



# Keswick Methodist Church

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

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## Notices for week commencing 10 December 2017



**Minister:** Rev Sue Edwards  
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**Senior Steward:** Sheila Files  
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**Lord Jesus,**  
from the repetitive muzak carols  
heard in every shop and  
supermarket to the frantic  
shopping for glitzy gifts,  
may we, your disciples,  
be ready to grasp every  
opportunity to share the true  
meaning of Christmas with others.

Amen.

*(Methodist Church: Advent Prayers)*

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## Sunday 10 December : Advent 2

**10.45am Worship** led by Marion Beckham  
**Isaiah 40:1-11 | 2 Peter 3:8-15a | Mark 1:1-8**

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

**11am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival** at St Mary's, Threlkeld

**12 noon Christmas Lunch** at Keswick Country House Hotel

**6pm Taize Worship**

## ***This Coming Week:***

### **Monday 11 December:**

2pm                      Redevelopment Group in the Parlour

### **Wednesday 13 December:**

2-3.30pm              Dementia Friendly Carol Service at St John's

### **Thursday 14 December:**

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 3 in the hall

6.30-9pm              Joyce & Roy's: Christmas Mince Pies at 38 Briar Rigg

### **Friday 15 December:**

1.40pm                  Funeral of Alison Holden at Carlisle Crematorium

### **Sunday 17 December:**

9.45am                  Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis

3.45pm                  Millfield with Rev Sue Edwards



The Trussell Trust reveals that last December was the busiest month on record for our foodbank network, with 150,000 food supplies given to people in crisis nationally. Over 60,000 of these went to children. This year, foodbanks need your help more than ever. Please help if you can. It's very much appreciated. Roy Ellis (73340)

## **Alison Holden**

We were sorry to hear of the recent death of Alison Holden, who attended our church until she moved to Millfield just over a year ago. Her funeral will be on Friday, 15 December at 1.40pm at Carlisle Crematorium.



### **Taize Worship : tonight at 6pm**

Our Taize worship takes place tonight at 6pm. This is a service of song, silence and contemplation. All are welcome.

### **Dementia Friendly Christmas Carol Service : Wednesday 13 December 2-3.30pm at St John's Church**

This is open to all but especially those who would prefer a shorter, daytime service.



### **Join Roy and Joyce for Christmas Mince Pies**

We invite everyone to join us for Roy's mince pies and wine or Joyce's non-alcoholic punch on Thursday 14 December, 6.30–9pm. Drop in for as little or as long as you're able, we'd love to see you. We live at 38 Briar Rigg. Donations in aid of Christian Aid and Action for Children.



Roy & Joyce

### **Christmas Post Box**

The Christmas Post-box is now available in the Parlour until next Sunday, 17 December. It will be for Christmas cards for church friends only. If you wish to post cards you are invited to make a donation to Action for Children in the collecting tin next to the post-box. The cards will be sorted and left in alphabetical order on a table in the Parlour during the morning service of 17 December. You'll also be able to collect them at the Carol Service at 4pm on Christmas Eve. We hope you'll find this a helpful way to exchange your Christmas cards.

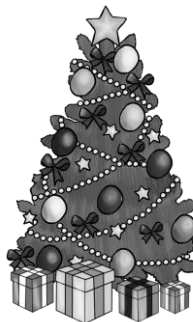
Joyce Ellis (73340)

## Christmas Tree Festival 2017

**Sunday 10 December 11am-4pm**

A reminder that today is the last day of this year's Festival. If you haven't managed to visit it yet, please try to get there before 4pm today! Or you'll have to wait till next year.....

Sheila Files (79253)



### **Carol Singing in The Farmers Arms, Portinscale : Tuesday 19 December 8pm**

This tradition continues this year but (unusually) on a different day. It will be at 8pm on Tuesday 19 December. Malcolm Stonestreet will lead proceedings with Gordon Pickering at the piano. Donations and raffle money will be in aid of **Action For Children**. Please support this if you can by donating items for the raffle and/or by coming to sing. Raffle donations to Jane or Ted Holt (71278).



### **Carol Service : Sunday 24 December 4pm**

Please note that the service on 24 December will be a Carol Service led by Rev Sue Edwards. For this year it will be at the later time of 4pm and all the collection (envelopes included) will be for **Action for Children**.

### **Church Redevelopment**

Did you see the write-up in The Reminder this week? If not, do have a look! This week's photo is looking towards the new main door into the church.

**David Hasson:**  
**Property Steward (75818)**



## **Advent Study Group : A Christmas Carol**

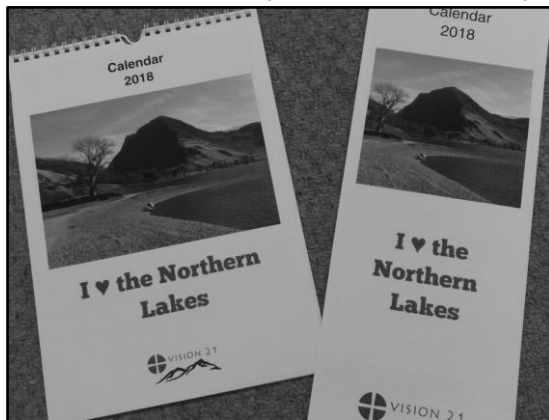
The Advent Study group continues at **2pm on Thursday, 14 December** with the final session next week. If you've seen the film, you'll be very welcome to share in our discussions.



**Sue Edwards (01900 823273)**

## **I♥the Northern Lakes Calendar 2018**

Have you got enough calendars to send to all your friends, neighbours and family for the coming year? No! Then buy some of our unique 2018 calendars – all photos taken by members of the congregation and 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. Get yours today while stocks last!

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## **Future Dates:**

- **Tuesday 19 December 8pm: Carols at The Farmer's Arms, Portinscale**
- **Wednesday 20 December 7.30pm: Singing Group**
- **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**
- **Sunday 21 January 6pm: Joint Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service at St John's**
- **Monday 22-Friday 26 January 12 noon: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Lunchtime Prayers at St John's**

## To all our visitors

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- 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](http://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](http://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.

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**Notice Sheet:** Please email or phone notices for next week through to Anne Hasson on 017687 75818 or by e-mail to [annehasson@aol.com](mailto:annehasson@aol.com) by Thursday evening.