



Keswick Methodist Church

I lift up my eyes to the hills.....

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Notices for week commencing 8 December 2019



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Jesus Christ,
we seek you through our Advent
journey. Fill the unrest of our
troubled world with your peace
and fill the emptiness of our
hearts with your hope.
Save us by the power of your
living word and give us voices to
speak for your justice.

Jesus Christ, we wait for you.
Jesus Christ, we welcome you.
Amen.

(Homelessness & Hospitality
Advent Candle Liturgy : Week 2)

Sunday 8 December : Advent 2

10.30am **Worship** led by Rev Paul Saunders
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 | Matthew 3:1-12
Hymns: 706 (v2), 208, 210 (tune i), 206, 222, 207
Please stay for coffee, tea and biscuits

12noon-4pm **Christmas Tree Festival – Final Day!**

6pm **Taize Advent Worship**

This Coming Week:

Wednesday 11 December:

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 12 December: Election Day

9.30am Prayer Group in the hall

10-11.30am Jubilate in the hall

7-9pm Christmas Mince Pies at Joyce & Roy's

Saturday 14 December:

4pm Happily Ever After in the church & hall

Sunday 15 December: Advent 3

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev David Hasson

7pm Housegroup *Sally's Trek to Everest Base Camp*

Advent

Today it's Week 2 of Advent. During this special time we again have a wreath with candles on it. One candle will be lit each week (at the start of the service) – with a special prayer and a verse from *Singing the Faith 706 Longing for Light*.



Action for Children

Please note that all donations during the Christmas Tree Festival are for Action for Children, including the offering at today's service. All the collection (envelopes included) will be for Action for Children.



Carols Round the Wards:

West Cumberland Hospital

6.30pm Tuesday 10 December

All are invited to join in singing carols at the West

Cumberland Hospital, Whitehaven. The Salvation Army band will be accompanying. Meet in the Hospital Chapel ready to start at 6.30pm.



**Urgent: Help needed
to prepare for
Happily Ever After
Saturday**

14 December

It's all hands to the
deck next Saturday,
14 December, as we



prepare the church and hall for the Panto so it's ready to start promptly at 4pm. I'll be in charge of co-ordinating help so please let me know if you can help in any way. Things to do will include helping to unload Duggie Dug Dug's van when he arrives about 12 noon and putting chairs out in the church and hall (and putting them away after worship on Sunday), etc. Please talk to me today if you can help at all.

Richard North (78025)

The Hole

The sharp-eyed among you will have noticed the damage to the wall above the cupboards. Three of the hall roof supports come right through the wall and the ends are just covered by plaster on our side. This was discovered when the demolishers carefully tried to take out the first one. The damage will be repaired by Sharp Edge Construction once all work which might cause further damage has been completed.

David Hasson : Property Steward (75818)

Evening of Fun and Mince Pies

7-9pm Thursday 12 December

Roy and Joyce Ellis invite everyone to join them for Roy's Christmas Mince Pies with wine, or Joyce's non-alcoholic punch, and savoury snacks. Drop in for as little or as long as you are able – we'd love to see you! We live at 38 Briar Rigg. Donations in aid of Action for Children & Christian Aid.



Joyce & Roy Ellis (73340)



Foodbank

This week at the Foodbank we're looking for the following to make sure we have enough stock: ***small tinned ham, tinned fruit, tinned fish, tinned soup, sponge pudding.*** Can you help, please? We've reinstated the green



wheelie bin collection point in the church entrance area so hope you find this useful.

We're grateful to all of you who donate at this time of year. We now have plenty of mince pies, chocolates and other goodies to add to our food boxes over the Christmas season. Yesterday Keswick Rotary Club visited the warehouse and donated £250 of food – what stars!

Roy Ellis (73340)

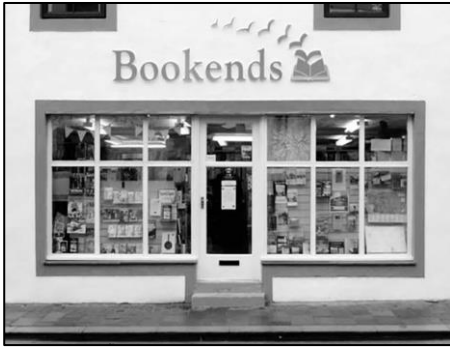


Calling all mince pies makers!

During December we're having a number of events and services when we'll be serving refreshments. It would be really good if we could supplement our refreshments with homemade mince pies.

We began with the Christmas Tree Festival (thank you for those already supplied) and it's also been the tradition to serve them after the Carol Service (Sunday 22nd). If you'd like to make and donate any, they can be brought to church in advance or on the day - whichever is most convenient. Thank you very much.

Helen North (78025)



Christmas Children's Book Bank

Bookends in Keswick Main Street and Lingholm Kitchen Garden & Gift Shop in Portinscale are collecting donations of **new** children's books (from toddlers to teens) to give to local foodbanks (including North Lakes Foodbank) for children of their clients and to Jigsaw

Children's Hospice in Carlisle. Books can be left at either venue up to 12 December for the Foodbank. Between 13 December and 20 December the books will go to Jigsaw Children's Hospice. Your donation will bring a smile of delight to a child and could even change their life – open their mind, inspire, encourage.

God in Love Unites Us

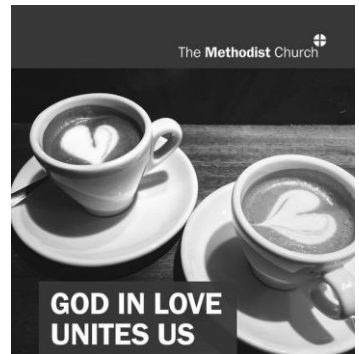
God in love unites us is the Report of the Marriage and Relationships Task Group 2019, discussed extensively at the 2019 Methodist Conference and commended for study and prayerful discussion throughout the Church.

There is a *Study Guide* to the Report available, which introduces each theme in the Report

and poses questions for us to consider. The Report, Study Guide and a supporting video are available to download online at

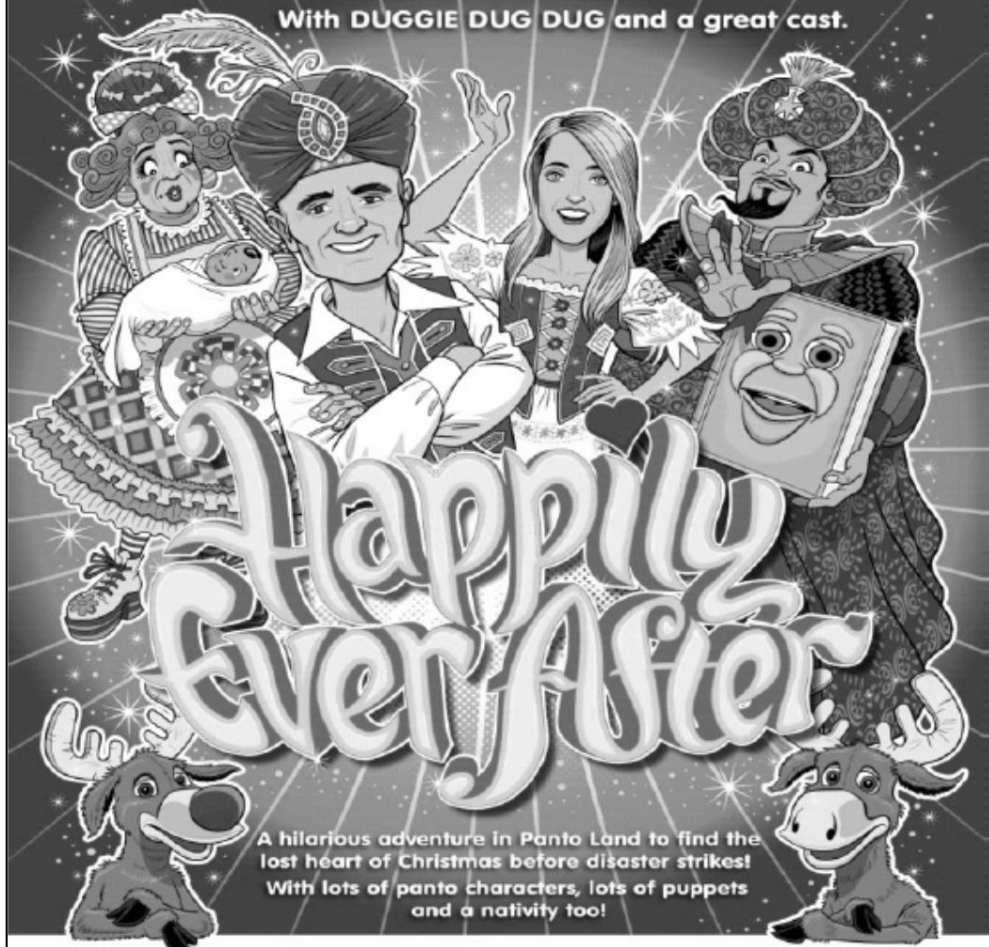
www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/marriage-and-relationships-2019. We are also encouraged to attend one of the Circuit consultations in January to find out more and to give our views. There's

one in Egremont on 22 January and one in Brigham on 30 January, both at 7pm. A church copy of the report is available in the vestry if you'd like to borrow it. Just ask one of the Leadership Team.



A CHRISTMAS PANTO FULL OF FUN AND LAUGHTER!

With **DUGGIE DUG DUG** and a great cast.



A hilarious adventure in Panto Land to find the lost heart of Christmas before disaster strikes!
With lots of panto characters, lots of puppets and a nativity too!

Methodist Church, Southey Street,
Keswick CA12 4HH

Saturday 14 December 4pm

£5 (1 adult+1 child), **£10** (2 adults+3 children)

Extra children **£3** each (with adult)

Includes refreshments

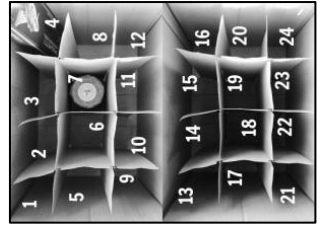


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Reverse Advent Calendar

Instead of opening a door and eating chocolate, why not make a donation to the Foodbank on each day of Advent. Copies of the Reverse Advent Calendar are available in the welcome area. Of course you could still eat chocolate every day as well!

Roy Ellis (73340)



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1100 St. Mary Street, Keswick, ON M7B 1L1

Christmas Tree Festival with Nativity Scenes



Entry is free, but we welcome donations to

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

Today! 12 noon - 4pm

Last day today!

Christmas Day All Age Worship

We celebrate the Birth of Christ with a short service at 10am led by our new Chair of District, Rev Dr James Tebbutt. Come and join us. Bring one of your opened presents with you to show others. If you haven't an opened present come and enjoy seeing others' presents. There will be coffee and mince pies afterwards for those who are able to stay.



Future Dates:

- **Saturday 14 December 4pm: Happily Ever After** – a Christian pantomime with DuggyDugDug
- **Sunday 22 December 10.30am: Carol Service**
- **Sunday 22 December 8pm: Carols at Farmers Arms, Portinscale**
- **Wednesday 25 December 10am: Christmas Day Service** with Rev Dr James Tebbutt, Chair of District
- **Sunday 5 January 10.30am: Joint Covenant Service with St Johns** in our church
- **Saturday 18 January : Coffee Morning** for the London Homeless Collective
- **Wednesday 22 January 7pm: Circuit Consultation on *God in Love Unites Us*** at The Meeting Place, Egremont Methodist Church
- **Thursday 30 January 7pm: Circuit Consultation on *God in Love Unites Us*** at Brigham Methodist Church
- **Sunday 29 March 2020 10.30am: Rock** – the story of Simon Peter

Notice Sheet: Please email notices for next week through to Anne Hasson by e-mail to annehasson@aol.com or phone 75818 by Thursday evening.