

The Methodist Church



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The Cumbria District

NEWS BULLETINS: February 2019

February 2019

2nd 10am District MDR Meeting
1st - 3rd February Methodist Youth President Visit to Cumbria
6th - 8th February Probationers Retreat - Rydal Hall
26th February 10am - District Policy Group - Stainton

March 2019

4th March Probationers Review Committee - Penrith Methodist Church
5th March Lay Employment Day - Lancaster 10 - 3pm
16th March 10am - 12 noon Circuit Stewards at Keswick Methodist Church
20th March Ministerial Synod at Maryport followed by Superintendents meeting
21st March District MWiB Day at Brampton Methodist Church

April 2019

May 2019

4th May 9.30 for 10am - 3 pm Synod - Penrith Methodist Church
11th May 9.30 for 10am District Stationing Meeting at **STAINTON Methodist Church**

Save the Dates:

**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

PLEASE NOTE THE SERVICE IS 4 PM

**Welcome Service for the New District Chair the Revd. Dr James Tebbutt will be held on the
31st August 2019 at Penrith Methodist Church at 7pm**

Visit of the Methodist Youth President to the Cumbria District

The freezing temperatures which greeted Jasmine the Youth President when she arrived in Cumbria did not deter the warmth, vibrancy and infectious faith which she brought to the weekend and to everyone she met.

Friday evening was a visit to Shackles Off, a youth project on the west coast of the county at Seascale in the Whitehaven Circuit whose aim is to help young people foster their personal, social and spiritual development and to empower them to make a positive and fuller contribution to the local community and to society. This is achieved through a varied provision of 15 sessions over 6 days, delivered by 2 full time and 1 part time paid staff supported by many volunteers.

Saturday morning was a visit to Sandylands Methodist Church in the Kendal Circuit where many people had arrived at a Coffee morning to meet and hear Jasmine. She again interacted with many people and spoke about her role and theme of 'Being Courageous'. This was followed by a lunch time meeting with youth leaders at the home of Marc Jackson the lay pastor and the conversation centred around the possible development of youth work in that area.

Then it was time to visit The Bridge at Penrith Methodist Church and the Youth Café, meeting leaders and young people. The day ended with a meal hosted by Revd Tim and Mrs Tracey Cooke at their home again with a number of young people.

Sunday was a visit to the second Massive Messy Church in Cumbria at Rheged near Penrith. The theme was 'Big Top Circus Party' and included a Woodwork Zone, Street Dance, Circus Skills, Vocal Workshop, Animal Antics Zone and of course a Celebration Zone. This fun-packed Messy Church for all the family attracted over 600 people from around Cumbria and was truly ecumenical and inter-generational. This was Jasmine's first experience of Messy Church and she promises to share that experience with others.

It was a joy for the district to meet with Jasmine and we trust she went away having experienced new things, having met many new people. She goes with the districts prayers and love.

Revd Richard J Teal: Chair of the Cumbria District.



God for All - it's good to talk!

Please encourage your churches



Thank you to everyone who completed a special survey which will help hone content for a forthcoming God for All Big Discussion event in March.

Invitations have now been circulated to principal contacts in all mission communities/church groupings, requesting they provide details of a **maximum of 10 cross denominational representatives** in each area who can attend the Big Discussion and then return the completed booking table.

It will be held at Rheged on Friday 1 March at 2pm to 4pm and then repeated from 7pm to 9pm. People need to say which session they will attend. Places are offered on a first come-first served basis with all responses needed by **5pm on Friday 22 February**.

Both sessions will be live streamed via the [God for All Facebook page](#). Follow that now in order to participate in the Big Discussion via social media

Dear friends,

If you aren't already aware, we wanted to tell you that Spring Harvest is taking place in Harrogate this year from Saturday 13th April – Wednesday 17th April and we would love you to come along!

With worship, fellowship and teaching on the theme of "Unlimited: when you pray" we are looking forward to an inspiring and practical time of deepening our relationship with God together.

We would like to invite all our friends from the Methodist community to come and join us to be encouraged and inspired.

The event takes place at the Harrogate International Convention Centre and further details are available on our website www.springharvest.org/harrogate

Tickets for the full event are just £120 for adults and £99 for youth. Accommodation is not included.

Day tickets are also available for only £35 for adults and if a you would like to form a group we may be able to help with transport to and from the venue from your area. Please just email me to talk this through.

Finally, click here for [details of two discount offers](#) including free indoor camping for groups of 10 youths or more!

We look forward to seeing you at Spring Harvest Harrogate.

Warmest regards

Rory

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>

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>

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>

[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/>

Our District MWiB day will be held at Brampton Methodist Church on Thursday 21st March –

Speaker Rev Richard Teal –

'And Still Stir Up Thy Gifts In Me' –

Please see poster below.....



The **Methodist** Church
North Cumbria Circuit

Spring Day

Thursday 21st March

10.15am—3.30pm

At Brampton

Methodist Church

Theme: 'And still stir up thy gift in me'

(Hymns & Psalms 745)

Morning Gathering

starts with coffee at **10.15am**

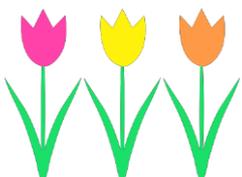
Speaker: **Rev Richard Teal** (District Chair)

Afternoon Service 1.45pm

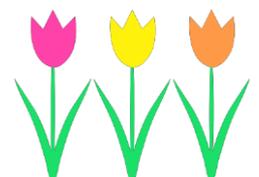
Communion with **Rev Richard Teal**

Please bring a packed Lunch

Tea/Coffee and Cakes provided



All Welcome





Kendal Circuit
Methodist Women In Britain
Invite you to a Day Conference on:
GENDER EQUALITY; IT'S ABOUT TIME
(How can WE make a Difference)

Key Speaker: Rachel Allison

Monday 11th March
10.00am – 3.30pm

at Arnside Methodist Church
Chapel Lane, ARNSIDE, LA5 0AQ
Bring a packed Lunch, Drinks provided

Do support our
Bring and Buy Stall

Information on Projects

FGM
Days 4 Girls
Period Poverty – Red Box Project
Child Brides & Age of Consent
International Women's Day

Programme

10.00 – 10.45am	Arrival and Refreshments
10.45am	Opening Devotions & Outline of Day
11.00am	First Session



12.00noon Projects

12.30 – 1.30pm Lunch (Bring your own)

1.30pm Second Session

3.00pm Closing Devotions

3.15pm Refreshments & Departure

Parking on Orchard Road.

Chapel parking for those who have limited mobility.



Rachel is a World Federation of Methodist and United Church Women's Helen Kim Memorial Scholar. This role involves encouraging more young women to get involved in the World Federation and bring the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into sharper focus. Rachel has focused on SDG 5 - Gender Equality with a specific focus on ending violence against women. She has worked for the Joint Public Issues Team and for Lord Leslie Griffiths as his Parliamentary Assistant.



Two events further afield but ladies from Cumbria will be attending and bookings are now being taken for both :-

5th -7th April at Swanwick, Derbyshire - the Annual MWiB Residential - Passions & Palms - further information and booking form attached. (Financial assistance towards the cost of this event is available if this would help and encourage anyone to attend. Bursaries are available from MWiB (the closing date for applications is early February) - <http://mwib.org.uk/index.php/2018/11/05/passions-and-palms-swanwick-residential-2019/> or a financial contribution is available from the District - please contact me).

2nd - 5th July at Minsteracres, near Hexham - our Area event this year hosted by the Newcastle District - 'God pops up saying 'Boo'!!!' (further information and booking form attached).

Please remember that MWiB is now based at Touchstone, Bradford and should you wish to contact MWiB the postal address for all correspondence is MWiB c/o Touchstone, 4 Easby Road, Bradford. BD7 1QX.

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

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.

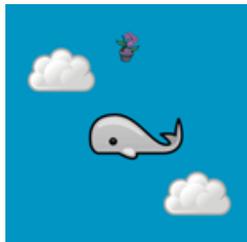
Bookings via **Rob** at NWMannNetwork@gmail.com and for more info and a conversation about vocation exploration contact **Jasmine** at devadasonj@methodistchurch.org.uk 07799902560

Website: discipleshaped.org | Facebook: [@discipleshaped](https://www.facebook.com/discipleshaped)
Twitter: [@NW&MannDMLN](https://twitter.com/NW&MannDMLN) | Pinterest: [@ndmln](https://www.pinterest.com/ndmln)
YouTube: [Disciple-Shaped TV](https://www.youtube.com/Disciple-Shaped-TV) | Instagram: [learningnwm](https://www.instagram.com/learningnwm)

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.

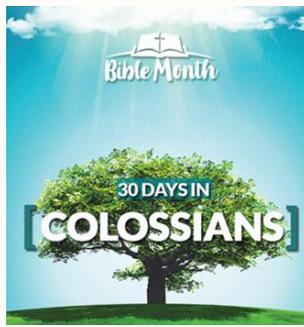
In January's session we use Deuteronomy 1:31 "in the wilderness, where you saw how the LORD your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled until you reached this place" to aid reflection. The session is interactive, with space for input and personal reflection and small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

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