

The Methodist Church



The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: May 2017

Please remember Our Ministers and Lay workers in your prayers

Other Dates for your Diary -

May 2017

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| 6 th | 10am | Representative Synod | Grange over sands |
| 13 th | 10am | Stationing meeting with Circuit Stewards and Ministers who are in the Stationing process 2017-8
To be held in the Beacon Room at Penrith Methodist Church. (9.30 coffee 10am Start) | |
| 21 st | 6pm | District Ordinands' Testimony Service | Carver Church Windermere |
- This is for the Revd Tim Cooke and the Revd. Jo Rand
PLEASE see poster attached



In the latest Leader's Letter, the Rev'd Richard Teal, Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District, reflects on his time spent in Kirkby Lonsdale during Holy Week.

April 2017, Richard Teal: Ecumenism working at its best

At the time of writing I have just finished sharing Holy Week with the Christian community of Kirkby Lonsdale. It was a huge honour and privilege to have been asked to spend each day of Holy Week with them culminating on the joyous day of Resurrection. A number of things really hit me:

- The fellowship of the clergy which in that place consisted of the ministers, Anglican, Roman Catholic and Methodist. Both genders and different traditions and theologies. They told me they created space each week to meet, eat and pray together. It showed! There was obviously a great collegiality, friendship and loving spirit of togetherness among them.
- The services throughout the week were well attended from each tradition. The people obviously knew one another and were delighted to be together. It was what they did as we moved around the different church buildings. Good Friday was an open air walk of witness starting in the Market Square where there was an open air market and then walking through the main street to the grounds of the Parish Church where a huge congregation gathered to focus on

the meaning of the Cross. Young and old, male and female, from the town gathered and there was no distinction between any of them.

- The Methodist Minister from September will be working half-time in the Methodist Circuit and half-time in the Rainbow Parish serving both Methodist and Anglican Churches on a totally equal basis.
- This was rural ecumenism working at its best. Natural, intentional, relational and real.

To me Kirkby Lonsdale offers the kind of vision which the rural church needs for the future, which is:

- Incarnational: reflecting the Christ who lived among us through its involvement in the local community and listening and responding to the needs, concerns and fears of people.
- Unifying: reflecting the Christ who broke down barriers that divide by being open to all and living that openness.
- Open-doored: making people feel that it is natural to come in and belong.
- A culture of nurture and growth: where churches provide opportunities for people to grow and develop in understanding and skill.
- A spiritually growing people: prayer and worship of God at the heart of all things.

Thank you to the Christian community of Kirkby Lonsdale for being the inspiration behind this letter. You offer a very strong affirmation of the role of the Church at the heart of everyday life and give a vision of what it can be for the future.

Richard Teal
Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District

PROPERTY NEWS

Dear All

2017 West Coast Programme Co-operative - Provisional TBC

For info the West Coast Maintenance Co-operative group is planning the following training, information sharing & site visits. This is an informal group, anyone is welcome to come along to any or all sessions, there is no membership or attendance fee:

- Mon 3 April – Egremont Methodist Church – site visit with Property Steward Katie Bell to hear about their fundraising and management of their reordering project, followed by a short 'maintenance issues information sharing' session.
- Mon 10 July – Gilcrux TBC – site visit & utilities costs sharing session. (toilets at village hall)
- Mon 9 Oct – St Philip's Mosser – theme TBC, plus setting of West Coast Maintenance Co-op programme for 2018.

Please do feel free to pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested in finding out more about or attending any of these sessions.

kind regards

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Care and Maintenance of your church building.

The care and maintenance of buildings is an essential part of this. Caring for your church building need not be onerous.

Good maintenance consists of two things, looking and doing. Regular checks of your building help preserve the building and can also save us money! Especially roof repairs and regularly cleaning gutters and downpipes and unblocking

drains. If these are done regularly it can prevent more expensive work or major repairs. Following SPAB guidelines the following offers a guide for May:

May Things to do:

Gully's beneath rainwater pipes should be cleaned out regularly and drains should be rodded out if they overflow during wet weather: Remove silt and debris and ensure water discharges freely.

Make sure that windows and ventilators are operable so that the building can be ventilated on dry days during the summer months.

Lubricate door and window ironmongery and check security of locks.

Shut down the heating system and have the boiler serviced. Bleed radiators if you have them and ensure that the frost thermostat is operational.

Clear away any plant growth from around the base of the walls and in particular from the drainage channel.

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God for All Prayer

God for all,
you reached out to the world
in your Son Jesus Christ.
Help us to reach out in faith and love
and witness to all.

God for all,
you send your Holy Spirit
to empower and gift your Church.
By your Spirit help us,
grow in unity,
grow as followers of Jesus Christ,
and grow your kingdom
in Cumbria and in this world.
Amen



Developing Healing Ministry- Training Mornings

A series of seminars for those who are involved in healing and pastoral ministry, including Readers, Local Lay Ministers, prayers ministry teams, pastoral carers and hospital visitors.

The aim of these sessions is to increase your knowledge and understanding of healing and to help you to develop your skills and abilities in ministering healing to others in a variety of different contexts and situations.

The sessions will be led by Dr Alison Fleetwood, Diocesan Healing Adviser, and Dave & Judy Sharps.

These sessions are at **Rydal Hall**, **please book direct** with the office on 015394 32050. Cost for each session will be £10; £15 with sandwich and fruit lunch afterwards.

Connecting with the God who heals

Ears that hear and eyes that see- healing encounters with the God who speaks

22nd May 2017 **10am-1pm (coffee 945am)**

How do we become more skilled at hearing God's voice? God is eager to communicate with us. In this session we will explore some of the ways in which He speaks to us through music, art, nature, people and scripture. We will also look at the role of words of knowledge and prophecy, and the place of silence and solitude. This session will give you opportunity to hear God for yourself and will give you increased confidence in exercising your gifts within the body of Christ.

The Father and His two Lost Sons- a Healed Relationship

16th October 2017

10am-1pm (coffee 9.45am)

Jesus told the parable of the prodigal son to illustrate the extravagant love of God the Father. In this session we will explore what stops us and others from experiencing the Father's love. And how can we feel secure in the Father's love? We minister to others from that place of security and help others experience the Father's heart of love.



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Invites you all to the

Ordinands' Testimony Service

for Revd. Jo Rand and Revd. Tim Cooke



On

21st May 2017 Service starts 6pm

(Refreshments from 5.15pm)

Carver Uniting Church

Windermere

All are Welcome

3GENERATE

The **Methodist Church** 

24th - 26th November 2017

Bookings for 3Generate 2017 will open on 24th April

3Generate is an action-packed and inspiring weekend for hearing the voice of children and young people across the Methodist Church, focusing on fun, faith and friends.

Here's some ways in which Circuits and Districts support children & young people getting involved in 3Generate; could you do any of these ideas?

- ✓ Supplement cost per person
- ✓ Cover the whole cost
- ✓ Pay for a coach
- ✓ Supplement travel
- ✓ Organise as a Circuit or District and go as one group
- ✓ Have a date in the diary for January to gather all those who attended for a celebration and time of testimony
- ✓ Have a section in Spring Synod to hear from children & young people who attended 3Generate so their voices are heard in District
- ✓ Have a date in the diary for the subsequent summer to have a Big Sleepover to further explore the issues raised in the Manifestos

Things to note about this year's 3Generate

1. It's in Southport!
2. It's bigger!
3. Youth and children's leaders accompany their groups to 3Generate. More details about this can be found at www.methodist.org.uk/mission/3generate/more-information/find-out-more

North West & Mann Learning Network Region

"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" the woman at the well inviting her community to wonder with her about Jesus. This edition of the newsletter has lots of information to support preachers and worship leaders, children, young people, lay and ordained adults in leadership in local church who we hope all invite others in our communities to wonder about Jesus.

As is now the norm in this edition of the North West & Mann Learning & Development Network Newsletter, we have a variety of topics and it starts with an index so you can see what's in it and head straight to that or read it all. Please do share this with others and if they contact us we will happy add them to our mailing list too.

- **Resources for Local Arrangements and team/themed preaching**
- **Worship: Leading & Preaching – tutor training**
- **Transformative Bible studies and Bible month**
- **Positive working together – Growing through Conflict**

- **3Generate – very good news for this region**
- **Synod report and contact details**

Worship: Leading & Preaching



There are 998 people currently registered across the Connexion on the Worship: Leading & Preaching course.

In this region, we have trained 119 people as either tutors or mentors over the last 18 months, and 46 people this Connexional year.

Tutor training: we will now start offering less tutor training sessions year on year and we are training up people within Districts to take on that role because that team of volunteers will be more able to offer training days on demand and within the District. However, we still have five tutor training dates over the coming months and into the next Connexional year:

All sessions 10:00am to 4:00pm; please bring your lunch and booking essential via Rob at nwmannnetwork@gmail.com and more info from Jasmine devadasonj@methodistchurch.org.uk

Saturday 8 April 2017 at Sale Moor Methodist Church, M33 2PP
 Saturday 17 June 2017 in the Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District
 Saturday 23 September 2017 at Ashton Methodist Church, Preston, PR2 1DG
 Saturday 13 January 2018 in the Bolton area
 Saturday 9 June 2018 in the Manchester area

Mentor training: the mentor training resources have been sent to all Superintendents and District Local Preachers' Secretaries. You can use those resources either in an evening at a Preachers and Worship Leaders' meeting, or you can take parts of it and use a small section at a time in a meeting, or use it for a Continual Local Preachers' Development (CLPD) half day.

Top tips: our colleagues around the Connexion have put together film shorts of 'Top Tips' highlighting the key things for those involved in training people using Worship: Leading & Preaching and these can all be [found here](#).

Assessing portfolios:

Deadlines occur bi-annually and are the same as the familiar Faith & Worship Spring and autumn deadlines.

Submission deadlines for 2016-17 therefore were 30 September 2016 and will be 31 March 2017. And this is the general rule each year.

Portfolios should be submitted only after the tutor has completed the first stage of marking and has assessed the portfolio as 'criteria met'.

This is then moderated regionally after which there is Connexional moderation. Then there are dates regionally for all tutors who have a student who has completed a portfolio to hear feedback on the marking. However, over the next cycle we are opening these days up to all tutors, whether you have a student with a completed portfolio or not and we will use the time to build confidence about marking and giving both formative and summative feedback. 13 May 2017 | 11 November 2017 at Fulwood Methodist Church, Preston.

Transforming Bible Studies

This a new resource that offers a number of approaches or methods for reading and engaging with the Bible. These sample Bible studies explore different ways in which preachers and ministers and other church leaders can explore Biblical texts, demonstrating how Scripture speaks to the social settings and experiences of everyday life. Each Bible study offers a different method and approach to interpreting the Biblical text, drawing on the insights of the latest thinking in experienced based or contextual readings of the Bible. We offer these studies as a means of deepening your engagement with and understanding of the Bible and its continued power to challenge and transform us, both as individuals and as churches.

120 people have attended one of the pilots for these six new Bible studies and these are now all written up and ready for you to take them and lead them for leaders in your context. In due

course it may be possible to download but for now email [Jasmine](#) or [Anthony](#) for copies.

Bible Month is in June and this year the focus is the book of James. There are now [lots of resources](#) on the Connexional website to help you plan the month and resources to support preachers and small group leaders in teaching and preaching on the book of James.

Growing through Conflict

Growing through Conflict - Foundation Day for church leaders - lay and ordained. Consider your 'conflict style' and how you respond in difficult or tense situations. Explore how conflict escalates in a church context and begin to consider some tools to de-escalate conflict.

Venues and dates (all 9:30am to 4:00pm):

Wednesday 24 May at Court Hey Methodist Church, Liverpool, L14 3NU

Monday 15 May at Dukinfield Methodist Church, SK16 4LE

Saturday 17 June at St. Paul's, Blackburn, BB1 1DH

Monday 10 July at Lower Bebington, Wirral, CH63 2LW

Monday 9 October at Chorlton Methodist Church, M21 9JG

Bookings via Rob at nwmannnetwork@gmail.com or for more info about the day contact Brec at seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk

There are two **Growing through Conflict - Further Skills Days** for those of you have attended the Foundation Days and want to further develop your skills: 22 June at Cheadle Hulme (SK8 7AL) and 3 July at Bamber Bridge (PR5 6ED), both from 9:30am to 4:00pm. As ever booking is essential via Rob at nwmannnetwork@gmail.com. Please [click here](#) for further details

3Generate: very good news for this Region!



3Generate 2017 will take place from 24 to 26 November at Pontins, Southport - a new LARGER venue and it is in this Region.

3Generate is an action-packed and inspiring weekend for hearing the voice of children and young people across the Methodist Church, focusing on fun, faith and friends. To see what happened at the past events, including the most recent, visit the [YouTube channel](#).

Who is 3Generate for? If you're aged between 8 and 23, 3Generate is for you! There are lots of activities and entertainment for you to choose from, largely organised in three separate age streams: **8-11s** (school years 4-6), **11-18s** (school years 7-13) and **18-23s**.

There will be some other changes this year too...

For the first time, children and young people and their leaders can attend as a group.

Groups will stay in accommodation, together with their leaders, who will be responsible for their care throughout the event. Leaders will attend the event for free and only need to cover their travel costs.

Tickets for this year's event will go on sale on 24 April 2017.

In 2016, 3Generate welcomed over 600 children and young people aged 8 to 23 from all over the country. At the event, [Manifestoes](#) for 2017 were produced by each of the three age streams which present the areas of life the children and young people want to focus on at 3Gen but also in local church life.

3Generate is a weekend and it is also something which feeds in to the whole of the year. Therefore you are invited to put on a [3Gen Big Sleepover](#) whether your children and young people attended the weekend or not. There are resources to help you with the practicalities of that, ideas for games and worship and how to session plan

Welcome to your new District Children & Youth Work Enabler team

- Aims of the project
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ONE Programme

3Generate

Welcome to your new District Children & Youth Work Enabler team

Aims of the project:

Your District and a Methodist Connexional grant and regional training funds have clubbed together in a new project where all Districts in this learning & development region are working together to help volunteers and paid staff working with children and young people to be:

- excited about deepening their own discipleship
- increasingly confident in their skill as children or youth workers
- increasingly confident in enabling children and young people's participation

so that increasingly, children & young people are:

- able to fully participate in their own faith journey
- able to fully participate in the life of the church

The Isle of Man is working slightly differently due to its context but the aims are the same for all Districts. For Cumbria, Lancashire, Bolton & Rochdale, Manchester & Stockport, Liverpool, Chester & Stoke-on-Trent, there are people appointed to work on this project, and introductions to them are further on in this email.

How the project works

Firstly, we need to know who is leading and helping to lead children's and youth work in each church. A questionnaire is being, or has been, sent out to each church. If you received that, then please complete it or pass on to someone else to complete. If we are to support people, then we need to know who they are.

The District Children & Youth Work Enablers look at the picture of what type of work is happening where and between them, they are accompanying different projects, and churches and schemes to learn from you what you are doing well and to find out what the struggles are. This learning will be shared with the churches the Enablers are accompanying, and also shared widely with us all.

In year two, there will be opportunity for training volunteers with children & young people and the enablers will invite you to events or approach you to see about putting something on in your church.

Throughout all of this, the learning about what works well will be shared and the barriers which make it hard for adults who work with children & young people in church will be worked with to be reduced.

Meet the District Children & Youth Work Enablers

Emma Richardson - Cumbria

Jo Critchley - Lancashire

Naomi Sharp - Bolton & Rochdale

Jo Fletcher - Manchester & Stockport

Tim Edwards - Liverpool

Sam Taylor - Chester & Stoke-on-Trent

Isle of Man - Panda Dooley, Ruth Hall and Sue Montgomerie are working together to gather children's & youth work volunteers

What next

Your District puts not only money in to this project, but also a couple of people to act as the support group to the project, and these people will be updating various District committees etc. with the stories and news. In due course, the District will decide if it wants to continue the project or take it in a new direction or end it after the three years.

Contact Us:

Events and reports on the [website](#)
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To all on Churches Together in Cumbria's mailing list

Churches Together in Cumbria is supporting this new partnership between Cinnamon Network and Cumbria Police to support local churches across Cumbria to show Jesus' love in action. Churches will be able to apply for grant funding and one-to-one support from a Cinnamon Advisor to develop one of a range of Cinnamon-Recognised projects for reaching out to their local community.

Please do come to the launch event at Cumbria Police Headquarters in Penrith on 25 May from 11am to 1pm to learn more about this exciting opportunity for your church to respond in loving service to the needs of your community. [Please book for this free event through Eventbrite by clicking on this link.](#)

The 9 projects that will be supported under this initiative are:

[CAP Release Groups](#) - help local churches offer support for recovering addicts

[Hope into Action](#) - help local churches provide houses and community for the homeless

[Linking Lives UK \(Link Visiting\)](#) - help local churches run a befriending service for isolated older people

[Prospects](#) - help churches provide an inclusive Christian community for people with learning disability

[Reflex](#) - help local churches work with young offenders

[Street Angels](#) - help local churches build safe streets in towns and city centres

[Street Pastors](#) - help local churches respond to anti-social behaviour in town and city centres

[Word 4 Weapons](#) - help local churches make their communities safer places.

[XL Mentoring](#) - help local churches build lasting, transformative relationships with young people

If you no longer wish to receive occasional emails from us re events and other information please notify Lucinda Kirby: lkctic@yahoo.com

Best wishes,

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