



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 15 August 2021



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Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and
the Holy Spirit you have bestowed
on us the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised us to a new life
of grace. Sustain us, O Lord, in
your Holy Spirit.

Give us inquiring and
discerning hearts,
the courage to will
and to persevere,
spirits to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in
all your works.

Amen

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

Singing the Faith: 25, 706, 537, 59

Readings: Hebrews 12:1-4, Psalm 121

Please stay for coffee and tea in the hall if you're able.

This Coming Week:

Thursday 26 August:

9.30-10am Prayer Group

Sunday 29 August:

10.30am Songs of Praise with some of your favourite hymns



Baptism

Today Harry Barnes is being baptised into the family of the church. We welcome him with his parents, Laura and David, brother Teddy and their friends and family on this special occasion.

Songs of Praise : Sunday 29 August 10.30am

It's a long time since we've had a Songs of Praise or been able to sing out loud! So next Sunday we're celebrating being able to sing again (behind masks!) with a **Songs of Praise**. Please let me know as soon as possible and definitely by Thursday night, 26 August, what hymn you'd like to be included. If you'd also like to include a reason for your choice (optional) we'll be happy to include that in the service too. Let's make a joyful noise to the Lord!



Anne Hasson (75818 or annehasson@aol.com)

Harvest Thanksgiving : Sunday 19 September

Our Harvest this year is on 19 September. There will be more news about it in coming weeks, but we just want you to know that we're planning a **'Bring and Not Share' lunch!** This means we're asking everyone to bring their own packed lunch to eat at the lunch tables and we'll provide the tea, coffee, water, etc! We'd also like a few volunteers to help with setting up tables, serving the drinks, washing up, etc. Please let one of us know if you'd be able to help in this way. Many thanks.

Leadership Team (Helen, Sheila, Anne, Fiona, Richard, Nigel, David)

Refresh Online!

Saturday

4 September

10-11.15am

(approx)

A time for
women of all
ages to receive

and be renewed by God's love. Refresh 2021 may be online once again, but it has all the ingredients that those who have attended events in person in the past have come to associate with the day – along with some added extras to keep it sparkling!

Once again, we're delighted that our worship will be led by Rose Hunt, who has been with us for the last couple of years, enabling us so effectively to meet with God and spend time with Him. This year she's joined once again by Denise, who was with us in 2019, and we're looking forward to all that they will bring.

If you know of others around you that might be interested in **Refresh Online!**, do pass on the details, or (even better!) invite them to join you on the morning as you engage with the event. It starts at 10am and runs for about 75 minutes. Our prayer is that all of us will be richly blessed by the time together.

Refresh Team: Jan, Linda, Kathryn & Pam -
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This week, thousands of good causes have been paid by #easyfundraising.

You can help Keswick Methodist Church receive our payment next time by using **easyfundraising** to shop online with over 5,900 shops who will donate to us for FREE every time - this will make a BIG difference to us! If you're not supporting us on easyfundraising yet please sign up now, it only takes 2 minutes.

Visit: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/keswickmethodist)

September & October Newsletter

I've now begun to put together the next Newsletter. Please can you let me have any contributions within the next week. You've been brilliant sending me photos and brief accounts of what you've been doing, I know how much people have appreciated them. So please let us know what you've been up to since the lockdown restrictions have been eased and particularly your pictures. Also information of anything that's due to take place that you'd like to advertise. With many thanks to you all.

Joyce Ellis : 38 Briar Rigg, CA124NN or joyce.ellis@zen.co.uk



Sally's Big Hair Cut

You may not be aware, but I've been growing my hair longer than usual during the lockdowns to donate it for a wig for children with cancer and alopecia. On Friday 20 August, it all got cut off and is being sent to The Little Princess Trust for the wig-making process to begin. As with everything there's a cost to create a natural hair wig from blends of different hair donations for the young people who need

them so I'm asking if you're able, to make a donation on my JustGiving page at [tinyurl.com/9e8pbhn4](https://www.justgiving.com/page/tinyurl.com/9e8pbhn4); that would be wonderful.

I'm also hosting a fundraising tea and cakes afternoon at Glencoe Guesthouse on Tuesday, 24 August from 2-4pm and would love you to pop in for a chat, some refreshment and make a donation to help increase the funds I'm able to forward to this amazing charity.

Thank you so much.

Sally Lunson (71016)

Glencoe Guesthouse, 21 Helvellyn St, Keswick CA12 4EN

Local Preachers News

- We were very glad to have **David Sharpe** with us last week leading what we found out was his penultimate service before retiring – after 55 years of preaching - at the end of August.
- **Tori Jones** has moved to Kent to take up a post working with young carers (5-18s) supporting and helping them back into education. She intends to continue her preaching there.

We wish them both well as they move on in their lives of Christian service.

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 custard, UHT milk, UHT orange juice and tomato & herb pasta sauce**. You can leave any food donations in the collection bin at church or at Booths. Donations of money to assist with food purchase can be sent direct to the North Lakes Foodbank, Lorton Street Methodist Church, Cockermouth, CA13 9RH or online via [give.net/20267456](https://www.give.net/20267456). 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 exploring different perspectives on some hot button theological topics. **All sessions can be watched again**. Live sessions are 12.15-1pm. More information at [facebook.com/events/2954600814809947](https://www.facebook.com/events/2954600814809947).

- **22 July: Why is Jesus relevant today?**
- **5 August: Does everything happen for a reason?**
- **12 August: Did the things in the Bible actually happen (and does it really matter?)**
- **26 August: What even is heaven anyway?**

Conventioners say “Thank You”

- Friendly and great facilities.

Louise

- Excellently run as a relay centre for the Keswick Convention in 2nd half of July and 1st week August each year. Does cakes

and coffee during those special times after morning and before evening talks. It is a very up to date modern and well furnished building. Staff were welcoming. *Olaf*



- Margo my wife and I have been attending the convention relay in Keswick Methodist Church over the past three weeks. We are very grateful for the kindness of the church members who welcomed us on each occasion. I think we had the best seats in the convention with the best coffee and cakes available at very generous cost. May we take this opportunity to thank you for your kindness and generosity over these weeks. It has been very much appreciated. *Douglas*

- We really appreciate the welcome (and the tea/cakes and gifts!). We trust that you will know God’s blessing over the coming year post Covid. *Mick & Dorothy*

- Thank you for your welcoming, loving kindness and all your tireless hard work. The facilities you provided have been such a blessing to so many, particularly those who found getting to the main site quite difficult or had fear of crowds after isolating for so long. You’ve been a real Godsend. It’s been bliss to come into the calm serenity of your church hall, sit on comfortable seats and be able to see the screen and feel so much part of the services. Thank you too for all the wonderful coffee and cakes I’ve enjoyed! May the Lord bless your ministry and outreach in Keswick. *Marion*

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:** The big news is we can now SING behind our masks! If you would prefer not to, that’s fine. And if you prefer to sit 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.
- 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 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 until the end of August – watch this space for news of whether it’s continuing or not.

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



Thank you

We would like to thank everybody who helped at our wedding last Saturday and also to those of you who came to support us. It all helped us to have a really wonderful and special day.

Lucy and Nathan Gregory

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.