



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 18 July 2021



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Loving God,
we give thanks for the work of
Keswick Ministries
and for this 146th year of Keswick
Convention in our town.
We pray that throughout this
year's Convention we will be
challenged through hearing God's
Word, and that as we listen,
our lives are transformed by his
Spirit into Christ's likeness and
we are able to be sent to serve
Christ locally or globally by
serving others.
Amen.

Keswick Convention Week 1

10.30am **Worship : *Is your God too small?*** led by Rev
David Hasson with preacher Dr Jeremy McQuoid
Readings: Exodus 6:28-7:13

Please stay for coffee and tea if you are able.

7.30pm **Convention Evening Celebration** in the
Packing Hall & Relay here in church : **James Robson**
Psalm 89 God's Perplexing Faithfulness

This Coming Week:

Sunday-Thursday: 18-22 July

9.15-10.15pm 19-24s Late Night Pencil Factory

Sunday-Friday: 18-23 July

7.15-8.45pm Keswick Youth Pencil Factory

Monday-Friday: 19-23 July

10.30-11.30am & 12.30-2pm & 7-9pm

Refreshments in the hall & on the patio –
with cakes, tray bakes, etc...

Monday-Friday, 19-23 July:

9.30-10.30am K4K Families Together Youth Tent

11.15am-12.30pm Keswick Youth Pencil Factory

11.15am-12.30pm Morning Bible Readings: Philippians Packing Hall
& Relay here

7.30-9pm Evening Celebration Packing Hall & Relay here

Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday, 19-20 & 22-23 July:

9.30-10.30am Seminars Pencil Factory

Wednesday 21 July:

9.30-10.30am Keswick Lecture Packing Hall

9.15-10.15pm Concert with Colin Webster & Phil Moore
Packing Hall

Saturday 24 July: Convention Week 2 (24-31 July)

7.30pm Evening Celebration Packing Hall & Relay here

Sunday 25 July:

10.30am Morning Worship led by Fiona Crouch with
preacher Rev Dr Matthew Sleeman

7.30pm Evening Celebration Packing Hall & Relay here



Jeremy McQuoid

Our preacher today is Chair of Keswick Ministries and one of the speakers at the Convention during Weeks 1 & 2. Jeremy is Teaching Pastor at Deeside Christian Fellowship, an independent evangelical church in Aberdeen. Jeremy is passionate about training younger leaders.



Cumbria

'Breathing in Hope: Working with Stories of Change'

The annual Anna Chaplaincy & Dementia Conference is being held this year on **18 September** and will be held using zoom. The aim to create an opportunity for people to hear about stories of hope that bring about

positive changes for older people and people with dementia.

Speakers include: **Keith Albans**, Methodist Minister and former Director of Chaplaincy and Spirituality at MHA Homes and **Kathryn Lord** who will introduce us to Stories for the Soul, offering an experiential way to share faith stories that feed our soul. Other speakers will talk about practical initiatives being undertaken to provide telephone befriending (Linking Lives), setting up friends groups for care homes (Care Home Friends) and the provision of music for people with dementia (Lyrics and Lunch). Booking is open - follow the link: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/ZXL>

Foodbank

This week the Foodbank is requesting the following to stock up: **tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned potatoes, instant mash (single packets), tinned chicken in white sauce, tinned mince with onion & tinned beef bolognese.**

Please no dried pasta, rice or tinned tomatoes at the moment as we have plenty! You can leave any food donations in the collection bin at church or at Booths. Many thanks. Roy Ellis (73340)



Congratulations

We're very pleased to be able to congratulate Sophie Lynn, one of our church family, on gaining a 2:1 in her Creative Writing degree from University of Cumbria. Well done, Sophie!

Convention Refreshments 2021 : Saturday 17 July-Friday 6 August
This year in aid of Keswick Youth Club, Calvert Trust, Shackles Off & Keswick Methodist Church

Many thanks to those of you who have already signed up to help. There are still slots to fill, so please do try to sign up this Sunday, especially for the second and third weeks.

We need people to act as hosts, to serve tea and coffee and to organise tables and chairs.

Your hard work and help is very much appreciated, so on behalf of the Leadership

Team, thank you very much and I'll look forward to hearing from you very soon!



Helen North : Senior Steward (78025)

Car Park Bank Garden

If you come to church by car you'll have noticed the changes to the previously overgrown bank in the car park. If you haven't seen it, go and have a look. What an enormous difference! Our thanks go to those who worked on it and made it so lovely!

It will look even better, and become much easier to manage, once all the plants are well established. Until that time it will be a constant battle with weeds. Therefore we have a challenge for you all. If you know the difference between a plant and a weed then any time you come to church bring your gardening gloves and spend a little time removing weeds. If you're not sure of the difference and want to help, Sheila Files will be happy to give advice.

The more people who respond to this the less each one will have to do. Can we rise to the challenge and not let the weeds beat us whilst making our church environment more appealing for our neighbours and users? David Hasson : Property Steward (75818)



Circuit Steward Taster Session : 19 July

What does being a Circuit Steward entail? Do I have the skills and gifts to be a Circuit Steward? Is God asking me to take a role in the leadership of my Circuit? This session is for anyone asking these questions and who might be considering becoming a Circuit Steward. The session is online between 7.30-9pm on 19 July. It's an opportunity to explore the role of the Circuit Steward and to ask questions. Email Rob Glassonbury to book your place : nwmannetwork@gmail.com. For more information contact Brec Seaton at seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk. The event is facilitated by Brec Seaton (Learning Network) and experienced Circuit Stewards from the Kendal Circuit.

A New Vision for a Sustainable Future: 13-14 August via Zoom

In place of the postponed World Assembly in Gothenburg, the **World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women** invites you to join a global online event on 13-14 August. The event, organised and led by World President Alison Judd, and Rachel Allison (the British Unit's Helen Kim Memorial Scholar), will include worship, Bible study, stories, and invitations to action. The event is FREE, but you can make a donation to the World Federation if you wish. To find out more about the event and to book your place go to wfmucw.org/global-online-event.



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of Methodist and
Uniting Church Women

Action for Children Retiring Collection

After the special service we had last week on Action for Children Sunday (thank you, Fiona!) the retiring collection raised £150 towards the work of Action for Children. Many thanks to all who contributed.



Keswick Convention : 17 July-6 August

The 2021 Convention's theme is **Faithful**. We'll hear from God's Word how we can have confidence in his faithfulness. It's reassuring, following the uncertainties of the last year, to know we can trust Him. God is faithful and, because He is, we are called to be faithful as well.



Each week has seminars, Bible Readings and evening Celebration. This year the Convention will be on one site for the first time, with our church being used

for relays of the Bible Readings and Evening Celebrations each week. St Johns will be used in Week 3 for Keswick Unconventional. The Convention organisers ask for our prayers as they make the final arrangements. The pandemic means there are a number of changes this year as they follow Government guidelines, one of which is the introduction of a registration and booking system to help manage social distancing and venue capacities for all venues except our church, which is first come first served! Most events will be livestreamed and/or available for catch up. Children's events will be replaced by a family event called *Families Together*. More information is available on vkc.keswickministries.org.

The Convention is a great resource, available for free to us all – and it's on our doorstep and even in our own church! Come and see what it's all about – and have a cuppa and slice of cake at the same time.

Welcome to Church – Our Covid ‘Rules’

We’re delighted to welcome Convention visitors to physical worship with us this morning. We’ve reviewed our risk assessment and done everything we can to ensure your safety and protection.

- If you have a temperature or a new and persistent cough or change or loss of taste and smell you should NOT come to church as these are symptoms of COVID-19.
- We’ll be taking your contact details for NHS ‘Test and Trace’. We’ll keep this information for 21 days and then shred it.
- We’ve set up extra cleaning but you’ll also be asked to use the hand sanitiser as you come into the building.
- Face coverings are still to be worn in church for the three weeks of Convention so please bring one and put it on before you come in. We do have free disposable masks if you forget!
- We won’t be singing in church today.
- Collection plates will be at the exits as you go out.
- A steward will guide you to the worship area and show you where to sit. We’ll be keeping one chair empty between groups or bubbles.
- At the end of the service you’ll be guided out row by row by a steward. 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 outside for collection.
- We know many have had your Covid vaccines, but quite understand for those of our members who prefer not to return to church just yet. A weekly written service is available if you wish to receive it instead. Let one of the stewards know.

The Leadership Team

Cutting the Ribbon

Southey Court is officially completed and the first tenants have moved in. The sun shone on the opening ceremony last Wednesday and representatives of all the groups involved in making the houses



possible were able to be there. It was good to see Rev Jennet McLeod, who was one of those behind the idea so many years ago. See who else you can spot!

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. Please note the earlier day due to the COVID-19 mailing which is continuing for those who want it.