



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 17 September 2017



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Loving God, we place our planet into your hands, the tides and seasons, the incredible way it sustains life, and the powerful way it affects our existence. We thank you that there is food for all. Help us to ensure that it is shared and not wasted. We pray for a just world, where your love and mercy reign, and all are protected, supported and nurtured. We pray for those who are hungry today, and those who have the power to change that. We pray for all those in poverty and all those fighting to end poverty. We pray we may be your hands and feet in this place, trusting that you know our needs, what we hunger and thirst for. In Jesus' name. Amen

Sunday 17 September : Harvest

10.45am Harvest Worship led by Rev Sue Edwards
Ruth 2: 2-20 | 2 Corinthians 8: 1-9

Coffee and tea will be served after the service followed by soup, roll and pudding lunch. We'd love you to join us for either or both. Donations for lunch to Foodbank.

7pm Housegroup at Roy & Joyce's:
How my faith has shaped my life – Fiona Weakley

Thursday 21 September:

9.30-9.45am Vision21 Time to Pray : where you are

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the Parlour

10-11.30am Jubilate: join us for coffee in the Parlour

Saturday 23 September:

10am-4pm Preaching with the Imagination at Wigton Road
Methodist Church, Carlisle

7.30pm Barnabas, the musical at Penrith Methodist Church

Sunday 24 September:

9.15am Setting up the hall for worship

10.45am Morning Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis

Harvest Celebration 2017

- **Gifts for the Foodbank**

Our Harvest celebration this year is remembering the local Foodbank. We bring our gifts to help those in need to the front of the church, either before or during the service.



- **Harvest Lunch**

After our Harvest celebration service this morning, we're going to enjoy a church lunch of soup, roll and pudding. Everyone is welcome – any donations will go to the Foodbank. Please stay if you're able to, no prior booking needed – there's enough for all!

South Asia Floods Appeal



Thank you all for

giving to the retiring collections for this appeal.



Once the money's been sent off, I'll let you know how much we raised!

Roy Ellis : Christian Aid rep (73340)



NEWSFLASH!



Thank you so much for all the kind donations, both weekly and at today's harvest service, helping to restock our empty shelves. Stock levels are definitely increasing, but we're still short of the items to the left. If you're able to look out for any of them when you're shopping, it would be great if you could drop them off into our green bin in the Parlour! Can you help please?

And just a reminder of the support we offer vulnerable people: *"We have several ex-clients who now pop in to our warehouse for a cuppa quite regularly. They enjoy the company and the conversation. They get help if needed, and when things are going well they can let us know they are ok. They find it welcoming and enjoy the free coffee and toast or cake. They know someone is looking out for them"*.

Roy Ellis (73340)

Organ Working Party

The organ removal is progressing and we've now taken down the pulpit area and removed the platform in front of it. David Cooper is coming again on Thursday, 28 September to finish off removing the rest of the organ. Help is again required for this work so please let me know if you can be there from 10am. We'll also cut up any scrap timber (like the internal supports from the framework and old floorboards) ready for going to people's homes for their fires or woodburners or to go to the tip.



David Hasson (75818)

PS Remember, if you're interested, you can see photos of the progress via our website or on our Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/keswickmethodistchurch>.

Setting up the Hall for Worship

Now that we've been meeting in the hall for a few weeks we realise that we need some extra volunteers to help set it up each Sunday morning, as well as put everything away afterwards – and sweep the floor ready for yoga on Monday morning! We need about four people each week and have put a rota on the notice board in the hall. Please do put your name against the weeks you can do. Setting up involves putting the chairs out in the hall, setting up the area at the front for the preacher and the keyboard at the back for the organist, as well as getting tables and chairs out in the parlour for coffee after the service and making sure the fundraising stall's out. Then it all needs to go away again after coffee! It's a team effort, so any and all help is welcome!



Vision21 Quiz : The September quiz is our last one as we've reached our current fundraising target! To celebrate we've made it easy for you!

It's called *Multiple Choice*! As usual it costs £1 and there's a £10 gift card prize. The closing date is 30 September. The winner of the August quiz was Mrs M McNeill of Haddington – congratulations!



Helen North & Anne Hasson



Sainsbury's ditches Fairtrade

Sainsbury's is the largest retailer of Fairtrade products in the UK. But they've decided to drop the Fairtrade Mark from their own-brand tea and replace it with their own 'Fairly Traded' label instead. Sainsbury's has abandoned Fairtrade certification to set up its own pilot scheme, saying they want to secure their supply chain. 'Fairly Traded' sounds a lot like Fairtrade, but it doesn't have the same gold standards. It is self-run by Sainsbury's but most importantly it takes control away from tea farmers. The new scheme is untested, unverified and unwanted and the 'Fairly Traded' label is likely to mislead customers. If you can, please sign the email petition urging Sainsbury's to reconsider. Go to the Fairtrade Foundation website at fairtrade.org.uk and click on 'WHAT CAN I DO?'

Roy Ellis (73340)

Preaching with the Imagination:

23 September 10am-4pm at Wigton Road Methodist Church, Carlisle with Rev Dr Kate Bruce

For local preachers, worship leaders or anyone interested in preaching and bringing the Bible alive for others. Bring and share lunch. For more details contact Rev David Firth 01228 525540 / dfirth3672@aol.com.



Barnabas – the musical :

Saturday 23 September 7.30pm at Penrith Methodist Church

Roger Jones conducts a special local choir in his musical about Paul and Barnabas' travels to Cyprus (Acts 13). Tickets are £6 or £3 for 18s and under, available from Penrith Methodist Church Office, Style-Line, Penrith TIC or on the door.

Growing Through Conflict Foundation Day:

26 September 9.30am-4pm at Quaker Meeting House

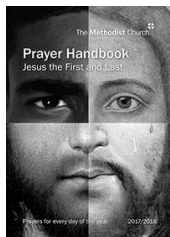
CTiC (Churches Together in Cumbria) training in conjunction with Place for Hope. Consider your 'conflict style' and how you respond in difficult or tense situations. Explore how conflict escalates in a church context and consider some tools for de-escalation. For any in leadership in churches. £10. For more information please contact Brec Seaton: seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk To book and pay please contact Helen Boothroyd: hbctic@tiscali.co.uk.

Church, Sexuality and Theology: Sunday 1, 8 & 15 October 7-8.30pm At St John's Church

A discussion time led by Rev Charles Hope on Sundays 1, 8 and 15 October 7-8.30pm in St John's Church. To reflect on the Bible, current social trends, the Church and our faith. To be done in a safe / non-threatening, but affirmative manner! All welcome.

Made in God's Image: exploring gender and discipleship : Saturday 7 October 10am-4pm at St Mary's Church & Ambleside Church Centre
 Churches Together in Cumbria invite you to the annual Celebrating Together Day. Cost £12 (reduced rate available) – booking essential – see notice board for details. The day will be a chance to learn and question, explore perceptions and share stories within a supportive environment. Keynote speaker is Rev Terrie Robinson, who will be looking at discipleship through a gender justice lens. Also on the programme: Be My Guest (Cumbria Church leader interviews) and workshops on Domestic abuse, Gender justice, Gender and the local church, Expectations in maleness and Trans* and the Church.

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2017-2018 : Jesus the First and Last



The latest Prayer Handbook is now available at the discounted price of **£3.50**. It's arranged as a monthly cycle and you can use the book as a focus for your daily prayer and start the cycle again at the beginning of each month, or just open it at any page. Classic prayers are interwoven with new contributions from Methodists across the districts and around the world. It also includes a daily lectionary with a suggested hymn to accompany and guide you through the year. There's one large print copy left and a number of the normal size.

Fundraising Stall

All fundraising items are still on sale but from 1 September, the start of the new Methodist year, the proceeds will be held in the church general funds for use as the church decides. Many of the items have been reduced so you could get a bargain! Please browse and see if there's anything you might like, whether for yourself or for presents! Available in the Parlour.



- * I ♥ Northern Lakes 2018 Calendars £5
- * Sponge Puddings £5 & small Christmas puddings £2.50
- * I ♥ Keswick Bags £3 each or 2 for £5 * Recipe books £2
- * Quiz £1 * Keyrings £1 * Church History booklets £1
- * Greetings Cards 50p * Paperback Books 50p

Anne (75818)

I ♥ the Northern Lakes 2018 Calendar



Our unique 2018 calendars are available from the fundraising stall!! And we've kept the price at £5 for both A4 and slimline sizes. There's a sample calendar so you can have a good look at each month's picture, all taken by church members! We hope your favourites are there and you enjoy them throughout the year.

Travels of the I♥KESWICK bag

The #lovekeswickbag has rediscovered its energy and has been busy adding to its Wainwrights! Earlier this week it dusted off its 'walking boots' and bagged a wet and boggy Hartsop Above How from Patterdale, bringing its total Wainwrights with Helen to 92. Nearly half way! Well done!



Follow the bag's travels at #lovekeswickbag on Facebook or Twitter – or on our Facebook page. *Buy a bag for only £3 or two for £5 at church or the Cheese Deli in Packhorse Court and join the travels!*

Future Dates:

- **Tuesday 26 September 9.30am-4pm: Growing through Conflict Day** at Quaker Meeting House
- **Tuesday 26 September 7.30pm: Circuit Meeting** at Brigham
- **Thursday 28 September 10am onwards: Organ Working Party**
- **Saturday 7 October 10am-4pm: Celebrating Together Day (CTiC)**
Made in God's Image: exploring gender & discipleship at Ambleside
- **Tuesday 10 October 10am: Worship Planning**
- **Wednesday 1 November 2pm: Church Council**
- **Thursday 23 November 2pm (& 5 weeks following): Advent Midweek Study Group – "A Christmas Carol"**
- **Friday 24 November 10am-3.30pm: Quiet Day** at Bassenthwaite
- **Sunday 10 December: Church Lunch** at Keswick Hotel

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 at the back of the hall. We'd welcome any suggestions you might have to help us improve our hospitality during our redevelopment work.
- **Children** are welcome in our services. Bags and a box of toys and activities is normally available if you need them. If you prefer, you may sit in the Parlour, 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. Tune books and hymn books are available if you'd like to use one.
- **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, with the builders starting work next month. 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.