



Keswick Methodist Church

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



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Notices for week commencing 3 December 2017

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Jesus our Prince of Peace, we pray that every time a carol is sung, a Christmas greeting spoken, a nativity play performed, that your name be honoured and glorified and that hard hearts be melted to receive you afresh. Amen

This Coming Week:

Sunday 3 December:

7pm Housegroup: *Informal Evening* at 38 Briar Rigg

Monday 4 December:

7pm Redevelopment Group at Holly Bank

Wednesday 6 December:

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 7 December:

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

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Threlkeld

2pm Advent Study Group 2 in the hall

Friday 8 December:

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Threlkeld

Saturday 9 December:

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Threlkeld

Sunday 10 December:

9.30am Christmas Tree Festival Service at St Mary's, Threlkeld
with Rev Sue Edwards

10.45am Worship in the hall led by Marion Beckham

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

12 noon Christmas Lunch at Keswick Country House Hotel

6pm Taize Worship in the hall

Alison Holden

We were sorry to hear recently of the 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.

Housegroup

There will be an informal meeting of the housegroup this evening at 7pm at 38 Briar Rigg. All are welcome. Joyce (73340)

Jubilatte

There'll be no Prayer Meeting and Jubilatte this Thursday, 7 December, as several people involved are either away or busy elsewhere. They'll both take place on Thursdays, 14 and 21 December, then not meet Thursday, 28 December. From 4 January we'll be back to normal!



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. Our local Foodbank is particularly short of fruit juice, tinned fish, tinned meat, custard and teabags (40s). Please help if you can. It's very much appreciated. Roy Ellis (73340)



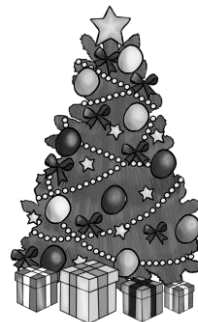
Christmas Post Box

The Christmas Post-box is now available in the Parlour until 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

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 (or phone me!) 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 or phone me.

Sheila Files (79253)

Christmas Children's Bookbank

Please donate a book! New books about the Christmas story or an activity or colouring book can be kindly donated at Bookends, 6 Main Street, Keswick. They'll then be given out to families alongside Foodbank parcels and holiday lunchpacks for kids this Christmas time. Please donate up to Friday, 8 December.

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



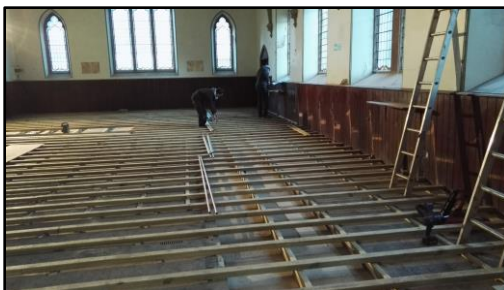
I ♥ the Northern Lakes Calendar 2018 & Christmas Puddings

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. 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!

Church Redevelopment

This week's photo:
Supports for the new hall floor going down.

David Hasson:
Property Steward (75818)



Future Dates:

- **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** at 38 BriarRigg
- **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

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.