



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 10 October 2021



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Lord, our refuge and strength,
our hope and our future,
give us confidence in all our
troubles to find our rest in you;
in all our challenges to find our
help in you;
in all our days to find our
companionship in you.

That through our trust in you
the world might believe in Jesus,
the way, the truth and the life.

Amen.

Methodist Prayer Handbook

Day 9

10.30am **Worship** led by Andrew Robinson

Singing the Faith: 637, 483

Songs of Fellowship: 237, 442

Readings: Psalm 46, Ephesians 6:10-18

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

This Coming Week:

Thursday 14 October:

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the hall
10am-12 noon Thursday Coffee Morning in the hall

Sunday 17 October:

10.30am Worship led by Rev David Hasson

Foodbank

We have a new appeal this week. Can you help?
You can leave items either in the collection bin at church or at Booths. We need **sponge puddings, jam, UHT orange juice, tinned fruit, instant mash (single packets), toothbrushes and toothpaste.** Thank you.



Roy Ellis (73340)



Christmas Tree Festival : 2-5 December 2021

Now is the time to start planning for this year's Christmas Tree Festival, which we intend to have in the church again. Please contact one of us if you'd like to be on a small planning group (or want to know what it entails) – we'd value some new input!

Sheila Files (79253) or Pauline Huggan (017686 06539)

Address labels

Do you dread the effort of addressing the envelopes for all your Christmas cards? Or are you worried that the postmen will have difficulty reading your handwriting? I have a label printing machine and am willing to produce a set of adhesive labels with the addresses of your friends and family if you let me copy them from your address book. In return I ask that you give a donation to **The Leprosy Mission**. Do give me a call on 73995 or speak to me after a service.



Nancy Powell Davies (73995)

Membership of the Church Council

The next meeting of the Church Council will be on **Wednesday 10 November**. I'm updating my list of Church Council members. All church members are welcome to attend and speak at the meeting but only members of the Church Council are allowed to vote. If you're a church member but not on the Church Council and would like to join it, please contact me for more details. Roy Ellis (73340)

Climate Change Event : Friday 15 October 12noon-2pm

You are invited to attend a special climate change event in **St Cuthbert's Church, Carlisle city centre**. *Churches Together in Cumbria* is working closely with *Food Carlisle* to host the event at which you can hear from pilgrims who are passing through the city on their way to the *COP26 UN Climate Change Conference* in Glasgow. For more information contact Jo@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk or to book go to bit.ly/305mVTf.



November & December Newsletter

As we're now into October I'm putting together the next Newsletter which is for November and December. Any news of what you have been doing now Covid restrictions are beginning to be eased, with a photo if possible! Any news, arrangements, meetings, etc that you'd like to tell us about would be good to hear of. An update from the Leadership Team of what might be in store for the coming months, etc. Any passages or prayers that you have come across that you'd like to share. Your contributions in the past have all been really appreciated, so please keep them coming. **It would be helpful to have them in the next week or as soon as possible!** Thank you.

Joyce (joyce.ellis@zen.co.uk)



Thursday Coffee Mornings:

Thursdays 10-11.30am

You'll be pleased to know that the Thursday coffee morning has started again. Please come along and have a cuppa and a natter. In the future we hope

to add some different (optional) elements like crafts, painting nativity scenes, knitting, MHA cards... Suggestions are welcome – let the Leadership Team know of any thoughts!

Oberammergau 2022

Because our 2020 holiday to Austria and Oberammergau to see the Passion Play was postponed due to COVID-19 we now have a few places available in 2022 – the dates are 17-24 August. If you'd like to know

more about the holiday, please ask us for a brochure. The Passion Play is only performed every 10 years and is an amazing experience!

David & Anne Hasson (75818)



CSW Autumn News : Praying for the Persecuted

Please pray for the Tigray region in Ethiopia (genocide) and the terrible circumstances in Afghanistan, both representative of many other suffering countries. You may wish to read *How do we keep going in the face of injustice?* available at bit.ly/3oLHvCD. And please save *Sunday 7 November – International Day of Prayer* – in your diary. If you'd like to attend a monthly drop-in writing session to send cards and encouragement or write from your home, please email me for more details.

Anne Baird, CSW Ambassador : anne.b@live.co.uk

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, followed by coffee with the Thursday Coffee Morning. 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).

Future Dates

Sunday 7 Nov 6pm : Ecumenical All Souls service at St John's

Wednesday 10 Nov 7pm : Church Council

Thursday 2-Sunday 5 Dec : Christmas Tree Festival

Sunday 19 Dec 10.30am : Carol Service

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.