



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 22 November 2020



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Let nothing disturb or dismay us,
O God,

for all things are passing
and you alone are unchanging.

All things are wrought in patience,
O God, and those who possess
you lack nothing.

Our sufficiency, O God,
is in you alone,
now and always.

Amen

*(Teresa of Avila 1515-1582)
(Day 22 Prayer Handbook)*

In line with Government policy our church services at the church in Southey Street are on hold. We expect to return for worship here on Sunday 6 December. Meanwhile please join us for worship online:

- Keswick Methodist Church live worship via Zoom Wednesdays at 7pm
- Western Fells Methodist Circuit recorded worship via Youtube and Facebook Sunday mornings (uploaded very early Sunday morning)

Zoom Service : Wednesday 25 November

This Wednesday's service will be led by Rev Paul Saunders. If you'd like the code to join by internet or by phone please see Helen's letter or get in touch with us. Anne & David Hasson (75818) or revhasson@aol.com

Christmas cards (Christian Aid & Traidcraft)

If you'd like to order some Christmas cards please choose from the Traidcraft Christmas catalogue. Then, as we shall not be meeting at church, send me your order by email (joyce.ellis@zen.co.uk) or by phone (73340). You don't need to pay until you receive the cards. If you don't have a catalogue and would like one please give me a ring or email me and I'll drop one round for you. It will mean you can write your Christmas cards whilst confined to your home during Lockdown! Many thanks for all your support.



Joyce Ellis (73340)



President & Vice President of Conference Facebook Live

Rev Richard Teal and Carolyn Lawrence, our President and Vice-President, are hosting a series of Facebook Lives, starting at 12.45 on Mondays. Watch them at facebook.com/MethodistPresidency.

Need help?

Please remember if you need help in any way that you can contact any of the Leadership Team:

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North Lakes Foodbank

We're so grateful for all your donations. Food donations have been incredible over the past weeks to the point where our Cockermouth warehouse is completely full and we still have a huge number of crates stored in the church next door! The last thing that we want to do is to waste food by it going out of date before we can give it out so we've had to close food donation bins during Lockdown 2 to get the stock levels down.



You may of course keep collecting food and then give it to another organisation in the meantime but please **don't** continue to collect food and store it for us to collect when lockdown ends, otherwise we'll be back to square one! Thank you for your continued support and please be assured that we'll be back and will need your food donations again. Thank you.

If you still want to give, and give easily, **Booths** are now running their **Buy One Give One Free** scheme. For every qualifying item that you buy in store, you can pick another one up completely free of charge to donate to your store's food bank collection point. In partnership with their suppliers, Booths will fund the free item to help maximise donations and support local communities. More details in store or online.

Christmas Tree Festival – Virtually

A lot's been going on behind the scenes in preparation for this year's



Christmas Tree Festival. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions and second lockdown we've decided to go virtual this year, although we'll still have the nativity window facing onto Southey Street. This is part of the Town's Advent Window Trail and will give a Christian message to passers by during December. We already have a number of groups getting trees ready and they'll be taking photos and sending them in to go on both the Church's and the Keswick Tourism Association's website and social media. We're hoping to also have a spread in the Reminder on the Friday of what would have been the 'in-person' Festival. If you know of any groups who'd like to take part it's not too late to let me know!

Sheila Files (79253)

1 IN 4 WOMEN AND 1 IN 9 MEN

**WILL EXPERIENCE SOME FORM OF
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
IN THEIR LIFETIME**

promote awareness of domestic abuse and look at how as a church we can begin to tackle this and respond appropriately to victims and survivors. A packed and diverse programme includes an interview with the Domestic Abuse Commissioner, Nicole Jacobs. More info and to register visit methodist.org.uk/safeguarding/domestic-abuse-webinar-tuesday-24-november-2020.

Anna Chaplaincy

**Enquirer's Day : Tuesday 24 November
7-8.30pm & Thursday 26 November 2-
3.30pm online**

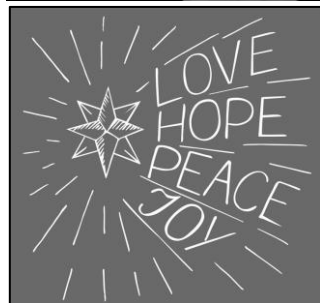
The Anna Chaplaincy works with local churches and mission communities offering spiritual support to older people who are living in care homes and sheltered housing complexes, their

relatives and staff who look after them and to promote the spiritual welfare of older people in the wider community, particularly those facing challenges living independently. If you'd like to find out more about this new Cumbria-wide scheme you're welcome to join either of these two events via Zoom – email ebctic@outlook.com to book a place and get the link.

**Domestic Abuse Webinar :
Tuesday 24 November
10-11.30am**

This event is the first of its kind organised by the Methodist Church. The event aims to





Advent Refresh :

Thursday 26 November 7pm online

An evening of music, reflection, the spoken word as well as some fun. Di Stone, from Scargill House near Kettlewell, will be helping lead parts of the evening. We hope very much that you can join us as we prepare for Christmas. We're picking up the great Advent words of hope, peace, love and joy, encouraging us to keep trusting, and looking for glimpses of God's glory through these troubling days. The evening will work as a whole, but we've

tried to design it so you could use it in four parts over the Advent period if you wish - perhaps in prayer or Bible study groups. Each section will be available as a video shortly after 26th and there will be a set of study questions for each section too. You can find out more at [youtube/refreshcumbria](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=refreshcumbria). Please contact me for more info or to register.

Jan at Refresh! (refreshcumbria@btinternet.com)



Please remember to use easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping this

year. Over 4,300 shops and sites will donate to Keswick Methodist Church for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop with them. This means you can raise donations for us when you buy anything from decorations and festive food shopping to gifts like toys, jewellery, tech, experiences and more! These donations, no matter how small, really help us and all you have to do is use easyfundraising when you're ordering the things you'll be buying anyway.

Visit [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist).

Cumbria's Big Carol Sing : Sunday 20 December 6pm

A challenge has been set to create Cumbria's biggest socially-distanced Christmas carol sing-along. BBC Radio Cumbria is working in partnership with churches across the county to run Cumbria's Big Carol Sing on **Sunday 20 December**. The radio station will broadcast a special programme from 6pm that evening, with as many people as possible being asked to sing the carol Silent Night on their doorsteps at 6.15pm.



BBC Radio Cumbria's Richard Corrie, who will present the show, said: "This is a wonderful opportunity for the whole county to come together in song and to help lift the mood for everyone after what has been an unprecedented year due to the coronavirus. My hope is that as many people as possible will tune into the programme that night and will sing their hearts out from their doorsteps. We'd encourage all our listeners to let their family, friends and neighbours know so as many people as possible can join in." Read more at [carlisle-diocese.org.uk/news/2020/11/13/come-all-ye-faithful-cumbrias-big-carol-sing/](https://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/news/2020/11/13/come-all-ye-faithful-cumbrias-big-carol-sing/)

Prayer Handbook

The theme for the Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021/2022 is 'A Place for All'. You can find out more and submit a prayer or photo by 11 January, just go to methodist.org.uk/prayerhandbook



Toys for Christmas

Giving good quality pre-loved toys and books as gifts

to those who can enjoy them afresh

Churches Together in Keswick are organising donation and distribution of good quality pre-loved toys and books suitable for children up to 10 years plus some Christmas edibles .

Thank you to those who have already volunteered to help. There are still spaces if you'd like to help on

Saturday 12 December, particularly in

the afternoon 12.30-3.30pm. More details from Susi Wood at

susi.wood@aol.co.uk or Keith Rigg at keith.rigg@btinternet.com. .



Collection of Gifts – Saturday 5 December 3-6pm

Good quality pre-loved toys and books suitable for children 0-10 yrs of age can be dropped off at Crosthwaite Parish Room (next to the Co-op) where they'll be sorted and prepared. In addition we're also requesting Christmas biscuits, sweets and edible treats to be offered as a gift.

Giving of Gifts – Saturday 12 December 10am-3pm

Opportunity for families to choose gifts of toys and books that their children will enjoy which will take place at Crosthwaite Parish Room. These will be sorted by age range and will be free of charge, but donations will be accepted if offered. In addition a gift of a Christmas edible treat and a Christmas story book will be offered to all families attending.

Please **pray** that the event will be able to go ahead and that those families who will benefit will get to hear about it and come along on the 12th. And thank God for the generosity of those promising their time for the two days and for those who have already given gifts.

Please continue to find good-quality pre-loved toys and books suitable for children 10 and under, along with Christmas edibles – and encourage your friends and families to do so as well.



Church Christmas Card :
£1.20 each or 5 for £5

Brian Moffat has produced a limited run of Christmas cards showing our nativity wall last year (card as illustrated). All proceeds for the church.

Available when we come back to church or please contact him if you need any earlier.

A Prayer for Coronavirus times

God of all hope we call on you today.

We pray for those who are living in fear: fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of others' reactions to them.

May your spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace.

We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty.

For those people who are worried about attending worship.

For those needing to make decisions in order to care for others.

For those who will feel more isolated by not being able to attend.

Grant us your wisdom.

Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ.

Help us to turn our eyes, hearts and minds to you.

Amen

Notice Sheet: Please email or phone any notices for next week through to Anne Hasson by e-mail to annehasson@aol.com or phone 75818 by Wednesday evening. Please note the earlier day due to the COVID-19 mailing.