Dalton Road
Clothes Bank	Free clothes, shoes and accessories, toiletries, bedding, curtains for anyone in need. Clothes Bank also provides nightwear, slippers and wash bags to the local hospital for patients in need.	Monday -Friday; 10.00am to 12.00 noon	St. Mark's

► Community Groups using St. Mark's Premises

Event	Detail	When	Where
Multi Cultural Youth Club	Run by non-St. Mark's representative.	Friday; 3.30pm – 6.00pm	St. Mark's
Mini Marks	ADHD friendly toddler group. Also a support group for parents/carers of children with ADHD. Run by non-St. Mark's representative.	Monday; 1.00 - 2.30pm	St. Mark's
Autistic Society	Run by non-St. Mark's representative.	Tuesday	St. Mark's
COPD	Support Group run by non-St. Mark's representative.	Wednesday	St. Mark's

Appendix V Web Links

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- ▶ St. Mark's Church
www.stmarksbarrow.org.uk
- ▶ St. Mark's Church Facebook
www.facebook.com/StMarksBarrow
- ▶ Messy Marks
www.messymarks.org.uk
- ▶ Carlisle Diocese
www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk
- ▶ God For All
www.godforall.org.uk
- ▶ Barrow Mission Community
www.barrowmissioncommunity.com
- ▶ Believe in Barrow
www.believeinbarrow.com
- ▶ Network Youth Church
www.nycbarrow.co.uk
- ▶ Network Youth Church Facebook
www.facebook.com/networkyouthChurchbarrow
- ▶ Visit Cumbria
www.visitcumbria.com
- ▶ Getting Married in Church
www.yourchurchwedding.org



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