



# Keswick Methodist Church

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

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## Notices for week commencing 19 February 2017



**Gracious God**, we thank you, for we find freedom in life, and freedom in death; freedom in receiving you, and freedom in giving to others. May we live bold and Godly lives, and set captives free in your name, so that all will proclaim their freedom in Christ. Amen

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## Sunday 19 February :

**10.45am**

**Worship Service** led by Tori Jones

**Love for All : Psalm 119:33-40 | Matthew 5:38-48**

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

**7pm**

**Housegroup** *John's Picture of Jesus*

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

### **Thursday 23 February:**

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| 7am-10pm      | Election Day   |
| 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 26 February:**

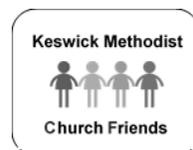
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| 10.45am | Morning Worship led by Martyn Evans |
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## **Church Council**

Do you wonder what went on and what decisions were made at the Church Council last week? If so, you can now find out. The minutes of the meeting are in the green folder in the Grisedale Room. Roy Ellis (73340)

## **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)

## **Churches challenge "Dubs" suspension**

A joint letter has been sent to the Home Secretary from the leaders of five churches, including the Methodist Church, on changes to the policy on child refugees. The letter expresses concern at the government's recent announcement that it intends to suspend the safe resettlement of unaccompanied minors seeking refuge in the United Kingdom. You can read the press release and the letter on the notice board in the Grisedale Room.

## 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 (long-grain)
- \*\* Tinned tomatoes
- \*\* Tinned ham
- \*\* 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.

## 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 but you can go to any of the training venues.

- 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 10am–12noon - Saturday**

## SAFEGUARDING



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



### Lent Lunches

The Lent Lunches begin on **Tuesday 28th February** at the



Crosthwaite Parish Room. See the insert in these notices for the complete list of dates

and speakers. We still need some more people to help at each of the lunches. If you feel you could help to lay the tables, serve the soup and/or do the washing up on one or more of the dates, please let me know.

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!



## **Fairtrade Wine & Cheese Evening: Tuesday 28 February 7.30-9pm**

Keswick Fairtrade Campaign have arranged, with the help of the Fairtrade Foundation, for Marthe Uwiherewenimana, a coffee farmer from Ruanda, to come to Cumbria for Fairtrade Fortnight. Marthe will be fully occupied travelling around organisations and schools in both North and South Cumbria to speak about her work as a Fairtrade coffee farmer. The cooperative in which she is involved was set up after the genocide that took place over twenty years ago to give women who had been widowed some independence. Marthe is also a mother of 11 children. In addition she is a teacher - a very busy lady! Find out more at the Café by Lake - cost £7.50 covers the cost of the Fairtrade wine and local cheese and will affray some of the cost associated with the visit. Soft drinks will be provided for those who prefer it. French speakers will be especially welcome as that is Marthe's native language. More details on the poster.

## **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 an ideal opportunity to hear all about it. Gill is a great speaker and leader and it will be a very informative and reflective day.

## **The Word by Derwentwater at Lake Road Chapel**

- Saturday 4 March 2-3.30pm: Book Club Session
- 4-11 March from 10am: Exhibition about the history of the Bible and the life of Christ

For more details see poster in Grisedale Room.



**Vision21 Quiz** : The February quiz – *What's Missing?* - is now available at £1. The prize is a £10 gift card.

Helen North & Anne Hasson

## 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).

## 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.



- 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.

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## Future Dates:

- **27 February-12 March: Fairtrade Fortnight**
- **28 February 7.30pm: Fairtrade Campaign Wine & Cheese Evening**
- **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
- **14 March 10.15am-3.30pm: District MWiB event – A Journey to Taize** at Arnside Methodist Church
- **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.