



# The Methodist Church

## The Cumbria District

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### NEWS BULLETINS: May 2018

**Please remember Our Ministers and Lay workers in your prayers**

#### May 2018

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

June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 **METHODIST CONFERENCE** at Nottingham - please remember the Ordination Services that will take place on the weekend of the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2018

## Cumbria Methodist District *Methodist Women in Britain*

#### Dates for your Diary:-

**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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## Cumbria Theological Society:

Could you please send out a notification about the next event of the

On Thursday, 17th May, 7.30PM at Kendal URC, Tim Farron MP will talk on 'Being a Christian in the World of Politics'. Further details can be found on the new website: <http://www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk/cts/>

**God for All** [www.godforall.org.uk/moving-mountains](http://www.godforall.org.uk/moving-mountains)

# Is it just me?

## New Big Reach website for non-Christians

Why does life seem easier for other people?  
How do I get through difficult situations?  
Why does life feel so temporary?

Six Cumbrian Christians answer some of life's big questions in a new website targeted at non-Christians in Cumbria. [Is it Just me?](#) offers a down-to-earth Christian perspective on life, and provides ways that people can find out more about following Jesus. The website will be promoted through a video advertising campaign on Facebook, building on the success of the 'Church at Christmas' campaign last year, where over 75% of the population of Cumbria was invited to come to church.

For more information, contact Big Reach Innovator, Eleanor Ledesma, [eleanor.ledesma@carlisle-diocese.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.ledesma@carlisle-diocese.org.uk)

- **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 tourists and pilgrims

Cumbria is a unique part of the world, housing two UNESCO World Heritage sites; two National Parks and two Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, it welcomes millions of tourists.

Our church buildings provide an amazing glimpse into our history and there is growing interest by visitors for their architecture, art and musical heritage, as well as their spiritual presence.

Do you have a church trail you wish to promote? or if your church is open and you want to be included on the [ExploreChurches](#) website please contact [The Churches Trust for Cumbria](#)



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.

