



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 19 November 2017



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Help me, dear God,
to see my brother with the eyes of
Christ, to hear my sister with the ears
of Christ, to taste my neighbour's
hunger with the mouth of Christ,
to smell creation's beauty with the
nose of Christ, to touch the world's
pain with the hands of Christ,
and to love life, each life, every life,
with the heart of Christ.
Amen.

Sunday 19 November : Women against violence Sunday

10.45am Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis

The Mind of Christ

Luke 2:1-7 | Philippians 2:1-11

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

7pm Housegroup: *How my faith has shaped my life*
– David Sharpe

This Coming Week:

Wednesday 22 November:

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 23 November:

9.30-9.45am Vision21 Time to Pray : where you are
Voting in the hall so no Prayer Group or Jubilate

Friday 24 November:

10am-3.30pm Quiet Day at Bassenthwaite

7.15-9.30pm Pastoral Care Training at Cockermouth Christ Church

Sunday 26 November:

10.45am Worship led by Rev Keith Rushton

6pm Taize Service at St John's



Please drop
any of the
items
mentioned in



the picture into our green bin in the Parlour. Over the Christmas period the Foodbanks will be opening on reduced hours so it's even more important that the stocks are higher beforehand. Watch out for what's needed over the coming weeks. Thank you so much.

Roy Ellis (73340)

Christmas Lunch : 10 December

Completed menus and payment to be returned to me by next Sunday, 26 November. Many thanks!

Joan Boothroyd (75142)



Operation Christmas Child



If anyone has any donations you'd like to give for the shoebox appeal, please leave them in the box in the Parlour or give them to me, either at church or at my house if that's easier. The children really do appreciate their box, often the only Christmas present they get.

Suggestions are small toys, children's hats, scarves and gloves, soap and flannels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, crayons, pens, notebooks, or even a few pounds to help towards transport. All these allow the volunteers to make sure all the boxes have enough things in them. The shoeboxes will be sorted in the coming week 20-24

November. Other drop off points in Keswick are the Keswick Reminder shop and Fat Face. Thank you!

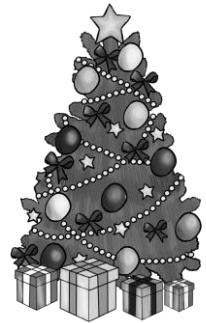
Helen Dalzell (71495)

Christmas Tree Festival 2017

Thursday-Sunday 7-10 December

A reminder that this will be held at St Mary's Church, Threlkeld for this year. We still need help in various ways to make sure it's a success.

- There's a signing up sheet in the Parlour if you can help to serve drinks and tray-bakes or talk to visitors. The sessions are 10am–12noon, 12–2pm and 2–4pm. For morning and afternoon slots we only need one person, as we're sharing with Threlkeld, but for the midday session we'd like two people. Our slots are coloured pink, so please leave the blue blank for Threlkeld folk! On Sunday, we're not needed to help, as there's a special Festival Service at St Mary's at 9.30am, led by Rev Sue Edwards and after that many of us will be enjoying our church lunch!
- If anyone can provide a tray-bake on one of the days, it would be gratefully received.
- If anyone can loan their Nativity Scene, it will help to make another fascinating display. Please speak to me and I can arrange to collect it.
- If you'd be able to provide transport to go to see the Festival or would like to take advantage of transport provided, please see the signing up sheet in the parlour.



Sheila Files (79253)

Plan : December 2017-February 2017

Please pick up your copy of the new edition of the Plan, now available in the Parlour. This has been re-designed and hopefully you'll find it more helpful than the old format. It would be appreciated if you could let one of the stewards have any comments so that we can feed them back.

Quiet Day: Friday 24 November 10am-3.30pm at Bassenthwaite Methodist Church

A series of meditations for the Advent Season on the Annunciation and the Role of Mary led by Rev Joyce Ellis. The day will consist of three guided sessions of quiet and meditation, with periods of free time for relaxation and quiet. Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided. Please let Joyce know if you'd like to attend or sign the list in the Parlour.



Joyce Ellis (73340)



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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.

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. Meet in the church car park at 9.50am, ready to leave at 10am. There are more details in the November-December issue of the Church Magazine. Please sign up on the list in the Parlour if you'd like to go.



Sheila Files (79253)

Advent Study Group : A Christmas Carol

The Advent Study group begins at **2pm on Thursday, 30 November** with the showing of the film and is followed by three weeks looking at questions arising.



Sue Edwards (01900 823273)

Christian Aid

Last month we held a retiring collection for Christian Aid's Rohingya Crisis Appeal. Christian Aid Bangladesh (CAID) has already distributed 17,000 blankets to 8,500 Rohingya families, 400 tents to 400 families, along with supplementary foodstuff like oil, pulses and others to 15,000 families. CAID is also going to distribute solar lights, kitchen kits and basic hygiene kits along with mattresses to 10,000 families. They have also set up 90 toilets and 120 tube-wells. In addition, CAID maintains two medical centres at Jamtoli camp, one of which provides HIV testing services. Read more in The Link next month.

Roy Ellis (73340)

Church Redevelopment

This week's photo: scaffolding to erect the steel girders for the moveable soundproof partition.

David Hasson: Property Steward (75818)



Future Dates:

- **Wednesday 29 November 10am: Church Outing**
- **Thursday 30 November 2pm: Advent Midweek Study Group 1**
- **Thursday 7 December 2pm: Advent Midweek Study Group 2**
- **Thursday 7-Sunday 10 December: Christmas Tree Festival** at St Mary's Church, Threlkeld
- **Sunday 10 December: Church Lunch** at Keswick Hotel
- **Thursday 14 December 2pm: Advent Midweek Study Group 3**
- **Thursday 21 December 2pm: Advent Midweek Study Group 4**
- **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 are 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.
- **Easyfundraising:** Collect free donations for our church every time you shop online! Visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist.
- **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, are now well under way working on Stage 2. You can follow how we're doing by checking on our Facebook page, in the Newsletter and on the website. And you can follow the travels of the I♥KESWICK bag there too.

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.