

The Methodist Church



The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: November 2018

November

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

December

3 rd - 4 th		Stationing Matching Group 2	Highleigh
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January 2019

15 th - 16 th		Connexional Leadership Forum and Chairs and SMG	in London
22 nd - 23 rd		District Superintendents meeting	Thornleigh
26 th	9.30 for 10am	District Treasurers Meeting	Stricklandgate

February 2019

2 nd	10am	District MDR Meeting	
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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

Save the Date:

Farewell Service for the Revd Richard Teal and Mrs Susan Teal on the 13th July 2019 at Penrith Methodist Church.

Preacher will be Secretary of the Methodist Conference

Revd. Gareth Powell

Details of the event to follow.

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

Thanks to those who have registered their church on the Explore Churches website, I thought you may be interested in the recent survey – please click on link below. If you would like your church to feature on this website please get in touch with me. <https://www.explorechurches.org/five-star-churches-2018>

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

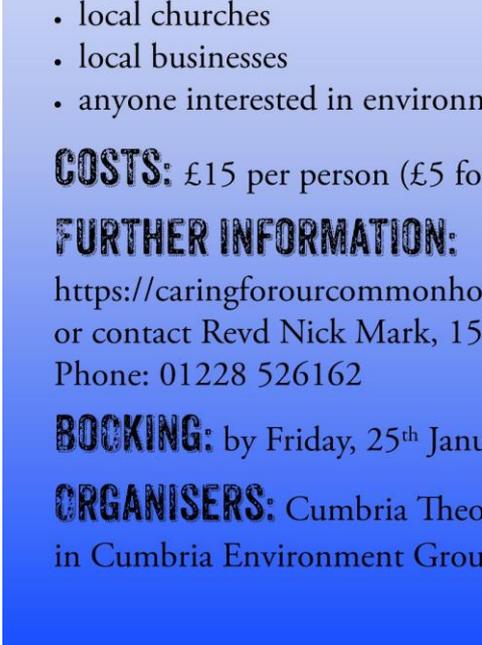
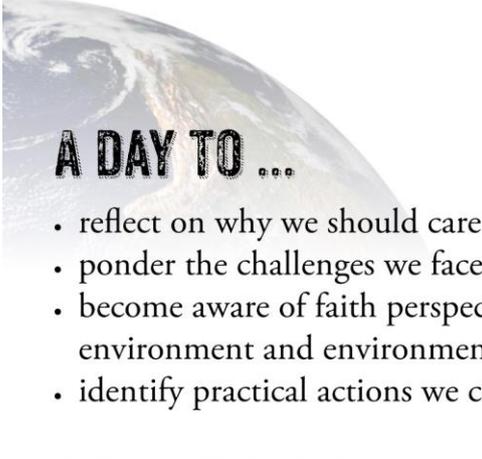
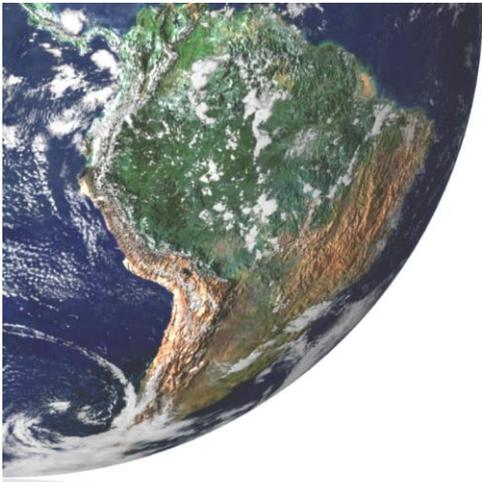
Nicola Reynolds

Dementia *friendly* church

Cumbria Churches' Dementia Conference

Our third annual Dementia Conference will be held on Saturday 17 November at the Carver Uniting Church, Lake Road, Windermere LA23 2DB. The conference gives opportunity to hear directly from someone living with the diagnosis of dementia, to learn of the progress of the dementia-friendly churches project in Cumbria, and to receive an update on the present state of play in dementia research. The programme will run from 9.30 to 3.30. Speakers will include the Revd Lucie Lunn and the Revd Richard Teal and, from outside the county, Hilary Doxford, a member of the World Dementia Council, and Colin Capper, Head of Research Development and Evaluation for Alzheimer's Society.

Everyone is welcome. Please contact Emma Brown ebctic@outlook.com to book your place. Tea and coffee available; please bring your own packed lunch



CARING *for* OUR COMMON HOME

Saturday, 2nd February 2019, 9am to 4.30pm
Keswick School, Vicarage Hill, Keswick CA12 5QB

A DAY TO ...

- reflect on why we should care for the earth
- ponder the challenges we face in doing so
- become aware of faith perspectives on the environment and environmental challenges
- identify practical actions we can take

A DAY FEATURING ...

- inspiring talks
- a range of workshops options
- a conversation with local MPs
- a 'market place' of information and ideas
- worship for those wishing to take part

A DAY FOR ...

- sixth-form students
- local churches
- local businesses
- anyone interested in environmental issues

COSTS: £15 per person (£5 for sixth-form students), reduced rate available

FURTHER INFORMATION:

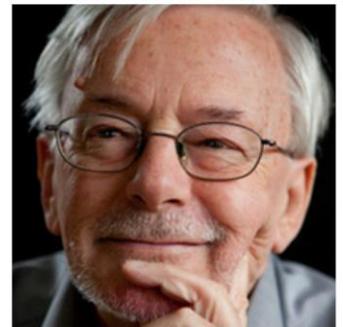
<https://caringforourcommonhome.org>
or contact Revd Nick Mark, 156 Lowry Hill Road, Carlisle CA3 0ER
Phone: 01228 526162

BOOKING: by Friday, 25th January 2019

ORGANISERS: Cumbria Theological Society, Churches Together in Cumbria Environment Group, St John's Church, Keswick

OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Keith Ward is Professorial Research Fellow at Heythrop College, London. An ordained priest in the Church of England, Keith sees it as essential that religious believers ensure their beliefs are beneficial to human flourishing.



Peter Scott is the Samuel Ferguson Professor of Applied Theology at the University of Manchester. Peter is committed to relating theological insights to the dilemmas and issues of modern life.





Information Leaflet

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1. Starting Point

We recognise as the Church that the development of both existing and new leaders needs to be a top priority. In running the '**Growing Leaders**' course from January 2019 our hope is that it will help make a real difference to the way we understand Christian leadership and will result in new Church Leaders being grown amongst us. 'Leadership' covers a wide variety of roles, and isn't just about the high-profile ones such as Minister, Warden, or Elder – a lot of people are leaders without realising it and we want to encourage them all!

2. Why this course?

CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) is a respected provider of support and training to churches, and has developed the *Growing Leaders* course in response to needs expressed by many different churches. Our prayer is that running the course will enable us to:

- start to equip a group of leaders/potential leaders to meet the challenges we face as a Christ's Church in a changing world.
- move towards a shared understanding of the principles of Christian leadership among our leaders and the congregations we represent.
- encourage and develop *new* leaders and equip them to take on new responsibilities within our Church communities; and
- support and encourage existing and potential leaders who hold leadership roles in other areas of life, so that they can be more more effective witnesses there by showing and sharing distinctive Christian leadership.

3. What's the course intended to achieve?

Growing Leaders aims to equip leaders:

To be led more *by* Jesus, knowing him and understanding his will

Christian leadership is rooted in our relationship with Jesus and so we begin by exploring the basis of that relationship and the priority of spiritual disciplines in the leader's life. We continue by considering God's call on our

lives and how we can best discern it. This reflects the way in which Christian leaders are first and foremost those who are led by Jesus and follow his call for their lives.

To lead more like Jesus, enabling his people to be a reconciling community

We need to model ourselves on Jesus, becoming more like him so we can lead as he did. We therefore spend time thinking about the personal qualities of a Christian leader, and what it means for a leader to be a servant.

To lead more to Jesus, serving his redemptive purposes in our generation.

Jesus' commission was to make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). We therefore reflect on how leaders can play a part in the disciple-making process - whether it is helping people to become disciples, or helping them to grow as disciples.

4. What does the course involve?

The course is multi-layered, the key elements being:

- **Learning** There are seven two-hour midweek evening sessions at spread through the year (January - November 2019), a Sunday afternoon and two Saturday all-day sessions. Each session contains elements of Bible teaching, activities, reflection and worship.
- **Mentor** Each participant is provided with a mentor for the year. Their role is to help the participant integrate the learning into their daily life.
- **Support groups** Participants are divided into small groups for mutual support
- **Projects** Participants are asked to complete a total of four projects, to help implement what has been learned or to prepare for a subsequent session.
- **Prayer support** Participants are encouraged to identify someone (a friend or spouse) who will specifically pray for them throughout *Growing Leaders*, as well as the Church family praying for them.

5. How will participants be selected?

The course is intended for the full range of existing and potential leaders, and we'd love to have a group that represents a balance between men and women, people of different ethnicities and ages, and existing and potential leaders. The selection process will be in three stages:

- an introductory session at 3pm on Sunday 14th October at St Bridget's Church, Bridekirk: for anyone who is interested in taking part in the course, ideally with the friend or spouse who would act as their prayer supporter. The aim of the evening is to provide information so that potential participants (and their supporters) understand what is involved and can decide whether to apply;
- submission of applications by Friday 30th November; and
- prayerful consideration of applications by the Course Leaders.

6. Who will be the course leaders?

Growing Leaders will be led by Revd Robert Jackson and Revd Nicki Pennington.

7. Who pays the costs?

The cost is £80. Since leadership development is such an important priority, we are asking the local Church Councils to contribute towards the cost.

The £80 covers the cost of all sessions, venues, meals and refreshments, handouts, and other materials.

8. What happens at the end of the course?

Being a participant does not guarantee a leadership role afterwards; the hope and expectation, however, are that subject to an appropriate process of discernment most participants would continue in or move into a leadership position in their local Churches.

If you'd like to know more please speak to Rob Jackson or Nicki Pennington or look at the website: www.cpas.org.uk/growing/content

Invitation Sept-Oct '18 Personal invitations to potential participants.

Exploration 14th Oct '18 A relaxed exploration of *Growing Leaders* with an explanation of its aims and how it works, and an invitation to consider taking part.

Close App's 30th Nov '18 Complete leadership styles questionnaire.

Part 1: Firm foundations for Christian leadership

Session 1 Sat 19th Jan

(DAY)

Introduction: Leadership matters

In this opening session we define leadership, identify the distinctives of Christian leadership, and focus on participants' leadership styles.

See mentor Getting to know one another and establishing parameters of meeting.

Session 2 Wed 6th Feb Foundation 1: Establishing identity

Christian leadership is rooted in our relationship with God. This session explores the basis of that relationship (God chose us/grace) and the priority of spiritual disciplines in the leader's life.

See mentor Spiritual MOT and spiritual disciplines.

Session 3 Wed 13th

March

Foundation 2: Clarifying call

Many Christian leaders struggle with how to use their time - this is an issue of call. We look biblical principles for discerning God's call & identify a practical tool to help with this.

Project March-July Develop personal life statement.

See mentor Reflect on personal life statement.

Session 4 Wed 17th April Foundation 3: Developing character

The Bible places a clear emphasis on character issues as 'qualifications' for leadership. What are these qualities and how do we grow them?

See mentor Explore character issues and review *GL* Part 1.

Part 2: Key skills of Christian leadership

Session 5 Sat 18th May

(DAY)

Skill 1: Discerning direction

Leadership is about going somewhere, but how do we know where? This day explores how we discern God's direction for a group and how to implement it.

See mentor Explore issues of corporate vision and a spiritual disciplines review.

Session 6 Wed 12th June Skill 2: Growing people

Jesus developed others around him. Christian leaders will need to do the same. This session focuses on how we help others to grow as disciples and leaders.

See mentor Explore growing people.

Project June - Oct Developing another person as a leader.

Session 7 Wed 10th July Skill 3: Working together

Leaders work with people, often in teams, groups or committees. We consider group needs, common dysfunctions of teams, and how to work well together.

See mentor Explore working together and review *GL* Part 2.

Part 3: Keeping faithful in Christian leadership

Session 8 Wed 11th

September

Keeping 1: Embracing cost

Too many people have unrealistic expectations of Christian leadership. We identify costs and how to handle them well.

See mentor Explore costly leadership and a spiritual disciplines review.

Session 9 Wed 9th

October

Keeping 2: Staying fresh

Leadership is a marathon not a sprint. How do we run a marathon well?

See mentor Explore staying fresh, review 'growing leader' project, and review course.

Session 10 Sun 17th

Nov 3:30pm

Keeping 3: Continuing well

A Session with Bishop James, a tea together followed by a celebration service.

Growing Leaders
2019
Application Form



Your Name:

Who is in your family?

Your Address:

Email Address:

Telephone Numbers:

When is it your birthday?

What are your favourite sweets / snacks?

What do you do in Christ's service at your Church?

Which Growing Leaders venue would you to attend? (please indicate below)

.... **St Anne's, Haverthwaite**

.... **St Bridget's, Bridekirk (nr. Cockermouth)**

.... **St Barnabas, Carlisle**

Please turn over...

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I enclose £..... as deposit / full payment for the course. **Signed**
(Deposit: £20. Full Payment: £80 - Cheques payable to Cumbria Christian Learning)

Signature of home church leader
(Minister / Incumbent / Elder etc...)

Signed

Please return to:

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Your personal data

Cumbria Christian Learning will share your information with relevant course providers and with Carlisle Diocese. Cumbria Christian Learning will store information about your attendance at the Growing Leaders course(s); for more details please see our Privacy Notice available at: www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk/ In line with GDPR legislation, you can ask at any time to see the data we hold about you. If you have any concerns, please enquire for details.

growing leaders for growing churches

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

Cumbria comes top in Explore Churches survey

Cumbria has the highest percentage of churches offering 'atmospheric' or other worldly surroundings (78 percent) Often small and rural, these churches are sometimes referred to as the 'thin places,' a term used by Celts and Christians.

Cumbria is also the top county for churches with links to our national heritage with over half (54 percent) stating a famous connection or association with a national event.

To read the full Explore Churches survey results, [click here](#).

Messy Rheged #2

Please put **Sunday 3rd Feb** 2019 into your diaries! The massive Messy Church at Rheged is back for a second year. It's a free fun day out for all the family, so do invite your friends & neighbours! Want to get involved? Please contact [Sarah Hulme](#) Volunteers for a whole range of roles are required, there's something for everyone!