



# Keswick Methodist Church

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

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## Notices for week commencing 31 October 2021



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Living Lord, stir us up and inspire us through your Spirit to be a people of passion. Make us passionate about sharing your love, make us passionate about welcoming outsiders; make us passionate about helping people in financial need; make us passionate about living out your kingdom values. May we follow Jesus' example in all we do and may we make a difference in our communities and in the world.

Amen.

*Methodist Prayer Handbook  
Day 31*

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**10.30am**

**Worship** led by Rev Andy Murphie

*Singing the Faith:* 20, 242, 499, 516

*Readings:* Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Mark 12:28-34

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

## ***This Coming Week:***

### **Thursday 4 November:**

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

### **Saturday 6 November**

10.30am Men in Sheds: Gary Ion at St John's Church

### **Sunday 7 November:**

10.30am Worship led by Alan Fearon  
6pm CTiK All Souls' Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service at St John's Church

## **Foodbank**

This week we need **sponge puddings, jam, UHT orange juice, UHT milk, 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)

## Church Christmas Lunch

We're delighted that this year will see the return of the Christmas Lunch here at church! This will be held on 28 November (first Sunday of Advent) at 12 noon after



morning worship, and is a chance for us all to get together for a wonderful time of fellowship and to enjoy a Christmas meal together. As we did last time, we hope to have a quiz too!

We'd like as many church members as possible to be able to come to the lunch, so if you're a Church Friend, please remember to mention the occasion to anyone in your group who may not otherwise find out about it. The cost will be £5 per person, payable in advance (cash please) which can be given to either Helen North or Sally Lunson over the coming weeks. There's a sign-up sheet in the hall so do make sure to add your name before the deadline of Sunday 21 November to avoid disappointment, as due to Covid restrictions, places will be limited.

We also require several volunteers to help at different times with specific roles such as setting the tables, serving and washing up. Any help will be gratefully received so please do have a think about whether you'd be able to volunteer. There's no need to worry that helping means you'll be missing out on the food, as we're going to make sure that everyone gets to sit down and enjoy the meal! Again, there's a sign up list on the noticeboard. Do have a word with Helen (78025) if you need more information. We very much look forward to seeing you there!

The Leadership Team



### **Church Flowers**

As you know, Sally has stepped down from the job of Flower Co-ordinator, which she did so well. I have now taken up this role, decorating our church to aid worship, and then bringing joy to people by giving them flowers in times of illness, bereavement, or just to cheer them up! If you have flower money, please can you put it in an envelope addressed to me. You can give me this at church, or leave it on the table in the Welcome Area. The rota will be on the notice board. If you'd like to join the rota please do have a chat.

Sheila Files (79253)

- **Christmas Cards**

It's not too early to order Christmas cards! Once again I have a display of this year's selection of Christmas cards on the table in the hall where the coffee is served. Last orders please by 7th December. The proceeds from the cards go to Traidcraft, Christian Aid, Cafod (Catholic Aid Agency) and SCiAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund). Please use the list next to the samples to place your requests and I'll send off the order. I'll collect payment when I deliver your order.



- **Christmas Produce and Gifts**

Although we no longer have a church account for Traidcraft, I now have a personal account. If any of you would like to see the catalogue just let me know. I'll happily order anything you'd like.



Joyce Ellis (73340)

## Engaging Theology in Cumbria : 8 November 7.30-9pm by Zoom

The final event in the 'Do Not Be Afraid' series of Zoom seminars will be led by The Very Revd Dr Frankie Ward and is entitled '*Hildegard of Bingen's Idea of Viriditas, or Greenness*'. This takes place between 7.30 and 9pm and you can find more information or book using this link: [engaging-theology-in-cumbria.org/events](https://engaging-theology-in-cumbria.org/events).

## International Day of Prayer : 7 November 2021

Please encourage everyone to join CSW, Open Doors, Release International and Evangelical Alliance online at [csw.org.uk/2021/10/04/event/5437/article.htm](https://csw.org.uk/2021/10/04/event/5437/article.htm) on 7 November for an hour of prayer specifically for the persecuted. Please visit the link and register to attend. This jointly hosted webinar will feature the latest news, testimonies and prayer requests from Nigeria, Eritrea and India.



**CSW's Sing for Freedom** campaign remembers such as the Chibok girls abducted from schools in Nigeria in 2014, with some still captive. **Sing For Freedom** is calling for action to stem the scourge of abductions targeting educational establishments in northern and central Nigeria, that have resulted in over 1,100 students kidnapped for ransom and at least seven killed since December 2020. Read more at [csw.org.uk/2021/10/22/press/5458/article.htm](https://csw.org.uk/2021/10/22/press/5458/article.htm)

## Christmas Refreshments

We're planning to serve mince pies at the Christmas Tree Festival and the Carol Service, alongside our usual refreshments. If anyone is able to do some '**Christmas Baking**' for these events, just let me know, it would be very much appreciated. All proceeds will be going to '**Action for Children**'. We're also looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen during the Festival - if you feel you're able to help, even if it's just for an hour, please sign up on the noticeboard as soon as the rotas appear!



Pauline Huggan (07968 003258)



## Churches Together in Keswick Events

- **6 November 10.30am St John's, Keswick:** Gary 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*.
- **Wednesday, 17 November 2pm Friends Meeting House**  
Churches Together in Keswick & Neighbourhood  
Council Meeting & AGM

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### \* Churches Together in Keswick All Souls' Service

#### 7 November 6pm at St John's

**All Souls** is the traditional time to remember with thanksgiving the lives of those who have died. The service is open to everyone, whether you've had a recent bereavement or not, and will include names of those who have died in the last year, lighting candles, prayers and hymns. It will be followed by tea and coffee and chance to chat with clergy and others involved in funeral ministry. Look out for your letter of invitation (extra copies are in the welcome area).

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## 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 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 is at the exit as you go out or it’s 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 to see you soon.



We hope you understand that we will continue to take these precautions to help 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

## 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 in church

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

**Sunday 28 Nov 12noon :** Church Christmas Lunch

**Sunday 28 Nov 3pm :** CTiC Celebration of the Ecumenical County

**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](mailto:annehasson@aol.com) or phone 75818 by **Thursday afternoon** at the latest.