



The Methodist Church

The Cumbria District

NEWS BULLETINS: JULY /AUGUST 2019

Dates for your Diary

September 2019

- 1st 3pm Western Fells – Welcome service for Paul and Kina Saunders –at Lorton Street Cockermouth and Launch of New Circuit
2nd 2pm District Finance Meeting
4th 10 – 3pm District Superintendents Meeting Venue – The home of Dr and Mrs Tom Fryers – Yan Yak Windermere
7th Kirkoswald Circuit - Welcome Service for New Superintendent – Revd. Colin Marchment at 7pm
10th 5. 15pm District Grants Committee at Stainton Methodist Church.
14th SYNOD South West Cumbria United Area (Barrow)
23rd, 24th 25th Connexional Leadership Forum plus Chairs Meeting Highleigh
24th District Safeguarding Meeting 2pm
26th 9.30 – 3pm Ecumenical Welcome day for New Ministers in the District – Penrith Church House
27th – 10am -Management meeting for the District Evangelist Enabler
29th 6.30pm Launch of the Penrith Mission Community

October 2019

- 1st 10am District Policy Group
3rd Regional Chairs meeting 3pm Preston followed at 7pm with Stationing Reps at Paul Davis Manse
5th District Local Preachers Stainton
7th 10 – 12noon – Agricultural Management Meeting – Venue TBA
10th Ecumenical Clergy Day
12th 9.30am for 10am District Circuit Stewards Meeting Stricklandgate Kendal
18th Chaplains Training Day
28th – 29th 4pm to 4pm Church Leaders Business Meeting Residential Rydal Hall

November 2019

- 4th – 7th Stationing Matching Group 1 Hayes Swanwick
13th 2pm Woodlands Friends Meeting (MHA) Penrith
14th 10-12noon (Strategy Steering Group) Board Room Church House Penrith
16th Churches together in Cumbria – DEMENTIA DAY 10am – 3pm Penrith URC Church
30th – Churches together in Cumbria – Study Day –
'Advancing the kingdom as One'

December 2019

- 2nd and 3rd (Stationing marching group SMG 2) Highleigh
2nd – 4th Dec Cumbria District Ministers Study Dates – Rydal Hall
5th Regional Chairs Meeting -
9th 2pm District Safeguarding Meeting
15th 3pm Leaving Service for Sarah Moore URC Area president – Carver Uniting Church – Windermere

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Chair of District: Rev. Richard J Teal

July 2019

Dear Friends,

I write these words of appreciation shortly after the leaving service for Sue and I. We could not believe the numbers of people who were there and how far some of you had travelled. Thank you. Thank you to all those people who took part in the service in any way. I tried to ensure that they reflected my ministry here in Cumbria for the last 11 years. Also thank you for the most generous cheque and gift of flowers, they are quite undeserved. Thank you also for the mountain of cards, letters and emails which we have received, your thoughts and words have and will continue to be of great encouragement to us.

During the leaving service Fiona Weakley from our Methodist Church in Brigham sang Mozart's 'Alleluia'. I asked Fiona to sing this for a number of reasons. Firstly I just love the music, where Mozart uses the one word 'Alleluia' and expresses it in 33 different ways, which concludes as the soprano voice soars to the heavens.

Secondly the word, 'Alleluia' expresses so much more to the Christian. Rowan Williams said it simply means "All hail to the One who is." It is the arch hymn of praise, the ultimate expression of thanksgiving, the pinnacle of triumph, the acme of human joy. It says that *God is Good*—and we know it.

It has been for Sue and me, 11 years of living 'Alleluia' in Cumbria. Through those challenging times and those joyous times.

I pray that as you continue your Christian journey 'Alleluia' may be known deeply in your hearts and lived through your discipleship.

With thanksgiving and appreciation again for the ways in which your lives have graced our lives in a myriad of ways.

Warmest greetings,

Richard and Sue

New President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference elected for 2020/21



The Methodist Conference has elected the Revd Richard Teal to serve as President and Carolyn Lawrence to serve as Vice-President, starting their year of office when the Representative Session of the Methodist Conference opens in Telford in June 2020.

Mr Teal has particular experience in rural ministry and has pioneered a county-wide ecumenical project as Chair of the Cumbria District.

Following his election, Richard said: "I feel honoured, humbled, privileged and amazed to have been elected the President Designate. During the year of office I hope to give particular emphasis to the rural church and community alongside an affirmation of our ecumenical relationships as forms of mission and outreach."

Carolyn Lawrence, a former mission partner in Guyana, has most recently been working with the Global Relationships team of the Methodist Church.

On hearing of her election, Carolyn said: "I feel deeply humbled and honoured to have been elected as Vice-President for 2020/21. I am grateful to all who voted for me and have prayed for me and I trust God will equip me to fulfil this awesome call. I will seek to bring honour to the name of Jesus and to encourage people wherever they are on their Christian journey. "

The role of President of the Methodist Conference is reserved for presbyters and that of Vice-President for lay people or deacons.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Please see information below which may be helpful for your church:

[Places of Worship Protective Security Funding Scheme - applications open](#)

The Home Office has announced that the fourth round of the Places of Worship (POW) Protective Security Funding Scheme is open for applications until 23:59 on the 31 August 2019. Over the first three years of the scheme more than 130 places of worship have been awarded grants to install measures such as protective alarms, security lighting and access controls.

This year's scheme has been made easier for places of worship and associated faith community centres to apply. Applicants no longer need to find their own quotes for security measures; instead applicants will benefit from a central supplier for assessments, quotes and installation. The Home Office was aware of the need for the chosen central supplier to have experience working with listed places of worship. Please let me know if you hear of any suggested works in listed buildings that are not appropriate to the setting.

In addition faith community centres are now included. Applicants no longer need to show they have already experienced hate crime, the test will be vulnerability to hate crime.

The scheme is open to places of worship and associated faith community centres (a community centre run by a place of worship or near a place of worship that is faith based, and where regular worship takes place) across England and Wales.

Further details of the funding scheme and how to apply are [here](#).

[National Lottery Heritage Fund grants over £5m](#)

The Heritage Fund has announced its first scheme for grants over £5m under its new strategic framework. Expressions of interest are invited by 11 October 2019. The strategic priorities for the scheme are landscape and nature, and heritage at risk. Churches are able to apply, although the scheme is not for all expressions of heritage. [Information here](#).

For churches seeking funding between £250,000 and £5m there is more [information here](#).

[Grants for roof alarms](#)

Grants of £1,000 are available to churches for roof alarms from Allchurches Trust. This has been provided to county historic churches trusts and dioceses on the basis of a £1,000 grant per church. To see if you are in an eligible area click [here](#). Roof alarms are an effective deterrent, especially when a group of churches in an area is fitted with them.

[Automatic door time locks](#)

Ecclesiastical has recently published new guidance on automatic door time locks, to facilitate keeping churches open during the day for visitors when it is not straightforward to arrange a person to attend to unlock and then close the church each day. It is still desirable that a person who knows the church sees it regularly, but the automatic lock gives greater freedom over when this happens.

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Kind regards,

Jayne Potts BA(Hons) MSc
Development Officer

Thornleigh at Grange over sands

Its Jane from Thornleigh.

We are having a Literary Festival 17th and 18th August in the garden across the road from the hotel.

And on the Sunday we are having Tony Vino from 5pm (about an hour and a bit) and then rounding off the evening with a gospel singer from Walworth Methodist Church London. This has been supported by the Methodist Church and Churches Together Grange – any shortfall covered by Thornleigh.

The event is free but donations welcome! Refreshments will be available and encourage people to bring a picnic!

I have attached a poster put you could adapt or pick out info etc

Please contact me for help if necessary 015395 32733

I can let you have posters in due course.

Many thanks

Jane Walmsley

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have a look a Eventbrite Tidelines Festival - its really cool!