



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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NEWSLETTER

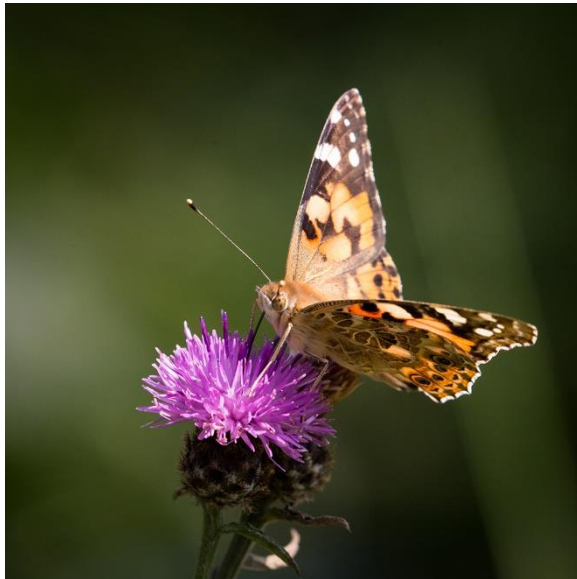


Photo by Tony Marsh

*September &
October*

2016

Minister's Letter



As some of you will know one of my sons, Graham, has recently moved to a new District and Circuit. My daughter and I spent 3 days with him to help with the move and get him settled in his new manse.

As part of his moving Graham had to go through his possessions and see what he no longer needed and get rid of them. Also as each room was emptied and the heavy furniture removed we had to spend time polishing and vacuum cleaning to get rid of any dust that had been hidden over time.

When we arrived at his new manse it all looked clean with the smell of fresh paint in the air. However as we began to fill the kitchen cupboards we discovered that one drawer had been overlooked and contained crumbs from the previous residents and so we had to clean it before we could put anything in it. It made me wonder if we had left something similar back at the old manse that perhaps we should have removed but had forgotten about.

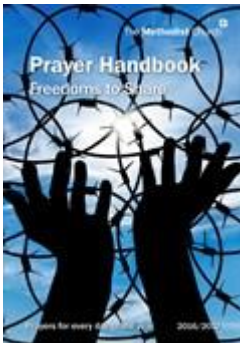


Thinking about this reminded me of these verses from the Epistle of James; in chapter 1 we read:

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. ²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. ²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like someone who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like.

Perhaps there are things in each of our lives that we need to recognise do not belong there and need to be removed. Maybe those character traits or actions that cause hurt to other people or to ourselves. Therefore as we move into a new Connexional year let us all clear out the old and focus on our and hope for the future.

Every Blessing, Sue



The Methodist Prayer Handbook for 2016-17 *Freedoms to Share*. The new prayer manual is now available, price £3.95.

It is a must for all Methodists to use for personal or public prayer.

The Handbook is arranged as a monthly cycle.

You can use the book as a focus for your daily prayer and start the cycle again at the beginning of each month, or just open it at any page. Buy the large print edition if you prefer a larger font – same price.

Church Family News



We were delighted in July to celebrate with Joyce Gray on her significant birthday! And we send *Congratulations* to John Helps as he reaches 90 years in October.

Roy and I would like to thank you all for helping us to celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary. We had a lovely sunny day in the garden on 23rd July and were pleased that so many of you were able to join us. Thank you too for all the cards, including the one from the church and the beautiful arrangement of flowers.

It was with sadness that we heard of the death of our oldest member Nora Walton, who was 103 years old and had been a resident at Millfield for many years. Nora had a quiet faith and graciousness and will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

We were also saddened to hear of the death of Sarah Simpson, who had only recently come to our church. Our sympathy goes out to David and the family at this sad time with our love and prayers.

We send our love, best wishes and prayers to all those who are generally unable to worship with us at this present time including: Freda & Wilf Chambers, Greta Grave, Olive Holland, Sylvia McNae, Anne Proctor, Peter Shortland, Cecilia Spencer, Adrian Thwaites, and Eileen Witherington.

Joyce

From the Registers

Funerals

19th July Norah Walton aged 103

1st August Sarah Simpson aged 65



I would like to convey my thanks to all the volunteers who gave of their time and energy to make the Convention refreshments such a great success.

Not only did we raise money for Vision 21 but there was a real ministry taking place during conversations which were had and by making people feel welcome as they came on to the premises and at the front of the church during the second week. By comments made by our visitors I know it was appreciated.

Also, at the time of writing, the Knitted Bible Exhibition has yet to take place but I would again like to convey my thanks to all those who gave time to setting the exhibition up and putting it away again. Thanks also for being present to welcome people and provide refreshments while the exhibition was on view. I am sure it will have been a huge success.

God bless you all,
Sue

Midweek 'drop in'

Jubi-latte!

Thursdays

10.15am – 11.30am



Monday Night Ladies' Group

The Monday Night Ladies' Group will meet at the home of Jane and Ted in Portinscale on Monday, October 17th (the third Monday as usual) at 7.30 pm, when Sheila Files will give us another of her lovely illustrated talks, this time about French gardens that she has visited.

Her enthusiasm for gardens and their settings, and her lovely photographs of the plants, trees and bushes in them, guarantee an evening we'll all enjoy. Transport will be provided as usual for those who need it.

A September start wasn't possible this year, but do keep the above October date free. Could you also put into your diaries the next two dates:

21st of November, again the third Monday, and the
12th of December, our Christmas Party night, noting that this is
 the second Monday, not the third, in order to
 avoid the week running up to Christmas.

Details of both these meetings will have reached you separately and do keep the dates free if you possibly can!

Joan Boothroyd (75142)

Advance date for your diaries!



Christmas Lunch 2016. Put this date in your diaries straight away!
This year's Christmas Lunch at Keswick Country House Hotel for members of our congregation and friends, including those from our sister churches in the town, will be on **Sunday December 11th**. Do put this date in your diaries straight away and ask your friends to do the same if you're hoping they will join you. All the details will be provided, along with menus for you to choose from, towards the end of October. We are sure it will be another very happy occasion.

Joan & Hylton Boothroyd (75142)

Dates for your Diary

- Mon 5 Sept 7.30pm**
Local Preacher's Meeting at Cockermouth
- Sat 10 Sept 10-4pm**
Synod at Cockermouth. Help will be needed with refreshments
- Sun 11 Sept 7.30pm**
Behind the Mask – Theatre by Lake
- Thurs 15 Sept 7.30pm**
Circuit Meeting at Bassenthwaite
- Sat 17 Sept 10-4pm**
Rooted and Grounded in Prayer –at Ambleside Church Centre
(see details on Church noticeboard)
- Sun 18 Sept 10.45am**
Harvest Festival
- Wed 2 Nov 2.00pm**
Church Council
- Fri 9 Nov 7.30pm**
An evening of Gospel Music with the *Ayrton Brothers*
- Sun 13 Nov 10.45am**
Remembrance Sunday
- Fri 25 Nov 10am – 3.30pm**
Quiet Day at Bassenthwaite
- Sun 27 Nov 10am**
Advent Sunday at St Johns
- 1st – 4th December**
Christmas Tree Festival (details elsewhere in Newsletter)
- Sun 11 Dec 12 noon**
Christmas Lunch at Keswick Country House Hotel

Keswick Methodist Church Redevelopment Update



Keswick Methodist Church Redevelopment and Fundraising

As a result of the stop press news about the £100,000 grant in the last issue the redevelopment group met and decided that, in spite of an inflation increase of about £20,000, it would be wise to wait till August 2017, immediately after the Convention, to start the work.

This takes the pressure off our fundraisers as it allows more time for grant applications to be made and processed. We say thank you to Richard who continues to toil away at the application forms. This delay will allow us to have a more certain financial picture before work starts. But the fundraising still goes on apace.

Most recently we've had the Convention Refreshments and the Knitted Bible Stories Exhibition, two quite different events. Our thanks go out to all those who baked, made soup, welcomed people, served visitors and talked to them.

Both of these events slotted into the church's vision of welcoming and hospitality and visitors' comments emphasised how well we did. Comments such as 'very welcoming', 'friendly', 'best coffee in Keswick', and 'much appreciated by Conventioners' were just some of the compliments received.

Many people also showed interest in our Vision 21 and this was reflected in nearly £500 of donations over the 4 weeks. Convention refreshments took over £3,000 and the Knitted Bible refreshments over £400. Fundraising item sales realised over £1,250 during the Convention and nearly £250 during the Knitted Bible Exhibition.

Expenses for the four weeks are difficult to pin down exactly because of using previously held goods and having some left over for future church use, but were about £800.

The four weeks, while being hard work for those involved, were profitable financially but, more importantly, was the church fulfilling the vision which God has given us. If you missed out in helping over the summer, then future opportunities will arise.

Future events:

By the time you read this Sheila and Keith will have welcomed us to their garden on **23 August** - more details next time. (Which proved to be a lovely sunny afternoon, enjoyed by all who were able to make it, including the garden Treasure Hunt, and the lovely strawberry and cream scones! ed.)

11 September is our next big event with the Theatre show 'Behind the Mask' at 7.30pm. We're very appreciative of all the work and time Katie Dalzell and her three friends are putting in to perform this for our benefit.

As God's people for whom this performance is happening we have a responsibility to ensure the theatre is full. Are you displaying posters? Are you encouraging businesses with whom you have contacts to display a poster? Are you encouraging your family friends (particularly in community groups you belong to) to buy tickets? We should be publicising this event as much as possible and using it as an opportunity to share our faith.

Further in the future we've booked the Ayrton Brothers for an evening of Gospel Music on **Friday 11 November** at 7.30pm. More details will appear later but please book the date now and start mentioning it to friends.

And don't forget the Fundraising Stall in the Grisedale Room where you can get your Picture Hunt (all within ½ mile of church), 2017 calendar, recipe book, ♥KESWICK bag, cards, quiz and puddings! A new stock of puddings, including Plum Puddings, will be arriving early September.

David Hasson: Chair of Fundraising Group : 017687 75818

Harvest Festival - 18th September

During our Harvest Festival Service we shall be making a special collection for the North Lakes Foodbank as we come to give thanks to God for his providence during the last year.

At the moment the Foodbank especially need:

Biscuits
Tinned Sponge Pudding
UHT Fruit Juice
Instant Mash
Tinned Tomatoes
+ any items from the usual lists

n.b. They have plenty of baked beans!

Remember too you can buy items from the Traidcraft Stall such as tea, coffee, biscuits, pasta, sugar, cake and donate them to the Foodbank.

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Explore here to catch up with what else is happening in the Circuit or in the town:



**Churches Together in Keswick
Website**

www.ctik.org.uk

Circuit Website
www.kcmethodists.org.uk

SUNDAY EVENING HOUSEGROUP

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations

This Autumn the housegroup is going to discuss ideas arising from the book *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* by Robert Schnase.

At the moment, as a church, we are focusing much of our time and energy on our fundraising, as we work towards the fulfilment of our plans for *Vision 21*. We hope these discussions will help us to be thinking about how our refurbished building will be used, and what we can do as the church, as we seek to be part of God's kingdom here in Keswick.

The book is a very lively book, not only about the reasons for what we do, but also it is very practical and is about what actions we can take. So the word *practices* is an important part of the title.

The five practices that we shall be exploring are:

Radical Hospitality
Passionate Worship
Intentional Faith Development
Risk-taking Mission and Service
Extravagant Generosity

We also hope to have a Christmas musical evening with Helen North introducing us to some new Christmas songs (as well as some familiar favourites) and another speaker talking to us about how their faith has shaped their life.

We generally meet on the first and third Sunday of the month. So the dates this Autumn will be:

September : 4th, 18th
October: 2nd, 16th, (30th)
November: 6th, 20th
December: 4th, 18th

Watch the weekly notices for further details.

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



Christmas Tree Festival with Nativity Scenes

This will be our fourth Christmas Tree Festival. We would like to make it the biggest and best so far! Please put the dates in your diary. All users of the premises, local businesses, charities, and any individuals who wish, are invited to take part.

Trees will be put up on **Wednesday 30th November 3pm – 6.30pm.**
The Festival will be open at the following times:

- Thursday 1st Dec 10am - 4pm (including Church Coffee Morning)
- Friday 2nd Dec 10am - 4pm
- Saturday 3rd Dec 10am - 4pm
- Sunday 4th December – Keswick Victorian Fayre day - 10.45am - 11.45am (Christmas Tree Service) & 12noon- 4pm

We will also be making a display of **Nativity Scenes**. If you have one or more, please bring it along.

There will be more information in the next Newsletter and further details will be displayed on the church notice board in the Grisedale Room.

If you would like to help plan the **CTF**, please speak to Sheila Files or come along to our planning meeting on 12th September at 10am in the Grisedale Room. Help and ideas gratefully received!

Sheila

Church Website

www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk

Have you visited the church website yet?
Lots of information, photos etc
Do log on and see for yourself.



This summer the foodbank has again had the scheme called 'Holiday Lunch-packs 4 Kids'. During the school holidays there is extra financial pressure on families to provide meals which are normally given at school.

Families whose children receive free school dinners have been given vouchers and they have been able to collect enough food to last for 5 days each week.

A Special Note from the Foodbank

Holiday Lunchpacks Summer 2016

Children helped 431 – 9555 meals given out over 7 weeks
Families helped in Allerdale and Copeland 224

Without your help we could not have helped so many people.
On behalf of the North Lakes Foodbank – thank you very much.

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Foodbank Help from Keswick Day Nursery: The children at Keswick Day Nursery grew strawberries and vegetables in their vegetable garden. They made jam with the strawberries and sold the jam and vegetables to buy food for the Food Bank, which they brought and put in the Foodbank bin when they visited the Knitted Bible Stories Exhibition. See their card in the Grisedale Room!

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Roy Ellis

The Traidcraft Stall



New Autumn Catalogues
now out – collect yours
from the back of the
Church

I hope that you are enjoying having the Traidcraft stall on permanent display in the Grisedale room at the back of the church. It means that you can purchase any item when you need it and not have to wait until the right Sunday comes along. Simply leave your money in the tin on the table. I empty the tin at regular intervals.

There have been some new products arrived. Especially recommended by one customer is the chocolate cake! In the new catalogue there is a collection of Christmas Fayre that I would be pleased to order for you.



Christmas Cards

At the back of the church there is a selection of Christmas cards which can be ordered through the Traidcraft stall. The profits go to Christian Aid and Traidcraft. Last year's sale of cards was a great success. If you would like me to order any for you this year please use the list on the table.

Joyce Ellis

Rotas for September & October

	Preacher	Steward	Welcome
Sept 4	Rushton (S)	Christine	David + Anne
Sept 11	Thomas	Brian	Kate + Sheila
Sept 18	J. Ellis (H)	Helen	Kath + Richard
Sept 25	John	Richard	Catherine + Michael
Oct 2	Edwards (S)	Sheila	Helen + Richard
Oct 9	R. Ellis	Christine	Margaret + Joyce E
Oct 16	Robinson	Anne	Kate + Sheila
Oct 23	Evans	Brian	Catherine + Michael
Oct 30	Beckham/Moses	Richard	Kate + Kath

	Tea/Coffee	Traidcraft	Counting
Sept 4	Kate + David L	---	Sheila + Nigel
Sept 11	MaureenB+Helen D	Joan R	Anne + David L
Sept 18	Alan + Kath	---	Richard + Harry
Sept 25	Kate + David	Sylvia	Joyce + Dave R
Oct 2	Ted + Jane	---	Richard + David L
Oct 9	Maureen H + Sheila	Helen D	Joyce + Ted
Oct 16	MaureenB+HelenD	---	Dave R + Nigel
Oct 23	Ted + Jane	Joyce E	Sheila + Anne
Oct 30	Alan + Kath	---	Roy + Helen

Flower Rota for September & October

Sept 4	Richard & Helen North	Oct 2	Christine Metcalf
Sept 11	Ros Roberts	Oct 9	Mary Jackson
Sept 18	HARVEST	Oct 16	Phyllis Birkett
Sept 25	Maureen Holmes	Oct 23	Christine Metcalf
		Oct 30	Sally Lunson



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The deadline for the next newsletter, which will be for November & December, is Sunday 16th October 2016.

Services for September & October

Sept 4	10.45am	Rev Keith Rushton	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Sept 11	10.45am	Rev Jeff Thomas (District Spirituality & Discipleship Officer)	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	6.00pm	Rev Sue Edwards	<i>Reflective Service</i>
Sept 18	10.45am	Rev Joyce Ellis	<i>Harvest Festival</i>

Harvest Festival



Sept 25	10.45am	Moses John	<i>Morning Worship</i>
Oct 2	10.45am	Rev Sue Edwards	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Oct 9	10.45am	Roy Ellis	<i>Morning Worship</i>
	6.00pm	Rev Joyce Ellis	<i>Healing Service</i>
Oct 16	10.45am	Andrew Robinson	<i>Morning Worship</i>
Oct 23	10.45am	Dr Martyn Evans	<i>Morning Worship</i>
Oct 30	10.45am	Marion Beckham/ Kim Moses	<i>Morning Worship</i>

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