



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 5 September 2021



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Creator God,

we often invite you to come to us
and welcome you into our midst.
Yet you are the creator. You are
the host. You welcome us to your
celebration of life and not only us,
but everyone. When we come to
your feast, remind us that all are
welcome. May we treat each guest
with respect and kindness,
accepting that they have the same
right to be there as we do, through
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

**Day 1: Methodist Prayer
Handbook 2021 -22.**

10.30am Worship & Communion

led by Rev David Hasson

Singing the Faith: 103, 249, 256, 401 & 251

Readings: James 2:1-10, 14-7 & Mark 7:24-37

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

3pm

Welcome Service for Solway churches &
Rev Paul Harold at UnitedChurch, Workington

This Coming Week:

Thursday 9 September:

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the hall

Saturday 11 September:

9.30am-3.30pm Synod at Cockermouth MC

Sunday 12 September:

10.30am Worship led by John Wilson



Harvest Thanksgiving : Sunday 19 September

Our Harvest this year is on 19 September, led by Rev Joyce Ellis. As we have

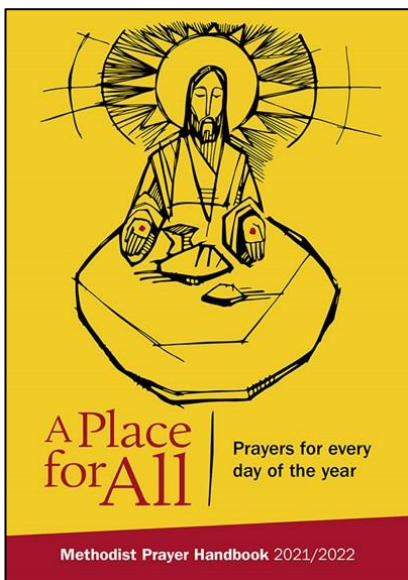
been doing in the last few years we invite you to bring one or more items for the Foodbank. The Harvest Appeal shopping list is available in the welcome area so please pick one up to see what food items are especially needed. After the service we invite you to a **'Bring and Not Share' lunch!** This means we're asking you to bring your own packed lunch to eat at the lunch tables and we'll provide the tea, coffee, water, etc! If you would like to help set up tables, serve drinks or wash up, please let Pauline (017686 06539), Anne (75818) or Sheila (79253) know. Many thanks.

Rev Paul Harold & Solway Section

Today we welcome the churches from the Solway Circuit (Dearham, Great Clifton, Harrington, Maryport & Workington) as they join us in Western Fells Circuit. We also welcome Rev Paul Harold to be a Probationer in Western Fells Circuit as he and his wife, Carolyn, move into the manse at Seaton. He'll be in pastoral charge of the churches in the Solway section.

Presidential Prayer Cards

This week please take a prayer card home to pray for this year's President, Rev Sonia Hicks, and Vice President, Barbara Easton, during their term of office during 2021-2.



**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.

Foodbank

Now the schools are back in session the Foodbank needs to restock on many items. In particular this week the Foodbank is asking for: **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)

The connexion

The summer edition of the Methodist magazine has just 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 now available in the welcome area. You'll notice the Plan has more churches and preachers – 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.

Refresh Online! Saturday

4 September 10-11.15am

The special day for ladies took place virtually last Saturday, 4 September. If you missed it the video is available on YouTube. Just search "refreshcumbria" on YouTube for details and you'll be able to watch the whole thing.

Refresh

A group of us met in Crosthwaite Parish Room and were able to have tea and coffee first before watching the video together. It was a special time and we can recommend the video to you.

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 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.
- 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.

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



Coffee Morning Saturday 10-12 25 September

We had quite a number of cakes left in the freezer after the Convention so we're having a

special coffee morning to raise even more money for our four charities – Calvert Trust, Keswick Youth Club, Shackles Off and our own church. As well as cakes we'll also have jigsaw puzzles, cards, mugs and recipe books for sale – and maybe even some scones! Please encourage everyone you know to come along – and come yourself. We also need a few people to help with serving and making people welcome. Names to any of the leadership team (contact details below).

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.