



# Keswick Methodist Church

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

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## Notices for week commencing 12 February 2017



**Minister:** Rev Sue Edwards  
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**Loving Lord**, as we gather together in this church today, we ask your blessing on Tillie-Anne Dickman, as she is baptised into your family. Hold her in your arms and bless her. Shine your light on the path before her and let her always feel your loving presence as she travels along the paths of life. Let us reaffirm our own baptism vows here today and help us all to be faithful witnesses to your light and love as we seek to follow you in our day to day lives.       Amen

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## Sunday 12 February : Racial Justice Sunday

**10.45am**

**Worship Service & Baptism of**

**Tillie-Anne Dickman** led by Rev Sue Edwards

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

**6pm**

**Healing Service** led by Rev Joyce Ellis

**7-9pm**

**Hustings** at St John's Church

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

### **Thursday 9 February:**

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| 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 |

### **Sunday 19 February:**

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| 10.45am | Morning Worship led by Tori Jones           |
| 7pm     | Housegroup : <i>John's Picture of Jesus</i> |

## **Baptism of Tillie-Anne**

We welcome Tillie-Anne Dickman and her family and friends on this important day in her life as we share in her baptism and welcome into the church family.

## **Church Friends**

We've now finished organising our new pastoral system, to be known as Church Friends. If you're a Church Friend and you're on email, you'll have received a message telling you who's in your group. Please can you speak to those folk, as soon as possible, to confirm that you are their Church Friend. If you're not on email, there will be a printed note for you, to remind you how the system will work, and who is in your group. If anyone has a problem with anything to do with the Church Friends, please speak to me so that we can sort it out.

Sheila Files (79253)

## **Hustings for Copeland By-Election:**

### **Today, Sunday 12 February 7–9pm at St John's Church**

Churches Together in Keswick has organised this event. All five parties are expected to be represented by their candidate or a representative.

Questions at the meeting from the floor —rounds of general questions for all candidates to answer and specific questions to each candidate in turn. Refreshments before and after the meeting.

## North Lakes Foodbank

- **A Story from the Foodbank**

*A single woman with alcohol and psychological problems has had help from us from time to time. She has decided to give up alcohol and had a long talk with our CCC adviser. They'd agreed to set short term targets to help her with her problems, which are also financial. She got a food parcel but we were also able to give her some nice toiletries which put a big smile on her face and she was going home to spoil herself other than with alcohol. We expect her back as she was so pleased that people had taken time and cared enough about her to help her.*



- The special appeal this week is for :

**\*\* Rice**

**\*\* Tinned tomatoes**

**\*\* Sponge pudding**

**\*\* Tinned hotdogs**

**\*\* Tinned meatballs**

*The tinned hotdogs and meatballs are for the kids' packs which will be given out in the Easter Holidays.*

Roy Ellis (73340)

## Lifts to Church

We're planning to set up a way of providing lifts to church for people who want to be here with us but need a lift to get here. This would be a very valuable part of our support and hospitality as a church. If you think you could either regularly or occasionally give someone else a lift to church please let give your name to a Steward or phone me.



Sheila Files (79253)

## 'Stepping Out' Writing Competition



Methodist Women in Britain invite you to submit a meditative or reflective piece of writing on the theme of **Stepping Out** in prose or poetry. Entries must be no more than 500 words. For more information see the poster on the notice board in the Grisedale Room.

## **Stop Press – Changes to dates: 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!

Please note the date for Keswick has been changed from 1 March to 1 April:

- 11 March Cockermouth 10am–12noon - Saturday
- 25 March Brigham 10am–12noon - Saturday
- 27 March Cockermouth 7.30–9.30pm - Monday
- 28 March Cockermouth 7.30–9.30pm – Tuesday
- **1 April Keswick 10a m–12noon - Saturday**

## **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)

## **Organ Extravaganza : Friday 10 March 7.30pm**

Our next concert is an Organ Extravaganza on Friday, 10 March, when Paul Gregson from Hawkshead will entertain us with a virtuoso organ performance. Tickets £7 available now – have a word with any Church Steward. Again, donations of tray bakes will be very much appreciated. Please mark them with the date of baking, so we know which ones to use first, before you put them in the tall freezer in the kitchen!

# **SAFEGUARDING**



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



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

**Wednesday 29 March**

The Churches Together 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. This is a great opportunity to find out more about Islam and the place of the mosque in the Muslim society. Please sign up on the sheet on the Grisedale Room notice board. The closing date for sign up and payment is **this weekend**. The mosque is thought to be the second largest in Britain and it will be good to share with some of those who came to help us during the floods in 2015.

## **Help WI to help others**

The local WI (some of our congregation are members) has a number of collections on the go for charity appeals. If anyone would like to help, these are some of them! You can leave any donations in the box in the Grisedale Room.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

- Jam jars/empty jars for Hospice at Home. They make produce to sell.
- Old jewellery for Alzheimer's. Someone makes up new jewellery to sell.
- Stamps for the Sam Buxton Sunflower Trust (for children with cancer)
- Bras for Against Breast Cancer.
- Empty plastic pens, biros, etc. Recycled for McMillan Cancer Charity.

Members of the WI are also knitting hats and triangles for premature babies through Project Linus UK. If anyone would like to join in with this please have a word with Helen Dalzell for details of patterns and wool.

## The Link Spring Edition

Please note that the next edition of The Link, our Circuit magazine, covers March, April and May. If anyone has anything they'd like to contribute, please let me have it by 14 February. All contributions are welcome. Let's keep each other in touch across the Keswick & Cockermouth Circuit! If there's anything you'd like to see covered in The Link in future editions, please also let me know and I'll see if we can do it.

Anne Hasson (annehasson@aol.com) (75818)

## Journey to Taize : Tuesday 14 March

MWiB (Methodist Women in Britain) Cumbria District invite all to share in a day led by former Vice President of Conference, Gill Dascombe, at Arnside Methodist Church. Gill's theme is **A Journey to Taize**. Please see the notice in the Grisedale Room for more details. For anyone who'd like to know more about Taize and its music this is a great opportunity to hear all about it. Gill is a great speaker and leader and it should be a very informative and reflective day. Coincidentally we're planning to hold a Taize Service later this spring and this day would be a good introduction to Taize worship.



## Great Jigsaw Sale

Due to the popularity of the Jigsaw Sale in October – and which raised just over £300 - we're holding 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. Lots of you are busy beavering away doing jigsaws for this, but we can always use more volunteers! Thank you.



Kate Norburn (74573)



**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.

In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – named locally as ‘Yolanda’ – struck the Philippine islands in the western Pacific ocean. This is mentioned in the service but you will also hear the stories of a girl, a mother and an older woman, recounting their situations and their hopes and fears. The service focusses on the Bible story of the workers in the vineyard: Matthew 20:1–16. There is a reflection on the artwork designed by Rowena ‘Apol’ Laxamana-Sta.Rosa. It is thought-provoking and illustrates contrasting scenes.

The Day of Prayer is not just for women – everyone is welcome to attend the service on 3 March. For further information and resources, please visit the Women's World Day of Prayer website at [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk).

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**Future Dates:**

- **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
- **14 April Walk of Witness**
- **16 April Easter Sunrise Service**
- **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.
- **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.
- **Loop System:** We have a loop system for those who wear a hearing aid.
- **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.