



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 1 October 2017



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Creator God, the world that you have created is on the move, with so many disasters: earthquakes, hurricanes, storms, floods and wars. Yet it is our duty to take care of your world. Help us to do so. When disaster strikes, killing people and leaving others homeless, help us to pray for them and give them practical help, especially those living in appalling conditions in the aftermath. We pray that, as we live in your world, we will accept the good with the bad, in whatever situation we find ourselves. May your love and your grace flow in our hearts at all times with reassurance that you are a God who cares. Amen.

(Day 1 Prayer Handbook)

Sunday 1 October :

10.45am Worship & Communion led by Rev David Hasson
Phillipians 2 : 1-13 | Matthew 21 : 23-32

*Coffee and tea will be served after the service.
We'd love you to join us.*

7pm Housegroup : *Who were the Primitive Methodists?
And who were all the others?*

Monday 2 October:

10am onwards Church Working Party

Thursday 5 October:

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

10am onwards Church Working Party

Saturday 7 October:

10am-4pm Celebrating Together: Churches Together in Cumbria
Day - *Made in God's Image* - at Ambleside

Sunday 8 October: Prisons Week

9.15am Setting up the hall for worship

10.45am Café Worship led by Rev Sue Edwards

6pm Healing Service led by Rev Joyce Ellis



**Can you drop any of these items into our green bin in the Parlour?



** At our harvest service we collected 60 kilograms of food for the North Lakes Foodbank. The delicious lunch after the service raised £125 and together with other donations I have taken £170 to the Foodbank. This is very welcome as it enables the Foodbank to buy in bulk any items of food which they run out of. The Foodbank is still feeding 500 people a month and it

provided over 1,000 kids packs to families in need during the school holidays. Thank you to everyone who donated food or money and to those volunteers who provided the lunch.

Roy Ellis (73340)



**Rohingya
Appeal**
Christian Aid



has launched an appeal in response to the humanitarian crisis that has quickly unfolded following the eruption of violence in Myanmar's Rakhine State. Over 400,000 Rohingya Muslims have crossed the border into Bangladesh as refugees. Christian Aid responded immediately by releasing funding to its local partners. With a strong partner network in Bangladesh and Myanmar, they are helping all communities which have been displaced by the violence.

There will be a retiring collection for the appeal today and next week. I know that this comes only three weeks after the South Asia Floods Appeal. There is so much suffering in the world at the moment (with hurricanes, floods and civil war) and we often feel helpless in the face of so much disaster. But one thing we can do is to give money and rely on Christian Aid and its partners to do God's work of showing love and practical support on our behalf. There is a collecting dish in the parlour. If you want to gift aid your donation please put it in one of the appeal envelopes. Cheques should be made out to 'Christian Aid'. Thank you.

Roy Ellis : Christian Aid rep (73340)



Christmas Cards

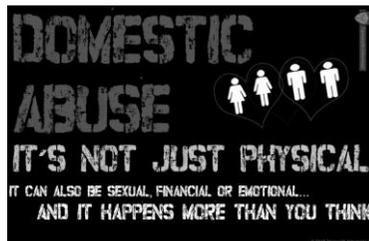
If you'd like to order Christmas cards for this year they're now on display on the Traidcraft stall in the parlour (next to the

coffee!). Please order them on the list with the cards. Payment is on receipt of your order so no need to pay now. The proceeds are shared between Traidcraft, Christian Aid, SCIAF and CAFOD. There are also Traidcraft catalogues available if you'd like to order your wrapping paper, etc or Christmas food and gifts.

Joyce Ellis (73340)

Research study on church responses to domestic abuse in Cumbria - help needed!

Researchers at Coventry and Leicester Universities are working with Christian charities *Restored* and *Churches Together in Cumbria* to carry out the first major UK study of Church responses to domestic abuse. The study will collect vital data that will inform the training provided to churches. We invite everyone who attends a church in Cumbria – whatever your gender or experience of this issue - to take part in the research. The research has received ethical approval. Participants' confidentiality and anonymity will be assured: the church won't be named and we don't require your name or contact details. To complete the survey online visit <https://coventry.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/cumbria> or request a paper copy and SAE by ringing 0116 252 5707 or contacting me. All help is greatly appreciated.



Anne Hasson (75818)

Hospice Collecting Box – found!

Please contact one of the stewards if you left a Hospice collecting box in the Parlour last Sunday. We have it safe. If not claimed we'll endeavour to pass it on to the Hospice. Stewards (Sheila, Anne, Brian, Helen, Richard)



Leprosy Mission Collecting Boxes

If you have a collecting box, please hand it in to me as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Anne Hasson (75818)

A Marketplace of Care : Tuesday 10 October 10.45am-4pm at Penrith Methodist Church

Speakers, stalls, questions, conversations, resources – on issues like dementia, domestic abuse, depression, bereavement, homelessness. There'll be two keynote speakers, one on dementia and one from Peer Talk on depression. This is a Methodist Women in Britain Day and there'll also be a prayer and spirituality zone, information on the Zimbabwe Project, our link with Argentina, together with resources and a bookstall. Bring a packed lunch – all drinks provided. If you need a lift please let me know.



Anne Hasson (75818)

Church Working Party : Monday & Thursday

We're now coming to the final week before the builders move in. Everything that we can dismantle's been dismantled so it's now final clear out time! We've got stuff to take to the auction, other stuff to take to the tip and quite a bit of wood is available to be cut up if you have a wood burner. We're putting time aside from 10am this Monday and Thursday to work on clearing up. If you're available to help we'd love to see you and enlarge the very select group that's been industriously working away. Even people who can make drinks and sweep and wash up will be needed at some point! See you there, but please have a word if you've any queries or want some wood!



David Hasson: Property Steward (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>.



Women's World Day of Prayer Preparation Day :

Wednesday 25 October 10am-3pm at Langwathby Village Hall

The service for 2018 has been prepared by the women of Suriname and Cumbria is hosting a preparation day to talk through the service, hear briefly about Women's World Day of Prayer, take part in a Bible study on the theme of the service (***All God's Creation is Very Good***) and have an illustrated background presentation about Suriname. Cost £5 to include tea and coffee – bring a packed lunch. Register with Mary Elliot (01434 381350) or Hazel Bowes (01768 881222) if you'd like to go.

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.

Churches Together in Cumbria October Newsletter

If you'd like a copy of the latest CTiC Newsletter there are a few printed copies available in the Parlour. You'll also find it on their website at www.churchestogethercumbria.co.uk. It's well worth a read!

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.



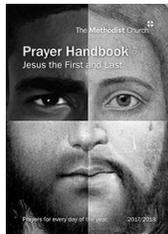
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Growing disciples for mission

Pastoral Care Training: Friday 24 November 7.15-9.30pm at Christ Church, Sullart Street, Cockermouth

This one-off two-hour workshop on *'Developing Quality Relationships'* led by Teresa Onions, tutor and recently retired Director of Pastoral Care UK, part of the Association of Christian Counsellors. It's an excellent opportunity to work with one of the Church's leading trainers in the area of pastoral care. Cost £3. Details including booking at <https://www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk/event/developing-quality-relationships/> or phone 01768 807765.

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



Only three left of this year's Prayer Handbook 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 only one large print copy left and two of the normal size. Get yours today!

Fundraising Stall

Please do have a browse on the Fundraising Stall and see if anything appeals to you! Please note that we've sold out of the sponge puddings and only have the little Christmas puddings now. They've got a long shelf life so will keep if you don't use them this Christmas! Many of the items have been reduced so you could get a bargain! Available in the Parlour. From 1 September the proceeds are being held in the church general funds for use as the church decides.



- * I ♥ Northern Lakes 2018 Calendars £5
 - * I ♥ Keswick Bags £3 each or 2 for £5
 - * Small Christmas puddings £2.50 * Recipe books £2
 - * Keyrings £1 * Church History booklets £1
 - * Greetings Cards 50p * Paperback Books 50p
- Anne (75818)

Future Dates:

- **Sundays 1, 8 & 15: 7-8.30pm: Church, Sexuality and Theology** at St John's
- **Tuesday 10 October 10am: Worship Planning**
- **Tuesday 10 October 10.45am-4pm: A Marketplace of Care** at Penrith Methodist Church
- **Wednesday 25 October 10am-3pm: WWDP Preparation** at Langwathby Village Hall
- **Wednesday 1 November 1.30pm: Church Council (*note new time*)**
- **Thursday 23 November 2pm (& 5 weeks following): Advent Midweek Study Group – "A Christmas Carol"**
- **Friday 24 November 10am-3.30pm: Quiet Day** at Bassenthwaite
- **Friday 24 November 7.15-9.30pm: Developing Quality Relationships at Christ Church, Sullart Street, Cockermouth**
- **Thursday 7-Sunday 10 December: Christmas Tree Festival** at St Mary's Church, Threlkeld
- **Sunday 10 December 9.30-10.30am: Christmas Tree Service** at St Mary's Church, Threlkeld
- **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 looking at how we as a church can move forward in the coming years. Stage 1 has been raising money to redevelop our building to be more usable and easy to maintain. Our builders, Sharp Edge Construction, start work next week. 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.