



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 5 February 2017



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God of us all, we thank you that you place us in community, to enable and encourage each other, to share and grow together. Help those of us who are usually silent or silenced, to speak and be heard. Help those of us who are always heard, to learn to make space for others to have voice. Help us all to be people who listen with our hearts, value each other's differences, and work together as we listen to your word and your wisdom. Help us to recognise that, in enabling and encouraging each other with your kindness, our communities, and each of us in them, may grow and flourish.

Amen

Methodist Prayer Handbook Day 5

Sunday 5 February :

10.45am

Worship Service & Communion

led by Rev Keith Rushton

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

7pm

Housegroup : John & his Gospel

This Coming Week :

Monday 6 February:

12.30pm Thanksgiving Service for the life of Ann Porter

Wednesday 8 February:

11am Redevelopment Committee in the Grisedale Room

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 9 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

2pm Church Council in the Grisedale Room

Friday 10 February:

7pm Service of Prayer & Reflection for Refugees
at Our Lady's Catholic Church

Sunday 12 February: Racial Justice Sunday

10.45am Morning Worship & Baptism
led by Rev Sue Edwards

6pm Healing Service led by Rev Joyce Ellis

Sunday

The retiring collection for MHA at last Sunday's worship service totalled £77.87. Many thanks to all who gave. This will be passed on to MHA to help in their work bringing quality to later life.



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 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)



Side by Side with Lakeland Clarinets

Those who came to the concert on Friday 3 February enjoyed a pleasant evening and the total takings amounted to £201.



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!



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

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)

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. 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 Saturday, 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.

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 v 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.

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!

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



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.

'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.

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)

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, you know of someone who needs one or you just like the pictures!



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)



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
- **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.
- **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. 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.