

The Methodist Church



The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: April 2018

Please remember Our Ministers and Lay workers in your prayers

April 2018

28th 10am Representative Synod Whitehaven Circuit at Cleator Moor Methodist Church

May 2018

12th District Stationing Meeting for Circuit Stewards and Ministers **THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT STAINTON METHODIST CHURCH on 12th MAY 2018 at 9.30 for 10am**

June 28th to July 5th 2018 METHODIST CONFERENCE at Nottingham

Good News ----- We are very pleased to announce that on Maundy Thursday our District Property Secretary Mr. Jim Irvine was nominated to receive Maundy Money from the Queen at the Annual Service at St. George's Chapel Windsor. Our congratulations to him.

NEW CUMBRIA AGRICULTURAL CHAPLAIN COORDINATOR - We are pleased to announce our new chaplain coordinator for the COUNTY is Amanda Gorton.

Her email is :cumbriaagchap@outlook.com

Moving Mountains link :

<https://www.carlisle-diocese.org.uk/news/1899/61/Moving-Mountains.html>

God for All www.godforall.org.uk/moving-mountains

Please See below Information re 'A Discipling PRESENCE'

A Discipling Presence

A [new booklet](#) for rural churches which want to focus on mission and making disciples. It contains stories to inspire, exercises and Bible passages to help reflection and practical suggestions to move forward, with thinking about worship, evangelism, children and young people, and making the best use of church buildings. It has been written by an ecumenical group, including Rev Richard Teal, Chair of Cumbria Methodist District

- **Cumbria Ministry Development Day PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY**

Changes are afoot for this year's 'Clergy Day'! To better reflect the content of this ecumenical day we are changing the name to '**Cumbria Ministry Development Day**' and we will also be using a new venue – **Energus at Lillyhall** (near Workington). The date for this year's event will be **Thursday 1st November** and our guest speaker is the URC minister and theologian The Revd Susan Durber who has been theological consultant to Christian Aid . All those invited to attend will be asked to register via the Cumbria Christian Learning Website (<https://www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk>) – the booking link will be live later in the year but please do put this date in your diary.



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

Cumbria Methodist District

Methodist Women in Britain

Dates for your Diary:-

May 2nd - Full Day Meeting at Sandylands Methodist Church with Edel McClean who is the Learning & Development Officer for Cumbria, with the North West & Mann Team of the Methodist Church & leads on the area of spiritual life.

October 9th - Autumn Day at Appleby Methodist Church (details tbc)

November 5-7th "Together at Thornleigh", our District MWiB residential. Jan Sutch Pickard, poet, preacher & storyteller, formerly of the Iona Community and now living on Mull, will be our guest speaker.

Please do get back to me if you would like any further information, and as usual, "Spread the Word" .

With thanks on behalf of the District MWiB Team.

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PROPERTY MATTERS

Please see below a collection of news and information, feel free to circulate and have a Happy Easter.

Calor Gas Rural Community Fund

Eden Arts Remote rural cinema

Funding Event at Redhills, Penrith

The Old House Show

Grant fund for communities off the gas grid

Calor has opened its [Rural Community Fund](#) offering grants of up to £5,000 for projects to improve local life.

Eden Arts Remote rural cinema

REMOTE Cinema is about bringing the community together through cinema events and by event we mean watching great films together and creating fun, social events that could include dressing up, food, music, games and other activities, perhaps inspired by the film's themes.

I think this would be wonderful to have in a church! A great way to bring the community together or as a fund raiser? Please get in touch with me if you are interested.

Eden Funding Event
Thursday 26 April 2018

10am - 3pm

Cumbria LEP Conference and Business Centre, Redhills, Penrith CA11 0DT

Speak directly to funders; access essential funding information, advice and support; network with other local organisations.

Funders include Cumbria County Council, Eden District Council, Arts Council, CWMET, Cumbria Community Foundation, the Hadfield Trust, Francis C Scott Trust, Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund, Charity Bank, BBC Children in Need, Tesco Bags of Help and the Police and Crime Commissioners Fund.

This event is aimed at local voluntary and community groups, especially those new to the funding arena in Eden.

Please book to attend one of these two sessions:

10am – 12 noon* Registration open from 9.45am. Tea and coffee available upon arrival

1pm – 3pm* Registration open from 12.45pm. Tea and coffee available upon arrival

*You do not need to attend for the full session, but it is advised for you to allow at least one hour to make best use of your time and speak to all relevant funders.

Book your FREE* place today:

Download flier and further information about the funders attending (Marketplace List) and a booking form from our website: <http://cumbriacvs.org.uk/training-and-events>

Complete and return the form to Cumbria CVS info@cumbriacvs.org.uk

*This event is FREE for local voluntary and community organisations however:

All places must be booked in advance. Bookings on the day will incur a £10 booking fee

Small local voluntary and community organisations and/or those new groups in the Barrow area will get priority booking, along with CVS members

A £10/person cancellation fee will apply for non-attendance or places not cancelled at least 5 days in advance for all organisations

Cumbria CVS

Shaddongate Resource Centre, Shaddongate, Carlisle CA2 5TY (Registered Office)

Office: 01768 800350

www.cumbriacvs.org.uk

The Old House Show

Please see flyer below for the SPAB 2-day Show in September this year. There will be lots of stands, talks, demonstrations and some chance for some hands-on, so well worth a visit.

North West & Mann Learning Network Region

We begin to journey towards Easter, we are remembering again the heart of our story as followers of Jesus, and we remember the loss and pain and despair. In this edition of the newsletter we aren't avoiding difficult questions. As Christians we also live in the hope of resurrection, and all that we offer as we serve the church is done in spirit of hope in Jesus and of new life.

- [Local Lay Pastors: What is God up to in Methodism in the UK?](#)
- [3Generate: The children and young people spoke, are we listening?](#)
- [Worship : Leading & Preaching : Are you, or someone you know, feeling a sense of call to lead worship or to preach but you're not ready to do the Worship : Leading & Preaching course?](#)
- [Spirituality day conference: for the spiritually curious](#)
- [What's coming up](#)
- [Contact us](#)

Learning and Development for local lay pastors

"Local Lay Pastors are people engaged in lay ministry authorised by a local church or circuit and acting in a pastoral and mission leadership role in a local congregation. They may be paid or voluntary, full-time or part-time. They are commissioned to engage in pastoral ministry and mission on behalf of, and in collaboration with, local church members, for specified periods of time. An individual's ministry will vary according to their gifts and skills, and the local situation."

Is this you? Or someone in your church or circuit? There are many people hearing a calling from God to serve in this new way.

If so, then please let us know you (they) exist so we can offer support.

There are a number of new and exciting developments happening Connexionally to support local lay pastors, and in this region we want to build on that.

So, if you or someone in your church or circuit fits (or almost fits) in to this definition of a local lay pastor then what are you being asked to do?

A. Email [Alison Ransome](#) with your (their) email address

B. Book to come to a gathering of local lay pastors in this region so we can hear what support you would like from us and so we can invite you in to a new piece of research which will shape future support. This gathering is on Monday 30 April in Preston area. [Book a place with Rob](#) and he will send out venue details nearer the time. The event will be 10:30am to 3:30pm and lunch will be provided.

C. Check out the booklists and other learning & development resources for local lay pastors [here](#).

Thinking of appointing local lay pastors?

If in your Circuit or church you are looking to appoint local lay pastors and you would like to hear how others have done it, then we are collating stories, so give [Alison Ransome](#) a call and we will share ideas with you, and hopefully can help you avoid some cul de sacs.

Not sure if you are a local lay pastor because you're working outside of inherited church?

In some cases, the definition of a local lay pastor may be a 'pioneer' - someone who, as a primary focus of their ministry, is connecting with, and aiming to encourage the formation of, disciples among un-churched or de-churched people and intentionally developing a new ecclesial Christian community, or fresh expression of church."

In this region there is already a space for Pioneers to meet, and access to free training. If you think this is you or someone in your church then please contact [Alison Hulse](#).



The theme for the 3Gen weekend in November 2018 is Courageous. Your group can play a part in shaping the content of that weekend. [This link](#) takes you to an easy to follow session plan to use with youth and children's groups to find out their ideas.

Or if there isn't a group, but there is a child or young person who would like to share their ideas, then [this link](#) for them. This form is for individual children and young people aged 8 through to 23 to tell us the issues they want to talk about at 3Generate 2018.

Children and young people helped to shape the 3Gen weekend in 2017, and their ideas led to the 100s at Southport having the opportunity to share their thoughts, and as a direct result of that the Manifestos they wrote are out and there will soon be on the website for you to use in church with any young people, children or adults to engage with what 3Gen 2017 said was important.

3Gen is more than a weekend away; it is an umbrella term for year round youth and children's participation, and the fruits of this includes a challenge to adults in church to hear what our children and young people are saying.

The young people saying what's important to them has to be heard by adults. Therefore we encourage you to use the manifestos in meetings and events with people of all ages to engage with.

Bookings for 3Gen weekend 2018 open in April.

Worship : Leading and Preaching

Are you, or someone you know, feeling a sense of call to lead worship or to preach but you're not ready to do the Worship : Leading & Preaching course?

There is now '[Worship Foundations](#)'.

On here there are two things.

Firstly, an introduction to theological learning exploring four questions.

- * Who was Jesus?
- * Who is Jesus?
- * What do we know about Jesus?
- * How can we inspire people with the story of Jesus?

Watch one or more of the four videos and consider the questions. See if you get the bug for theological learning.

Secondly, if you think you would like to test a call to lead worship or preach but aren't sure you can do an online learning course, [check out these intro videos](#) from Philip Richter.

SAVE THE DATE...

REIMAGINE SPIRITUALITY
The Methodist Church

Spirituality for Change

Saturday 9th June 9:30am-4:30pm
Liverpool city centre (venue tbc)

For the spirituality curious | Something for you to experience and ideas to take away

Morning and afternoon workshops/prayer spaces;

- Men's spirituality
- Children's spirituality
- Urban spirituality
- Getting congregations praying
- Spiritual disciplines/rhythm of life
- Praying in pain and suffering)
- Gathered worship times
- Stalls
- Bookshop

Save the date...

Saturday 9 June - Spirituality Day Conference : for the spiritually curious

