



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 31 December 2017



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**When the song of the angels is
stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are
home,
When the shepherds are back with
their flock,
The work of Christmas begins:**

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among people,
To make music in the heart.

*(The Mood of Christmas by Howard
Thurman)*

Sunday 31 December : New Year's Eve

10.45am Worship led by Rev Keith Rushton
Isaiah 2:3-5 | Thess 5:16 -24 | John 13:33-35

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

This Coming Week:

Thursday 4 January :

- 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
12 noon Funeral & Thanksgiving Service for
Mary & John Helps led by Rev Joyce Ellis

Sunday 7 January:

- 10am Joint Covenant Service** led by Rev David Hasson
hosted by Keswick Methodist Church at St John's

Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for Mary and John Helps

Those of you who were here last weekend will be aware that, sadly, John Helps died on Christmas Eve. The family have requested that there should be a joint Funeral and Thanksgiving Service for him and Mary, who died on 16 December. This will be held at the church at noon on Thursday 4 January. This will be preceded by a committal service for Mary at the Crematorium, as previously arranged, at 10.20am for the family. Unfortunately it was not possible for John's committal to take place then. This will be held at a later date, yet to be arranged. Joyce Ellis (73340)

Covenant Service : Sunday 7 January at 10am

Our Covenant Service is next Sunday at the earlier time of 10am and will be held at St John's Parish Church. This is a Methodist service in which the St John's congregation will join. Members of our church and St John's are taking part and Rev Charles Hope will preach. Rev David Hasson will lead the service. We hope you can all be there at this important service.

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

Singing Group

Our next Singing Group practice will be on Wednesday, 17 January, 7.30pm at Holly Bank.

Circuit Memorial Service : Sunday 28 January 6pm at Brigham Methodist Church with Rev Sue Edwards

An opportunity to remember a loved one's life and to show the love of God. Just come and listen, light a candle, share time with one another and offer prayers. Stay afterwards for light refreshments and conversation. Everyone is most welcome.

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.



January-February Newsletter

Now available on the table in the Parlour.

Future Dates:

- **Sunday 7 January: Covenant Service** at St John's
- **Monday 8 January 2pm: Redevelopment Group**
- **Wednesday 10 January 2.30pm: Leadership Team**
- **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
- **Sunday 28 January 6pm: Circuit Memorial Service** at Brigham
- **Saturday 3 March 10am-4.30pm: Worship Works with Roger Jones** at The Appleshwaite Centre, St Mary's Church, Windermere

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 email or phone notices for next week through to Anne Hasson on 017687 75818 or by e-mail to annehasson@aol.com by Thursday evening.