



Keswick Methodist Church

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

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Notices for week commencing 7 November 2021



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God of all, whose love welcomes each person, in a world where many feel they have no place, help us to remember that you offer a place for all, that no one is excluded from your love and that each has a home in your kingdom of justice and peace. When we are tempted to think ourselves more important than others, remind us of the special place you hold for people who are poor, weary and dispossessed, and for those who are neglected, reviled or unjustly treated . Amen.

Methodist Prayer Handbook Day 7

10.30am Worship led by Alan Fearon

Singing the Faith: 449, 663, 67

Readings: Psalm 100, Matthew 22:34-40, John 15:9-17

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

This Coming Week:

Wednesday 10 November:

7pm Church Council in the church

Thursday 11 November:

9.30-10am Prayer Group in the hall

10am-12 noon Thursday Coffee Morning in the hall

Sunday 14 November:

10.30am Worship led by John Wilson

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)

Housegroup Meeting

I hope to be holding a meeting for housegroup members, and any others who are interested, Sunday evening at 7pm on 21 November at church. We can discuss how we feel about re-starting the housegroup – including how, when and where.

Joyce Ellis (73340)

Pray for COP26 – UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021

Cockermouth Methodist Church is opening the church on Lorton Street, Cockermouth from 10am-12 noon and from 1-3pm on Monday 8 November. There will be a series of interactive prayer stations to help us to reflect and pray for COP26.

Methodist Council Report

The Methodist Council met recently to discuss a number of topics including Climate Change, Safeguarding and ways of working in the future. You can read a report at bit.ly/2ZUt700.

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

Craft Photo Cards

There is now a new selection of craft cards available including Church Christmas cards. Cards are £1.50 each or 5 for £6. All proceeds to Keswick Methodist Church. Brian Moffat



Church Flowers

Sally has stepped down from the job of Flower Co-ordinator and I've now taken up this role, decorating our church to aid worship, and 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)

Methodist Prayer Handbook 2022/23

The theme for this is **The Greatest Commandment** (based on Matthew 22:37-39 – today's bible reading – with further inspiration from Acts 2). The handbook has prayers for every day in a 31-day cycle and is written by the Methodist community. If you would like to contribute a prayer for this the submission details are at bit.ly/3CLttot. The final date for submission is 10 January 2022.



Christmas Tree Festival Rota Please sign up to help!

There is now a rota on the noticeboard for if you are able to help during the Festival 2-5 December. Each day is divided up into 2 hour slots. 1 and 2 are for stewarding, which entails welcoming people and talking to them. Number 3 is for working in the kitchen to prepare and serve refreshments. There will be more details of duties at the time. Please sign up if you are able to help. Thank you.

Sheila Files (79253)

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 or two, please sign up on the noticeboard as soon as the rotas appear!



Pauline Huggan (07968 003258)



Churches Together in Keswick & Neighbourhood

Council Meeting & AGM

**Wednesday, 17 November 2pm Friends Meeting
House**



A Celebration
of the
Ecumenical County

*You are invited
to mark the tenth anniversary of the launch of
'The Ecumenical County of Cumbria'
and the fifth anniversary of the
signing of the Ecumenical Covenant
together with the Companions' letter,*

Advent Sunday
28th November 2021
at 3pm
in Keswick Methodist Church

All Welcome



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



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 or phone 75818 by **Thursday afternoon** at the latest.