

The Methodist Church



The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: December 2018

December

3rd - 4th Stationing Matching Group 2 Highleigh

January 2019

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

February 2019

2nd 10am District MDR Meeting

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.

This is a letter received for the Newsletter in the Whitehaven Circuit which has been forwarded to the District with kind permission by the writer of the letter.

My name is sanaz . My mother and me came from Iran about 9 months ago .

We were born in a Muslim family and we had to be Muslim.

I met Christianity about two years ago by my closest friend.

After reading about Jesus Christ he and seeing the film life of Jesus Christ, I was eager to learn more about Jesus Christ.

I went to the house church on the invitation of my friend, where I learned more about Christian. It's illegal for Muslim to go to church in Iran, We had to go house church.

I found that Christianity is full of love and friendship, and I found the calmness of the heart in that church.

I felt good about giving up my sins.

When I spoke to my mother about Christianity, she was also keen on being house church.

We didn't want to be Muslim anymore.

After our immigration to uk, We came to Egremont for life and we met your church.

The first day we went to church, Dear Alec and Gilian talked with us and welcomed us .

From that day on every Sunday we were able to come to the church.

Although we didn't understand you very well, we did feel Good, we would get positive energy from all of you.

We are very happy now that we are a member of the Methodist Church, and having kind friends like you .

God bless



ACTION FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Maximum 150 words

Be a Secret Santa for a vulnerable child this Christmas

For most of us, the festive season is a time of joy and family celebrations. But unfortunately, there are thousands of children in the UK right now who are facing a Christmas without food, warmth or love. Action for Children is working to change this - and they need your help.

This Christmas, Action for Children is asking you to be a Secret Santa by donating to help them make a vulnerable child's Christmas safe, warm and bright. Their Santas don't have reindeers or wear big red suits. But, they're doing something very special indeed.

See how becoming a Secret Santa will make a difference to children like Lily this Christmas in this lovely animated film: <https://youtu.be/Em41wD11cFA>.

Please sign up to become a Secret Santa and donate by texting **Santa2 to 70607** or visiting iamsanta.org.uk/northwest

Maximum 250 word

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Why should you get involved?

- Their Emergency Foster Carers are trained to ensure children in care have a safe and loving home over Christmas, with spare presents wrapped for children they need to help at a moment's notice.
- Some Action for Children centres are open over the holidays to support families who have nowhere else to go.
- They distribute food from local food banks to make sure children don't go hungry.
- Their staff call children on Christmas day to let them know someone is thinking of them.

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Christmas news from Eleanor Ledesma

It's often said that people need to see a message at least 3 times in order to act on it – so this Christmas, Big Reach Innovator, Eleanor Ledesma has planned an exciting campaign to invite non-church goers to join us at church for the first time. This will ensure that most people in Cumbria will hear the message, which will serve to warm people up and hopefully make them more likely to accept invitations from their local churches. You can read more about the campaign on the [God for All website](#).

Radio

Through radio adverts on commercial radio stations, CFM, Heart and Smooth, as well as Dax (digital audio exchange, for listeners of podcasts and online streaming services), we aim to reach over 300,000 people. There are two versions of the adverts, a Mum and a Dad. The adverts will air from 1-25 December and will be broadcast 7 to 8 times a day. You can listen to the adverts here: <https://www.godforall.org.uk/the-campaign.html>

Direct Mailing

This week, in partnership with Royal Mail, 138,000 households were sent a card inviting them to attend a Christmas service. The cards were sent to postcodes with a high percentage of families living in them. You can see the invitation card here: <https://www.godforall.org.uk/church-at-christmas.html>

Kid's Guide

In November, a full-page advert was placed in Kids' Guide which was given to every primary school pupil in the county.

Online display advertising

Online banner adverts have placed on mainstream websites such as EBay, Zoopla, Daily Mail and Autotrader, and are displayed only to people in Cumbria. This will reach approximately 85,000 people.

Facebook and Youtube advertising

The Church at Christmas film will be promoted to approximately 180,000 people through Facebook and Youtube advertising. You can view the film on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ChurchatChristmas/>

Ways you can make the most of the campaign.:

You could use the same logo and key messages when you are promoting your Christmas services. There are two poster designs to choose from, which can be printed and filled in with your own details. Alternatively, if designing your own publicity materials – you could use the messaging as a starting point and use the Church at Christmas logo. An effective way to publicise your special Christmas services is Facebook, and tips on how to do this, as well as the posters and logo are available on the God for All website: <https://www.godforall.org.uk/church-at-christmas.html>.

It is hoped that you will be encouraged by this activity, and that it will embolden Christians in Cumbria to personally invite their friends, colleagues and neighbours to church this Christmas.

Eleanor Ledesma

Big Reach Innovator

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>

I am pleased to announce that our Preventative Maintenance Micro-Grants are now available for a number of fabric maintenance services. Previously this grant was reserved for Rainwater Goods maintenance services, but it has been opened up and is now available to churches booking the following services through the Maintenance Booker site:

- Rainwater Goods Maintenance
- Lightning Protection System Repairs
- Asbestos Removal
- Masonry repairs and High Level Maintenance (from March 2019)

Grants of either £250 for services costing between £500 and £1000 - or - £500 for services costing over £1000 are available. Full details and how to apply can be found here:

<https://www.maintenancebooker.org.uk/support/grants>.

Our other Grant programmes are in the process of being revised in line with the National Churches Trust strategy 2019-23, including our Foundation Grants of between £500 and £3,000 for maintenance repairs. To find out about the new structure of the grant programmes and what we can fund, please see [here](#). To access details on each of the grant programmes, all of which will be live by December, please see [here](#). I have attached our Grants Programmes 2019-23 leaflet.

If you would like to speak to us about the possibility of pre-award micro-grants available for these services, please contact either myself, or my colleagues Janet Edmond or Michael Murray, whose contact details are below.

Janet Edmond - Maintenance Manager

janet.edmond@nationalchurchestrust.org

Tel: 07734 392445

Michael Murray - Executive Director, NCT Heritage Services

michael.murray@nationalchurchestrust.org

Tel: 07860 958858

[Please pass on to your circuit property secretary](#)

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

Empowering Design Practices Study Tour

Faith, Community and Design at Mossley Hill Church, Liverpool

Get inspired by the potential of community engagement and design to enhance and re-imagine historic places of worship on this hosted study tour of Mossley Hill Church in Liverpool. The Church has undergone an award winning remodelling to create a social space for the Mossley Hill neighbourhood to connect.

You will have the opportunity for an in depth exploration of the challenges and opportunities the project faced. Hear about the process of engaging with the community before defining the design for the project. Look at how they secured funding, and the journey that led to their final design. It is a chance to meet with some of the people involved in the rebuilding and management of the building.

Join us to explore this historic reordered church. There will be a chance to discuss and share your ideas over lunch (provided).

If you're interested in attending, please book your tickets via [Eventbrite](#)

Travel bursaries of up to £100 are available (travel on standard class tickets only).

Study Tour meeting point: Church of St Matthew and St James, Rose Lane, Mossley Hill

<http://mossleyhillchurch.org.uk/>

Please let us know if you have any dietary or access requirements.

Link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mossley-hill-church-study-tour-tickets-50483665001>

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>



Passions and Palms

Heavy Lifting and Resilient Hope

Creative Explorations
with Revd Dr Val Ogden

MWiB Swanwick Weekend
5th - 7th April 2019



Methodist Women
in Britain

Passions and Palms: Swanwick Residential 2019

Booking Form

*Please be aware that whilst men are welcome to book into accommodation for the weekend,
the programme itself is only open to women and those who identify as women.*

Name (as you would like it
to appear on your badge)

Methodist District (if known)

Address

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Telephone number

Email

Accommodation:

Accommodation at Swanwick is on a number of levels; some rooms have step-in showers, and disabled rooms are available. Please indicate any difficulties you have with mobility/stairs, so that an appropriate room can be assigned (remember you may be carrying heavy bags):

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If you are willing to share a bedroom, please tick the box and indicate with whom you would like to share – a few rooms can accommodate three or four people:

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PLEASE TURN OVER TO COMPLETE THE FORM



The keynote speaker and leader for the weekend will be

Revd Dr Val Ogden,

former Mission Partner to Zambia and Fiji

Born in Manchester, Val has been committed to communicating God's good news in Christ, in diverse ways, since answering a call to preach at the age of 19. She worked in education and training, and as a presenter on commercial radio, before training for ministry. Ordained in the United Church of Zambia, Val has served as a Mission Partner in Zambia and Fiji, and currently ministers in the Boston Methodist Circuit in Lincolnshire.

Val loves Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, and is fervently ecumenical—'For God so loved the world'.

There will also be a variety of workshops; time to make or renew friendships; time to relax together or find quiet space; time to share in conversation and visit the Market Place.

There is a variety of single and shared accommodation available, all with en-suite facilities.

A crèche and children's programme will be provided as required.

A receipt will be sent confirming your booking or place on the waiting list.

Payments will be refunded only if your booking is unsuccessful.

Further information, details of workshops, and suggestions of items to bring with you will be sent in February.

Booking forms and other information can be downloaded from the MWiB website: www.mwib.org.uk

PLEASE RETAIN THIS PORTION OF THE FORM

The main venue will be the Derbyshire suite at the top of the site;

please tick the box if you would find transport to and from the main venue useful

Dietary or other special requirements (e.g. loop system, signing, large print, braille, etc.)

Do you require a crèche or children's programme for the weekend? **YES / NO** (If yes, we will contact you for further details)

Is this your first time at the MWiB Swanwick residential weekend? **YES / NO**

Share your skills:

Please tick the boxes if you're willing to:

~ assist with setting up and operating audio-visual equipment

~ arrive by 4.00pm on Friday to show people to their rooms

~ use your car to take people to and from the Derbyshire suite

Thank you – we will contact you in March if your skills are required.

Payment:

You can pay the **full amount £170** or a **non-returnable deposit £70**; balance is payable by 1 February 2019.

To keep bank charges to a minimum, we encourage payment via the **DONATE** button on the front page of our website, using the reference **Swanwick 2019***. Otherwise please make your cheque payable to MWiB.

* *NB: Swanwick payments cannot be Gift Aided, so please do not tick this option when paying via the website.*

A small number of **bursaries of £150** are available for women who would otherwise not be able to attend for financial reasons. For more information on bursaries go to www.mwib.org.uk or telephone 0300 030 1517.

Send completed booking form by email: swanwick@mwib.org.uk

or post: Swanwick 2019, MWiB, c/o Touchstone, 4 Easby Road, Bradford BD7 1QX

Signed:

NB: Your booking is a legally binding contract, and you are recommended to take out travel insurance, which should cover your conference costs in the event of cancellation

Carlisle Passion Play 2019

Carlisle Passion Play will take place on Saturday 13 April, 2019, in the Town Hall Square. There will be two performances, each lasting approximately one hour, at 11.00am and 2.00pm.

It will be a dramatic outdoor performance in the modern idiom portraying the betrayal, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. There is a host of ways in which you can be involved in this event. **Are you interested in acting, being part of the crew, volunteering, stewarding?** The Writer and Director, John Davies, of Classic Theatre Cumbria, is looking for people to perform and also support the performance in wardrobe, stage set etc. We need actors of all ages, both speaking and non-speaking parts. Auditions will be held in St George's URC, Carlisle (car park behind St Cuthbert's Church) on Wednesday 9th & Friday 11th January from 5.00pm to 9.00pm. To audition, please register your interest at info@classictheatrecumbria.co.uk. For further information visit www.carlislepassionplay.org

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.

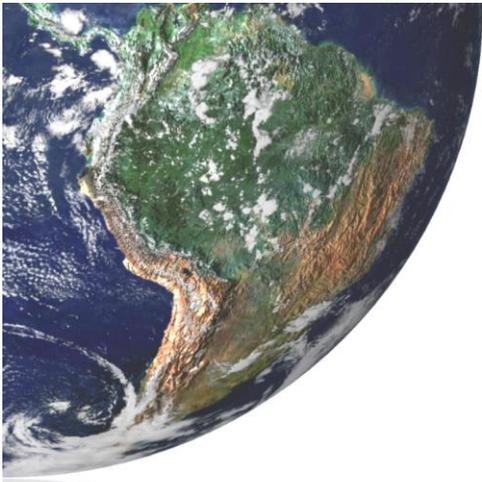
This link will take you to the Churches Together in England forum page where everything is being posted www.cte.org.uk/Forum2018/afterwards. May I recommend you also listen to David Cornick's address which is inspiring. In a music session we listened to a song which you may also like to hear if you have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



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:

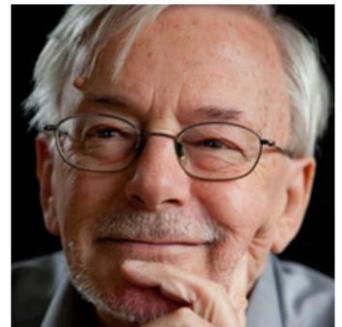
<https://caringforourcommonhome.org>
or contact Revd Nick Mark, 156 Lowry Hill Road, Carlisle CA3 0ER
Phone: 01228 526162

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.



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

Thursday 17th January 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

Growing through Change and Conflict Further Skills

Thursday 7th February 2019

Trinity Church, Barrow-in-Furness (tbc)

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

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

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!