



# The Methodist Church

## The Cumbria District

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### NEWS BULLETINS: September 2018

Happy New Connexional Year !!!

#### September 2018

4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am	District Safeguarding Meeting	at District Manse
8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am	Cumbria District SYNOD	at Kendal – Stricklandgate Methodist Church
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10am – 12noon	Welcome to New Ministers	at District Manse
19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30 for 10am	Superintendents meeting	at Yan Yak
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	4 – 8pm	Argentina BBQ	at Rydal Hall

THIS IS AN ADVANCED NOTICE FOR NEXT YEARS STATIONING MEETING. THIS WILL BE HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 4pm especially those 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

#### Message from Deacon Melanie Beaven

Dave Tomlinson is coming to the wonderful Borderlines Carlisle Book Festival. Dave will talk about how he sees spiritual communities as places where we can explore issues of faith and spirit with openness, imagination and creativity. The organisers of the festival are keen to involve new audiences, including Christians. This is an excellent opportunity to meet and listen to a contemporary, well-regarded

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## Argentina BBQ at Rydal Hall – Please support

**22nd September from 4.00—8.00 PM, Bully Barn at Rydal Hall Ambleside, LA22 9LX**

Meet Geraldine, Ishmael, Baby Esmeralda and have a great time with conversations, food, games and fun.

Families with children are very welcome, activities will be provided.

Donations are welcome on the day.

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**North West & Mann  
Learning Network  
Region**

### **Happy New Connexional Year!**

This is a short newsletter to highlight two things...

1. The Belonging Conference on Thursday 13 September
2. Our new staff team and a reminder about how to contact us and ask those at Synod to look out for us and have a chat

# Belonging

Including children and young people with additional needs



A one-day live  
streamed conference

Thursday 13 September  
2018, 9.30am-2.30pm

After the great success of All Together last September, there is another live streamed conference, this time with a particular focus on including children and young people with additional needs. The event is on 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 are working with a few churches who are hosts and we encourage you to join them (click the location to send an email):

[Rosehill Methodist School in Ashton](#)

[Church House, Penrith](#)

[Cornerstone, West Derby, Liverpool](#)

[Swan Bank, Burslem](#)

[The Triangle Methodist Church, New Church Road, Bolton, BL1 5QP](#)

(Please note that Charing Cross in Birkenhead are no longer a host church as they will be in the studio!)

However you join in, either at home, or at a host venue, or in your own small group, please [register here](#) and then you will get all the joining info you need for a smooth experience.

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.

[Click here](#) for a flyer.

## Who are the North West & Mann Learning & Development Team?

[Alison Ransome](#) has an overall coordination role, acts as the point of contact for the Isle of Man. 07799 900474



[Brec Seaton](#) acts as the point of contact for Cumbria District, and leads on Positive Working Together (bullying & harassment, and conflict), pastoral care training, circuit vision and strategy, rural ministry. 07799 900469



[Jasmine Devadason](#) acts as the point of contact for Bolton & Rochdale District, and leads on Worship: Leading & Preaching, Candidates Support and Biblical Literacy. 07799 902560



[Kristie Legg](#) is new to the team, she acts as point of contact for Lancashire District, and leads on Local Lay Pastors, Lay Employees, and supports circuit vision and strategy.



This is what she says about herself; growing up in Stoke in the 70/80s, I then went to university and chatted to lots of people about their faith for a PhD on sacred space for Muslims, Sikhs and Christians. Moving to Lancashire in 1999 to train young people as peer mentors to welcome diversity in schools, I then had children whom I continue to learn a great deal from. I enjoy many things but especially cake, trees and singing in a gospel choir. I am a Methodist member and very involved in my local church. I has been volunteering since school days and comes to us after a decade of paid work coordinating volunteers for a charity. I'm very excited about this Learning and Development role and all the people I'm going to meet because for me relationships are of utmost importance, indeed I prefer the pseudonym of Kristie Lovelovelove as that's what I think it's all about.

[Melody Clarke](#) is new to the team and acts as point of contact for Liverpool District, and



leads Fresh Expressions, ONE programme and Youth Participation. This is what she says about herself; my

background is in children's work and for the last five years I have worked in multiple primary schools to connect them with faith and with their local church. I am passionate about making the Bible engaging and exciting for those who find it hard to know where to start! I studied drama and theatre at university and love putting these skills to use in my work. I am married and have an adorable toy poodle called Rey.



[Simon Sutcliffe](#) is new to the team and acts as the point of contact for Manchester & Stockport District, and leads on Theological literacy, Vocational exploration and supports Continual

Development in Ministry. This is what he says about himself; I am a Methodist minister ordained at the 2005 Conference. I've served two Circuit appointments in the Chester and Stoke-on-Trent District until 2010 when I became one of the first Venture FX pioneers. Since 2011, I have also worked as part time tutor for evangelism and church growth (later tutor for evangelism and pioneering ministries) at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham. I have also been part of the Pioneer Pathways design team. I'm passionate about belonging to a learning church that can think theologically about the interface between church and world. I'm excited to be a member of the Learning Network team helping local churches engage more fruitfully with our theological tradition and their contexts. My spare time is mostly taken up by a large family, but every so often I get to escape to the mountains with a tent for a few nights or kayak down a river; and once a season I make a pilgrimage back home to watch Bradford City (lose).



[Alison Ball](#) is new to the team and works four days a week with us where she acts as point of contact for Chester & Stoke-on-Trent District, and leads on Discipleship resourcing and enabling Circuits to develop intentional discipleship strategies, Circuit steward training, pastoral supervision and 3rd Age Spirituality. 07799

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A bit about Alison; she joins us from the South West Learning

Network as she has moved further north. Alison was the coordinator in the SW so comes to us with a huge amount of experience and expertise. Alison has two dogs and loves adventures in her campervan.

[Edel McClean](#) works three days a week with us and leads on Spiritual life and enabling circuits to develop intentional discipleship strategies, and supports Continual Development in Ministry. 07799 902563





[Alison Hulse](#) works 2½ days a week with us and leads on the Children & Youth Work Enabler Project, is the point of contact for Pioneer Ministries. 07799 900480

### How can you keep in touch?

Please sign up to our newsletter to get the latest info and resources to support your ministry and Church life – to register please [visit our website](#) and sign up. There you will also find the events calendar and more detail on the ways we can support you.

Social media is how we share current and trending info:

- The [Facebook](#) page is where we advertise your events as well as those we are leading.
- [Twitter](#) is where we chat and ask questions, and tweet articles we think are of interest.
- [Pinterest](#) is an e-scrapbook where there are loads of sections and is a place to find good ideas and resources.
- The [YouTube](#) channel is where we put up mini films of people teaching and sharing testimony.
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### 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.

## PROPERTY MATTERS

Dear all

I have been asked by Mr Jim Irving to draw your attention to the Following link regard PROPERTY. PLEASE CLICK ON – Thank you

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/grant-programmes-2019-2023>

Dear All,

Please see below from the National Churches Trust.

Kind regards

Jayne Potts

Hello,

I wished to remind you of our forthcoming deadline to our Maintenance Grant Programme on 26 September 2018. This will also be the last round of the Maintenance Programme under its current name.

The programme offers awards of between £500 and £3,000 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to church buildings costing between £1,000 and £10,000.

Do you know a listed church building with work to do? Please do forward them details of the programme and encourage them to apply if suitable.

To be eligible churches are required to submit 2 quotes and have 50% of funds in place. Further criteria and requirements do exist and more detail can be found in the guidance note on our website, where you can also find the link to the application form [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/maintenance-grants](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/maintenance-grants). Unfortunately we are no longer accepting applications from unlisted places of worship through this funding stream.

Also to note, future changes to our grants programmes: The National Churches Trust has recently [launched its new 2019-23 strategy](#). Alongside this we are in the process of revising our grant programmes to come into effect later this year ready for the 2019 funding allocations. Please find out more [here](#).

All the best,

Catherine

Grants Manager

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Dear All,

Just a quick note to share CTC's plans, over the summer I intend to submit an application to the HLF for Resilient Heritage. Initially enquiries with HLF have been positive - so fingers crossed.

Below is a brief summary of the project. The main aim is to provide a series of videos and a simple maintenance plan to help those of you care for these buildings.

#### CARING for CUMBRIA'S CHURCHES

Caring for Cumbria's churches aims to develop a strategy to aid the long term sustainability and management of places of worship across Cumbria.

The intention is to produce a series of tools to support and enable those who care for church buildings to become more resilient, not only as places of worship but as heritage and community assets.

#### Activities of the Project

Research, film and edit a series of short films (five – seven) to provide information and training, to enable those caring for them to better understand these historic buildings, their potential wider use and the options available to them.

Develop general and targeted maintenance plans to encourage preventative maintenance to prolong the lives of these heritage assets.

Engage ecumenical partners to think strategically and missionally about the future of their buildings, utilising a sustainability rosette.

Understanding, maintaining and looking to enhance the resources and sustainability of these buildings will make them more resilient. The consequence of achieving resilient church buildings helps to conserve our built heritage, promotes our sense of belonging and community, as well as be a driver for regeneration and growth.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions I would be grateful!

Jayne Potts

## 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 News

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

**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@carlisediocese.org.uk](mailto:eleanor.ledesma@carlisediocese.org.uk)