

The Methodist Church



The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: October 2018

October

1 st	7pm	Regional Stationing Reps/Chairs	PRESTON
2 nd	10am - 12.30	DPG	Stainton
6 th	10 - 12 noon	District Local Preachers Meeting	Stainton
11 th	7pm	Rural Chaplaincy Group	at District Manse
17 th	10am - 1 pm	N W Stationing Meeting	PRESTON -Paul Davis's Manse
20 th	9.30 for 10am	District Circuit Stewards Meeting	Tebay Methodist Church
29 th	11.30 am	Growing Together Group	Keswick
29 th - 30 th	4pm - 4pm	Church Leaders Residential	

November

1 st	10 - 4pm	Ecumenical Training Day	Lillyhall Workington
5 th - 8 th		Stationing Matching Group 1	Swanwick
17 th	10 - 4pm	Cumbria Dementia Day	Calver URC/Methodist Windermere
19 th - 21 st		Annual District Ministers Training	at Abbot Hall
28 th	10 - 3.00pm	Supervision District Day	Cottage Wood Plumpton

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

Cumbria Methodist District

Methodist Women in Britain

Dates for your Diary:-

October 9th - Autumn Day at Appleby Methodist Church

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

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.

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>

Germinate updated resources for rural church buildings

Germinate: Arthur Rank Centre have updated and expanded this

comprehensive information hub is for congregations and others who have

responsibility for looking after a rural church building. There is

advice on the full range of building issues as well as advice on how to

open up your building for wider community use and all aspects of

fundraising including setting a budget, devising a fundraising strategy

and completing application forms. <http://germinate.net/church-life/rural-church-buildings-resource-2018/>

Information from Jayne Potts

Dear All,

Please see below the changes being made to the National Churches Trust Grants. Essentially they will have 3 grants (small, medium and large). The largest of which the Cornerstone Grant went live at the end of last week.

<https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants>

The others will come on line before the end of the year.

Heritage Lottery Fund will also be making changes but as of yet there is no information.

Our grant programmes are changing

In line with the National Churches Trust's new strategy for 2019-2023, we are revising our grant programmes.

Each of our existing grant programmes will close at its next deadline. We will be opening 3 new grant programmes before the end of the year: Foundation, Gateway and Cornerstone Grants.

Our criteria will include:

- 50% fundraising in place at the point of application (grant awards will never exceed 50%)
- Applicants must be a Christian denomination, with a building constructed as a place of worship (more than 30 years ago) and open for regular worship use, located in the UK.
- Work must not have started at the point the application is submitted.
- Work must be to the church building or an attached hall.
- Applicants must demonstrate how they meet our outcomes in line with our new strategy:

1. Preserving heritage
2. Promoting sustainability
3. Inspiring support

- Projects at listed buildings must be led by a conservation accredited professional.
- Applicants must have at least 2 quotes in place at the point of application, and any necessary permissions.
- Places of worship must be open beyond worship for at least 100 days per year.
- Grantees must register on our [ExploreChurches](#) and [MaintenanceBooker](#) websites.

Although we fund projects from across the UK, we are especially interested in good projects from our priority areas: North East of England, Northern Ireland and Wales

As currently, all grants decisions will be made by our grants committee, which meets 3 times a year.

The programmes are likely to be structured as follows, though final inclusions are still to be confirmed and remain subject to change:

Foundation Grants

Grants of £500 - £3,000

Eligible work: Maintenance works; items identified as required within a Quinquennial Inspection Report/survey reports/other sort of report; small investigative works/surveys. Projects should cost up to £10,000.

Gateway Grants

Grants of £3,000 - £10,000

Eligible work: Project development work up to RIBA stage 1; strategic or capacity building projects at regional churches Trusts.

Cornerstone Grants

Grants of £10,000 - £50,000

Eligible work: Structural repairs/maintenance issues costed over £100,000; installation of kitchen and toilets over £30,000.

What happens next?

We will release more information on the website in due course. We are currently busy finalising our guidance notes and constructing new application forms. We will soon be revising our 'Choose the Right Grant' page. We envisage most projects, currently eligible under our programmes, to remain eligible for our funding however final programme details and budget allocation are still subject to change.

As ever we cannot guarantee success of any applicant, and what we can award remains dependent upon the funding we have available which varies from year to year.

Final deadlines of existing programmes:

PROGRAMME	FINAL DEADLINE
Repair	2 July 2018
Community	2 July 2018
Project Development	12 August 2018

PROGRAMME	FINAL DEADLINE
Partnership	12 September 2018
Maintenance	26 September 2018

New programmes:

PROGRAMME	OPENS	FIRST DEADLINE	FIRST DECISIONS
Cornerstone	September 2018	5 November 2018	March 2019
Gateway	October 2018	January 2019	March 2019
Foundation	November 2018	January 2019	March 2019

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Kind regards,

Jayne Potts BA(Hons) MSc
Development Officer

Churches Trust for Cumbria
Church House

Churches Together in England held their Forum this September entitled "I am with you always". It was held at the Hayes Conference Centre at Swanwick. Having attend Forum three times this was by far the best, the most inspiring and most relevant for us in Cumbria.

This link will take you to the Churches Together in England forum page where everything is being posted www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018/afterwards. May I recommend you also listen to David Cornick's address which is inspiring. In a music session we listened to a song which you may also like to hear if you have a computer and broadband.

Go on to YouTube. Search in the music section for Koolulam (he is described as a social action musician) and click on the song One Day. It is tremendous.

If you want to know more about Forum contact me or Mel Bevan. There is a lot to think about on this website for Mission Communities, Churches Together Groups and our churches of all shapes and sizes.

Every blessing

Nicola Reynolds

North West & Mann Learning Network Region

The lectionary reading a couple of weeks ago was 'who is the greatest?', and Jesus suggests we look to the children as we ponder our response to the disciples' behaviour, and so in this newsletter we hear three ways of supporting young people. Plus there's an amazing day coming up led by Dr Rachel Starr. Please read on...

- 1000 Letters
- 3Generate Volunteers
- Theological teaching
- Introducing the ex-youth mayor of Wyre and current OPP

Our Methodist children and young people have said to us all as a church that they **"recognise how important it is for all Christians to speak of our faith, to talk of God and to share stories as a means of deepening our faith and sharing it with others."** Therefore the Conference *agreed* the following resolution:

***RESOLUTIONS

11/1 The Conference receives the Report; 11/2 a) The Conference encourages churches, Circuits and Districts actively to engage in a 'Year of Testimony' for the Connexional year 2019/2020.

The North West & Mann Learning Network are playing our part in responding to that by encouraging church members to join in with 1000 Letters. The Chairs of these seven Districts and the Learning Network team spent an hour writing our stories and sharing them with one another before we posted them all off.



This is the last call for letters to be sent in as the team in London need to begin to get them all organised. So please do write on one side of A4 something of your faith story that you would like to share with a young person and get it to 1000 Letters, 6th Floor, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR as soon as possible.

You, like me, may have heard stories of older preachers saying that they began to preach because an adult invited them to come out preaching with them.

You and I are the adults now! What is our responsibility to encourage the faith development and leadership of the current children and young people?



One way we can support the young people in their faith and leadership is to [volunteer at 3Generate](#).

We are still in need of a large number of volunteers to come along to 3Generate for the weekend of 23 to 25 November. 3Generate is the Children and Youth assembly of the Methodist Church and is a really important event in our churches calendar. This year we will be welcoming 1200 of our children to Pontins in Southport, and in order to make this a special weekend for them we do need a large number of volunteers from our churches to come along and help.

All the details and how to apply are on the [3Generate website](#) but we would like to highlight a few roles that we still need people for:

Chalet Hosts

Our children and young people stay in Pontins chalets for the weekend, with their leaders. Pontins as you can imagine have many many chalets and so it can be a bit daunting for groups arriving on a dark November evening to find and get settled into their suit of chalets.

Chalet Hosts are new for this year, they will welcome, support, find answers and generally help our groups to settle in and then continue to support them over the weekend. This will be an exciting role for volunteers who will be right at the forefront of our interaction with attending groups.

Venue Teams

Venue teams will be helping out in our main venues over the weekend, this will involve a variety of Tasks from setting up before an item, to being there to help the young people to engage in the programme.

There are also specific venues like 'Agents of Change' where young people will engage with a journey and creative where the emphasis will be to help young people to engage with a range of creative activities.

Please do visit the web site and see which role would suite you best. We can provide "on site accommodation, but local people can also choose to travel in but return home to sleep.

Is quality, grounded theology the bedrock of good quality preaching and teaching?

Definition of *theology* in English:

theology 

NOUN

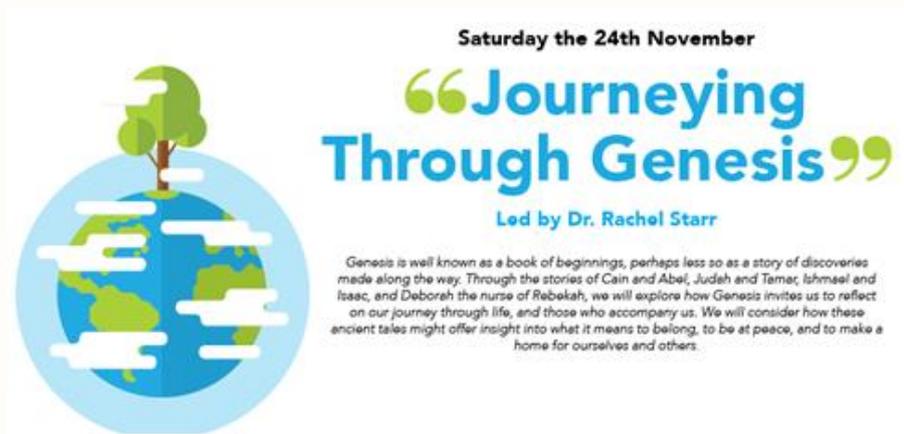
[mass noun]

1 The study of the nature of God and religious belief.
'a theology degree'

[+ More example sentences](#)

We think so. That's why we have invited Revd Dr Rachel Starr to lead a day on 24 November called Journeying through Genesis. Rachel's book on hermeneutics (ways of reading the Bible) is one of the key texts for the worship leader and local preacher training course, and on this day in South Manchester she will be exploring the book of Genesis and doing so from a range of perspectives. [Click here](#) for a flyer.



Saturday the 24th November

“Journeying Through Genesis”

Led by Dr. Rachel Starr

Genesis is well known as a book of beginnings, perhaps less so as a story of discoveries made along the way. Through the stories of Cain and Abel, Judah and Tamar, Ishmael and Isaac, and Deborah the nurse of Rebekah, we will explore how Genesis invites us to reflect on our journey through life, and those who accompany us. We will consider how these ancient tales might offer insight into what it means to belong, to be at peace, and to make a home for ourselves and others.

This day is part of an event for tutors on the Worship: Leading & Preaching course, but is open to all, and we really encourage as many people to attend as possible.

Please do consider attending, as it will be an excellent day, offering lots of food for thought.

If you are a tutor, there are additional elements of the day also for you to build your confidence as a tutor in the marking of Portfolios. And if you have had a student submit a portfolio this time round then please do come to this meeting to hear feedback. Tutors - if you can be there from 10:00am and the event led by Rachel starts for everyone at 11:00am.

This is Jess. She used to be the Youth Mayor of Wyre. Please read on and you will learn that she recently started in her role as a One Programme Participant (OPP) this is what she says:



"I'm Jess, 18, I am currently working as an OPP during my gap year after just finishing college. I never thought I'd be able to fulfil my passion for helping the community alongside my faith however this opportunity has allowed me to work with Thornton Methodist in expanding the church plant, encouraging young people to have a relationship with God" and we say we are delighted that she's part of the Connexional Team working here in the North West & Mann.

Might you want an OPP working with you?

Hosting an OPP is an incredible opportunity for projects (churches/circuits/charity organisations) to benefit from the valuable gifts and skills a young person can offer.

The ONE Programme are looking for projects with a particular emphasis on evangelism and vocation which will contribute to the development of a young person's calling. If you have a project which offers opportunity for a young person to grow and develop, or are dreaming of an exciting new project to which a young person could add important abilities and expertise then get in touch.

If you would like to find out more about what it takes to become a host project please contact Melody Clarke by [email](#) or call on 07817 807555. She would love to come and talk you through the process and what applications involve.

Alternatively, head to the [website](#) to read more about the programme and how to apply.

Application information to become a host project in 2019/20 will be released soon.

GDPR changes have affected us – how can you help?

Policy is that we can no longer add those in District Directories to the newsletter database. Therefore please do pass this newsletter on to all new Ministers, and elected officials and [invite them to sign up here](#). This newsletter is a key part of our communication with local church leaders.

After a busy September getting to know new staff to the seven Districts and welcoming our own new team, we are now working on updating our [website](#).

Growing Through Change and Conflict

training days in Cumbria

For leaders in our churches, to raise awareness and offer skills in recognising and responding to conflict in the church, and exploring a faith-based response.

Growing through Change and Conflict Foundation

(previously called 'Growing through Conflict')

These sessions explore your 'conflict style', how you respond in difficult or tense situations, and the different levels of conflict as they are experienced in church contexts.

Friday 2nd November 2018,

Quaker Meeting House, Penrith

Thursday 17th January 2019

Trinity Church, Barrow-in-Furness (tbc)

Growing through Change and Conflict Further Skills

The FS day offers an opportunity to those who have attended the Foundation Day to practice skills learned on day 1 and to begin to apply these skills to your own situations.

Thursday 22nd November 2018

Penrith (tbc)

Thursday 7th February 2019

Trinity Church, Barrow-in-Furness (tbc)

Scripture, Spirituality and Conflict

This day has been devised in response to popular request: how do we apply our learning about conflict to worship leadership; what does scripture say about conflict?; how do we respond to conflict in faith?

Thursday 7th March 2019

Sandylands Methodist Church, Kendal

Bullying and Harassment

We know that bullying and harassing behaviour exists in our church and faith communities. How can we respond with dignity and respect?

Thursday 14th March 2019

Penrith Methodist Church, Penrith

What's the timing of the day? all days run from 10:00 – 16:00 with refreshments from 09:30

Who is the training for? All are welcome, although the Further Skills day (max 12/day) is only open to those who have attended the Foundation Day. The Foundation Day is designed for any in leadership (lay, ordained, stipendiary, paid or voluntary) in our churches (max 20/day). The Exploring Spirituality, Scripture and Conflict is open to any in our churches (max 30).

Can you bring these courses to my church/community? Yes, we're always happy to plan tailored sessions. Please contact us below to make arrangements.

What do I need to bring? Tea, coffee, cake and fruit will be provided throughout the day. You are asked to bring your own lunch. You will be asked to complete a short questionnaire in advance of the Foundation Day to identify your own style of responding to conflict.

How much will it cost? Each day will cost £15 per person. Your denomination or local church may be able to support you in paying.

Who will facilitate the day? The days will be facilitated by members of the Cumbria Growing Through Conflict Network in conjunction with Place for Hope (www.placeforhope.org.uk).

How do I sign up? To book please sign up by contacting Lesley Orr at lesley.orr@placeforhope.org.uk, or info@placeforhope.org.uk or call Lesley on 07776 527 063

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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

Free Workshops at Kinharvie Institute October & November 2018

Join one of our free 2-hour workshops this Autumn:

Personal Power and Influence

29 October | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Being able to influence others is an essential skill whether you work in a large organisation or on your own.

This workshop will help you understand how the process of influence works and support you to develop your personal power so you are better able to influence colleagues and external stakeholders.

Benefits to you / your organisation

- A greater awareness of your personal power
- An introduction to the core skills for increasing personal influence
- Enhanced ability to influence others

Making Meetings More Effective

19 November | 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Meeting management is the key to planning a successful meeting. Every successful meeting takes forethought and planning. If you want to change the way you and your organisation meets, this workshop will facilitate you in understanding the art of effective meetings.

Benefits to you / your organisation

- Utilise meeting management to change your culture so that people expect more effective meetings
- Understand the different types of meetings and the basic foundations of effective meeting facilitation
- Manage 'difficult' situations in meetings more effectively.

Bridge Builders Accredited Mediating Interpersonal Conflicts Course

13 - 18 January 2019

Bridge Builders are running their next *Mediating Interpersonal Conflicts* training course on the 13 – 18 January 2019 at Felden Lodge, Hertfordshire.

Early Bird Rate is £945 representing a discount of £75 if booked before 22 October 2018. We have just 5 spaces left so don't delay getting your application in.

Bursaries are available – click here to see if you are eligible:

<https://www.bbministries.org.uk/training/bursaries/>

The course is designed for anyone who has completed the Transforming Church Conflicts course (TCC) or Transforming Conflict 1 (TC1) courses and would like to build on the informal mediation skills practiced on these courses.

Course booking can be made here: <https://www.bbministries.org.uk/course/mediating-interpersonal-conflicts-skills-training-for-christians-3/>

The aims of the course are:

- Introduce you to a step by step process for running a formal mediation session
- Develop specific communication skills required for mediation
- Gain practice in running mediations
- Experience what it is like to be a party
- Explore the benefits and drawbacks of Mediation

The course fee includes all training materials, accommodation, meals and refreshments for the week. All rooms are single en-suite. Felden Lodge provides a peaceful setting in beautiful grounds.

Applications for this course can be made here:

<https://www.bbministries.org.uk/course/mediating-interpersonal-conflicts-skills-training-for-christians-3/>

We look forward to welcoming you onto the course.

Grace and peace

The Bridge Builders Training Team