



## **GOOD NEWS FROM AROUND THE CIRCUIT, as shared at September's Circuit Meeting.**

Grace Whitaker spoke about the **Circuit Weekend** which had been much appreciated by all who had attended, either on Friday for the meal and/or Saturday's study day; as well as the themed preach on the Sunday. She thanked Jenny Skinner & Chris Palmer for helping to organise it. There is a report and photos on the circuit website. She asked "Do you want to do this again?" This could be the Friday meal and Praise & Prayer service; or have a study day; or a whole weekend. Please could members ask in their churches and report back to circuit administrator. The **Welcome Service** for Rev Tricia, Rev Jeff and Peter McCabe had been a wonderful service and the sermon given by Rev James Tebbutt very encouraging. It was a delight to worship together as a circuit.

**Kirkby Lonsdale:** Fantastic Teddy Bear's Picnic held on the Glebe Field behind the Rectory. Welly throwing, egg & spoon race & storytelling in the district yurt were just some of the things going on. Visitors to the town, as well as families the churches have contact with, came. The monthly Sunday evening ecumenical Focus Bible study has started. Messy Harvest will take place next month. A Listening Course starts tomorrow night open to anyone who would like to learn to listen better.

The Big Vision project – looking at how all the church buildings [Methodist, Anglican and Catholic] in the town can be used in the future. Consultations with the congregations have taken place [40 pages of feedback!]; the community has been leafletted and for 3 weeks in August a manned display has been in the Market Square on market day. The question – 'what does the church and its buildings and land mean to you?' was asked of the community with lots of very interesting feedback which is now being collated and examined.

**Levens:** The church was very glad to welcome Peter McCabe to work alongside them. The church's vision to open up the rooms and create a kitchen so that meals could be provided had taken a big step forward because of a wonderful legacy. An architect has been appointed and plans are being drawn up. The Good Neighbours scheme is working well and it very encouraging to see so many people offer help to others in their community. The new Vicar at St Johns has been installed.

**Stricklandgate:** The singing and toddler groups that stopped over the summer have restarted. The Drop-in on Thursday afternoons has continued to meet and is enjoyed by all who come for fellowship, games and refreshments. The lunch club also continued through the summer and that and the Communion Service beforehand are greatly appreciated. House groups continue to meet regularly. The church has been making use of Rev Tricia already – she has been working since July and is much valued.

**Sandylands:** After a bit of a break over the summer months the groups are all re-starting. For the next 4-6 weeks the Quaker tapestry depicting the flooding experiences in the town in 2015 will be open to view in the hub [vestibule] at Sandylands. There is an accompanying video. The Over 60's Holiday Club takes place next week.

**Storth:** Welcomed Peter McCabe and also the new Vicar, Rev Andrew Norman and are looking forward to him coming to lead worship in Storth. Open the Book is starting again in the primary school. The annual Charity Fair will take place on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>. The regular coffee morning continues to be well attended.