



Keswick Methodist Church

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

Southey Street, CA12 4HH

NEWSLETTER



Photo: Derwentwater from Castle Head by Helen North

June, July & August
2025

REV NICK BAKER



Dear Friends

Well done! The solar panels are on the roof. I'm not a technical expert but as I understand it solar panels work when the sunlight hits the panel and the electrons get all excited and start moving about. As they start moving about this causes a flow or current. Congratulations you now have an electric current. This goes through a convertor so we can use the electricity to switch on lights etc. Amazing!



The First Solar Panel

Please do say thank you to all those who have helped us get to this point, especially Richard North and the Leadership Team and for all the support that has been offered and received in this time.

As we turn on the lights and use the power, I encourage you to open yourselves to the power of the Spirit and, like the electrons, get excited! This is another step in our journey helping us to act justly in the world today.

The reality of climate change continues to plague our world in all sorts of ways and the poorest communities are also the most vulnerable. May our excitement generate movement and action as together we continue to face up to these challenges.

And may this movement and action go through the convertor of Jesus Christ so that all can see the light of the world shining, a flow of grace and love that anyone can access, that has the ability to transform even the darkest of places and situations. Amazing!

With love

Nick

Celebration of Easter and a Baptism

On Easter Day, Richard and Helen were the very proud grandparents of Baby Oliver. Baby Oliver was brought by Richard and Helen's daughter Lucy and husband Nathan to church for Baptism.

Lucy and Nathan were married at our church and we were delighted they were back with Oliver.

Nick reminded us that all baptism services in the early Church were held on Easter Day. So very appropriate!

Church Family News



First of all congratulations to Helen for walking the length of Hadrian's Wall. It is now Richard's turn, as he attempts the West Highland Way. He hopes that he will be able to complete the walk before the notorious midges arrive!

We are pleased to have Joan Boothroyd back with us after her regular family Easter gathering on the Isles of Scilly. The holiday was to include a family wedding on the beach. Unfortunately Joan contracted pneumonia whilst there and so was unable to join in with the family activities, including the wedding. Joan has been staying with her daughter in Eastbourne whilst she has been recovering. We send her our love and wish Joan well and hope she continues to improve.

We also send our best wishes to Tom Fitzgibbon back home now after a short spell in hospital and to several others in our congregation who are having hospital or on-going treatment. You are all in our prayers, including Aldyth Eve. We wish you all well.

We have been delighted to welcome to our services Irene Rose who has moved into Homethwaite House, and John and Lucy who have also recently moved into the area. We have always enjoyed seeing our returning visitors on holiday in Keswick and of course to meet some new ones.

As ever, we send our love and best wishes to those of our members who are no longer able to worship with us, especially Greta Grave and Nigel Barker.

Joyce

*Pitting our Wits
At Quizzing
To raise money
for our
Eco Roof Fund*



We were not only
challenged about our
knowledge (or lack of it!),
but fed with pies and
baked beans or peas.
Can't be bad.
The money we raised
was added to our Roof
Fund

Charity Coffee Mornings



Thank you for your continued support so far this year - it is so very much appreciated by all the charities that we have supported. Our forthcoming events are

SATURDAY, 28th JUNE
10am-12 noon
Raising money for
THE NORTH LAKES FOODBANK

North Lakes Food Bank helps families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. All food is given to people who are identified by care professionals. As we approach the school summer holidays, many families can find they need extra help in providing food for their family. Please come along and give your support



JULY is a busy time at church, as we prepare to host our friends at the Keswick Convention - so there will be no Charity Coffee Morning in July



SATURDAY, 23rd AUGUST
10am - 12 noon
Raising money for
AMY'S CARE

This is a Keswick based charity which hires out Trike Bikes (electric-assist tricycles) for free, to take out rides along the railway path.. The pilots are all volunteers. They also offer a wheel chair accessible mini-bus hire on a 'not for profit' basis.

Pauline

Knitted Bible Exhibition

During April we held the Knitted Bible Exhibition which was made by the people of the URC in Hartlepool. There were scenes of 36 stories taken in the order they are in the Bible, starting with Creation.



THE METHODIST TAPESTRIES

Exhibitions of some of the Methodist Tapestries will be touring Mid and South Cumbria between the end of May and mid October. Also in Keswick in July and Carlisle Cathedral 12th-21st September.

The Tapestries are a collection of hand embroidered panels which tell the stories of Methodist events, people, places and ambitions.

The embroidery work, undertaken by volunteer beginners to accomplished embroiderers, is exquisite. The detail, colours and imagery is vibrant. The children's schools panels are delightful.

The attached poster shows dates and venues. (*Note actual viewing days will vary - please check
><https://weardalemuseum.org.uk>)


TAPESTRIES EXHIBITION
Beautiful embroideries from the Methodist
Tapestries Collection on tour in Cumbria

Keswick Library
7th July - 1st August
(library opening hours)
level access, automatic doors
refreshments available in
nearby Keswick town centre.

**St John's Church
Keswick**
Sundays 13th and 20th July
1pm - 4pm, teas available
ramp access via the east door

Plus, touring throughout June - October:
Coniston, Millom, Hawkshead, Ulverston,
Grange and Arnside Methodist Churches, St. Mary's Church, Ambleside
AND Carlisle Cathedral.

Free entry All welcome



TAPESTRIES EXHIBITIONS

Coniston 23 - 29 May

Millom 1 - 13 June

Hawkshead 14 - 22 June

Ambleside 24 June - 6 July
St Mary's Church

Ulverston 9 - 22 August

Grange 23 Aug - 6 September

Arnside 23 Sept - 6 Oct

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**Keswick Convention
Refreshments
Saturday 12 July-Friday 1 August**

**Celebrating 150 years of
Keswick Ministries!**



It's already time to start preparing for our main hospitality event of the year! This year, the Convention starts on Saturday 12th July with the first of our three Convention services being on Sunday 13th July. As last year, the Seminars, Bible Readings and Evening Celebrations will be relayed live from the main tent every day and we'll be serving our usual refreshments during these times for all three weeks, including the popular 'soup and roll'.

Rota

As usual we will be needing your help. The roles will be much the same as in previous years and the rota will be up on the noticeboard on 1st June, so do make sure you look out for that and sign up at the earliest opportunity.

Baking

It's never too early to start thinking about baking and the usual items such as cakes, traybakes and scones would be gratefully received. These can be stored in the church freezer if necessary. Please remember to label all items with a description, date baked and ingredients used, with particular reference to any allergens they contain such as nuts, eggs and dairy. Please resist the temptation to pre-cut cakes and traybakes as we'll do that for you.

Do also remember that the cost of any ingredients can be reimbursed. If baking isn't your thing or you don't find it easy anymore, any cash donations would be very welcome as we can use these to buy items such as traybakes.

Thank you very much.

Helen, on behalf of *The Convention Refreshments Subgroup* (Sally, Pauline, Anne, David & Valerie)



Church Website

www.keswickmethodistchurch.org.uk

Cumbria Fair Trade Network

The Cumbria Fair Trade Network Spring Meeting & AGM was well attended with members & visitors from all across the county taking part ..Kendal, Caldbeck, Seascale, Windermere, Carlisle & Keswick. It was a friendly meeting, the AGM was brief.

Dom from Transform Trade (- formerly Traidcraft Exchange) was the main Speaker & shared how Transform Trade campaigns against unfair laws that govern even activities such as Seed sharing in some Countries. [It's time to #StopUPOV | Transform Trade](#)

Producer stories were shared of small enterprises such as herb & textile businesses who benefit from small start-up grants

<https://www.transform-trade.org/1000>

Donations from lunch & tombola raised money for Transform Trade & Fairtrade items from Caldbeck Fair World shop were available to buy. Their shop is open Tues to Sun 1.30-4pm Easter to October for anyone who would like to visit.

The Keswick campaign is currently looking for more committee members. If anyone would like to volunteer please get in touch. Roles are varied, suited to the person and only require a few hours per month.

Anne Baird, Keswick & District Fairtrade Campaign

www.fairtradekeswick.org

<https://www.facebook.com/FairtradeK/>

@fairtradeK on X

Keswick & District Fairtrade Campaign have our AGM on 17th June at the Quaker Meeting House plus all day Fairtrade Exhibition including Fairtrade refreshments to which all are welcome. Further details in due course.

And, where I have asked for interest in committee work, please include this. We are specifically needing a Treasurer, due to retirement.

Anne Baird

Grange in Borrowdale Church



Summer Songs of Praise

Everyone is invited to join our friends in Borrowdale for a Summer Songs of Praise at Grange Methodist Church on

Sunday 17th August at 3pm

Keswick Convention 2025 **Saturday 12 July-Friday 1 August**



Transformed

The Convention this year will celebrate 150 years of Keswick Ministries with a theme of Transformation, exploring the Bible truths of being transformed.

For more information see <http://keswickministries.org>

A Word from our Treasurer

Giving

Around this time of year is a good time to look at your finances and check everything is in order – that you're paying the right bills or giving donations to the right people or organisations. It's also a good time to consider whether you're giving the right amount of donation or whether it's time to give more (if you can afford it).

Everything we do at our Church to carry out the mission we believe God wants us to do in Keswick, is made possible by your generous giving and we've been so grateful for you all, particularly while we've been redeveloping the church in 2017-2018 and replacing the roof and installing modern insulation and solar panels this year. If you give regularly already we're particularly grateful to you. Thank you. We also have friends who give one-off donations and those, too, are very much appreciated. Thank you too.

One-off Donation

1. Online by BACS Transfer

Keswick Methodist Church
HSBC Bank
Sort code: 40-26-06
Account number: 51445480

2. By Cheque

Please make payable to **Keswick Methodist Church** and send to The Treasurer, Keswick Methodist Church, Southey Street, Keswick CA12 4HH.

3. By Credit/Debit Card

Use the card machine in the welcome area at church.

Regular Giving

1. Set Up a Standing Order Online

Keswick Methodist Church
HSBC Bank
Sort code: 40-26-06
Account number: 40498459

2. Set up a Standing Order at the Bank

Ask Anne Hasson, Treasurer, for a standing order form to fill in and take to your bank.

To Increase Your Giving

If you pay tax in the UK, and are eligible to Gift Aid your donation, we receive an additional 25% from the UK Government. Ask Anne Hasson, Treasurer, for a Gift Aid form to fill in and return to her.

Anne Hasson

Sheep Knitters

Thank you very much to all of you who have knitted and stuffed sheep baubles during the last few months.

Thanks also to Sally for temporarily caring for the flock for me. We have quite a lot to keep us going for now so you can have a

break from knitting for a few months. We will be selling them during the Convention and once that's over, I will let you know if I'd like you to start knitting again for the Christmas Tree Festival.

Helen



A MEGA JIGSAW SALE is planned for September.

Some of you may be completing a complicated jigsaw, and wish to share it with others. Please could donate it to our MEGA EVENT. We can store donated jigsaws, so please bring them along.

Please spread the word as we are aiming for a BUMPER collection of Jigsaws to sell and raise funds. Please remember – NO BITS MISSING!



Many thanks *Pauline*.

A Well-known Psalm From Sharon

Psalm 23 - Aboriginal Style

My big fella boss up in the sky is like the father Emu.
He always looks after me and take me to green grass,
And lead me to where the water holes are
Full and fresh all the time.
He leads me away from the thick scrub and helps me keep safe
from the hunters,
Dingoes and eagles.
At night time when I am lonely and sad,
I will not be afraid,
For my father covers me with his feathers
Like a father emu.
His spear and shield will always protect me.
My big fella boss always gives me a good feed
In the middle of my enemies.
In hot times he makes me sit down in a cool shade and rest.
He gives me plenty of love and care all of my life through.
Then I will live with my big fella boss like a father emu:
that takes care of his chicks in good country, full of peace and
safety
For evermore and evermore.

Prayer by Uncle Rev Ron Williams. (Tear Fund)



Sam Stockill, Community Partnerships Manager
for **The Leprosy Mission** in the North West of
England, will be leading worship for us on Sunday
17 August.

He'll be sharing some of the latest news and
campaigns that the Leprosy Mission is involved in
during the service.



*Demonstrating the Christian values
of compassion, love and hope.
Supporting our community since
2009*

Particularly needed at this time:

- Dried Pasta – 500gm or 1Kg
- Sponge Pudding UHT
- Jam and Marmalade
- UHT Milk- (semi skimmed and whole)
- UHT Fruit juice

We also accept basic toiletries such as soap and toothpaste.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept donations of infant formula or baby food.

Use the **BanktheFood** app to get updated of our latest food appeals

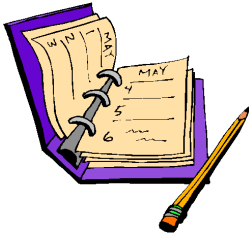
Our Eco - Roof

We hope that by the time you read this, we will be celebrating the completion of work on the roof and the scaffolding dismantled. The only things we will have to do is clean up, pay the invoices and learn how it all works!!!!

Installing solar panels on our church roof will offer multiple benefits, including reduced energy costs, environmental advantages, and potential revenue generation. Solar panels can significantly lower electricity bills, reduce the carbon footprint, and even allow churches to sell excess energy back to the grid.

Many thanks to all who have been involved in this mega project.

Richard North



Dates for your Diary

Reminder: There is no Lunch Club (TLC) during June, July & August

June

17 June	7pm	Summer Circuit Meeting Seascale MC.
28 June	10am – 12	Coffee Morning for N.Lakes Foodbank

July

13 July – 2 August :
27 July 4pm

Keswick Convention

Circuit Service at Maryport
Including farewell for Rev Paul Harold

August

17 August	3pm	Songs of Praise , Grange-in-Borrowdale MC
23 August	10am – 12	Coffee Morning for Amy's Care
31 August	11am	Cumbria Circuit Service at Penrith with the welcome of Rev Emma Holroyd

September

18 September		Thursday Lunch Club (TLC) returns after summer break
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Circuit Website
westernfells.uk

Flower Rota for June, July & August



June 1
June 8 Sally Lunson
Jun 15 Roy Ellis
Jun 22 Hilary Baslington
Jun 29 Margaret McQueen



July 6	Helen Dalzell	Aug 3	Wendy Ireland
July 13	Margaret Shortland	Aug 10	Brian Moffat
July 20	Sally Lunson	Aug 17	Sue Graham
July 27	Jane + Ted Holt	Aug 24	Barbara Neale

We thank everyone who has helped to make our church attractive and welcoming by providing the flowers each week in church. However, you will notice that there are a few gaps in the rota. If you feel you would like to contribute in this way, please have a word with Ros Roberts. Ros will buy the flowers for you and will arrange them, though she is very happy to let you arrange them, if you prefer.

Ros Roberts

Keswick Methodist Church on the Internet
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The deadline for the next newsletter, which will be for September, October & November is Sunday 3 August 2025

Services for June, July, & August 2025

June 1	10.30am	Brian Pateman	Morning Worship
June 8	10.30am	Martyn Evans	Morning Worship
June 15	10.30am	Members	Morning Worship
June 22	10.30am	Mary Skinner	Morning Worship
June 29	10.30am	Rev Joyce Ellis	Holy Communion
July 6	10.30am	Rosalind Amey	Morning Worship
July 13	10.30am	Rev David Hasson & to be announced	Convention
July 20	10.30am	Deacon Samm Morris & t.b.c.	Convention
July 27	10.30am	Rev Nick Baker & t.b.a.	Convention
Aug 3	10.30am	Members	Morning Worship
Aug 10	10.30am	Nancy Powell – Davies	Morning Worship
Aug 17	10.30am	Sam Stockwell	<i>Leprosy Mission</i>
Aug 22	10.30am	Rev Nick Baker	Holy Communion

Aug 31 11am at Penrith Methodist Church

We join together all the Methodist Churches in Cumbria for the Inauguration of the new Cumbria Circuit and the welcome of Rev Emma Holroyd. Emma joins us from the Carnforth in the North Lancs Circuit.

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