



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 15 October 2017



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Lord Jesus, as we face an unknown future, help us to recognise where your hand has been at work over the years, bringing us to the place where we find ourselves today.

Be our rock, Lord Jesus,
a foundation on which to build.
Help us to be faithful to our calling
and to trust you in the years to come.

Amen.

(Day 15 Prayer Handbook)

Sunday 15 October :

10.45am Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis
"Invited to the Feast"
Isaiah 25:1-9 | Matthew 22:1-10 & 11-14

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

7pm Housegroup: *Where is Methodism now?
Growth plan or end of life plan?*

This Coming Week:

Thursday 19 October:

- 9.30-9.45am Vision21 Time to Pray : where you are
- 9.30-10am Prayer Group in the Parlour
- 10-11.30am Jubilatte: join us for coffee in the Parlour

Sunday 22 October:

- 9.15am Setting up the hall for worship
- 10.45am Worship led by Tori Jones



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



A recent story:

"A young man who was our first client when we opened in 2015, and who has been in and out of work and our Centre ever since is back again. He has had to return to the "back to work" scheme he was on when we first met, travelling from Egremont to Keswick on the buses 3 days a week, he doesn't have enough money left

for food after paying transport and living costs. Our advisor has issued him with vouchers again".

Roy Ellis (73340)

Remembrance Sunday : 12 November

Please note that we'll be joining with St John's at 9.45am at the Parish Church on Remembrance Sunday and then process with them to the War Memorial for the 11am Act of Remembrance. We'll hold a reflective remembrance service at our church in the evening at 6pm.



The Old Round Pound Coin

From tomorrow the old one pound coin will no longer be accepted as legal tender. You won't be able to spend them in the shops, but you will be able to exchange the round coins at High Street



banks or the Post Office. And we'll continue to accept them in the collecting plate for a while! However, you'll need to find them first – the Treasury and Royal Mint estimate that there are still 500 million round pound coins out there. So don't forget to check through old piggy banks, down the back of the sofa, in your coat pockets, in your top drawers and your car!



Rohingya

Appeal

Our retiring

collections last week and the week before raised **£126** for Christian Aid's Rohingya Appeal. The UK government is matching our donations pound for pound.



Over 400,000 Rohingya Muslims have crossed the border from Myanmar into Bangladesh as refugees. Those fleeing to the border have walked for miles, and for days on end. They have no money for food or shelter. Many mothers are escaping with newborn babies. With limited medical facilities, people are sick and at risk of serious disease. Christian Aid's partners are providing clean drinking water and sanitation support to 23,000 people. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Roy Ellis : Christian Aid rep (73340)



Vision21 Quiz : Thank you to all those who've bought our quizzes over the last two years, starting with the Christmas Carol Quiz in December 2015. They've raised just over £500 towards the redevelopment! Our last quiz, the September Multiple Choice Quiz, was won by Mrs A McGregor of Haddington, who lives two doors away from last month's winner! Answers are on the notice board.

Helen North & Anne Hasson



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.



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.



Church Friend Meeting with Afternoon Tea: Monday 6 November 2pm in the Hall

Are you a Church Friend? You're invited to coffee or tea and cake on Monday 6 November at 2pm in the Hall. We'll have an informal chat about how you feel this system of pastoral care is working. There'll also be a reminder about the procedures and responsibilities (and joys!) of the role. Please try to come along. We look forward to seeing you.

Sheila Files (79253)

Church Newsletter

Deadline for submitting articles to Joyce Ellis for the November-December newsletter is today!

Church Outing to Annie Mawson's Sunbeams Music Trust : Wednesday 29 November at 10am
You may have read in Cumbria Life about the Sunbeams Music Trust or seen a feature about it on Look North. Now we have the opportunity to visit the new, state of the art centre next to Rheged, near Penrith. We'll meet in the church car park at 9.50am, ready to leave at 10am. There'll be more details in the November - December issue of the Church Magazine. Please sign up on the list which will be up in the Parlour, if you'd like to go.



Sheila Files (79253)



South Asia Floods

Last month we collected £185 for the South Asia Floods Appeal. Over 40million people have been affected with an estimated 1,200 deaths caused by floods and landslides. I've now received a 'thank you' letter from Christian Aid which describes how the money is being spent.

"In **Nepal** our response includes providing families with access to essential hygiene materials and access to safe drinking water through water purification solutions. In Bangladesh emergency funding has been allocated with the plan to reach 10,000 households with clean water through chlorination and hygiene promotion. Meanwhile in **India** our work includes providing some of the most vulnerable households with tarpaulin and ground sheeting and hygiene materials. Thank you for your continued support. With your help we can make a difference."

Roy Ellis (73340)

Available on the Entrance Table

- The Autumn edition of The Link, our Circuit magazine, is now available. Please take one
- Prayer cards for this year's President and Vice President of Conference. Please use these in your prayer times
- Prayer cards for Moving Mountains, the series of local missions taking place in March 2018.

Church Redevelopment

The builders started on our redevelopment in the church this week and you'll have noticed their compound is up, their office is in place and the door through to the church from the hall has been blocked up, as has the one from the vestry. The new electric heating system was delayed this week but is in hand for some time very soon!



David Hasson: Property Steward (75818)

Fundraising Stall

Please do have a browse on the Fundraising Stall in the Parlour and see if anything appeals to you! Please note that we've sold out of the sponge puddings and now only have the little Christmas puddings at £2.50. 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. Proceeds of sale are now 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

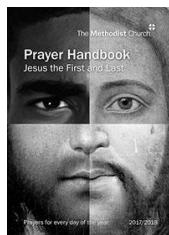
* Small Christmas puddings £2.50 * Recipe books £2

* Keyrings £1 * Church History booklets £1

* Greetings Cards 50p * Paperback Books 50p

Anne (75818)

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



We have just three copies of this year's Prayer Handbook left at the discounted price of **£3.50** – available on the entrance table. These are such useful books, whether for private or public prayer, ensuring we pray around the country and the world each day and each month.

Travels of the I♥KESWICK bag

The #lovekeswickbag went cruising last month! It sailed into Budapest with Sheila and Keith along the Danube! Where will it go next?



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:

- **Sunday 15: 7-8.30pm: Church, Sexuality and Theology** at St John's
- **Wednesday 25 October 10am-3pm: WWDP Preparation** at Langwathby Village Hall
- **Wednesday 1 November 1.30pm: Church Council** (*note new time*)
- **Monday 6 November 2pm: Church Friends Meet** in the hall
- **Sunday 12 November 9.45am: Civic Service** at St John's & **parade to War Memorial for Act of Remembrance** at 11am
- **Thursday 16 November 2pm (& 6 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
- **Wednesday 29 November 10am: Church Outing**
- **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
- **Sunday 24 December 4pm: Carol Service**

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, started work on 9 October. 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.