



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 28 January 2018



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Loving God,
in your house there is room for everyone. Help us as we strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs. Give us the grace to welcome strangers and refugees. Give us the insight to see where inequality hurts. Fill us with courage to do our part. Save us from being overwhelmed by the scale of the housing crisis, and show us, O Lord, where to begin.

Amen

(Homeless Sunday Prayer)

Sunday 28 January : Homelessness Sunday

10.45am **Worship** led by David Sharpe

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 | Mark 1:21-28

Coffee and tea will be served after the service.

Please stay and share them with us.

6pm **Circuit Memorial Service** at Brigham Methodist Church

This Coming Week:

Wednesday 31 January:

7.30pm Singing Group at Holly Bank

Thursday 1 February:

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

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the Hall

10-11.30am Jubilate: join us for coffee in the Hall

Friday 2 February:

2pm Site Meeting

Sunday 4 February:

10.45am Worship & Communion led by Rev Joyce Ellis

6pm Housegroup: *How my faith has shaped my life* Rev
Judith Ashurst



As always, thank you so much for all the kind donations, helping to restock our shelves. We've now got some great volunteering opportunities at the North Lakes Foodbank:

Mornings : Van Driving **weekdays**

Afternoons : **Mon/Wed** donation food

sorting at our warehouse

Please give the Foodbank a call on 07502 311452 if you'd like more details.

A recent story: "A lady we've got to know over the years came in with a voucher. She said she would have to have a NO HEAT pack (formerly Roofless), as she'd been sanctioned and had no money for gas and electricity. We'd just given out our last Roofless pack, but we were able to give her some money to get some "gas and electric". An elderly lady had given money for this purpose before Christmas. The client was overwhelmed and very grateful."

Roy Ellis (73340)

**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.



PASSIONTIDE MUSIC

The Churches Together in Keswick Choir has usually performed a Passiontide Cantata on Palm Sunday in one of the churches as an evening service. We're hoping to do so again this year in Crosthwaite Church on the evening of **Wednesday, 28 March** (during Holy Week) so as not to clash with a concert in the theatre on Palm Sunday. This has made it more difficult for some singers, and numbers so far are desperately low. If you, or any singer you know can support us that would be great. First rehearsal in our church hall is **3pm today, Sunday 28 January**. The work this year is ***Olivet to Calvary*** by Maunder, which takes just over an hour. If you can join us, or want more details, please contact me. Ted Holt : tednjane@tiscali.co.uk or 71278.



Oberammergau August 2020:

Would you like to visit the Oberammergau Passion Play in 2020? If you're interested in finding out more about this holiday (no commitment at

this stage), then come to an informal get together with coffee and nibbles in Keswick Methodist Church on **Saturday, 17 February** from 10am 'til 12noon. Please contact us for more information or to let us know you're coming to the event.

Anne & David Hasson (75818)

or email keswickoberammergau2020@gmail.com

Churches Together in Cumbria Newsletter

The CTiC February newsletter is now available in the Parlour. Please take one if you don't get it by email. There's lots of interest in it!



Connexion

The Winter 2018 copy of Methodism's free magazine about the life and work of the Methodist Church is now available in the Parlour. It brings together inspirational stories from Methodist people who are passionate about sharing God's love to change lives. Issue 10 (Winter 2018) challenges the Church to refocus on its core purpose of Our Calling. Stories from across the Connexion tell how local churches are prioritising worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism in response to God's love. PS:

You'll also notice the brand new Our Calling poster on the noticeboard!

Church Redevelopment

This week's photo is of Anna with a work in progress! She's one of the talented craftspersons at MJ Cabinet Makers of Braithwaite, and she's making our new lectern and communion table! She completed a four year apprenticeship and is enjoying working with a lovely piece of Cumbrian ash, turning it into something of beauty for our church. Have a look at their website mjcabinetmakers.co.uk to see more of their work.

David Hasson: Property Steward (75818)





Church Chairs

Thank you so much to everyone who's tried out chairs for our redeveloped church and hall over the past few weeks. We had a selection to try out since the beginning of December and we've just taken them back to Rosehill, the company we'll be buying them from. Your next task will be to help choose the fabric colour!! We've managed to get the choice down but still need some help. Once the

samples have arrived we'll let you know.

Redevelopment Group

JANUARY SALE

We've reached our target for the Vision 21 redevelopment fund, but still have a fair bit of stock left. So we're having a January Sale, all proceeds going to our Church costs and present and future projects.

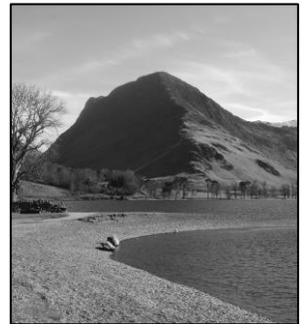
** I ♥ the Northern Lakes Calendar 2018 – now reduced to **£2** each! You know you want another one or two!!

** I ♥ Keswick bags - **£3 each or 2 for £5**. If you use them every day you'll be needing a replacement!

** Recipe Books – still only **£2** each ** Paperback books – still **50p**

** Facets of Keswick (history of Keswick Methodist Church) – only **£1**

** Keyrings (Lake scenes) – still **£1** each



Future Dates:

- **Thursday 8 February 2pm:** Church Council
- **Tuesday 13 February-Tuesday 20 March 12.30pm:** Lent Lunches at Crosthwaite Parish Room
- **Saturday 17 February 10am-12noon:** Oberammergau Info Get together
- **Friday 2 March:** Women's World Day of Prayer (maybe not in Keswick this year, so keep a look out for other venues!)

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.