



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

At the recent circuit meeting representatives were invited to share what has been going on in their churches.

**Circuit:** The Welcome Service for Rev Tiras Dainty- Share and Amy, his partner, was very well supported by family, friends, the circuit and our ecumenical partners. It is good to have Tiras working alongside the staff and churches in the Kendal Circuit.



*Left to right ... Revd James Tebbutt, Chair of Cumbria District; Revd Anne Pettifor, Rural Dean; Revd Tiras Dainty-Share; Revd Barbara Fairburn, Supernumerary minister; Rev Andrew Norman, Parish Priest St James Arnside.*

Following the completion of remedial work the circuit is very pleased to announce that M:HUB in Milnthorpe will re-open on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Please come along to our regular Friday morning coffee and bookshop, 9:30 – 12 noon. It would be lovely to see you.

**Sandylands:** Sally Conroy from Sandylands will be attending a nine month Aurora course run by the Diocese of Sheffield aimed at enabling people to better engage in children's ministry. It has been agreed that the cost of the course will be funded from the Circuit Education and Youth fund. Sally coordinates Messy Church and Sunday Club at Sandylands. She is happy to share what she learns with other churches in the circuit. Messy Church continues to attract many families. Drop-in has re-started on a Wednesday morning. The church is considering how it can respond to the 'Warm Places' initiative. Causeway, the service for people with learning difficulty is restarting on Oct 2nd and it's hoped to continue to hold the service on the first Sunday of each subsequent month.

**Arnside:** Messy Church now has a core group of families attending including some of the Ukrainian families living in the town. User groups are slowly coming back to use the buildings. The church is delighted to welcome Rev Tiras to the circuit and the Kent Estuary section.

**Storth:** Very glad to have Rev Tiras as their minister. A bring and share lunch after his first service was much enjoyed by all who attended. The numbers of worshippers at the church is increasing with new people joining the congregation.

**Levens:** A parent at school remarked that her daughter was so pleased to realise that she knew the words of the Lord's Prayer when they were said at Queen Elizabeth's funeral. This is partly down to the Open the Book volunteers who go into school.

**Stricklandgate:** 30 people attended the re-started Fellowship Group and 4 house groups continue to meet. On a Thursday afternoon there is a prayer and meditation session that is greatly valued by all who attend. The church is again serving coffee after morning worship. Much time and effort has gone into preparing paperwork for the possible appointment of a Pastoral Worker by the church.



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**Kirkby Lonsdale:** Messy Church continues to attract families. Muddy church, which takes place on alternate months to Messy, is being reviewed over the cooler months. Fell Pilgrims has run from May to September and been greatly appreciated. This will now cease for a while. The on-line Keep Time sessions run by Lol, the Family Project leader, have been popular and it is hoped to hold these sessions in person in due course. The weekly Story-Time sessions are very popular with very young children and their carers and we are now seeing links with parents bringing their children to the See and Know toddler group and then meeting them again at the Drop-in sessions at St Mary's school.

**Fellside:** The final service in the chapel was held on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Rev Dr Jonathan Pye led an encouraging service – God hasn't finished with you yet!' The service was well supported by the circuit and ecumenically.