



# Keswick Methodist Church

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

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## Notices for week commencing 24 December 2017



**Minister:** Rev Sue Edwards  
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**Come Lord Jesus,**  
Advent is ending.  
As people strip away the  
Christmas wrappings  
may they find your precious gift  
of love within.

We pray that your Spirit  
of truth and love will fill the  
hearts of those for whom  
Christmas has no meaning.

Amen.

*(Methodist Church: Advent Prayers)*

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## Sunday 24 December : Advent 4

**4pm** Carol Service led by Rev Sue Edwards  
**Luke 1:26-38 | Matthew 1:18-25**  
**Luke 2:1-15 | Matthew 2:1-12**

Coffee, tea and mince pies *will be served after the carol service. Please stay and share them with us.*

**10pm** Carols in the Market Square

**11.30pm** Midnight Mass at St John's

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

### **Monday 25 December: Christmas Day**

10am Christmas Day All Age Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis

### **Thursday 28 December:**

9.30-9.45am Vision21 Time to Pray : where you are

### **Sunday 31 December:**

10.45am Sunday worship led by Rev Keith Rushton

## **Mary Helps**

We were sad to hear that Mary had died on 16 December. There will be a thanksgiving service for her life on Thursday, 4 January at 12 noon after a commital at Carlisle Crematorium. Refreshments at the Skiddaw Hotel will follow the thanksgiving service, which will be taken by Rev Joyce Ellis.



## **Action for Children Collections over Christmas**

Please note that all the collection (including envelopes) at today's Carol Service and the Christmas Day service will go to **Action for Children**.

## **Christmas Post Box**

If you haven't already collected your Christmas cards please remember them today! Joyce Ellis (73340)

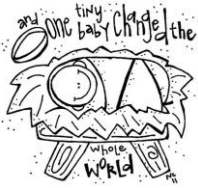


Thank you to all who've donated over 2017. So many people are thankful for your donations. This week we need the following:



UHT Milk (1 ltr)      UHT Fruit Juice  
Teabags (40s)      Tinned Fish

Roy Ellis (73340)



### **Christmas Day : 10am**

Please join us at 10am on Christmas Day when Rev Joyce Ellis will lead us in family all age worship. Our collection will again be for **Action for Children**.

### **CIRCUIT SERVICE : Sunday 14 January 3pm at Lorton Street**

This will be the occasion on which Tori Jones will be formally admitted to the office and work of a Local Preacher. It's a significant milestone in the life of the circuit and of Tori and we welcome all who can be there to share it with her.

David Sharpe, Local Preacher's Secretary

### **Do you enjoy writing letters?**

Sue has received a letter from a lady who lives in Sidmouth, Devon, who loves Keswick and the surrounding area. She wonders whether any members of our congregation would be interested in corresponding with her - a sort of pen pal arrangement. If you think you'd like to do, please have a chat with Sheila (79253) for more details.



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### **Future Dates:**

- **Tuesday 4 January 12noon: Thanksgiving Service for Mary Helps**
- **Sunday 7 January: Covenant Service** at St John's
- **Sunday 14 January 3pm: Circuit Service** at Lorton Street, Cockermouth
- **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
- **Saturday 3 March 10am-4.30pm: Worship Works with Roger Jones** at The Appleshwaite Centre, St Mary's Church, Windermere
- **9-11 March: Moving Mountains mission weekend**

## 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.