



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 19 September 2021



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Lord of the harvest,
we thank you for all that you have given: for all that we have to eat and drink, for the work of our hands, our hearts and our minds, for our creative thoughts and caring actions. We are grateful for all that you have provided, and thank you for your gifts. We ask for your help in loving others as we love ourselves, by sharing what we have widely. Please bring your blessing on donations for the Foodbank and all who will be nourished physically and emotionally when it is distributed.
Amen.

10.30am Harvest Worship led by Rev Joyce Ellis
“Bearing much Fruit”

Singing the Faith: 129, 727, 124, 487

Readings: Psalm 65:1, 9-13 & John 15: 9-17

After the service we'll be having coffee and tea, followed by our Harvest “Bring and DON'T share” Lunch. Please stay if you're able.

This Coming Week:

Thursday 23 September:

- 9.30-10am Prayer Group in the hall
2.30pm Service of Creation Care at St Begas,
 Bassenthwaite
7pm Circuit Meeting at Cockermouth MC

Friday 24 September:

- 7.30pm Leadership Team at Holly Bank

Saturday 25 September:

- 10am-12 noon Coffee Morning in the hall

Sunday 26 September:

- 10.30am Worship led by Viv Kendall



Today is our Harvest celebration and at this time we particularly remember all those who have to use the Foodbank. All our collection

including envelopes will be in aid of the North Lakes Foodbank. Any cash donations given at the lunch will also go to the Foodbank, as well as any tins, etc brought today as a harvest thanksgiving. If you haven't been able to bring anything this week and would like to add to the harvest gifts, please do use the Harvest Shopping List and drop your donation into either our collection point in the church entrance or in the trolley at Booths.

You're all invited to stay after the service for a ***'Bring and Don't Share' lunch*** - we hope you've remembered your packed lunches! We would normally have a soup and pudding lunch but don't feel happy to do this just yet. Hopefully we can resume normal service with our lunches before too long.

The Future

The Leadership Team is meeting on Friday, 24 September and the main topic on the agenda is future planning as we go forward. We'll be discussing the way ahead, visions for the future and plans we can make for the growth of our church, our Christian life and the good of the people we come into contact with. We'd like your help! Is there anything we don't do at the moment that you think we should? This is an ideal time to let us know! All ideas are welcome. Just let any of the Leadership Team (contact details on back page) know before 24 September. Many thanks for your help.



The connexion

The summer edition of the Methodist magazine has arrived. The theme is **Be Bold** and inside are many inspiring stories from the life of the Methodist Church. Your copy is in the welcome area!

September & October Newsletter and September-November Plan

These are available in the welcome area. You'll notice the Plan has more churches and preachers this quarter – this is because of the enlargement of Western Fells Circuit to include the ex-Solway Circuit. Please do pray for all churches and preachers and Circuit leaders as we all settle into our new format.

District Newsletter for September

Some printed copies of the September District Newsletter are now available in the welcome area. You can also access it on the District website - cumbriamethodistdistrict.org.uk.

Presidential Prayer Cards

Prayer cards for this year's President, Rev Sonia Hicks, and Vice President, Barbara Easton, are available in the welcome area. Please take one to pray for them during their term of office in 2021-22.



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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 25 September 10am-12noon

**in Keswick Methodist Church
Hall, Southey Street**



Refreshments * Cake stall * Jigsaws * Raffle

Recipe Books * Coasters * Greetings Cards

Fundraising for Calvert Trust, Keswick Youth Club, Shackles Off
& Keswick Methodist Church

Coffee Morning : 10-12 Saturday 25 September

For the first of our monthly Saturday coffee mornings we're having a special coffee morning to raise even more money for the four charities, Calvert Trust, Keswick Youth Club, Shackles Off and ourselves, using the cakes we have in our freezer from the Keswick Convention refreshments. We still have spaces for helpers – just let Pauline (017686 06539) or Anne (75818) know as soon as possible. No baking needed on this occasion!!

Fundraising Table

Our fundraising stall is in the welcome area. Currently for sale are spiral notebooks (£5), jotter (£2), coasters (£1.50), eco mugs (£3), recipe books (£2), photo cards (£1.50 or 5 for £6) and our popular 'calendar' cards (50p). All profits go to our church funds.



Two's Company Newsletter

The first newsletter of **Two's Company Keswick** is available in the welcome area. It's also on the notice board in the hall.

News from Churches Together in Keswick & Neighbourhood

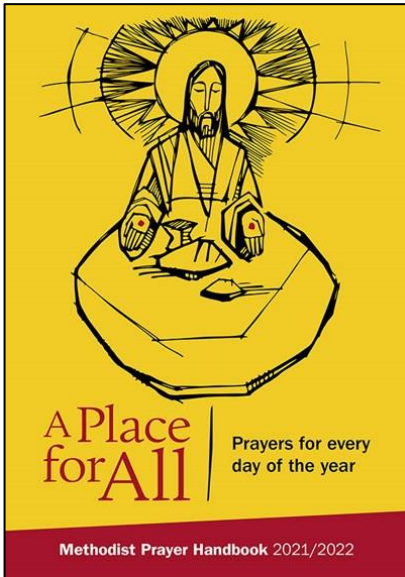
Two joint services to look forward to – one this week!

- 23 September 2.30pm : Service of Creation Care at St Begas, Bassenthwaite
- 7 November 6pm : All Souls Day CTIK Service at St Johns

Hope & Anchor : Tuesdays 12.45-1.15pm from 28 September



Hope & Anchor is a weekly online chat show that explores spirituality and faith in an inclusive, fun, nonjudgmental way. Imagine a table at your local pub where friends and strangers meet up and talk about anything and everything, from the frivolous to the sublime. Watch online and participate on Facebook at [@MethodistChurchinBritain](#).



Methodist Prayer Handbook 2021-2022 "A Place for ALL"

£4.50 for either size

Available now in the welcome area

The Handbook is arranged as a monthly cycle. You can use the book as a focus for your daily prayer and start the cycle again at the beginning of each month, or just dip in. You could add your own notes in the margins to remind you of things you would like to pray for on particular days.

On the Lectionary pages in the centre of the handbook, suggested readings, hymns and psalms for each day of the year tie in with the Methodist Church's online resource A Word in Time.

This year's theme is '**A Place for All**'. No one was excluded from Jesus' table and eating with him was a sign of the kingdom of heaven and an invitation to meet God and to be transformed. We recognise that we do not always offer such generous welcome or listen to the voices on the margins.

As the Church strives to be God's people in a world changed by a global pandemic, here are prayers of thanksgiving and intercession, penitence and we resolve that, with God's help, we may recognise and repent of our exclusivity, and that then we may be reconciling, open to all and ready to listen to all voices equally. Together, we pray to become a more inclusive and diverse Church, creating communities of greater respect and compassion.

Both A5 and large print copies are available in the welcome area at £4.50 each.

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:** We can now SING behind our masks! If you would prefer not to, that’s fine. And if you prefer to sit near the back, 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.
- A collection plate will be at the exit as you go out or in the hall. 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.

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

Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets every Thursday 9.30-10am, usually followed by coffee. It's a small group but the members are earnest in prayer for situations and people both locally and further away. New members are always welcome – and there's no expectation to come every week! For more information or if you'd like to add items for prayer, please have a word with David Hasson (75818).

- We particularly remember in prayer this week those of our housebound members who are in hospital – Jean, Elizabeth and Adrian.

COP 26

World leaders will gather in Glasgow for a major conference on the climate crisis in just six weeks' time. Find out more about the key issues they face and how you can help to hold governments to account at jointpublicissues.org.uk/cop26.

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.