### **KESWICK METHODIST CHURCH**

NEWSLETTER



# Lent & Easter 2016





I have been very conscious as I have been driving around the area recently and indeed by merely looking through the window, that things are growing rapidly. Spring may finally be on its way! There are signs of new growth everywhere.

Growth is something we should encourage in others and seek for ourselves. Creating the conditions for the growth of our faith in our Church life is as essential as creating the right conditions for plants to flourish. The season of Lent is one that often provides additional opportunities for such growth when there are Lent groups available and many people try to find time to read a book that will help their faith to deepen. It is also a time when we can reflect on our own personal journeys and perhaps ask the question, "Am I further along the road than I was?" Alternatively we might simply ask if we feel we have grown in our faith.

I also reflect though, that there are often things growing in the garden that we do not wish to see growing there, or that plants can run riot, stunting the growth of other things or actually growing to the point where they need pruning in order to do better. There are obvious comparisons with our lives! So another question we might ask in Lent is whether or not there are things that are wrong in our lives which need rooting out and eradicating.

Jesus gives us the chance and our lives will produce better fruit if, with his help, we can get rid of those things. We know ourselves how we think we have got rid of weeds at times only for them to appear again no matter how many different weed killers we use! Again, let us use the opportunity during these days of Lent so that fresh good growth may be seen as the days grow longer and we are more in the light. Many people grew in faith after coming under the influence of Jesus in the Bible and many have done so, since he made that journey into Jerusalem, had a last supper with his friends, was betrayed in a garden, faced trials and crucifixion and then rose again on the third day; and he continues to provide opportunities for all people to grow, for he came saying, "I am come that you might have life and have it in all its fullness!"

With every blessing for Easter Sue

#### A Gift and Letter from an unknown Donor

A few weeks ago there appeared a package and letter delivered in the post to the church letterbox. It had no name or address to reply.

Dear Minister,

I watched Songs of Praise on Sunday and felt so sorry for the poor people who suffered from the terrible floods. As my daughter and I make hats and I have plenty to spare, I would like you to accept these for the children in your district. God bless you all,

From an old OAP a 100 years old.



### Church Family News

We were pleased to hear that Moses, Kim and family were able to return to their home in Crosthwaite Rd in the middle of January. Many thanks indeed for the excellent job done by the outgoing Circuit Manse Secretary, Dennis Robinson, for his swift and effective response and hard work in getting the house ready to live in again.

We remember our other members who are still out of their homes and living in temporary accommodation, including Brian Moffat, Margaret and Peter Shortland, Phyllis Birkett and John and Mary Helps. We trust that it will not be too long before they too will be able to go 'back home'.

We were saddened to hear recently of the death of Bob Burlington. We give thanks to God for his life and pray that God will be close to Maureen and her family at this time.

There are several members of our church family who have not been too well recently or who are having more difficulty getting around. We send best wishes to Kath Smith, Joan Rutherford, Joyce Gray and Alison Holden. We send them all our best wishes.

Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with all our housebound members and those in residential care; Freda and Wilf Chambers in Newton Stewart, Greta Grave, Olive Holland, Sylvia McNae, Cecilia Spencer, Adrian Thwaites, Nora Walton, and Eileen and Herbert Witherington.

Joyce Ellís

We wish a Happy and Blessed Easter to all our friends who are unable to worship with us at this present time.

#### Dates for your Diary

28 Feb 6pm 29 Feb - 13 March 1 March 7.30pm 4 March 10.30am

m Churches Together Fairtrade Service at Braithwaite 3 March FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 30pm Circuit Meeting at Keswick 0.30am Women's World Day of Prayer Service at St Herbert's School Holy Week and Easter Services – please see back cover

25 April 8 May 10.45am Synod at Kendal Auction Mart Saints Alive- Presentation for Pentecost



### 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

Please note change of venue !!

#### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30am <sup>@</sup> St Herbert's Primary School, Trinity Way

Kim Moses, our representative says: 'Because of the theme of this year and the amount of lovely material which can be used by children during the service, we have decided to hold the service in the KS1 hall of St Herbert's Primary School, where the year 6 children (age 10-11 years) will join us & take part in the service. This has all been agreed by Mrs Hughes, the head teacher, who is very enthusiastic about it all.

Although written by women, all are invited. Increasingly men and children are participating.

Over 36 hours, 170 countries will have taken part. In England, Wales and Northern Ireland over 5000 services will be held focusing on the theme of Jesus and children.

### All are welcome



### Thoughts for Fairtrade Fortnight 29 Feb-13 March

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Traidcraft Stall. Your purchases really do make a significant difference to the lives of the people who produce the produce and products that we buy. For instance, new on the stall this time are some absolutely delicious *Mature Cheddar Cheese Oaty Biscuits*. On the packet we are given more information.

"Here at Traidcraft we're passionate about great food. And we're passionate about improving the lives of growers, investing for the future, and changing lives for the better. Our delicious range of oaty biscuit is just one way for you and your family to enjoy the great taste of fair trade.

These savoury biscuits are made with Fairtrade rice flour and Traidcraft's pioneering organic fair trade palm oil produced by smallholders in Ghana.

#### Kwaku Acheampong, oil palm farmer from Serendipalm, Ghana,

says: 'The fair trade premium has been used to improve our community, to pay for nurses, midwives, houses, toilets and footbridges. In future we would like to build a community centre and library.' "

#### New on the Traidcraft Stall

- Real Easter Eggs now on the stall. I can order more if needed
- Scrummy Mature Cheddar Cheese Oaty Biscuits mm....
- New Catalogues available; please help yourself





On Leprosy Sunday the special collection for the Leprosy Mission came to a total of £140 (including a donation of £50 from the Jubilatte coffee morning fund).

Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

### NEW VICAR AT ST JOHNS

The next priest in charge (vicar designate) of Keswick St John and Borrowdale is *Rev Charles Hope.* 

He will be licensed and inducted on Saturday, 4 June at 5:00pm. at St John's Church

Charles has for the last 13 years been vicar of St Mary Magdalene, Prudhoe, in the Diocese of Newcastle. Everyone is much looking forward to welcoming him, his wife Kathryn and three daughters, Megan, Emily and Katie to the parish.

As the diocese faces up to the ever increasing costs of providing clergy, the next vicar will also take responsibility for the Borrowdale Valley and will too play a leading part in the setting up of the Keswick Mission Community which will draw Anglicans and Methodists closer together in organisation and outreach within the town and surrounding villages.

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Keswick Methodist Church on the Internet www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk





The latest news is that funding the redevelopment work is going to cost about  $\pounds 503,020$ , and we've already identified  $\pounds 236,000$  (which includes the Circuit grant) that's currently available to us. So that leaves only  $\pounds 267,020$  to find!! We're nearly half way there.

The £267,020 will be raised through our own fund raising efforts and grant applications. The fundraising group have been beavering away in the background and, hopefully, you've attended some of the events which have been arranged. There are three major funders which we'll be targeting: the Methodist Church at a national level, the Joseph Rank Trust and the Garfield Weston Trust. Richard North has been working hard liaising with our treasurer, the District Property Secretary, our architect, various connexional people and grant givers to build up our business plan and to prepare the way for grant applications. Our first major application is to the Methodist Church and is due in by 2 March. We appreciate the support and encouragement we have received from District Officers, churches whose members have visited us and heard of our plans, Circuits in the District and individuals.

You should all have received an appeal letter in January asking you to offer your gifts to Vision 21 and the ongoing life of the church. God has placed us all in this church as our Christian home and so we each have a responsibility to God to be involved in church life. Thank you to those of you who've responded and offered your gifts. We look forward to receiving the rest in the very near future. Your commitments and our working together says to funders that we are a church that wishes to go places in our service of God. If you haven't yet returned your gifts form to me please do so urgently.

Once these are in it will make it easier for the fundraising committee to know who to approach for what help. Your help will be needed as there is a lot to happen:

- Monthly Saturday Chats second Saturday of each month
- Concerts :
  - Penrith Methodist Choral Group 21 May
  - Dalesmen Singers 8pm–9.30pm 11 June
  - o Behind the Mask 7pm Sunday 11 September
  - Fallen Angels Choir 10 or 17 December

- All are in church except Behind the Mask who are in Theatre by the Lake
- Progressive Supper 16 April
- Table Top Sale 4 June 10am-4pm, £6 per table
- At some point we have to fit in a Grand Jigsaw Sale
- Don't forget the monthly quiz with the £10 gift voucher as a prize. Encourage your friends to join in.
- The Convention is 16 July-5 August and once again we'll be providing refreshments and we'll need all hands on deck. In weeks 1 and 3 coffee, cakes scones and biscuits will be served after the morning seminars which end at about 10.30 and after 'The Word' which finishes about 3.30pm. Between 12noon and 2pm we'll be serving the same with the addition of soup and roll. Week 2 will be slightly different because Causeway Prospects will be using our hall. So we're going to have our own pop-up refreshment place at the front right hand side outside the church at the same times as the other weeks!
- Knitted Bible Exhibition immediately after the Convention in August.

There are still I ♥ Keswick Bags, recipe books and puddings (new pudding order coming soon) available to be purchased as gifts for others or to use yourself. Watch out for our new line coming later in the year – a high quality Keswick calendar with local views! There'll be an opportunity to pre-order so you're sure of getting this unique 2017 calendar for your friends and family.

If you use the internet for online shopping in any form an easy way to get involved is by registering with easyfundraising : ideal for anyone who does online shopping, looks for insurance or holidays online, checks the best deals for gas and electric online. Just go through

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/KeswickMethodist and companies will donate money to our redevelopment project at no extra cost to you. Why not encourage your friends and family to register as well? And if any of you want to use easyfundraising yourself to raise money for a good cause, please contact Anne Hasson (<u>annehasson@aol.com</u> or 017687 75818). She can invite the cause to join easyfundraising by sharing a link and then easyfundraising will give us an extra 20% of what they raise in their first 12 months at no cost to them!

The support of everyone from the church and around the Circuit and District is very welcome at all of these events and projects and help to demonstrate to our funders that we're serious about our redevelopment.

*David* (Fundraising Group Chair) 017687 75818 Fundraising Group: David Hasson, Sheila Files, Richard North, Christine Metcalf, Helen North, Anne Hasson & Brian Moffat Voices from the Congregation Helen North



**1. Can you tell us something about your early life?** I was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> Feb 1965 in Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham. My Dad was an English teacher and my Mam stayed at home to look after me and my brother. I had a very happy childhood and enjoyed school. My life revolved around church and music and I began piano lessons when I was 7 and clarinet lessons when I was 11. Most school holidays were spent going away with the caravan to all sorts of places, but predominantly Scotland and the Lake District. In 1983 I went to Nottingham University to study Pharmacy and that's where I met Richard.

#### 2. How and when did you come to faith?

I was born into a Methodist family and attended church at Central Methodist Church, Bishop Auckland from as early as I can remember. I belonged to a large Sunday School and went to the Girls Club and Youth Club. My Nanna was a very good singer and sang in the church choir, my Dad was organist and my Mam was a Sunday School teacher.

At university, Methsoc (where I met Richard) became a huge part of my life and my membership service was held at Chilwell Road Methodist Church where we went as students. It was during this time that my faith really developed under the expert guidance of Rev John Cooke, our Methodist University Chaplain.

In Worcester, where we lived after getting married, we belonged to St Andrew's Methodist Church which filled my life for the next 27 years. It was a wonderful fellowship that I experienced there and we were blessed in having an exceptional and gifted minister who was a real inspiration to me. At St. Andrew's I accompanied the choir, led the Music Group and was a church steward for a number of years, (among other things!), eventually becoming Senior Steward (a demanding role there, which you normally only did for 6 months, although I did it for a year). This really deepened my faith and was probably the most fulfilling year of my life. I really felt that God was by my side guiding and caring for me during that time.

#### 3. What was your first job?

My first job was working as an assistant in Darlington library in the summer holidays while I was still at school. While studying for my pharmacy degree I worked at Boots the Chemist in Bishop Auckland during the holidays and did my pre-registration year at Newton Aycliffe which meant a move back to live with my parents. My first job after qualifying in 1987, was as a relief pharmacist in Worcestershire and South Birmingham area (the 'Birmingham A to Z' came in very handy!) When the children came along, I worked at Hereford on a Saturday and then Droitwich. I've just realised that I've now worked for Boots for over 30 years!

#### 4. Tell us something about your family

Richard and I married in August 1987, and after a very short honeymoon in Keswick, moved to Worcester to begin our new jobs. I have quite a small family who all live in Bishop Auckland, and my parents thankfully still remain quite fit. I have a younger brother, Alistair who still lives with them. Our son Matthew (24) lives with us and works at the Cumberland Building Society in Keswick and our daughter Lucy (21) is in her final year at Nottingham University (a very good choice!) studying music.

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

It was an important part of our move to the Lakes that we found and belonged to a welcoming church, and there was no doubt after walking into Southey Street in January 2014, and being met with a very friendly welcome, that this would be our new church.



#### 6. Do you have any particular likes or dislikes?

Likes: being on top of a mountain, Herdwick sheep, eating (normally too much!), 'organisation out of chaos' (Richard keeps telling me that there must be a new career opportunity there for me!), music and relaxing at home with my family

Dislikes: pomposity, disorganisation & untidiness, flying, nuts, and rain (I'm in the right place then!)

#### 7. What do you do in your spare time?

I play the piano (although not half as much as I used to) and sing with the Keswick Choral Society. I also enjoy listening to classical music when I can. However, fell walking is what I enjoy the most and I'm at my happiest when I'm walking on the tops. Having completed the Wainwrights last summer, another challenge was needed, so in May, Richard and I are doing the 'Coast to Coast' walk (help!) so I try to go out walking as much as possible.

#### 8. Do you have a favourite hymn?

This is a difficult question as I like many hymns and worship songs, but my overall favourite is 'O thou who camest from above' for two reasons. Firstly, the tune 'Hereford' is one of the best in the hymnbook (a beautiful tune which fits the words perfectly), and secondly for the poetic and prayerful words of Charles Wesley. The hymn makes clear that faith is the gift of Christ. It acknowledges our absolute need for God's Holy Spirit, burning like a flame deep within us, guiding and inspiring us and keeping our calling alive and active. These words have inspired me throughout my life.

#### 9. What are your hopes for the future?

I hope that our children will eventually find their way in life and will be happy, that all Christians will be united and speak with one voice, and that love will overcome hatred and the world will be at peace.







**LENT LUNCHES 2016** 

Soup and roll, cheese and crackers, tea and coffee Tuesdays (and one Monday) 12.30pm Crosthwaite Parish Room Suggested donation: £4.00 to Christian Aid 20 minute speakers starting at 1.15pm

# Please note the change of day and venue and starting time

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February** Flood Updates: *Monica Penny with Chris Guy, Sally Scales, Keith Richardson, Terry Sloan* 

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February** Preventing ex-offenders re-offending: *Helen Storey with Bill Bewley* 

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** Taize Music: *Gordon Pickering with Travelling Light* 

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March National Citizenship Service: *Queen Elizabeth Grammar School Sixth Formers* 

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** Project Reports: *Keswick School Sixth Formers* 

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March St Herbert's School Choir: *Conductor, Shelagh Hughes* 

#### **Monday Night Group**

In recent years we've not met in April because of getting mixed up with Easter. This year with Easter being exceptionally early it will be the March meeting that we shall miss since it would be due in Holy Week. So no meeting in March.

Our April meeting will be at 7.30 on Monday April 18th, at the home of Ted and Jane in Portinscale, when David Hasson will give us an illustrated talk which he calls "Nepal -- a Snapshot." It will be an account of nine weeks that he spent in that spectacular country. Transport will be arranged in the usual way for everyone needing it.

Do please put in your diaries details of our final meeting in May. Very unusually we shall be having our party night at the Bishop's House, next to St. John's Church, where Alison Newcome will tell us how she created her wonderful garden and then take us out to wander round it. In Maytime it is always a breathtaking sight so we'll hope for a fine evening! We shall then go back indoors for our bring-and-share supper. This should give a great ending to our season.

For transport contact Joan on 75142.

Joan Boothroyd



Churches Together Website

www.ctik.org.uk

### Circuit Website

www.kcmethodists.org.uk

There is a section for each of the churches, including Keswick. Do log on and see for yourself



Demonstrating the Christian values of compassion, love & hope

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#### A Message from Andrew Robinson, director of the North Lakes Foodbank

Just in case I do not get to see everyone over the next few weeks I just want to say thank you to as many people as I can for all the wonderful help you give to this project, when you give food, when you give some money, or whether you give if your time. It's great to see everyone pulling together to help their neighbours in crisis in West Cumbria.



We have seen over the last year many, many families helped by the work of the Foodbank, together with the fantastic agencies that work with us to serve the people. People who come to us feeling at rock bottom, who have a cup of tea and a chat and receive food and support and who go away understanding that there are their neighbours in the community who want to show their love, compassion and hope for the future.

It is wonderful to hear the testimonies of the families who come in and it is particularly encouraging to see the work that is going on during the summer. What an achievement to feed 400 children in 200 families for 7 weeks over the school holidays. Food they would never otherwise have had. Often their parents left with the decision to feed themselves or their children. One family came in and said it was wonderful to be able to have their friends in to play, rather than always having to ask their children to go to friends' houses.

It's all about coming together; families coming together, volunteers coming together, agencies coming together with the Foodbank. And this is only possible because of all the wonderful support we receive from everyone who backs us with food, finances and their time. And so this is why I want to say thank you again for all that you do in making the Foodbank the project it is. As I look forward to the next 12 months

I'm excited, I'm hopeful of another incredible year, not for anything I do, but for all you do for us. Thank you.

#### SUNDAY EVENING HOUSEGROUP

#### Spring Programme 2015

During March we shall be completing our Lent Course, which follows the themes of our morning service. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> April we shall have an informal meeting when we shall set our programme for the summer.



During February and March we have our Lent Course for 2016. The course follows the themes for Sunday worship.

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

February 28 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Every Penny Counts</b> – The s Rev David Hasson	story of the Gold Coins
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Home Comforts – The story of Rev Sue Edwards	of the Prodigal Son
March 13 <sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm	While the Cat's Away – The Rev Joyce Ellis	story of the Tenants in the Vineyard

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

#### All are welcome to any or all of our meetings

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! If you would like a lift please speak to Roy or Joyce (73340). Joyce Ellis

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Midweek 'drop in' Jubi-latte!



#### Thursdays 10.15am – 11.30am

### COP21 Climate Change Summit -Statement

#### 16 December 2015

The Methodist Church in Britain have released a statement regarding the recent agreements made at the COP21 climate change summit in Paris which concluded on Saturday.

Nearly 200 nations were involved in the negotiations to limit the rise in global temperatures to less than 2C. The agreement is partly legally binding and partly voluntary.

Key points -

- Keep global temperature increases "well below" 2C (3.6F) with a goal of 1.5C.
- Peak greenhouse gas emissions as soon as possible and achieve a balance between sources and sinks of greenhouse gases in the second half of this century.
- Review the progress every five years.
- Provide \$100 billion a year to developing countries by 2020 to assist them in reducing greenhouses gases.

President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Steve Wild, commented:

"We are delighted with the historic achievement at the climate summit in Paris. Our Lord's call to us to be disciples is often challenging. When God entrusted his creation to our care he never said that it would be easy. In our churches we recommit ourselves to tread more lightly on the earth. We pray that we can work together for the common good remembering that we are called to be reconciled to God and to one another in love."

Vice President of the Methodist Conference, Dr Jill Barber, commented:

"In the past few years the government's implementation of a feed-in tariff for solar panels has led to the installation of at least 70 solar panel systems on Methodist churches as well as the District manse in which I live! This demonstrates how sensible public policy can inspire individual and community action. Yet the government now proposes to cancel a scheme that has been successful in unlocking capital and engaging commitment on the part of householders and local community groups. The agreement in Paris suggests that we need more collaboration between Government, individuals and communities around climate change, not less."

Steve Hucklesby, Policy Adviser for the Joint Public Issues Team and specialist on climate change, commented:

"In the light of the achievement in Paris the UK Government's proposed cuts to incentives for investment in renewables need to be reconsidered. We cannot simply replace the burning of coal with gas. In the past our Churches called for 60% of our electricity to be generated from renewable energy by 2030. We need leadership from our government so that we can all see more clearly the path that our nation must take to a low carbon future.



(taken by Rev John Carr)

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### Rotas for March & April

Mar 6 Mar 13 Mar 20 Mar 27 <i>Easter</i> April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	<b>Preacher</b> Edwards(S) J.Ellis R.Ellis Hasson Rushton Evans M.John Robinson	<b>Steward</b> Roy Anne Brian Richard Sheila Jane Brian Richard	Welcome Helen, Richard Catherine, Michael Kate, Margaret B Anne, Joyce G Helen, Richard Catherine, Michael Joyce E, David H Joyce G, Kate
Mar 6 Mar 13 Mar 20 Mar 27 April 3 April 10 April 17 April 24	<b>Tea/Coffee</b> Hilda, Sheila Wendy, Helen D Anne, David H Jane, Ted Hilda, Anne Wendy, Helen D General Church M Maureen H, Helen	0	<b>Counting</b> Dave R, Ted Christine, Harry Joyce E, Sheila Sheila, Margaret Dave R, Roy Christine, Harry Sheila, Richard Roy, Margaret

#### Flower Rota for March & April

Mar 6	In memory of Rev Eric Baker	April 3
Mar 13	Eddie Patterson	April 10
Mar 20	Kath Smith	April 17
Mar 27	Joan Boothroyd	April 24

Catherine Jackson Maureen Burlington Sheila Files



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The deadline for the next newsletter, which will be for May & June, is Sunday  $10^{th}$  April 2016

### Services for March and April 2016

March 6	10.45am	Rev Sue Edwards Holy Cor	mmunion Lent 4
March 13	10.45am 6.00pm	Rev Joyce Ellis Rev Sue Edwards	Lent 5 Reflective Service
March 20	10.45am 6.30pm	Roy Ellis <i>Saviour</i> by Lloyd Webber	<b>Palm Sunday</b> @ St John's
March 27	10.45am	Rev David Hasson	Easter Day Holy Communion
April 3	10.45am	Rev Keith Rushton	
April 10	10.45am 6.00pm	Dr Martyn Evans Rev Joyce Ellis	Healing Service
April 17	10.45am	Moses John	
April 24	10.45am	Andrew Robinson	

### Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday	20 March 10.45am Roy Ellis – Distribution of Palms
	6.30pm The Saviour by W. Lloyd Webber
Maundy Thursday	24 March 7pm The Last Supper & Tenebrae An informal communion -
Good Friday	25 March 10am Service & Meditation 11am Churches Together Walk of Witness - meet at Wishing Well by Theatre Car Park
Easter Day	27 March 7.30am Sunrise Service at Crow Park - followed by tea/coffee 10.45am Easter Holy Communion Rev David Hasson

*The Saviour* by William Lloyd Webber: **6.30pm Palm Sunday at St John's Church** by a choir drawn from Churches Together in Keswick and friends.

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