



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 25 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 2

10.30am **Worship** led by Fiona Crouch with preacher

Rev Dr Matthew Sleeman

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

Please stay for coffee and tea if you are able.

7.30pm **Convention Evening Celebration** in the Packing
Hall & Relay here in church

Jeremy McQuoid *A sure basis for faith*

This Coming Week:

Sunday-Thursday: 25-29 July

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

Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday: 25, 27 & 29 July

7.15-8.45pm Keswick Youth Pencil Factory

Monday-Friday: 26-30 July

10.30-11.15am & 12.30-2pm(ish) & 7-9pm

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

Monday-Friday, 26-30 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: Exodus – A Portrait of
God's faithfulness in five meals Packing Hall & Relay here

7.30-9pm Evening Celebration Packing Hall & Relay here

Monday-Tuesday & Thursday-Friday, 26-27 & 29-30 July:

9.30-10.30am Seminars Pencil Factory

Wednesday 28 July:

9.30-10.30am Keswick Lecture Packing Hall

Friday 30 July:

2.30pm Funeral of Hylton Boothroyd

Saturday 31 July: Convention Week 3 (31 July-6 August)

7.30pm Evening Celebration Packing Hall & Relay here

Sunday 1 August:

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis with
preacher Steve Adam

7.30pm Evening Celebration Packing Hall & Relay here



Matthew Sleeman

Our preacher today is a Keswick Ministries trustee. Matthew is also a lecturer and acting vice principal of Oak Hill Theological College in London, where he teaches biblical studies and practical Christian living.

Hylton Boothroyd

We were sad to hear of the death of Hylton Boothroyd on 17 July. Hylton was a much-loved member of our congregation, latterly as organist for many years, only retiring as Parkinsons took a stronger hold. Joan has said that she and Hylton were so very grateful for the love and support of so many people throughout the long journey as the Parkinsons progressed. We too were so grateful for Hylton's place in the life and work of Keswick Methodist Church, for his keen mind and searching questions at Church Council. The funeral and service of thanksgiving will be held in our church on Friday, 30 July at 2.30pm led by Rev Martin Wood, a former minister at Keswick. We keep Joan and the family in our prayers.



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

Over the school summer holidays the Foodbank's running two schemes for children in need of food help - Lunch Packs 4 Kids Scheme (primary age children) and Summer Food Packs –

A Helping Hand (secondary age children, plus years 12 & 13). This week the Foodbank is asking for the following to stock up: **tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, jam, instant mash (single packets) and tinned potatoes.** You can leave any food donations in the collection bin at church or at Booths. Many thanks. Roy Ellis (73340)



Sticky Theology

The Methodist Church Evangelism and Growth Team is hosting a series of Facebook Live sessions for the summer which will explore different perspectives on some hot button theological topics. You might not get a definitive answer, but you'll go away with lots to think about. You don't need a theology degree to take part in these discussions; in fact if you do have one, why not invite a friend who doesn't! All sessions can be watched again. They are taking place from 12.15-1pm on the following days and more information can be found at facebook.com/events/2954600814809947 :

- **22 July: Why is Jesus relevant today?** Rev Dr Jo Cox Darling, Rev Dr Raj Patta and Rev Ashley Cooper
- **5 August: Does everything happen for a reason?** Rev Simon Sutcliffe, Professor Clive Marsh and Deacon Eunice Attwood
- **12 August: Did the things in the Bible actually happen (and does it really matter?)** Rev Dr Jonathan Dean, Rev Dr Jasmine Devadason and Rev Dr Gary Hall
- **26 August: What even is heaven anyway?** Rev Nicola Price Tebbutt, Rev Dr Andrew Stobart and Rev Jenny Pathmarajah

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

Thank you to everybody who has helped this week. It's been lovely to have the sunshine, but it's meant we've been working in extremely hot conditions!

Thankfully it's set to cool down a bit next week. So far, it's been much quieter than previous years which is understandable considering the circumstances. However,



as word gets round about the refreshments and that we're a very comfortable venue, things are picking up a bit. However, this has meant we haven't needed as many of you to help as originally planned and therefore there's been a lot of juggling around on the rota as the week has progressed. Please continue to bear with us on this as it's a constantly changing situation.

As far as baking goes, we have quite a full church freezer and a very full one in Thornthwaite! This has been partly due to a very large delivery of cakes from some very generous bakers from Egremont. So at the moment we no longer need you to bake anything else. Not something we're used to saying at this point! However, if things change, we'll let you know.

Looking forward to seeing you next week. We're open for coffee, tea and cakes, etc at 10.30-11.15am and 12.30-2pm(ish) and all are welcome to pop in for a cuppa at those times. We also have refreshments before and during the evening celebration 7-9pm.

Helen North : Senior Steward (78025) & Leadership Team

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 work through the new arrangements. The pandemic means there are a number of changes this year, 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 are livestreamed and/or available for catch up. Children's events have been 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. Due to the increasing number of infections in Allerdale, we’ve decided that, despite the relaxation of all coronavirus legislation by the government on Monday 19 July 2021, we will continue to operate on a covid-secure basis for the foreseeable future. This means we’re continuing **“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 unless you are exempt. The only exception is 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 will continue to ventilate by opening windows and doors.
- **Singing:** We ask you not to sing when you attend our Sunday morning worship. If you are wearing a face mask you may sing quietly or hum whenever you attend a Convention relay.
- **Test & Trace:** You are 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 in Keswick.
- 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. Collection plates will be at the exits as you go out. 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.

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

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

The Leadership Team

Walking with Micah

What does it mean for the Methodist Church to be a justice-seeking church? We live at a time of huge change when domestic and global injustices are being revealed and intensified. How can our world be renewed so that all God's creation, people and planet, can flourish? The prophet Micah reminded people that the worship God wants is for us to act justly, to love as God loves, and to walk humbly with God. Justice-seeking has always been integral to our relationship with God. Visit <https://www.methodist.org.uk/walking-with-micah/> to find out more.



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.