

KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH

# *NEWSLETTER*



*January &  
February*  
2016

## Minister's Letter



At the time of writing this letter the whole of Cumbria including Keswick has just been hit by another devastating flood and many people in the town have had to leave their homes and are searching for a place to stay.

In some ways it's ironic to think that we have just celebrated the birth of Christ whom we believe came into this world on a dark and dirty lower floor where animals were kept because there was nowhere for Mary and Joseph to stay. Hopefully by now those displaced people of this town will be settled in temporary accommodation and the process of having their homes restored will have begun and they can look forward with renewed hope for the future. I hope that we all feel inspired to look to the future with renewed hope.

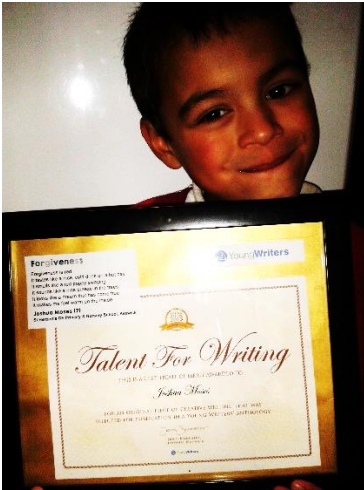
A renewed hope for a broken and hurting world when many people are asking 'why?' Have you ever noticed how children love to ask, 'Why? My children did when they were young and now my grandchildren do! Why does it do that? Why can't I do that? I'm sure many of you can remember similar conversations. Often conversations like that end by saying "that's why!" Eventually there are no more answers left.

We all ask "why", we learn to tone it down a bit as we grow but we still ask the question. When things in our own lives seem to go wrong - "why?" When we watch people we love suffer - "why?" When we see horrendous events taking place across the world "Why?"

For hundreds of years people have tried to give answers, some incredibly theologically correct answers, but in time they all run into the same problem as you do in a conversation with a three year old, they just run out of answers. We know that there are no perfect answers, we know we can't understand it, but there are some things we do know that can help us. And that is, that we can praise God for all that is past and trust him for all that's to come, even if it's hard to do so. May those words resonate within us we go forward into 2016 with a renewed hope for the future mission of this church.

*May I wish you a healthy and peaceful New Year,  
Every Blessing, Sue*

# Many Congratulations to Joshua



**Forgiveness** Joshua Moses 7yrs

Forgiveness is red.

It tastes like a nice, cold drink  
on a hot day.

It smells like a red poppy  
swaying.

It sounds like a nice breeze in  
the trees.

It looks like a dream that has  
come true.

It makes me feel warm on the  
inside.

Kim, his mum, says:

“Here's a poem that Josh wrote. They were told they had to describe something by using all 5 senses and were given a range of topics to choose from. Josh's teacher then entered them in the Young Writers' competition and they chose different winners from each age group in all of Lancashire and Cumbria and they will put them into a little book.”

*Well done Josh!*

**Circuit Website**

[www.kcmethodists.org.uk](http://www.kcmethodists.org.uk)

There is a section for each of the churches, including  
Keswick.

## Church Family News

It has been a sad and, for many, a difficult time during November and December. Ian Boyd will be greatly missed and the esteem and love in which he was held was reflected in the large congregation who gathered for his Thanksgiving Service on 30<sup>th</sup> November.

We were sorry to hear that Joan Rutherford was in hospital for a while following a fall and we wish her a speedy recovery.

Many of our congregation and friends have been affected by the devastating floods that struck on 7<sup>th</sup> December. We think of those who have had to be evacuated from their homes; Moses, Kim and family, Peter and Margaret Shortland, Mary and John Helps, Phyllis Birkett, Brian Moffat. We trust it will not be too long before they are able to return to their homes. Mary and John at the moment are staying with their son in Yorkshire.

Others have had flooding on lower floors and basements, in some cases needing carpets removed. These include Jane and Ted, Katie and David and Sally Lunson. Others had to contend with water rushing through gardens and garages. Many others have been assisting by volunteering, both offering assistance beforehand and helping with the clear-up operations. We know from experience of the previous floods that we have had that it will be a long time before we are truly back to 'normal'. On the opposite page is a prayer that my brother sent me.

We are aware too that, while we have been coping with our own flooding, Moses' home town in India has also been devastated. Moses writes:

### **Please pray for South India**

Chennai and surrounding villages (where I come from) are severely affected by the recent flood. So far, 260 people have died. People living in huts and smaller houses have been forced to leave their houses and asked to stay with their relatives somewhere else and their houses are under the water. All the shops have been closed more than a week. They're struggling to get essential needs such as milk, drinking water and food. The school has been closed for nearly 20 days because of the water in the classrooms. Apparently this is the worst flood in 100 years. To make it worse, they've been warned there is going to be more severe rain over the next seven days. They're really worried and concerned for the safety of the children and the people around the area. Please pray.

*Moses John*

### **New Year Greetings**

We send New Year greetings to all those who are no longer able to worship with us; Bob Burlington, Freda and Wilf Chambers, in Newton Stewart, Greta Grave, Hilda Hindmarch, Olive Holland, Sylvia McNae, Cecilia Spencer, Adrian Thwaites, Nora Walton, and Eileen and Herbert Witherington.

*Joyce Ellis*

# *The Recent Floods*

**Intercessions following a flood – Peter Hemmings**

We pray for all people who have been affected by floods

- The destruction of things dear to them;
- The frustration of much work lost or wiped out;
- People who have been flooded:
- The reminder of human frailty and impermanence;
- The isolation of being trapped;
- Those who have lost lives;
- Those who have not been able to receive vital help;
- Those who face such danger regularly and have nowhere else to go;
- Those surprised and overwhelmed by the forces of nature;
- Gratitude and inspiration for people who risk their lives to bring help, comfort and rescue to others;
- Those who have suffered mentally and spiritually and feel overwhelmed by events;
- Those who are frightened and cry out “Lord, don’t you care?”;
- Those whose water supply is contaminated exposing them to disease and thirst;
- Those who bring relief and development such as *Water Aid, Christian Aid* and *All we can* (MRDF);

O loving God

- Teach us to learn from adversity that You are here among us. Thanks for the spirit of cooperation that adversity can bring, and help us to be mindful not only of our own suffering and needs, but to help others in similar or worse situations.
- As people begin to clear up and restore normality, give us a desire to rebuild things that go wrong.
- Help us build a house of faith, built upon a rock.
- May Christ Jesus be our sure foundation in all things.
- We ask it in His name. **Amen.**

## Ian Boyd – Hope Winch Benevolent Fund

As mentioned previously, a large congregation gathered for Ian's Thanksgiving Service. Following the service donations were received in Ian's memory for the Hope Winch Benevolence Fund. Ailsa received the following letter from the University of Sunderland where the fund is located:

Thank you very much for sending through the donations collected at Ian's Thanksgiving service. As requested I can confirm the total amount of donations received is £1,105 as detailed below:

Thanksgiving Service – Keswick	£1050
Cremation Service – Sunderland	£55

On behalf of the University may I extend our most sincere thanks to all those who have supported the Hope Winch Benevolence Fund in memory of Ian.

As you know the fund has supported a number of pharmacy students of which Ian was a loyal supporter. The monies raised will help boost the fund and provide much needed scholarship opportunities for our current undergraduates. Again, please accept our sincere thanks for the generosity shown in Ian's name.

Ailsa has also herself sent a cheque to the church to thank the church as a whole for Ian's Service and for providing Ian with a fulfilling spiritual home.



### News from the Traidcraft Stall

Many thanks to all who purchased Christmas cards and gifts this year.

I took orders for £205 worth of cards and for over £250 worth of Christmas food, gifts etc. *Joyce*

## Christmas Tree Festival with Nativity Scenes



Our third annual Christmas Tree Festival, was a great success in many ways, even though the appalling weather resulted in fewer people attending than we had hoped for, on Saturday and Sunday. We had many complimentary comments from visitors, several of whom thought it "was better than last year!" The Festival was part of the Keswick Live Advent on the Friday. We had twenty-nine trees – all different - and many nativity scenes on show. The fun competition for the favourite tree was close run, with St John's Knit and Natter tree one vote ahead of Our Lady of the Lakes and St Charles angel tree. The nurseries' and children's groups' entries were also popular. Special thanks must go to Keswick Day Nursery which provided two nativity scenes, one made by the children, as well as a tree.



The children's competition for colouring a Christmas bauble was won by Samuel Overend aged 10, and Zoey Renton aged 5. The Pencil Museum kindly donated the prizes.

The celebration service was to have been led by our minister, Rev Sue Edwards, but as the A66 was closed on Sunday due to the floods, she was unable to be there. Rev Joyce Ellis was able to step in and led a lively and thoughtful all age service. A grand total of just over £500 was raised for **action for children**.

Many thanks go to all the people who made it possible. So if you helped to prepare the church, lent a nativity scene, provided or decorated a tree, stewarded over the four days or made and served refreshments; THANK YOU!  
It was well worth the hard work!

*Sheila Files*



This year, over the Christmas period, we have been raising money for *Action for Children* from:

Our Christmas Tree Festival £500  
Our Christmas Post Box £30  
Carol Singing at the Farmers Arms in Portinscale £137

Thank you to all who supported

*Jane Holt*

## Our Worship for Lent

For Christians Lent is a time when we can reflect on our Christian faith and discipleship, as we prepare ourselves for the events of Holy Week & Easter.

In our worship during Lent this year we shall be looking at the stories told by Jesus that we find in St Luke's Gospel. Luke was a great story-teller and some of the best-loved parables are found in his gospel. On Sunday mornings we shall be exploring some of these stories and what they are saying to us today.

### **Stories of Jesus in St Luke's Gospel**

- February 7<sup>th</sup>     **Food for All** – The story of the Great Feast  
February 21<sup>st</sup>    **Doing the Right Thing** – The story of the Good Samaritan  
February 28<sup>th</sup>   **Every Penny Counts** – The story of the Gold Coins  
March 6<sup>th</sup>        **Home Comforts** – The story of the Prodigal Son  
March 13<sup>th</sup>      **While the Cat's Away** – The story of the Tenants in the Vineyard

For those who would like some follow-up Bible readings to look at during the week with appropriate prayers, we shall be producing booklets you can take home with you.

The Sunday evening housegroup will be looking at the passages more closely and at some of the questions and issues arising from them for us today. You are most welcome to join them. Please see the housegroup programme for details.



## Monday Night Group

After the horrors of this winter, I hope life will be returning to something like normality for you all as the New Year gets under way.

Our January meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday January 18th at the home of Jane and Ted in Portinscale, when Patricia Howell will give us an illustrated talk on an amazing World Heritage Site that she visited in the north of Ethiopia. It's bound to be a fascinating story.

In February we shall be meeting at the home of Helen Dalzell, (Ash Hayes on Ambleside Road) on Monday February 15th, again at 7.30, when Mrs Jane Williamson, a friend of Anne Hasson, will talk to us about "Days for Girls," a project she is particularly concerned with.

We hope you can manage both these meetings. Transport will of course be provided if you need it.

*Joan Boothroyd (75142)*



## Saturday Chat – with coffee etc

This is a new monthly fundraising venture on the second Saturday of each month. They will be on **9 January, 13 February and 12 March, from 10am to 12noon.**

As part of the event we'll have a **Book Box** where people can exchange books for a 50p charge. Our fundraising goods will also be on sale. Volunteers are needed to help serve coffee, wash up and generally make people feel welcome and at home in our premises. Most people will be able to do something to help so, if **you** are willing, please give your name to David or Anne Hasson so that we can work out a rota which won't be too onerous on anyone.

## *Voices from the Congregation*

**Sally Lunson**



### **Can you tell us something about your early life?**

I was born on 3/3/67 in Hayes, Middlesex, where I grew up and went to school. My mum always stayed at home to look after my older sister and me and my dad worked for Midland Bank (as it was known then!) I was baptised at Hayes End Methodist Church and continued to go there until shortly after I married when I moved away from the area.

### **How and when did you come to faith?**

I have grown up with my faith, always going to church, Sunday school, being a member of the Girls Brigade, and later on becoming a Sunday school teacher and a member of the church choir. I cannot ever remember a time when I have not believed in God. My dad is a Methodist and comes from a very strict Methodist family and my mum is a member of the Church of England.

### **What was your first job?**

My first ever job was as a Saturday girl in a local shoe shop, I loved it. I used to try on lots of shoes my mum would never have allowed me to have. Subsequently I used to buy shoes with heels I could barely walk in just because I now had the money to do so. My first career was with the John Lewis Partnership, working as a management trainee for Waitrose from 1985 – 1988, which is where I worked with and fell in love with Keith. We married not long after and we both soon left to follow different career paths.

### **Tell us something about your family**

Keith and I married in 1988 at Hayes End Methodist church and lived for a short while in Crouch End, North London. We moved to Cowley, Middlesex in 1990 and our son, Christopher, was born in 1992. Our daughter, Victoria, was born in 1996 and in 1997 we moved to Northwood, Middlesex where we stayed until 2014 when we moved up to Keswick to run a B&B in Helvellyn St. Chris is now a corporal in the Princess of Wales Royal Regiment and has

been in the army since he was 16, so that's 7 years in Jan 2016. Vicky is now a waitress at the Rampsbeck Hotel, Ullswater and has settled in to living "Up North" reasonably well for a 19 year old!!

### **When did you first become involved with the Methodist Church at Southey Street?**

Having been so involved in my old church in Northwood, I was very keen to become a member of the Methodist church here in Keswick. However, owning a B&B doesn't lend itself to getting to Sunday services and so it took some time to be able to get to church in the morning. Feeling very much like a visitor for many months, it was lovely to be given a heartfelt welcome by Richard North and Roy Ellis and not long after that I began going to Roy & Joyce's Sunday evening house group which has helped enormously in getting to know a few people better.

### **What do you do in your spare time?**

I love singing and doing all sorts of craft and baking – eating as well as making! Since moving here I have been bitten by the walking bug and am currently ticking off the "Wainwrights". I really dislike being unorganised, being late and eating sprouts!

Spare time is craft – knitting, sewing etc, and walking, as above. I also love going to visit friends and family and playing surrogate "Granny" to my Godchildren.

### **Do you have a favourite hymn?**

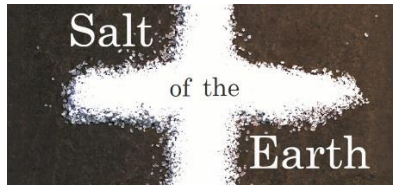
My favourite hymn featured recently in the Keswick Methodist Church Songs of Praise service. *O Jesus I have promised, to serve thee to the end, be thou forever near me, my master and my friend.* It sums up my relationship with Christ, my duty as a Christian and it keeps me on the straight and narrow whenever I feel I'm straying from the right footpath. It has very personal, warm and emotional memories and I adore singing it to the tune Hatherop Castle.

### **What are your hopes for the future?**

My hopes for the future are varied. I hope one day to have walked all the Wainwrights and start ticking off the Munros too! I hope to see my children happily married and become a real Granny. I hope that one day chocolate will be made with all the flavour and none of the calories and finally I hope that my grandchildren will be born into a world where the power of love is greater than the love of power! I don't know who said that originally, but they summed it up just right.

# Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

18<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> January



This year Keswick Churches Together are marking the Week of Prayer by:



**United Service at Crosthwaite Church**  
**6pm Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity –**  
**18th - 25th January**

**Lunch-time prayers at 12noon**  
venue to be announced

The Theme this year is *Salt of the Earth* and it uses material that was prepared for worldwide use by the Christians of Latvia, and adapted by the Britain and Ireland writers group, based around the verses 1 Peter 2:9-10. Peter's first letter is an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord.

Today, Latvia is a crossroads where Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox regions meet. Because of this unique location, it is home to Christians of many different traditions, but no single one of them is dominant. Gathered together by the Archbishop of Rīga, members of a variety of church communities and projects in Latvia were asked to reflect on the chosen theme and the experience of their work.

The main service is inspired by the verses from Peter's letter and Jesus' metaphors of salt and light which are important cultural themes for Latvia. Each of the days has been prepared by one of the diverse Church communities. The 8 Days are linked principally by the experience of being a Christian in Latvia.

## Church Redevelopment Update – Dec



We have had great feedback following the successful launch of Vision 21 in October. The message is out and people in the town are encouraging us towards our goal. We have a clear business case based on our five key priorities for how we move forward in faith:

1. To be a loving and serving Christian presence at the heart of our community – a welcoming community where everyone can belong.
2. To contribute to solutions for Keswick's lack of affordable housing by selling some of our land
3. To particularly welcome and serve the needs of a more elderly population.
4. To provide Christian hospitality for the thousands of visitors to the town each year.
5. To enable the wider mission of the Church through "God for All" in partnership with all Christians in the area

Since then we have also received the additional information that we requested with regard to the overall costings of the project. The latest summary has, as expected, a total of around £500,000. It is encouraging that fundraising and commitments received, give us such a strong foundation for the next stage.

Grant funding is needed to provide the core of this and applications will be made in the next few weeks. News may be a little "quiet" while we await the outcomes of these. Crucial to their success is the continued fundraising and work of us all.

Our commitment and team work need to be explicit to show the appropriate trusts that we have the faith and capacity to make this work. Such opportunities have been seen in events so far such as "Christmas is coming" and having a market stall just before Christmas.

Keep a close eye on the weekly notices for future developments. As ever, keep feeding through your own fundraising ideas and knowledge of potential grant funders.

*Richard North*

## Fundraising



This continues feverishly. The first Saturday Chat was popular with people sitting round the tables enjoying coffee (or tea!) and a chat. We hope this event will grow as people begin to use it as a gathering place. Saturday Chat will continue on the second Saturday of each month and volunteers for the rota would be much appreciated. We need people to welcome and to serve refreshments. Please let any member of the Fundraising Group know you'd like to help.

We hope those of you who've bought puddings, and couldn't wait to eat them, have enjoyed them! They're selling well and have raised over £550 so far. Keep telling your friends about them and continue buying them yourselves. There may be some Christmas puddings left in stock so have a word with Helen North if you want to stock up for next Christmas (their best by date is into 1917!).

How are you at Quizzes? Improve your knowledge, and quiz skills with our monthly quiz sheets and encourage your friends to take part. Only £1 and you could win a £10 gift voucher. They're available in church each month with a closing date for entries on the last day of the month. The December quiz tested your knowledge of Christmas carols and some tricky facts about Christmas!

Our series of concerts is beginning to take shape with the first one likely to be towards the end of January. We then aim to have one in March and again in May before having a break till September. The Theatre by the Lake has been booked for Sunday 11 September at 7.30pm for a performance by *Behind the Mask*. *Behind the Mask* are a group of four professional performers who wish to support us because of family links with the church.

On 6 February we're planning a table top sale between 10am and 4pm. If you know anyone who'd like to book a table encourage them to get in touch. The cost is £6 per 6ft table. In the more distant future we will be organising limited Convention refreshments, having the Knitted Bible Exhibition and a Grand Jigsaw Sale. Look out for all these and put your name down to help as well as encouraging your friends to help us.

We're now beginning the process of grant applications to supplement our fundraising activities. A silver lining of the December 2015 floods is that Keswick will be in the minds of the people who make decisions about grants. The results of this should form a large part of our funding. At present all the money we have available for the project totals about £236,000 which is nearly half way to our target of £500,000.

*David* (Fundraising Group Chair)

PS: Don't forget to carry on doing the jigsaw in the Grisedale Room. And the BookBox book swap for 50p is also available there. Every little helps.

**STOP PRESS:**

*Saturday Chat* in December raised £29.10 and a lot of chat while

*Christmas is Coming* raised £132 and a lot of fun.

*Christmas Mince Pies at Roy and Joyce's* raised £125 and a carol quiz winner,  
Helen North.

Fundraising group

David Hasson, Sheila Files, Richard North, Anne Hasson, Helen North,

Christine Metcalf & Brian Moffat

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## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Two services will take place in church on January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015.

### **In the morning at 10.45am**

we will renew our covenant with God, once again offering ourselves to be used in his service for the mission of his church.

The Introduction to the Covenant Service says:

*"The emphasis of the whole service is on God's readiness to enfold us in generous love, not dependent on our deserving. Our response, also in love, springs with penitent joy from thankful recognition of God's grace. The Covenant is not just a one-to-one transaction between individuals and God, but the act of the whole faith community."*

### **Secondly, at 6pm**

we will be holding a circuit service when we will be recognising Moses as a fully accredited Local Preacher. Mrs Marion Beckham, who acted as Moses's mentor during his Local Preachers training has agreed to preach at this service.

Please come and support Moses in this service if you are able.

### **Church Website**

[www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk)

Lots of information, photos etc  
*Do log on and see for yourself.*



## LENT LUNCHESES 2016

Tuesdays 12.00 noon - 1.15 pm.  
at Crosthwaite Rooms

As St Herbert's Centre will be out of action for a while,  
the venue will now be *Crosthwaite Parish Rooms*  
and lunches will be on *Tuesdays not Thursdays* as previously.

Please book the dates in your diary – they are:

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March

**Monday** 14<sup>th</sup> March

The speakers will be announced nearer the time.

As usual the food will be donated by local shops and all the money  
raised will go to Christian Aid.

The suggested donation will again be £4. Roy

### Dates for your Diary

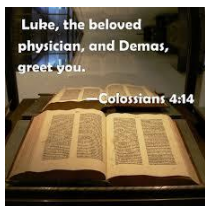
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| 6 January              | Leadership Team Meeting 2pm, at Roy's                                    |
| 4 February             | Churches Together 2pm, the Friends Meeting House                         |
| 16 February            | Start of Lent Lunches at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms                        |
| 16 February            | Church Council 2pm, in the church  |
| 29 February – 13 March | <i>Fairtrade Fortnight</i>   |
| 1 March                | Circuit Meeting 7.30pm, at Keswick                                       |
| 4 March                | Women's World Day of Prayer; 10.30am & 7.30pm<br>at the Methodist Church |



## SUNDAY EVENING HOUSEGROUP

Our Spring programme will be:

- Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 6pm **Local Preacher's Recognition Service for Moses**  
Jan 9<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Saturday – **New Year Party**  
Jan 10<sup>th</sup> **Healing Service**  
January 17<sup>th</sup> **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service**  
– 6pm Crosthwaite Church  
January 24<sup>th</sup> **Faith, Methodism & Mission** (postponed from 6<sup>th</sup> Dec)  
Richard North



During February and March we shall have our Lent Course for 2016.

The course follows the themes for Sunday worship, as described earlier in the magazine.

### **Stories of Jesus in St Luke's Gospel**

- February 7<sup>th</sup> **Food for All** – The story of the Great Feast  
Roy Ellis  
February 14<sup>th</sup> 6pm Taize-style service at Church – no housegroup  
February 21<sup>st</sup> **Doing the Right Thing** – The story of the Good Samaritan  
February 28<sup>th</sup> **Every Penny Counts** – The story of the Gold Coins  
David Hasson  
March 6<sup>th</sup> **Home Comforts** – The story of the Prodigal Son  
March 13<sup>th</sup> **While the Cat's Away** – The story of the Tenants in the Vineyard

Booklets of daily Bible readings and prayers will be available to accompany the series.

We meet at the home of Joyce and Roy Ellis, 38 Briar Rigg, Keswick at 7pm. We finish our evenings with coffee/tea and goodies! Everyone is very welcome to join us. If you would like a lift please speak to Roy or Joyce (73340).

*Joyce Ellis*



## Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the service has been prepared by the women of Cuba. The theme is

*Receive Children. Receive Me*

**Friday 4th March at Keswick Methodist Church 10.30am**  
**There will be a light supper at 6.45pm followed by the service**  
**at 7.30pm**

*All are welcome; men, women and children*



Demonstrating the Christian values  
of compassion, love & hope

Supporting our Community since July 2009

During the summer holidays the Foodbank gave out 'kids' packs' to the families of children who have free school meals during term time. 431 children were fed and a total of 9,555 meals were supplied. These kids' packs were given out again in December to help families in need to get through the Christmas holidays.

In Keswick, as well as our church, St John's, Crosthwaite Church, the Catholic Church, the Quakers, Kings Church, Crosthwaite Parish Room, Braithwaite and Thornthwaite and Newlands churches all regularly support the Foodbank. And St Herbert's school have started a regular collection now.

Vouchers are given out by care professionals to people in crisis and each recipient is allowed to receive food a maximum of three times.

In addition to this work, the foodbank also provided food for many people in Keswick and Cockermouth who were flooded.



Thank you to those members  
of our congregation who regularly bring a gift of food. *Roy Ellis*

## Rotas for January & February

	<b>Preacher</b>	<b>Steward</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
Jan 3	J.Ellis (CS)	Anne	Kate, Joyce G
Jan 10	Sharpe & Jones	Jane	Michael, Catherine
Jan 17	Edwards	Sheila	Joyce G, Margaret B
Jan 24	Moses John	Brian	Kate, Kath
Jan 31	Robinson	Richard	Joyce E, Joyce G
Feb 7	J. Ellis (U&S)	Roy	Richard, Helen
Feb 14	R.Ellis	Anne	Michael, Catherine
Feb 21	Sharpe	Jane	Joyce G, Kath
Feb 28	Hasson	Sheila	Margaret B, Kate

	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	<b>Traidcraft</b>	<b>Counting</b>
Jan 3	Hilda, Sheila	Kate	Richard, Ted
Jan 10	Richard, Helen	---	Sheila, Margaret B
Jan 17	Ted, Jane	Kate	Dave R, Roy
Jan 24	Alan, Kath	---	Christine, Harry
Jan 31	Maureen B, Helen D	Christine	Ted, Sheila
Feb 7	Hilda, Sheila	---	Dave R, Christine
Feb 14	Maureen B, Helen D	Kate	Richard, Margaret B
Feb 21	Alan, Kath	---	Joyce, Alison
Feb 28	Ted, Jane	Joyce	Roy, Harry

## Flower Rota for January & February

Jan 3	<i>in memory of</i> Florence Scott	Feb 7	Freda Chambers
Jan 10	Harry Reynolds	Feb 14	Jean Holliday
Jan 17	Mary Helps	Feb 21	t.b.a
Jan 24	Hilary Baslington	Feb 28	Margaret Bamber
Jan 31	t.b.a		



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**The deadline for the next newsletter, which will be for March & April, (Lent & Easter), is Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

# Services for January & February

<b>Jan 3</b>	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Joyce Ellis <i>Local Preachers Recognition Service for Moses John</i>	<i>Covenant Service</i>
<b>Jan 10</b>	10.45am 6.00pm	David Sharpe & Tori Jones Rev Joyce Ellis	<i>Morning Worship</i> <i>Healing Service</i>
<b>Jan 17</b>	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Sue Edwards <i>Churches Together Service at Crosthwaite</i>	<i>Morning Worship</i>
<b>Jan 24</b>	10.45am	Moses John	<i>Morning Worship</i>
<b>Jan 31</b>	10.45am	Andrew Robinson	<i>Morning Worship</i>
<b>Feb 7</b>	10.45am	Rev Joyce Ellis <i>When we are joined by our friends from St John's</i>	<i>United Holy Communion</i>

## The Stories of Jesus in Luke's Gospel

<b>Feb 14</b>	10.45am 6.00pm	Roy Ellis <i>Food for All – The story of the Great Feast</i> Helen North & Rev Joyce Ellis <i>A Taize - Style Service</i>	<b>Lent 1</b>
<b>Feb 21</b>	10.45am	David Sharpe <i>Doing the Right Thing – The story of the Good Samaritan</i>	<b>Lent 2</b>
<b>Feb 28</b>	10.45am	Rev David Hasson <i>Every Penny Counts – The story of the Gold Coins</i>	<b>Lent 3</b>

*Wishing you all God's Blessings  
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