



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 26 February 2017



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Lord, you met with Moses on the top of a mountain and when he descended his face was shining. In your power he brought your laws to a needy people. You met with Christ on top of a mountain and he was transformed with brightness and descended with renewed strength. Lord, we want to meet with you and be transformed by you and to bring your transformation to the world around us. We don't stand on any lofty mountain but we have a God who is changing us every day and through whom we can reach out to change a broken world. Be with us and help us take whatever step is next for us. Amen

Sunday 26 February :

10.45am **Worship Service** led by Martyn Evans
Psalm 99 | Exodus 24:12-18 | 2 Peter 1:16-21 | Matthew 6:24-34

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

This Coming Week :

Tuesday 28 February – Shrove Tuesday:

- 12.30pm Lent Lunch at Crosthwaite Parish Room
7.30pm Fairtrade Wine & Cheese at Cafe by the Lake

Wednesday 1 March – Ash Wednesday:

- 7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 2 March:

- 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 Jubilat   – join us for coffee in the Grisedale Room

Friday 3 March:

- 10.30am Women’s World Day of Prayer at Quaker
Meeting House

Sunday 5 March: Lent 1 *I am the bread of life*

- 10.45am Morning Worship & Communion
led by Rev Joyce Ellis
6pm Fairtrade Service at Our Lady’s Catholic Church
7.30pm Housegroup: *I am the bread of life*

Bible Readings for Lent

During Lent on a Sunday morning we’ll be looking at the ‘*I am*’ sayings in John’s gospel. We’ve

produced a booklet to accompany the series that contains Bible Readings from John’s gospel. It’s entitled ***Meeting Jesus in St John’s Gospel***. The daily Bible readings mean you can read through the whole gospel during Lent. The readings start on Ash Wednesday this week. If you’d like a copy, which also contains prayers and meditations, please collect one from the back of the church (they have a pink cover).



Joyce Ellis (73340)

North Lakes Foodbank



- ***A Story from the Foodbank***

A single man with dementia, has little family support but comes to call on us from time to time, usually hoping for a food parcel, which he's not entitled to any more currently as he has benefits which he struggles to manage. Our CCC floating support worker is able to advise him and sends him on his way a bit happier and reassured. We were able to give him a few Christmas 'bits'. We expect he'll be back!.

- The special appeal this week is for :

*** Tinned vegetables ** Tinned tomatoes ** Tinned meat*

*** Tinned hotdogs ** Tinned meatballs ** Tinned sponge pudding*

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

Roy Ellis (73340)

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

Keswick Fairtrade Campaign have arranged, with the help of the Fairtrade Foundation, for Marthe Uwihewenimana, 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 the Lake - cost £7.50 covers the cost of the Fairtrade wine and local cheese and will offset 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.

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.

Lent Lunches



The Lent Lunches begin on **Tuesday 28th February** at the Crosthwaite Parish Room. The first talk will take us to refugee camps in Calais and in Jordan. See the insert in these notices for the

complete list of dates and speakers. We still need some more people to help at some 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)



**Women's World Day of Prayer: Friday 3 March
10.30am at 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.

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!



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.

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 hope our new pastoral system is working well. However, 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)

East Africa Famine Appeal

South Sudan is the first nation in six years to declare a famine, but the UN have issued a stark warning that other countries face extreme food-shortages across East Africa. **All We Can** and the **World Church Relationships Team** of the Methodist Church in Britain are calling for support for an urgent appeal to respond to immediate needs in South Sudan and to help avert famine in other countries on the verge of disaster. Ongoing food crises have pushed many East African countries to the brink of catastrophe with millions across the region facing malnutrition, illness and death.



On 20 February 2017 it was announced that South Sudan had already reached tipping point with two counties being declared as officially affected by famine. Droughts and unpredictable rainfall, protracted civil conflicts and entrenched economic crises, have led to widespread food insecurity across East Africa and people are already dying. Without urgent support, many other communities across the region face the threat of famine in 2017.

The Methodist Church in Britain are urging people to respond quickly, generously and collectively to this catastrophic situation by supporting the appeal being managed by **All We Can**.

'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.



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

Helen North & Anne Hasson

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.

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
- **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

- 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. 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.

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 by Thursday evening.