



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 4 July 2021



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May the God who created a world of diversity and vibrancy,
go with us as we embrace life in all its fullness.

May the Son who teaches us to care for stranger and foreigners,
go with us as we try to be good neighbours in our communities.

May the Spirit who breaks down our barriers and celebrates community,
go with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all.

Amen

10.30am **Worship & Communion led by Rev Paul Saunders**

Hymns: 404, 660, 594 & 662

Readings: Psalm 48:1-2, Ezekiel 2:1-5 & Mark 6;1-13

Please remember to wait for a steward to guide you when to leave at the end of the service. We'll be serving tea and coffee in the hall and you can either sit at tables (max 6 people/2 households at each table) or take your drink outside.

There will be a one way system and please socially distance in the queue for drinks. Dirty cups must be left on the table.

This Coming Week:

Thursday 7 July:

9.30am Prayer Group in the hall

Sunday 11 July: Action for Children Sunday

10.30am Worship led by Fiona Crouch

The Leprosy Mission

We were able to send £180 to The Leprosy Mission as a result of the retiring collection on 13 June. Thank you for bringing hope and healing to people being helped by The Leprosy Mission during this time. We had previously sent £150 to them which was matched by UK Aid. The latest edition of **New Day** has just arrived and is available in the welcome area if you'd like to read about what The Leprosy Mission has been able to do in Africa and Asia through gifts like the ones we have given.

Engaging Theology in Cumbria : 12 July 7.30-9pm

The next event in the **Do Not be Afraid** series of Zoom seminars on Christian hope in today's world will be led by British artist Mark Cazalet and is entitled **And the Stillness the Dancing**. This takes place between 7.30-9pm and you can find more information or book using this link: <https://engaging-theology-in-cumbria.org/events>.

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 : nwmannnetwork@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.

July/August Newsletter

The new edition of the Newsletter is available in the welcome area. Please take one, read it and pass it on.

Convention Refreshments 2021 Saturday 17 July-Friday 6 August

This year in aid of Keswick Youth Club, Calvert Trust, Shackles Off & Keswick Methodist Church

Rota:

We now have the details about how our church will be used during the three weeks of the Convention this year. The Bible Readings will be relayed Mondays to Fridays and the Evening



Celebration will be relayed Saturday-Friday of each week. We'll be serving refreshments of tea, coffee, cake, etc – but not soup this year - during and around all of these sessions.

As this year is going to be quite different, with the big tent moving to the Old Pencil Factory and restrictions due to Covid, it's difficult to predict how many people to expect! We're therefore going to have to be flexible and be prepared to adapt as we go along. The good news is that the rota is available for you to sign up to. You can find it on the noticeboard in the hall. Alternatively, you can give Helen a call on 017687 78025 and she'll add you to it. Thank you to those who have already signed up! We still need people to act as hosts, to serve tea and coffee, and to organise tables and chairs. So please try to sign up to as much as you can!

The Convention has also put out a general request for stewards, so please give that some thought too. More details of how to volunteer to do that will follow in due course.

Baking:

Hopefully some baking is going on in your kitchenit certainly is at Holly Bank!

The church freezer is starting to collect items and more can be left on a Sunday morning.

Please label them with a description, date baked and if possible any allergens they contain. We also like to have all cakes and traybakes cut to a similar size, so if it is at all possible for you to not pre-cut them, that would be very much appreciated.

Any items will be gratefully received, with the following tending to go down (literally!) particularly well: date slice, fruit cake, lemon drizzle cake, Victoria sponge (jam through middle & icing sugar on top will be fine), tea loaves, tiffin, traybakes and scones of any variety.

As usual, Nigel will be happy to reimburse you for any ingredients used which hopefully might encourage you to do some 'batch baking' as we do get through cakes extremely quickly! Slips explaining how to do this are available at church.

If you have any questions about any of the above, please don't hesitate to contact Helen on 017687 78025 or email helen.north1@gmail.com. Your hard work and help is very much appreciated and we'll look forward to hearing from you!



Helen North and the Leadership Team

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)



Arrangements for if you need to come into church in the week

Although we prefer you not to come into church during the week we appreciate that sometimes you have a reason to do so. Please sanitise your hands and sign in on the clipboard on the table for Test & Trace. Face coverings will be needed if there are other people in the area you need to be in. You will not be able to use the toilets, hall and kitchen while groups are using the hall so

please avoid these times: Mondays 9.45am-12.45pm & 5.45-7.15pm, Tuesdays 9.50am-12.50pm & 3.40-8pm, Wednesdays 11.15am-2.15pm & 3.20-8.30pm, Thursdays 9.30-10am & 5.35-8.35pm, Fridays 3.35-8.10pm. We have moved the Convention rota notices into the church in case you need to access it in the week.

David Hasson, Property Steward (75818)

Affordable Homes : Southey Court

At long last, the final phase of our Vision 21 redevelopment scheme is due to be completed. The first two residents have taken possession and will be moving in any day! We've watched with interest as the houses have been built on the site of our old hall and pray that the residents will be happy in their new homes.



Two's Company Keswick (a new initiative from Linking Lives)

We heard last week that **Fiona Overend** has been appointed as the first coordinator of this new scheme in our community. Aimed at addressing loneliness amongst people of any age

through a befriending scheme, it's now well underway to starting and is starting to recruit volunteer befrienders. Hopefully the Christian community in Keswick and the surrounding villages of the CA12 area will be able to offer a good number of volunteers!

Two's Company Keswick is a new long term befriending project for lonely and socially isolated adults in the Keswick and CA12 area due to launch this summer. It's been set up as a partnership between *Churches Together in Keswick* and *Keswick Rotary Club* with the support of *AgeUK West Cumbria* and under a partnership agreement with *UK Linking Lives*. If you're interested in people, good at listening and want to make a difference then this may be something for you! Please pick up a leaflet from the welcome area for further information and contact Keith Rigg, the project leader, at keith.rigg@btinternet.com if you're interested.

Refresh

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Refresh 2021, the annual conference for ladies in Cumbria is gathering momentum, with its first taster video available on the

Refresh YouTube channel. You can watch it at youtube.com/watch?v=aqcvladhSG0. Each month between now and the main event on 4 September there will be further taster videos. Please do be praying for the event, and who you might consider inviting into a cluster to watch it with. In the meantime, enjoy this video – captured on a sunny Keswick day earlier in the year.

Welcome Back to Church

We're delighted we've recommenced physical worship together for those who are able to attend. We've reviewed our risk assessment and done everything we can to ensure your safety and protection.

- We know many have had your Covid vaccines, but quite understand If you'd 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.
- 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've set up extra cleaning and you'll be asked to use the hand sanitiser as you come into the building.
- Face coverings are to be worn in church so please bring one and put it on before you come in. We do have free disposable masks if you forget!
- We'll be taking your contact details for NHS 'Test and Trace'. We'll keep this information for 21 days and then shred the details.
- A steward will guide you to the worship area and show you where to sit. You can sit with people in your household or bubble.
- We won't be singing at the moment but please take a hymnbook to read if you wish. All words will be on the screen. You can return the hymnbook to the stand at the end of the service.
- The collection plate will be in the welcome area. Please put your offering in it either before or after the service.
- 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 again! Please do stay and enjoy a cuppa and a chat if you are able. Six only to a table!

The Leadership Team

Keswick Convention : 17 July-6 August

The 2021 Convention's theme is ***Faithful***. 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. 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.

Future Dates:

- Saturday 17 July-Friday 6 August: Keswick Convention
- Sunday 22 August 10.30am: Baptism
- Friday 1 September: Merging of Solway Circuit into Western Fells Circuit
- Sunday 19 September: Harvest Thanksgiving

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