



The Methodist Church

The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: July and August 2018

August 2018

31st August at 10am District Finance Committee District Manse
6pm Welcome Service for Zena Smith South West Cumbria United Area

September 2018

1st Sept 5.30pm Welcome Service for Andrew Sterling at Appleby Methodist Church
2nd Sept 3pm Welcome Service for David Newlove at Wigton Rd North Cumbria Circuit
4th Sept 10am District Safeguarding Meeting at District Manse
8th Sept 10am Cumbria District SYNOD at Kendal - Stricklandgate Methodist Church
18th Sept 10am - 12noon Welcome to New Ministers at District Manse
19th Sept 9.30 for 10am Superintendents meeting at Yan Yak

THIS IS AN ADVANCED NOTICE FOR NEXT YEARS STATIONING MEETING. THIS WILL BE HELD ON 11TH MAY 2019 DETAILS LATER BUT PLEASE PUT IN YOUR DIARY. Thank you

Dear All,

Please can I draw your attention to the Attached document about the Whole Life Worship Day on the 15th September 10am - 4pm especially these involved in leading Worship. Thank you

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.

Delphine Tel 01539 737305

Welcome to the Diocese of Carlisle's eNews.

Please share this eNews with others and suggest they subscribe via the button below.

Moving Mountains special edition of The Way

The newspaper of the Church in Cumbria is also available online. [Click here](#) to view.

Latest Messy Cumbria summer newsletter

To read all the latest news & updates from around Messy Cumbria, please [click here](#).

Refresh ladies day

Saturday September 1st, Keswick Methodist Church. Starts at 10am. A day for women of all ages to take time to rest. We are joined this year by Elaine Duncan (CEO of the Scottish Bible Society)

Contact [Jan Talbot](#) to book your place.

Cumbria Bible challenge

Dear all,

I am emailing you to let you know we are offering the Cumbria Bible challenge Year 3 RE lesson resources free to your local school(s) for the next academic year (please note, this is exactly the same resource that was originally offered for 2017-18) For further information about the challenge, please see our website:

<https://www.godforall.org.uk/reach/cumbria-bible-challenge/>

Feedback from schools who have completed the challenges this year are overwhelmingly positive; with one Head describing it as 'child friendly, accessible, exciting and with the added bonus of stickers! A great way for our local church (currently without a vicar) to offer input into school life.' The resource is designed as an easy way to offer local church community support into your school.

If you think this is something that you or a member of your church could be involved with, then please mention it to your local school & encourage them to sign up on our website. We will ensure the individual pupil packs & stickers are with school for the start of September, as long as you request your order by 13th July online via this link: [click here](#).

I am also wanting to encourage you & your local church communities to offer the accompanying 'Diary of a Disciple' books free to each child as a gift to each school, should they sign up. So that even if your school conducts the lessons, you are still able to support the challenge in a practical way. Sample booklets containing three chapters of Luke's gospel in

picture diary form are currently £1 each, and the whole Luke's gospel hardback edition is on offer for £4.99 via www.eden.co.uk

Do be in touch if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,

Sarah

Sarah Hulme

Youth, Children & Families Evangelism Enabler

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

- **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.

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

North West & Mann Learning Network Region

Newsletter – children and young people special June 2018 edition

Life changing experiences, courageous faith and belonging. The church is rapidly changing and if we want children and young people to know the love of God we need to provide for them now. As those of us who are older know only too well, you are only young once, so let's make sure that this generation get to know God's love now and can then journey with God throughout their whole lives.

ONE programme – a job and a life changing experience for a 16-23 year old from this September for a year; deadline really soon so act now if you are going to pass this on to someone. Closing date: 12 noon on 2 July 2018

Belonging – including children and young people with additional needs fully in the life of local church. Thursday 13 September 2018 live streamed conference.

1000 letters – ways to support children and young people to be courageous in their faith; sharing something of your faith story and / or sharing some of your time.

Update on John's health and team contacts



The ONE Programme is a year's intern scheme for 16-23 year old Christians. There is an opportunity in Thornton-Cleveleys (north of Blackpool) and the deadline is really soon. So if you are in this age group and looking for what to do from September then read on. If you know of young Christians who are looking for new adventures from September then please forward this to them now.

[Click here](#) for application information.

We are looking for:

- Someone who is confident in their faith and keen to share it with others.

- Someone who is fun, but serious about growing with God.

What is the role about?

- Connecting with children and young people and showing them God's love in Jesus.
- Assisting with the Church Plant so that we grow God's Church.

What's in it for you?

- You will be given support and encouragement, room to try new things, permission to fail and try again.
- You will have the unique opportunity to start a brand new church with a supportive team.
- Study at Cliff College and opportunity to serve at national Christian youth events.
- Train with a group of ten others doing similar roles across the country.

[Click here](#) for an application pack and more info on the scheme and [here](#) for more info about the church you will be working with.

Email:

Salary: £6,825 per annum

Hours: 15 hours per week

Fixed Term: 1 Sept 2018 - 31 Aug 2019

DBS Clearance Required

Occupational Requirement: 16-23, Christian

Closing date: 12 noon on 2 July 2018

Interview date: 17 July 2018



After the great success of Belonging Together last September there is another live streamed conference, this time with a particular focus on including children and young people with additional needs. Thursday 13 September 2018.

How? Like last year, you can just log on and watch. Or you can get together with a few other people, register your get together and then others can find you and join you.

Where? Also like last year, the Learning Network in this region are looking for a few churches scattered around the region to be hosts and we will promote those particularly so you can be sure that there will be somewhere you can gather with others. Watch this space for more information about host venues.

However you join in, [please register here](#).

What? There will be practical advice, speakers, lightening talks, stories from people on the ground, discussion space.

Why? We are loved and made in the image of God. Some of us find life very challenging due to physical disabilities, learning disabilities, mental illness and trauma. For us all, belonging in church is a precious thing. This day conference helps us all as church to explore ways to be sure that together we can all belong.



Do the adults in your church long to encourage children and young people who don't know how? Then write a letter to the children and young people at 3Generate? Write them a letter that helps them to be courageous in their faith by sharing something of your own faith?

There's a bit more info [here](#), but basically, it's simple. Write no more than one side of A4 to those at 3Generate.

The challenge is that there are 1000 letters for the 1000 children and young people attending. 2000 letters would be even better!

There's some guidance [here](#).

Are there some adults in your church who are still physically active? Maybe this is you? If so, would you consider volunteering at 3generate?

We have now passed the 1000 tickets mark for children and young people attending 3Generate 2018. We now need to focus on attracting volunteers to come along to help at the event. And 3Generate is in this region 23-25 November in Southport – it would be great if we could welcome the children & young people of Methodism from across the UK to this region by loads of us giving some of our time for them to have a great weekend.

We need volunteers in three main categories:

- Venue teams to volunteer in one of the venues, helping with set up and helping the children and young people to engage with the programme item.
- Care and engage teams, here we are looking for people to join the "roving youth team"; people to join the "Chalet Hosts team"; or people to join the "additional needs" team that will be spread across all venues to help those with additional needs to access the programme.
- Operations teams, here we are looking for people to be Stewards; people to help with admin and our help desk; and also people to come along to help with set up and set down of the event.

As 3Generate grows we need more volunteers to come along and support our young people in the ways listed above, to ensure that the event runs smoothly and that our children and young people are able to give and get the most from the programme.

Please consider if you are able to help, or you may know someone who would be great in one of the roles listed. Please encourage those around you to consider volunteering, we do need many volunteers!

Please also take time to pray for 3Generate, for all the group leaders who are currently encouraging their children and young people to come along; for those who are working on bringing together the programme; those working on all the practicalities and those who are

planning to come along and lead.

For more information and to volunteer please [click here](#).

PROPERTY MATTERS

MaintenanceBooker, a new heritage website to keep historic churches and chapels safe for the future was launched last week in England and Wales, following a successful Heritage Lottery Fund pilot project in Yorkshire.

Set up by the National Churches Trust, the UK's church building support charity, and 2buy2, the national buying group for UK, charities, schools and churches, MaintenanceBooker makes it easy for churches to prevent problems such as leaking roofs and crumbling stonework.

Churches and chapels of all denominations can use MaintenanceBooker to get professional help for essential maintenance tasks, thereby preventing the need for expensive repairs.

Using the website www.maintenancebooker.org.uk churches can book gutter clearance and repairs, lightning protection inspection, tree surveys and maintenance as well as asbestos surveys and removal. More services will be added later in the year, such as stonework and lime mortaring with bat surveys, and grounds and graveyard maintenance in the pipeline.

A video explaining MaintenanceBooker is available at <https://vimeo.com/269895676>

For many churches the cost of maintenance can be a major barrier to keeping their building in good repair, so users of MaintenanceBooker can obtain Preventative Maintenance Micro-Grants to help pay for the cost of gutter clearance.

Churches and chapels in the north of England, the Midlands and Wales can now use Maintenance Booker. The service will be available throughout the rest of England from 3rd September 2018

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