



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 26 November 2017



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Faithful God, we give thanks for the ways we encounter you in Jesus, the living Word: in the faces of those in need, in the faces of the 'other' from whom we often draw back, in moments of joy and in deep sadness. In all these people and places we find you already there, kneeling at our feet, ready to serve us. Jesus, the first and the last, help us to be your servant people, carrying the rich treasures of our faith to friend and stranger. Jesus, born of Mary, may we be ready to see you where we least expect and greet you with hopefulness and joy.

Amen.

(Day 26 Prayer Handbook)

Sunday 26 November : Sunday before Advent

10.45am Worship led by Rev Keith Rushton

Psalm 95 | Ephesians 1:15-23 | Matthew 25:31-46

Coffee and tea will be served after the service.

We'd love you to join us.

6pm Taize Service at St John's

This Coming Week:

Monday 27 November:

3pm Leadership Team at Holly Bank

Wednesday 29 November:

9.50am Church Outing to Sunbeams Music Trust

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

7.30pm Circuit Meeting at Cockermouth

Thursday 30 November:

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

2pm Advent Study Group in the hall

Sunday 3 December:

10am Joint Advent Communion **at St John's**

- preacher Rev Keith Rushton



A massive **thank you** to everyone who contributed to our Harvest appeal. Over 7 tonnes 🥕🥕 donated to help us restock our warehouse so that we can support people over the winter. We need 4 tonnes of stock a month in order to give 3 days emergency food parcels to 550 families each month. Thank you so much.

Roy Ellis (73340)

Taize Service at St John's : today at 6pm

There will be a Taize service at St John's at 6pm on Sunday 26 November. This will be a quiet service with space for silence and personal reflection as well as singing some of the Taize chants, meditation on a Bible reading and prayers. Everyone is welcome.

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

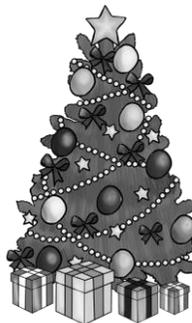
Last month we held a retiring collection for Christian Aid's Rohingya Crisis Appeal. Christian Aid Bangladesh (CAID) has already distributed 17,000 blankets to 8,500 Rohingya families, 400 tents to 400 families, along with supplementary foodstuff like oil, pulses and others to 15,000 families. CAID is 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)

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)

Church Redevelopment

This week's photo:
filling in the arch between the
worship area and the new hall.

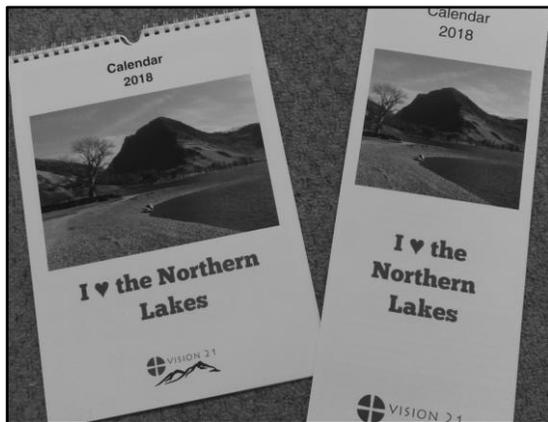
David Hasson:

Property Steward (75818)



I♥the Northern Lakes Calendar 2018

Now's the time to make sure you've got enough calendars to send to all your friends, neighbours and family for the coming year! These are the unique 2018 calendars produced by us with photos taken by members of the congregation. Not available



anywhere else! You have two sizes to choose from – or get both if you can't decide. Price £5 for enjoyment the whole year through.

Christmas Puddings

We still have a few of the £2.50 Christmas puddings for sale. Just big enough for one or two to enjoy. Get yours today while stocks last!

Future Dates:

- **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
- **Sunday 10 December 6pm: Taize Service**
- **Wednesday 13 December 2pm: Dementia Friendly Carol Service** at St John's
- **Thursday 14 December 2pm: Advent Midweek Study Group 3**
- **Thursday 14 December 6.30-9pm: Christmas Mince Pies with Roy & Joyce Ellis**
- **Thursday 21 December 2pm: Advent Midweek Study Group 4**
- **Sunday 24 December 4pm: Carol Service & mince pies**
- **Sunday 24 December 10pm: Christian Aid Carols in the Market Place**
- **Sunday 24 December 11.30pm: Midnight Mass** at St John's
- **Monday 25 December 10am: Christmas Day All Age Worship**
- **Sunday 7 January: Covenant Service** at St John's

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.