



The Methodist Church

The Cumbria District

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NEWS BULLETINS: January 2019

January 2019

11th 10am District Finance Meeting at the District Manse
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.

PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE IS 4 PM

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!

Please see poster below and make this known in your churches



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>

How are you? I hope you all had a very lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Towards the end of last year I applied for and have been awarded an HLF Resilient Heritage Grant - Caring for Cumbria's Churches. There will be more information to follow when we go public.

Briefly the aim of the project is to provide tools to help those who care for Cumbria's churches, to become more resilient and able to improve the management of these significant heritage assets for the future. There will be three elements to the project: Comments on the project are welcome. I. Produce a Self Inspection Template to form part of a Maintenance Plan.

II. Series of Videos (12-15mins long)- These will cover a variety of subjects.

- Historic Church Buildings – Historical context/building fabric/construction/materials/

- **Church Building Governance - ecclesiastical exemption/Faculty System/DAC/Listed Buildings Advisory Committee/Property Officer** – who they are/how they work/what they want/how they can help.
- **Heritage professionals - role of conservation architect/understanding QQ's/Archaeology/importance of good design. Statements of significance & need.**
- **Maintenance & Management** – SPAB history/importance of maintenance/Insurance/record keeping.
- **Open church** – encouraging wider use/re-ordering/church welcome/interpretation/ church tourism/heritage assets/Funding.
- **Your building and community - the role of churches** – where will you be in 5, 10 years time/sustainability rosette/Legal options:friends, heritage church, closure.

III. Embed the sustainability Rosette (something developed by the trust a few years ago) into common practice to help better manage heritage assets. This will include workshops around the county.

Other News

As part of the ExploreChurches, Great Interpretations project in Lincolnshire, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, they have produced some training modules for volunteers at churches to help them promote their buildings. These include training sessions, but also some online video training. The first of these has just gone live on our ExploreChurches website and YouTube channel. They are very informative and show you how to take better pictures of churches, perhaps they could be used to illustrate your Explore Churches page? If you use #explorechurches they will share your posts. You can find the videos on the ExploreChurches site

here: <https://www.explorechurches.org/taking-great-photos>

People, Place, and Purpose: Churches and Neighbourhood Resilience

Based on intensive research in three vulnerable communities in the North East of England, this report highlights the importance of engaging people in common action, curating places of public gathering, and refusing stories of decline and degeneration

The report is available at: <https://www.theosthinktank.co.uk/research/2018/11/08/people-place-and-purpose-churches-and-neighbourhood-resilience>

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/images/E-news_winter_2018_Final.pdf?ct=t%28spring+2018+newsletter_COPY_01%29

The Environmental Challenge for 2019

Eco Church is a project that aims to create a network of churches as local centres of environmental care in the community. Their free online survey and supporting resources are designed to equip your church to express your care for God's world in your worship and teaching; in how you look after your buildings and land; in how you engage with your local community and in global campaigns, and in the personal lifestyles of your congregation. <https://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/>

Sustainable Heating and Lighting

Following a successful conference at Wakefield Cathedral on sustainable heating and lighting, the resources are now available on the [Diocese of Leeds](#) site.

Planning for sustainability is important for all parishes when thinking through works in their churches, especially for projects such as heating and lighting. We hope that these presentations will help you think about how you can minimise your impact on the environment and make your church building more efficient.

<https://www.leeds.anglican.org/dac/sustainability>

National Churches Trust's New Grants Programme Offers Funding for 2019

Deadlines for the first funding round in 2019 are coming up in January as follows

- 10 January 2019 for a Gateway Grant.
- 24 January 2019 for a Foundation Grant.
- 04 March 2019 for a Cornerstone Grant.

Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply. Applications will be considered from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship across the UK. Applications from the Trust's priority areas are encouraged: North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales, though this is not to the exclusion of churches in other areas.

Full details can be found on the National Churches Trust

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

You can watch a very helpful video here <https://vimeo.com/nationalchurchestrust>

You can see the latest grants awarded to 77 churches and chapels here <https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/december2018grants>

Greggs Foundation - Local Community Projects Fund

Grants are available for not-for-profit organisations based in local communities in England, Scotland and Wales to deliver projects or provide equipment to people in need at the heart of their local communities. <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/local-community-projects-fund>

[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/>

Dear friends of Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group,

Spiritual Direction Training Course

In 2019 Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group will be offering a course for those who would like to become Spiritual Directors.

The course will be held at Hawkshead Hill Baptist Chapel on one Saturday per month over ten months. The dates we've agreed so far are: 27 April; 1 June; 22 Jun;, 13 July; 28 September; 19 October; 23 November 2019. Dates for January, February and March 2020 will be confirmed later. The course will cost £200 per person and will include drinks throughout the day. Participants are asked to bring a packed lunch. Ideally participants will commit to attending all sessions to make the most of the teaching offered and allow the formation of trusting relationships within the group. Morning sessions will be taught with practical sessions after lunch, including sharing of real issues in small groups.

Anyone who has completed the Nourishing the Soul course is eligible to apply. There are 18 places available (limited due to space and availability of course leaders). Anyone who has not done Nourishing the Soul but has an equivalent course or experience is also welcome to apply. Places will be allocated at the discretion of the CESG team.

For further details or to apply, please contact Helen Brocklehurst (CESG treasurer and secretary) on cesg@lunesdale.community; 07901286776; 78 Beech Rd, Halton, Lancaster, LA2 6QH. Your details will be passed to other members of the team who will contact you to discuss the course further.

Festival of Prayer

Another date for your diaries – we will be running a Festival of Prayer at Rydal Hall on Saturday 15th June. More information will follow as plans come together.

Blessings to you all,
Helen

North West & Mann Learning Network Region

Happy New Year 2019!

We are in covenant service season in many of our churches, and at this time of year we tend to be a little more reflective about our calling. In this newsletter there is some very helpful info about vocations exploration which might be timely for some in the churches you serve or indeed for you.

The year of testimony is coming, and to prepare you for that we have a great day about invitation to church. Read more in the section of weekend of invitation.

Also in this edition we have updated info about Bible Month – it was great to see so many people involved last year, and we hope to see you all again, and maybe even more of you.

Feel free to read the whole newsletter, or skip to the parts you are particularly interested in:

- [Vocation Saturdays and a falling whale](#)
- [Bible Month](#)
- [Weekend of Invitation](#)
- Who are the North West & Mann learning & development team and how do I contact them?

Vocation Saturdays and a falling whale

Are you, or is someone you know, feeling a nudge from God?

Fancy some space to reflect on that?

Want to meet with others in a neutral space away from the hurly burly of daily and church life?

If the answer to any of these is yes, then the Vocation Saturdays are for you!



VOCATIONAL EXPLORATION

Methodist Perspectives on Vocation: **22nd September 2018**

Discernment and Decision Making: **10th November 2018**

Understanding Vocation: **26th January 2019**

Becoming Myself: **23rd March 2019**

Biblical Models of Vocation: **22nd June 2019**

Sessions begin at 10.30am and finish at 3.30pm. The venues will be booked nearer the time to best suit those who have booked in advance.

Bookings via **Rob** at NWMannNetwork@gmail.com and for more info and a conversation about vocation exploration contact **Jasmine** at devadasonj@methodistchurch.org.uk 07799902560

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The next two dates are 26 January and 23 March. Both are in the Preston area as there are a number of people from nearby who are already interested. The sooner you book, the sooner we know where

people are from and we book a venue that best suits those booked on.

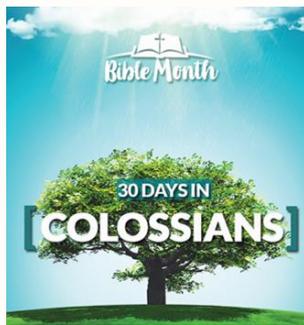
In January's session we use Deuteronomy 1:31 "in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled until you reached this place" to aid reflection. The session is interactive, with space for input and personal reflection and small group time.

In the March session we explore big questions about who am I! Although this is a big question we use lots of methods to make the session not at all scary, maybe you remember [this clip](#) from The Hitchhikers Guide to The Galaxy, we use this in the session.



Both sessions stand alone, but all sessions feed in to one another too. Please do [book in](#), or share with others.

Maybe advertise it in your church newsletter, or better still, give a personal invitation to someone whom you think God is stirring (and if you want a hand with how to do invitation, check out the event in March, below).



Bible Month Preparation Day

Saturday 9 March at Knutsford Methodist Church, 10:00am to 3:00pm

What is the book of Colossians all about? What are the main theological themes? How can we as ordinary folk read the text? And what is the relevance of the text for today?

This Bible month preparation day is another exiting opportunity for preachers, house group leaders, Youth & Children's work leaders, indeed all of us to focus on a single biblical book and get deeper engagement with particular biblical book in innovative ways.

Once again the Methodist Church has teamed up with Roots and the LWPT to produce materials to help you to engage with Bible month in 2019 this time to unpack the book of Colossians. You can [order those online](#) and also there is a day in this region, to prepare us for the Bible month.

Aim of this day is to help us as leaders to get some deeper learning about the book of Colossians.

The Day includes: A Bible study with **Revd Steve Wild**; Steve has been the Chair of Cornwall's Methodist District for 10 years and is a former President of Conference. Steve has been a minister for 35 years. Previously he was the Methodist Church's National Director of Evangelism, based at Cliff College.

Followed by workshops led by Biblical and theological scholars. They both write books and papers for academics and their printed stuff has academic language, but they are both also excellent communicators for a wide of people, and are accessible.

Canon Revd Dr David Holgate is a South African Anglican priest, now based in the UK. He is Sub-

Dean and Canon for Theology and Mission at Manchester Cathedral, where his work focuses on connecting the Christian faith with the concerns of the city, especially homelessness, health care and interfaith understanding through Scriptural Reasoning. Although he has a special interest in Luke-Acts he is going to help us generally engage with how to creatively engage with biblical interpretation. David is the co-author with Rachel Starr of the *SCM Study guide to Biblical Hermeneutics* (2nd Ed, forthcoming, 2019). Hermeneutics is an academic word for 'how we interpret the Bible'.

"Towards a Public Theological reading of Colossians" Workshop with **Revd Dr Raj Bharat Patta**. Raj is an ordained Minister of the Andra Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and is currently serving as an authorized Presbyter at the Stockport Methodist Circuit. He has just finished his PhD at the University of Manchester with a research topic on Subaltern Public Theology (how ordinary people do theology). The workshop will be helping us to take learning from Colossians and share this with wider society.

Don't miss the opportunity!

To book just for the Bible month element please [email Rob](#) before 28 February.

This day is part of a wider event being held at Knutsford called FireFest; to find out more about that please contact [Peter](#).



Do you have 'the fear of the invite'?

Imagine you were asked to invite somebody in your life to church. Would you do it? Could you do it? How would you know who to ask? What if they say no... what if they say yes?!

If you have ever wondered about any of these questions, then read on – this is for you!

Many of us have grappled with 'the fear of the invite' at some stage in our lives. The good news is we have an amazing day for you exploring the power and ease of invitation.

Come along and be equipped, empowered and released to listen who God is nudging you towards. Then, together, we can look at what we do about it.

As you may have heard The Methodist Church has been challenged by our young people to a year of testimony. This invitation day is part of the equipping for all of that. Why not try out this day as part of your preparation for the year of testimony, it's all about gaining confidence to speak to others about God.

This day is not to be missed - details of how to book in are below.

[Check out the Facebook event](#) for updates, films and info.

Better Together: interested in coming? Why not fill up a car with some friends from your church and start this journey together?

10:00-10:30 Arrivals and refreshments
10:30-11:30 The reasons we don't invite
11:30-11:45 Break
11:45-12:30 Understanding the present culture
12:30-13:15 Lunch break – please bring your lunch
13:15-14:30 Best Practice, and how we can work together
14:30-15:00 Closing response

At Emmanuel Church (Salford), [174 Langworthy Road, Salford, M6 5PW](#)

Booking essential by 21 February by [emailing Rob](#).

Each Church was given an A3 poster at September Synod to advertise this event, we have a few left, contact [Alison Ransome](#) if you need one.

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.

Visit the [website](#) for the [events calendar](#) and more detail on the ways we can support you.

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