



# Keswick Methodist Church

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

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## Notices for week commencing 29 January 2017



**Father of all**, you see every one of us as your child, no matter how young or old. You have known us for every second of our lives. You give us every breath, and you sustain us every day. We lift to you now the elderly. Each one is your child, Each one is precious in your sight. You see old men and women as they truly are, And we know, Father, that every aging heart is held in your hand, young and vibrant to your touch. We see how you use the wisdom, knowledge and experience of the older generations to teach the young, To bring old insight to new problems, and to give love and security where there is uncertainty.

Amen

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## Sunday 29 January : MHA Sunday

10.45am

**Worship Service** led by Rev Keith Albans  
**Befriending Age**

**Joshua 14: 6-12 | Philippians 3: 7-16**

*Coffee and tea will be served in the Grisedale Room after the service. Please join us.*

3pm

**Circuit Memorial Service** at Brigham  
Methodist Church

7pm

**Housegroup** : Extravagant Generosity

## ***This Coming Week :***

### **Wednesday 1 February:**

- 2pm Church Leadership Team  
7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

### **Thursday 2 February:**

- 9.30-9.45am Vision 21 Time to Pray : where you are  
9.30-10am Prayer Group in the Grisedale Room  
10.15-11.30am Jubilatté – join us for coffee in the Grisedale Room

### **Friday 3 February:**

- 7.30pm Concert with Side by Side & Lakeland Clarinets

### **Saturday 4 February:**

- 9am Christian Men's Breakfast & Seminar at Café West & Keswick Museum meeting room with Jonathan Lamb (Minister at Large, Keswick Ministries)

### **Sunday 5 February:**

- 10.45am Morning Worship & Holy Communion  
led by Rev Keith Rushton  
7pm Housegroup *John & his Gospel*

## **MHA Sunday**

We're delighted to welcome **Rev Dr Keith Albans** as our preacher and leader of worship today. He is Director of Chaplaincy & Spirituality at MHA (Methodist Homes). He's responsible for spiritual and pastoral welfare of the staff and service users within the organisation and maintaining links with the Methodist Church and the wider church. Keith has been a Methodist



Minister since 1984, serving in York, in Birmingham as University Chaplain and latterly as Superintendent Minister in Sheffield. We're looking forward to sharing worship with him.

## **Ann Porter**

We were sorry to hear of Ann's death. She was one of our more recent members and friend of Joan Bailey, but was only able to attend church a few times due to her illness. The service of thanksgiving for her life will be at church on Monday 6 February at 12.30pm. Donations will be divided between Tearfund and Vision 21.

## **North Lakes Foodbank**

- The Foodbank is looking for more volunteers. Helpers are needed in the mornings to pack parcels in the warehouse in Cockermouth, to drive or help with deliveries in the van or to help with administration. People are needed in the afternoons to sort donated food at the warehouse. See the poster in the Grisedale Room. To volunteer, call 0750 2311 452 or have a word with me.
- Many people in our church make regular donations to the foodbank. Now you can also support the Foodbank with your prayers. The Foodbank Prayer Diary 2017 has a prayer for each day of the month. Copies are available in the Grisedale room. Please take one.
- Thank you so much to everyone who gives to help others who don't have enough to eat. Don't forget to take a list from the table as you come into church to see what's needed. The special appeal this week is for :

**\*\* Tinned meat**

**\*\* Tinned tuna**

**\*\* Sponge pudding**

Roy Ellis (73340)



**The Way :** The Winter edition of the free newspaper of the Church in Cumbria has arrived. Please do take one and see what's happening in the county's churches and the lives of the county's Christians.

## **Circuit Memorial Service TODAY 29 January 3pm at Brigham Methodist Church with Rev Sue Edwards**

An opportunity to remember a loved one's life and to show the love of God. Just come and listen, light a candle, share time with one another and offer prayers. Afterwards there will be light refreshments and conversation. Everyone is most welcome.



## Side by Side with Lakeland Clarinets:

Friday 3 February 7.30pm

Our next Concert is this Friday!

The music will include light classical, popular and film standards, along with some specially written clarinet choir pieces. It promises to be a

relaxing and light-hearted evening, just the thing for a Friday in February!! A



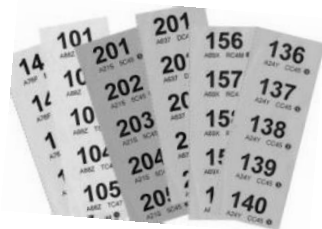
raffle will also take place. Tickets include light refreshments in the interval and are available **NOW** at £7 each from Church Stewards, The Cheese Deli in Packhorse Court, Textures in St John's Street or contact 75818. Or buy one on the door on the night!



## Raffle Prizes

We're having a raffle at the Concert in church on Friday, 3 February. We already have some prizes put aside, but if anyone would like to donate something for this, please let me know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sheila Files (79253)



## CALLING ALL BAKERS .... !



Our next fundraising event is the **Concert on 3 February**, followed by more concerts in the next few months. As usual we'll be providing tray bakes during the intervals, for which any donations of tray bakes will be gratefully received. We really could do

with a regular supply of tray bakes to use as refreshments to sell so please consider making a tray bake and putting it in the freezer in the kitchen at your convenience. They'll always be very much appreciated and enjoyed by our visitors. Thank you so much.

Fundraising Group

# SAFEGUARDING



***As a church, we take the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults seriously.***

## **Safeguarding update training**

The time for updating our safeguarding training has arrived. Stephen Walker, our Circuit Safeguarding Officer, will be contacting everyone who needs the training and you can go to any of these events in the circuit. Put one of the dates in your diary now!

- 1 March Keswick 10am–12noon - Wednesday
- 11 March Cockermouth 10am–12noon - Saturday
- 25 March Brigham 10am–12noon - Saturday
- 27 March Cockermouth 7.30-9.30pm - Tuesday
- 28 March Cockermouth 7.30-9.30pm - Wednesday

## **Lent Lunches**

The annual Lent Lunches will be held on **Tuesdays** at **12.30pm** in the **Crosthwaite Parish Room** starting on **28 February** (Shrove Tuesday). The after-lunch talks will cover a good range of topics from refugees to musical entertainment. We always enjoy hearing from young people and we will have students from St Herbert's School, Keswick School and Queen Elizabeth Grammar School. For full details see the poster in the Grisedale Room. Put the dates in your diary now.

Roy Ellis (73340)

**The Connexion** is the free magazine of the Methodist Church. The latest edition **Thinking Big** is available in the Grisedale Room. Also available online.

## **Churches Together Visit to the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community's Mosque**

**Wednesday 29 March**

The coach trip to Manchester's newest mosque in Hulme, the Darul Aman Mosque, takes place on Wednesday, 29 March, leaving at 8am and returning no later than 9pm.



The cost will be £13.50 per person. Please sign up on the sheet on the Grisedale Room notice board. The closing date for sign up and payment is 11 February. The mosque is thought to be the second largest in Britain.



## **Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 3 March at 10.30am Friends Meeting House (opposite Booths) Am I Being Unfair to You?**

On Friday 3 March over 5,000 services will be held in the British Isles on the theme of **Am I Being Unfair to You?** The Christian women of the Philippines wrote the service and it has been translated into 1,000 different languages and dialects, to be used, throughout the whole world, on Friday 3 March, starting at sunrise over the island of Samoa and continuing until sunset off the coast of American Samoa.



## **Vision 21 Time to Pray**

Every Thursday between 9.30-9.45am

please pray for the redevelopment project as we proceed to raise the final £100,000 and plan the whole project.



Whether you're sitting with a morning cup of tea or coffee, doing your shopping or household chores or at the Prayer Group in church, just take a few minutes to pray that we can move forward in our ministry and mission as the body of Christ serving God in a loving and caring fellowship, that decisions about the redevelopment will be the right ones and that fundraising and applications for grants will continue to be successful. We give thanks for our latest successful grant application awarding us £35,000.

**GRAND SALE!! £2 Bargain!!**

**I ♥ KESWICK Calendars  
Reduced!**



We've still got some stock left after the Christmas rush and

these have now been reduced to **£2** – a real bargain - especially if you've not got one already or you know of someone who needs one.



### **Great Jigsaw Sale**

Due to the popularity of the Jigsaw Sale in October – and which raised just over £300 - we're going to hold another on **Tuesday, 18 April 10am–4pm**. So we're looking for more jigsaws to sell and people who can check that they have all their pieces. Please contact me if you can donate any jigsaws or take one to check. Thank you.



Kate Norburn (017687 74573)

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### **Future Dates:**

- **Thursday 9 February 2pm: Church Council** in the Grisedale Room
- **Friday 10 February 7pm: Service of Prayer & Reflection for Refugees** at Our Lady's Catholic Church
- **27 February-12 March: Fairtrade Fortnight**
- **Tuesdays 28 February-4 April 12.30pm: Lent Lunch** at Crosthwaite Parish Room - proceeds for Christian Aid
- **3 March 10.30am: Women's World Day of Prayer** at Quaker Meeting House
- **Sunday 5 March 6pm: Fairtrade Service** at Our Lady's Catholic Church
- **10 March 7.30pm: Organ Extravaganza** in aid of Vision 21
- **9 April 6.30pm: St Mark's Passion** at St John's
- **18 April 10am-4pm: Big Jigsaw Sale** in aid of Vision 21

## To all our visitors

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- You're very **welcome** to our church today. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us. Please sign our visitors' book and put a pin on the map which is in the Grisedale Room (as you came into church). We'd welcome any suggestions you might have to help us improve our hospitality.
- **Children** are welcome in our services. A box of toys and activities is normally available if you need them. If you prefer, you may sit in the Grisedale Room, where you'll still be able to hear the service. Please ask a Steward if you need any help.
- **Loop System:** We have a loop system for those who wear a hearing aid.
- **Hymn Books:** We normally sing from Singing the Faith and most Sundays the words are projected onto the screen. Hymnbooks are always available in the pews. Please ask a steward if you prefer a large print or tune hymnbook.
- **Website & social media** Please keep in touch with us through our website and our Facebook page. Our website is [www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk). Please visit us there. You can also find us on Facebook and Twitter. These are good ways to keep up to date on what we're doing.
- **Vision 21** We're raising money to redevelop the church, aiming to start after Convention 2017. You can follow how we're doing by checking in the Newsletter and on the website. And you can follow the travels of the I♥KESWICK bag here too.
- **Easyfundraising:** Collect free donations for Vision21 every time you shop online! Visit [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist).

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**Notice Sheet:** Please send or phone notices for next week through to Anne Hasson on 017687 75818 or by e-mail to [annehasson@aol.com](mailto:annehasson@aol.com) by Thursday evening.