



Kendal **Methodist** Circuit

Prayer support for Christmas worship and events across the circuit.

Zoom meeting 3rd November 2021

Present: Peter McCabe, Circuit Prayer Champion; Violet Brown, Karen Leslie [Arnside]; Gill Moss [KL]; Irene McKay [Levens]; Tom & Barbara Fryers [Stricklandgate]; Chris Palmer [Circuit Admin].

Apologies: Delphine Gratrix & Jenny Goodman [Sandylands].

Church representatives shared some of the events going on over the Christmas period in their churches. Some churches are in the process of deciding what will happen during the Christmas period.

Circuit: A reflective service for Advent 'Christ be our Light', coordinated by Methodist Women in Britain group, is open to everyone across the circuit and will take place on Saturday 27th November at MHUB in Milnthorpe. Coffee will be served from 10:15 am and the service will start at 11:00.

Fellside: please pray for their Chapel Anniversary service on 5th December; the people at Fellside who work hard to keep the church going; the congregation.

Arnside: Carol service 19th Dec. Working with St James a crib scene is to be erected on the front at Arnside near the chip shop. Outdoor Crib & Carol session planned. Plans still to be finalised. Ecumenical Christingle usually held, possibly Christmas Eve. Messy Church in December.

Storth: Carol service 19th Dec; Village Hall host a Carol evening with poems and readings 23rd Dec.

Levens: most events are organised by Christians Together in Levens. 5th Dec Advent Service; Messy Together; Carols on the Green 22nd which then moves round the village visiting people who may find it difficult to get to church; Christingle service; Communion and afternoon tea 14th Dec; newly formed lunch club will host a Christmas lunch in Dec.

M:OASIS, Milnthorpe: Carol service 19th Dec.

Kirkby Lonsdale: still in planning stage. A lot of the events are ecumenically planned and run; Carol service 19th Dec; sing carols on St Mary's churchyard; carols outside after Christmas day service; Advent windows – new window unveiled each day to make a town trail. Photos uploaded to FaceBook; Town Christmas weekend at beginning of Dec – craft activities / quiet reflection space in St Marys; Messy Church; possibly looking at repeating something for the housebound.

Cowan Bridge: Carol Service 12th Dec; prayer please for the congregation as they are unable to use their building following an electrical inspection and will be worshipping in different buildings.



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Sandylands: there are Nativity services and carol services on the Plan; usually have a Christingle service; Messy Church; may well be other activities.

Stricklandgate: Carol Service 19th December; Contemplative prayer evening 13th Dec; Christmas events still in planning stage. Fortnightly Tuesday Communion has re-started and lunch following the service will be re-starting from 16th Nov; prayer chain has re-started and the prayer tree in church is well used.

It's exciting and encouraging to hear all the different things going on across the churches.

Meeting prayed for all the planning events being held and that people will hear the Good News of God's love in sending us Jesus through the events being planned.

Meeting prayed for all the Messy Church events taking place, for the leaders and for the families who attend, that they may learn more about God's love.

Meeting prayed for all the services that will take place; those who will attend and also for the Holy Spirit to inspire our Ministers as they seek ways to tell the story of Jesus' birth and what it means for people today.

Please feel free to share this information with your church prayer groups and anyone else who would like to support in prayer the events happening across the circuit.