



GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT, as shared at June's Circuit Meeting.

Arnside: Easter services were well attended and the Easter Breakfast was much appreciated. At a recent morning service 2 people shared their testimonies – the service was a real blessing to all. A Café Church service was held for the first time which elicited a very positive response. Rev Richard Teal is coming in June to lead the Chapel Anniversary.

Levens: The Chapel has received a substantial legacy which will greatly help fund the plans to reorder the building creating a more usable community resource. An architect has been appointed to help develop these plans. Levens Good Neighbours scheme now has around 50 volunteers helping people in the village.

Stricklandgate: The Stitches Weekend brought a lot of people into the building to visit the exhibition. £750 was raised which is being split between Christian Aid, the Blood Bank and church funds. The Prayer Chain is up and running. Good Friday's Walk of Witness round Kendal was well attended. Events planned in the town to celebrate Pentecost.

M:HUB The Gav-in-Milnthorpe weekend, when Christian comedian & writer Gavin Milnthorpe led a children's creative writing session and hosted a family comedy evening took place in May. Exploring Mindfulness – the first session on Sunday afternoon attracted 16 people and Tuesday's drop-in session attracted 4 different people.

Sandylands: Dorothy Bailey's post as Community Chaplain and Flood relief worker was coming to the end of its funding. It has been a fantastic networking opportunity and close relationships with the Residents Association have been built up. A recent leaflet drop round the estate giving details of the Youth Club brought lots of young people into the building. Beth Dennis asked for prayers for all involved in the youth club and for the young people who come, as they experience many problems. Messy Church continues to be very popular. The Big Breakfast and an Afternoon Tea raised money for Christian Aid, alongside the Piano recital Stephen Hitchcock organised and played in.

Kirkby Lonsdale: 12th May saw an Ecumenical Covenant Service take place in Kirkby – there were lots of dog collars present – including 3 Bishops [2 Anglican & 1 Roman Catholic] and our the District Chair. A Covenant document was signed affirming the ecumenical work and relationships that continues to grow in and around Kirkby Lonsdale.

On Mothering Sunday sunflower seeds were delivered to every household as a present from Churches Together and a Facebook page has been set up to share pictures of the flowers as they grow. The Family Project continues to develop links with children and families in the area. There is a lot happening!

Circuit: Our Circuit Weekend will be taking place Friday 5th July – Sunday 7th July. A meal followed by Praise & Prayer will be held at Arnside on Friday evening; we meet together in Kirkby Lonsdale on Saturday from 10:30 for fellowship and teaching; and worship in our home churches on Sunday morning. Please see your notices/ notice boards for more details.

Rev Geoff and Mrs Chris Shutt have now moved into their new house in Dunbar and are enjoying being able to spend time with their new grandchild.