



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 17 October 2021



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Creator God, you gave us light
and darkness each day.

When we are happy,
help us to say the right words to
those who are sad.

When we rejoice in new birth, help
us to comfort those who mourn.

For those who are troubled
may we bring hope,

for those who are angry
may we share words of peace,
and where there is bitterness
may we show your love. Amen.

*Methodist Prayer Handbook
Day 17*

10.30am

Worship led by Rev David Hasson

Singing the Faith: 82, 161, 394, 546, 747

Readings: Isaiah 53:4-12, Mark 10: 35-45

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

This Coming Week:

Thursday 21 October:

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

Sunday 24 October:

10.30am Worship led by Rev Paul Saunders

Foodbank

We still need **sponge puddings, jam, UHT orange juice, tinned fruit, instant mash (single packets), toothbrushes and toothpaste..** Can you help?



You can leave items either in the collection bin at church or at Booths.
Thank you. Roy Ellis (73340)



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)

Leadership Team reshuffle

At the end of August, Helen stepped down as Senior Steward and Christine ended her year 'extension'. As nobody came forward to join the stewarding team we have had to have a reshuffle of our roles. The team of five stewards will now have the following responsibilities:

Helen North: Central point of contact for communication; Music co-ordinator, Singing Group leader; Catering support

Sheila Files: Pastoral co-ordinator, Flower co-ordinator; Gardening Group leader; Christmas Tree Festival organiser

Anne Hasson: Worship co-ordinator, Preacher requests for circuit plan; Weekly notices; AV and powerpoint preparation for services; Publicity

Pauline Huggan: Communion co-ordinator; Catering co-ordinator

Richard North: Safeguarding officer; Church website

Nigel Barker continues as Treasurer

David Hasson continues as Property Steward

Churches Together in Keswick Events

6 November 10.30am St John's, Keswick: Garry Ion will give a talk about his work in Carlisle with **Men in Sheds**. There will be refreshments, time for questions and an opportunity to donate towards his ongoing work in Carlisle and for the *Church Mission Society*.

7 November 6pm St John's, Keswick: Ecumenical All Souls Service.

All Souls is the traditional time to remember the lives of those who have died with thanksgiving. Many churches will be sending letters to the families of those bereaved over the last year. The service will include the names of those who have died in the last year, lighting candles and followed by tea and coffee and chance to chat with clergy and others involved in funeral ministry.

Wednesday, 17 November 2pm Friends Meeting House

CTiK Council Meeting & AGM

Together With Refugees

Penrith Methodist Church members and the Penrith and Eden Refugee Network have allied with the coalition **Together With Refugees** to call on people to oppose the proposed Nationality and Borders Bill which is currently at Committee Stage in Parliament. Campaigners say



the Bill will undermine the concept of asylum and wind back refugee rights by decades. They're calling on church members across Cumbria to write to their MPs in opposition to the Bill, to stand up for refugees and to #showyourheart by sending a photo of you and an orange heart (or with a *Together With Refugees* sign) to Penrith and Eden Refugee Network's **Facebook**

or their **Instagram @penrithandedenrefugeenetwork**. Alternatively email them at penrithandedenrefugeenetwork@gmail.com. For more information visit bit.ly/3DLdcjD.

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. 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

Saturday 6 Nov 10.30am : Men in Sheds (Gary Ion) at St John's

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

Wednesday 10 Nov 7pm : Church Council

Wednesday 17 Nov 2pm : CTiK AGM at Friends Meeting House

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.