



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 28 November 2021



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Lord,
wepray for all who work
to renew the environment,
to reverse the years
of neglect and abuse
and bring hope, love and light
to the world.
We commit ourselves
to play our part
in protecting this most
precious of gifts
and to lift up our voices
mightily to call on all
to do more to care for creation.
Amen.

10.30am **Worship – Advent 1** led by Fiona Crouch
Singing the Faith: 166(v1), 350, 15, 351, 175, 51
Readings: Psalm 25:1-10, Luke 21:25-36

Please stay after the service for coffee and tea.

12noon **Church Christmas Lunch** in the hall
3pm **Ecumenical Service of Celebration & Reaffirmation** in the church

This Coming Week:

Thursday 2 December:

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the hall

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival & Coffee in the church & hall

Friday 3 December

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival & Coffee in the church & hall

Saturday 4 December

10am-4pm Christmas Tree Festival & Coffee in the church & hall

4-5pm Lighting of Southey Street Window & Singing Carols
(in Southey Street if fine and the hall if wet)

Sunday 5 December:

10.30am Celebration Worship led by Jackie Davies

12noon-4pm Christmas Tree Festival & Coffee in the church & hall

Advent

Today is the start of Advent. During this special time we'll again have a wreath with candles on it. One candle will be lit each week (at the start of the service) – with a special liturgy prepared by JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) and a verse from Singing the Faith 166 *Christmas is Coming*. Today, our Advent candle-lighting prayer focuses on caring for creation. You can find out more about why and how we can care for creation as individuals and churches at jointpublicissues.org.uk/environment.



Church Christmas Card

£1.50 each or 5 for £6

Brian Moffat has produced a limited run of Christmas cards showing our nativity wall (card as illustrated). All proceeds for the church.

Foodbank

This week we need **dried rice (1kg & 500g), jam, UHT orange juice, UHT milk, soap & Advent calendars**. Can you help? You can leave items either in the collection bin at church or at Booths. Thank you. Don't forget, if you wish to donate selection boxes for children these need to be with me by **6 December**.



Roy Ellis (73340)



Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar

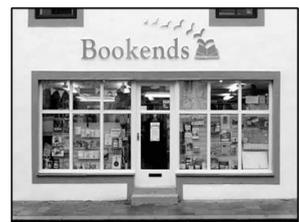
At Christmas the Foodbank likes to give out extra items to vulnerable families in addition to their normal emergency parcels. This year they've again produced a **Reverse Advent Calendar**.

For each day of Advent, instead of opening a door and eating chocolate, there's a suggested item which you can buy and set aside for the Foodbank. You don't have to give an item every day – just do what you can. You can bring your donations to the collection point at church in the usual way or deliver them to me at 38 Briar Rigg or ring me and I'll come and collect. **Selection Boxes** have to be with me by **Monday 6 December** so they can be given out with the Kids Lunch Packs the following week but other items can be handed in at any time. If you'd like to take part please pick up a copy of the **Reverse Advent Calendar** from the table in the welcome area.

Roy Ellis (73340)

Children's Book Bank

Bookends in Keswick is again collecting donations of **new** children's books (from toddlers to teens) to give to local foodbanks (including North Lakes Foodbank) for children of their clients, to Jigsaw Children's Hospice and Salvation Army.





URGENT!! Christmas Tree Festival Rota Please sign up to help!

We still have a few slots to fill, both in the church, welcoming and chatting to our visitors and in the kitchen, serving teas and coffees.

Please have a look at the rota in the hall and see which slots you can volunteer for! The times we're still looking for are Friday 12-2 & 2-4pm and Sunday 12-2 and 2-4pm.

Many thanks. Sheila Files (79253)



Christmas Refreshments

We're planning to serve mince pies at the Christmas Tree Festival and the Carol Service, alongside our usual refreshments. If anyone is able to do some '*Christmas Baking*' for these events, just let me know, it would be very much appreciated. All proceeds will be going to **Action for Children**. Pauline Huggan (07968 003258)

"New Day" : Autumn 2021

The latest Leprosy Mission news is available in the welcome area. Please do take a copy and find out about the changes taking place in Zimbabwe, the Hubs of Hope in Mozambique and the impact covid has had on the Leprosy Mission's work in India.

"Connexion" : Autumn 2021

Methodists belong to local churches and also value being part of a larger community. **Connexion** magazine brings this together and reflects on current questions from Methodism around the UK (and sometimes beyond). The latest magazine's theme is **God for All**, a concept we're familiar with in Cumbria! Highlights in this edition discuss justice, dignity and solidarity, church at the margins, new ways to encounter God, hope for racial justice, God for refugees and God for All: a big journey of small steps. We have enough copies of **Connexion** for all, so please take one from the welcome area.

The Plan : December 2021-February 2022

The new plan has just been printed. Please take one if you like to have a physical 'hard' copy. They're available in the welcome area. A digital copy can be emailed to you if you prefer.

Anne Hasson (75818)



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Southey Street CA12 4HH

Christmas Tree Festival with Nativity Scenes

**Thursday, Friday & Saturday
2-4 December : 10am-4pm**

Free Entry

**Saturday 4 December
4pm-5pm Window
Lighting & Carols**

Refreshments

**Sunday 5 December
Special Celebration
Service : 10.30-11.30am**

**Sunday, 5 December
12 noon-4pm**

Proceeds to



Christmas Postbox

This year we will again have a Christmas Postbox in the welcome area from next Sunday 5th to Saturday 18th December. for Christmas cards for church friends only. If you wish to post Christmas cards (for church friends only please) you're invited to make a donation to **Action for Children** in the collecting tin next to the postbox. The cards will be sorted and left in alphabetical order on a table in the hall to collect during coffee after the Carol Service on 19 December.



Christmas Cards

This year I've decided not to send Christmas cards to people I see regularly. Instead I'll be donating to Action for Children and wishing you all a Happy Christmas in person.

Christine Metcalf



Address labels

Do you dread the effort of addressing the envelopes for all your Christmas cards? Or are you worried that the postmen will have difficulty reading your handwriting? I have a label printing machine and am willing to produce a set of adhesive labels with the addresses of your friends and family if you let me copy them from your address book. In return I ask that you give a donation to **The Leprosy Mission**. Do give me a call or speak to me after a service.

Nancy Powell Davies (73995)



Welcome to Church – Our Current Covid ‘Rules’

We’re delighted to welcome members, friends and visitors to physical worship with us. We’ve reviewed our risk assessment and done everything we can to ensure your safety and protection. Currently we’ve decided that, despite the relaxation of all coronavirus legislation by the government, we’ll continue to operate on a covid-secure basis at the moment. This means it’s **“Hands, Face, Space”** and you must not come into church if you have any Covid symptoms or test positive.

- **Hands:** Please sanitise your hands at whichever entrance you use (hall, church and fire exit all have sanitisers on the wall).
- **Face:** Please continue to wear a face mask inside our building. The only exceptions are if you are exempt, if you are eating or drinking or need to speak to someone who is deaf and is lip reading.
- **Space:** We are keeping to ‘1metre plus’ for social distancing but not limiting the size of groups. We’ll continue to ventilate by opening windows and doors.
- **Singing:** We SING behind our masks! If you would prefer not to, that’s fine. And if you prefer to sit near the back, behind people singing, that’s fine too.
- **Test & Trace:** You’re advised to continue to use the QR code on your smart phone but we no longer need to take your contact details unless you wish us to. The Government advise you to continue lateral flow tests twice a week (or a PCR test if you have Covid symptoms). Lateral flow tests are available via the internet or from one of the local pharmacies.
- A steward will guide you to the worship area and show you where to sit. We’ll still be keeping one chair empty between groups or bubbles.
- A collection plate is at the exit as you go out or it’s in the hall. We’re delighted to be able to offer you coffee and tea – and a biscuit! Please do enjoy a cuppa and a chat if you are able. You should leave your empty cups on the tables for collection.
- We know many have had your Covid vaccines, but quite understand that some of our members prefer not to return to church just yet. We hope to see you soon.

We know you'll understand that we continue to take these precautions to help reduce the spread of the virus as much as possible, and to protect both our church family and our visitors.

If you have any questions please speak to one of us (details below).

The Leadership Team

Future Dates



Thursday 2-Sunday 5 Dec : Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 19 Dec 10.30am : Carol Service

Saturday 25 Dec 10am : Family Christmas Day Service

Sunday 26 Dec : No Worship Service planned

Sunday 2 Jan 10.30am : Covenant Service

Need help?

Please remember if you need help in any way that you can contact any of the Leadership Team:

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Notice Sheet: Please email or phone any notices for next week through to Anne Hasson by e-mail to annehasson@aol.com or phone 75818 by **Thursday afternoon** at the latest.