



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

**Levens:** Rev David's preparation of cd's, with his Sunday time of worship recorded on, as well as the on-line service has been greatly valued. Peter McCabe's continuing ministry as lay pastor is appreciated. Plans are moving forward with refurbishing the church to make it a more flexible and welcoming place. The church is pleased to continue to host the Post Office outreach service; help facilitate support for foodbanks; and support the Levens Good Neighbours scheme. There are many vulnerable people in the Levens congregation, both age and health-wise, so holding worship services in the building is being kept under review.

**Sandylands:** The tech team, who enabled the joint Kendal churches' on-line worship to happen, have been amazing. Thanks for all their work, and also to the team of people who delivered home worship sheets. The joint zoom coffee after the online worship has really brought the Kendal congregations together. Messy Church has continued with between 40-44 families receiving bags or boxed containing themed activities. Sunday Club leaders have also worked hard to provide weekly on-line resources for families to enjoy. The Girls Brigade is now meeting in a Covid secure manner. Thanks to the Pastoral Visitors for their work keeping everyone connected and for delivering the home worship resources. The church is delighted to welcome Rev Richard and Mrs Sue Bielby, a retired Methodist Minister and his wife, who moved to Kendal during lockdown. 16 people met for worship in church on Sunday –the first time since March.

**Kirkby Lonsdale:** The congregation are worshipping in St Mary's church due to a lack of ventilation in the Methodist church worship space. They meet together at 9:30am for half an hour, and after cleaning the building the Anglican congregation arrive for an 11am service. During lockdown the Community Hub telephone and volunteer service supported many vulnerable or self-isolating people in the town and surrounding villages. The service is still running and it is envisaged that it will continue for some time. The Community Pantry was set up with help from the churches and is now organised by a small community team and is appreciated by all who have need of it. Messy Church went on-line and the organisers thank Sandylands for sharing some ideas with KLMC. The ecumenical on-line services for the churches in and around Kirkby are continuing and can be accessed on the kl.church YouTube channel.

**Arnside:** Have greatly appreciated the weekly online and cd service Rev David has been producing, along with his Friday news sheet. The church has been open for private prayer during the day for some time. Services started in September with between 20 and 30 people attending. The Pilates group are using the hall. There is a weekly zoom Bible study run by one of the members and the weekly Prayer Meeting takes place in church. Pastoral friends continue to support many in the church. Broadband has now been installed in the church buildings.

**Fellside:** Very grateful for the on-line Kendal Churches worship and for the home worship sheets that have been produced. The church held its Harvest service at the beginning of October – people were very pleased to be able to meet together for worship.

**Stricklandgate:** Very grateful for the on-line Kendal Churches worship and for the home worship sheets that have been produced. It has also been good to see the 3 Kendal churches grow closer ties. Many people are very happy to be able to come back into the building to worship, although there are also a number who are still being very careful and don't feel able to come. However those who were able to felt safe when they saw all the work that had been done to enable the building to open; thanks to Alan Reed for his work as property secretary, and the stewards. The work of the pastoral visitors over the past months was commendable.

**Storth:** The congregation is a committed one and greatly supported each other over the last few months. They have met for services in church and all the available seats have been taken. Financial support for the church continued all through lockdown with people putting money on one side until they could pass it to the Treasurer.