



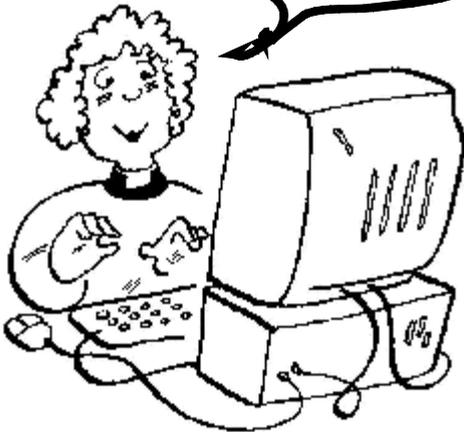
Newslink

SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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Methodist and United Reformed Churches Working Together

The Minister Writes



Porridge! I think being pregnant has turned my brain to porridge. Although having been asked to write an article for the Newslink several times I am late giving it in. However, through the wonder of modern technology you will not know anything about this as it will all be seamless. That is unless you are reading this in December rather than October. The problem with technology today is that you can never be entirely sure of when things happened. Regardless of when you read this either in October or December I will be on

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maternity leave and will have spent at least a month counting down to the day my leave starts. I am looking forward to having time to rest and relax, to read and to pray in the hope that the baby does not arrive until the first few days of November. As much as I am looking forward to having time to “be” rather than to do, maternity leave places me in limbo in many ways. The Methodist Church used the good sense that God gave them to adopt the same rules for ministerial maternity leave as every work place in the UK. It is a good thing in the sense that I have six months paid leave like my friend who is also pregnant and works as a doctor. On the other hand it is a bad thing as the rules state that I am not allowed to do anything work related - which in my case means anything to do with church without agreeing with the superintendent minister first. In rural Cumbria this makes attending any church related

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activity difficult. I will be worshipping in my nearest Methodist Church, Millom and hope that the good folk will pass their problems in David's direction rather than mine!

Fortunately I am not actually entering limbo and will be around the United Area both before and after the baby is born. We plan to disappear to see family and friends who are dotted around the country so calling to see if we are in is likely to be a bad idea as we may have disappeared or you might find me in my dressing gown! We do plan to have a "meet the baby" afternoon at Queen Street Methodist once s/he has arrived. We look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime may God richly bless you all.

Rachel Williams

Giving For Life

This is the title of an event to be held at Trinity Church Centre at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday 16th October. We are delighted that - very much in the spirit of the ecumenical county's 'Growing Together' process - Geoffrey Hine of the Diocese of Carlisle has agreed to lead us in some serious thinking about our stewardship of the resources God gives us.

The facts and figures underpinning the work will use the host church as a case study, but the principles we'll be exploring are applicable to small churches as well as relatively large ones and to Methodist Churches, United Reformed Churches and Anglican Churches alike as well as to Local Ecumenical Partnerships.

This is not an evening for Church Treasurers (except in the sense that they are disciples like the rest of us). It is an evening which will certainly make us all think, offer us some moments of laughter (if Geoffrey's presentation at a recent Methodist Synod is anything to go by), and challenge us to change the way we live and give. Please do put the date in your diary and do your very best to get along.

Martin Williams

REGIONAL & NATIONAL WEBSITES

District: www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk

North West Synod: www.nwsynod.org.uk

Connexional: www.methodist.org.uk

National: www.urc.org.uk

November issue No 86 of *Newslink* will be published at the end of October. Please send all material to reach Mrs Hazel Edmondson, 22 Tweed Rise, Barrow, LA14 3LX by Sunday October 5th. Items can also be passed on by ☎ **01229 474601** or ✉ edmo@twtw.freeseve.co.uk

“Acts Now” Tour

As you read this issue of the Newslink we're within three weeks of the arrival of the 'Acts Now' Tour in Barrow. The evening to keep clear in your diary is Friday 18th October 2013. The session, to be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Trinity Church Centre in Barrow's Warwick Street (Satnav LA14 5LX) will feature inspiring worship and dynamic teaching on how to share your faith with others.

The teaching will be offered by Andy Frost, the Director of Share Jesus International. Andy is passionate about seeing how the Church can reconnect with society and culture. He will be supported either by worship leader Tom Read, the Worship and Creative Director of Hong Kong's Vine Church or by Ioannis Dekas, the leader of London's Doxa Deo church. Workshops will be led by the Share Jesus International Team with either Marty Woods or Paul Griffiths.

This is a wonderful opportunity, and one which we are delighted to be opening to our ecumenical colleagues and to Methodist and Reformed Christians from other parts of Cumbria. No charge will be made, though an offering will be taken on the evening.

For more information please go to www.sharejesusinternational.com/actsnow.

See you there!

Martin Williams

Just A Thought...

Have you been considering church membership - or do you know someone who has? This autumn there'll be an opportunity to explore what becoming a church member is all about, with the opportunity to go forward for confirmation at the end of the series. The details are as follows, and you will be most welcome:

Each session will begin at 7:30 p.m. and finish at or before 9:00 p.m. They'll be held on the five Wednesday evenings beginning on October 30th (and therefore finishing on November 27th). The first meeting will be at 19 Carlton Avenue, and on that occasion we'll fix the venues for the other meetings, just in case someone has commitments that will normally mean it's better for us to come to their home.

The (huge) topics to be tackled are as follows:

30th October: God as Father, Son and Spirit

6th November: The Bible

13th November: Methodist and Reformed emphases

20th November: Social Action

27th November: Sharing the Good News

If you'd like more details, please give me a ring on 830844.

Martin Williams

One Big Afternoon

Saturday 5th October
Beacon Hill Methodist Church
From 2pm to 4pm

For all kids in the Furness region

**Come and have loads of fun with crafts,
model making, games and much more**

**This really will be the biggest
afternoon of the year!**

Contact 01229 770071



One World Fair

This year's "One World Fair" will be held at Trinity Church Centre on Saturday, 19th October from 9:30 to 12 noon. The theme is "More than enough" and entry is £1 including refreshments. There will be the opportunity to donate to the Food Bank at the One World Fair this year.

Another Date For Your Diary

The COG has invited the Christian comedian Tony Vino to come and do a show at Trinity Church Centre at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 2nd 2013. We have agreed that entry will be just £1 so that no-one is prevented from attending by cost; we will invite donations for the Christian Aid Afghanistan project from anyone who can give more. Please make a note of the date now and have a think about who you could invite. Children are welcome as long as they are accompanied by an adult.

David Edmondson

Cameo And Reflections

The October CAMEO meeting will be on Friday 25th October and the theme of our discussion will be the situation in Syria. We meet at Ramsden Street at 7:00 p.m. It would be good to see others join us to take a look at contemporary issues through the light of our faith.

The "Reflections" evenings continue on the third Sunday of the month at Vickerstown. The theme on October 20th will be "One World". The church will be open from 8 pm until at least 9 pm, and (as always) refreshments will be available in the church porch.

David Edmondson

First Tuesday Ladies

We will be meeting at 7:30pm at Elaine Pears' house, 59 Croslands Park on Tuesday October 1st, then the first Tuesday ladies will be joining the bonfire celebrations at Vickerstown Church on November 5th.

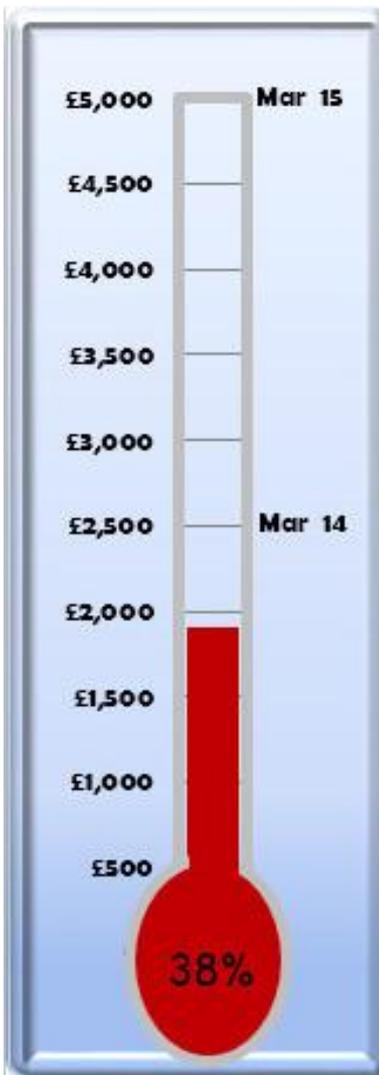
Janet Ladds

Thanks

Just a note to say thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the collection at Tesco on August 29th. We collected the magnificent sum of £ 432.95!

Thanks to everyone.

Sue Millard



Christian Aid Community Partnership

Thanks for the money collected since the last report. At the end of the financial year Bob was able to send off £1820.95, which included £98.50 from the Cog Slog service and £156.00 from a quiz at Roose. With match funding, this becomes over £7000 for the work in Afghanistan. The most recent contribution was the £84.77 collection from the September United Area service, making the grand total now £1905.72. Please pass any money for the community partnership through your church accounting system in the usual way, and then send it to Bob Mantle (payable to South West Cumbria United Area but with a clear note saying it is for Christian Aid). Future planned events include Harvest fundraising at Hartington St, a quiz at Beacon Hill (now on November 16th to avoid a clash with “Acts Now”) and donations from the Tony Vino evening.

Hazel Edmondson

You Are Invited To:

‘It’s My Story’ - Growing a Dementia-Friendly Church: A time to share stories of living with dementia. An opportunity to explore good practice from a Christian perspective and consider the marks of a dementia-friendly church. The programme will also include some Biblical reflection and end with worship celebrating life. It is on Saturday, 19th October from 10:00am - 12 noon at Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church, Parr Chapel. Tea and coffee will be served half an hour beforehand. Please indicate your interest with, and obtain further details from:

Rev Anne Russell - mobile: 07528 572 072

Kendal Deanery Training Advisor: Mary Brown - 01539 725577

mf.brown@btinternet.com

Mary Brown

Accreditation Service

It was a great privilege to be a part of the service where Steve Williams was admitted to the office and ministry of a local preacher. It was a good time of praise and fellowship, which was well supported from round the United Area. Jack Giles spoke of John Wesley's visits across the sands to bring the message of salvation to Cumbria, and how there is always opportunity for sharing the message.

During the service there was an opportunity to present Bob Mantle with a letter from the Connexion giving him the authority to preside at communion in the United Area. Congratulations to both Steve and Bob, and may God bless their ministry.

Janet Ladds (LP&WL secretary)

From Age Uk Barrow And District

1) Dalton Cancer Support: New support group in Dalton Town Hall

- Every Tuesday afternoon 1pm - 3pm (beginning 3rd September 2013)
- Come for the whole session or just drop in
- Refreshments available
- This group is open to carers, those who are suffering from cancer or cancer related illness and need support
- Lifestyle Management Course available from October for members
- Great opportunity to meet others in similar situations

2) Lifestyle Management course

Age UK, Lakeland House, Abbey Road, are inviting people who have had a diagnosis of cancer, to join them in a Lifestyle Management Course every Monday afternoon for 10 weeks, commencing on the 7th October, from 1-4pm. The course advises on Sleep, Pacing, Safe and Appropriate Exercise and Relaxation with the aim of helping people cope and gain control of their situations. Our aim is to make this group enjoyable and fun, as well as attempting to find ways of helping you. Please come and join us, there will be copious amounts of tea, coffee and biscuits to keep us going. We will go at your pace and NEVER push you into doing something you are not comfortable with, remember we are here to help.

If you have any questions at all please feel free to ring and speak to one of the course facilitators on 01229 831425 they will be happy to hear from you. We look forward to seeing you.

Jacky Macaulay and Jackie Hyles

Celebration of Faith

(formerly Network ecumenical service)

At

Trinity Church Centre

On

Tuesday 8th October

At 2pm

Guest Speaker –

Mrs Di Wallace

(Cumbria District President of MWiB)

There will be a 'Bring & Share' lunch

At 12.45pm

**Followed by
Worship**



Trinity

Family News: Once again I have to report the death of one of our members - Muriel Hibbert. Muriel was a long standing member of Abbey, and when we came together, of Trinity. She was a regular attender especially while her husband was alive but after that she attended when she could, then when her balance became a problem she could not attend. She lived for a while in a bungalow in Cowlarns Road but had to move to Staveley House where she took on a new lease of life. She participated in some of the activities and enjoyed the fortnightly outings they organised, but then illness overtook her and she spent time in Furness General then was moved to St George's Nursing Home, where she passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go to Peter, Collette and all the family at this time.

On a brighter note, on 1st September Martin baptised Noah Mark Fletcher and Phoebe Catherine Little, who brought many of their friends with them for the occasion. There was a very full church on that morning- extra seats had to be found to accommodate everyone.

Events: Monthly Coffee Morning and Stork Sale: Saturday 5th Oct from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Charity Card Sale: Saturday 12th Oct at 10:00 a.m.

Special Meeting with Geoffrey Hine, Wednesday 16th Oct at 7:00 p.m. focusing on Stewardship

Margaret Manuell

The prayer group continues to meet on Friday mornings in the Lower meeting room @ 9:00am. Churches and Streets for prayer focus/Week beginning:

- 06/10/2013 Trinity 'F'
- 13/10/2013 Vickerstown 'G'
- 20/10/2013 Beacon Hill 'H'
- 27/10/2013 Hartington St 'I'

Anyone who would like specific prayer can get in touch by email or phone: janladds@btinternet.com or 833882.

Janet Ladds

Beacon Hill

The Beacon Hill quiz night for Christian Aid will now be on Saturday 16th November - further details in next month's Newslink

Lilian Wood

Hartington Street

The penultimate session of the Christ our Life course on Colossians will be held on Friday 11th October at my house (16 Hornbeam Crescent) at 8pm. It will be based around the reading Colossians 3 v 1 to 4 v 1. The final session of this course will then be held on Friday 25th October at my house at 8pm. We would like the group to grow - if anybody would like to join us you would be welcome. Please contact me on 822285 or hayleylisa@hotmail.com for further details.

Hayley Edmondson

All are welcome to our mid week Fellowship meetings:

Tea Club: You are invited to join us for our Tea Club, which starts at 6:00pm & ends around 7:30pm on alternate Thursdays. Tea is served at 6pm. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fellowship over a light meal, and listen to a guest speaker, a lovely gentle way to introduce new people to the church family (or re-introduce those who've been away for a while). More details from Val & Jim (831035). All are welcome! Dates October 3rd, 17th, 31st

Care & Share Fellowship & Knit & Natter: We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. at Hartington Street. Fellowship, Prayer, a cuppa & bring your knitting.

Bible Study: Thursday fortnightly 6pm - 7pm led by Rev Martin Williams
October 10th, 24th

Ellen Powell

News From The Hub At Hartington Street

October is a busy month at Hartington Street with the launch of two more groups to be led by Mike Little, Children and Families worker and supported by Church members. The first of these is **Dadzone**, a Saturday morning opportunity for men (Dads / Grandads) to spend time in the Hub with pre school children. This begins on 12th October from 10 -12. The second and more ambitious group is **Discovery Church**, Hartington Street's take on Messy Church which will begin on October 26th at 3pm. Both of these will meet monthly, are brand new experiences for members of Hartington Street and will run alongside the now well established toddler group and developing after school club. Please continue to pray for Mike and the members of Hartington Street as we move forward in our vision.

Mark Mills

This month's service and time of fellowship at Station View will be at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 14th.

David Edmondson

Dalton

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped and supported our coffee morning on Saturday 7th September. The event raised £315 for church funds.

R Willock

Christian Women's Fellowship: The next meeting of the CWF is on Wednesday 16th October when the speaker will be Mrs Nicki Booth. All are welcome.

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Tributes To 'Lost' Members

Dalton sadly lost 2 of its faithful members in August, Audrey Parker and John Falconer, both having worshipped regularly at Wellington Street for many years.

As well as having 'the church' in common - both serving the kingdom in quiet but effective ways in the background - they both also shared a love of 'exercise' in their lives: Audrey enjoying tap-dancing in her younger days, but later going to 'keep fit classes' and doing some indoor bowling; whilst John of course was well-known for his relationship with the "Keswick to Barrow Walk", having organised and run 'sponsored teams' in it for almost 40 years, and having successfully completed it over 35 times!

Our prayers and sympathies go out to all their remaining families, but especially: to Audrey's children Kenneth, Nigel and Rod; and to John's wife Jean.

May God continue to bless you with his comfort.

R Wilson

Nativities R Us

As part of the Christmas celebrations in Dalton, the two Dalton churches are hoping to hold an event called Nativities R Us. This will involve displaying lots of different types of nativity sets at Market Street where the window ledges can be used to great advantage. We are hoping to display up to 50 sets but to do this we will need to borrow nativity sets from people, and we are wondering if anyone from the United Area can help us. Do you have an unusual nativity set or one from another country? - for instance we already know someone who will let us borrow a knitted set, one made from recycled paper from Vietnam and one which fits into a matchbox. We would need the sets from November 15th to Dec 22nd and would, of course, carefully look after any set loaned to us. The public would be invited to come and look at the nativities at specific times (eg on Advent Sunday and whilst the December Coffee Mornings were on). We are also hoping we might be able to get the Dalton Schools involved in some way. If you have a nativity set we could borrow, or if you would like more details about this, please talk to Denice Wilson (tel 465061) as soon as possible.

A Hufton

Askam

Askam Coffee Mornings continue until the last Saturday in September, and finish on the 28th. This is our Harvest Festival Weekend and we are collecting food for display in the service, which will be donated to the Barrow Food Bank. The Rev. Keith Rushton will be the visiting preacher at our 9:30 a.m. morning service on the 29th. Everyone very welcome.

The Askam Sisterhood AGM was held on Wed. 4th Sept. led by the Rev. Ron Wilson. Please join us if you have a spare Wednesday. We meet at 2:30 p.m. with a short service and speaker.

Wed, 2nd October, our speaker will be the Rev. Malcolm Cowan from Kirkby, and Mr. Brennand from Grange will be our speaker on 16th October.

A date for your diary: There will be a Quiet Day at Duddon Road Church, on 30th November - more details later.

Dorothy Gleaves

Kirkby

Our Harvest Service led by Rachel Williams provided a wonderful bring- and-share meal of local, organic and fairly traded food and a reflective service with much food for thought. We were pleased to welcome friends from the United Area as well as those who live in the village. From donations we were able to send the Barrow Food Bank £50 as well as another box of food.

This year our Craft Day will be on Saturday October 26th from 10am until 3:30pm. There will be no charge for entry and a variety of refreshments will be on sale throughout the day. Please come and admire the many crafts which will be displayed and possibly find a Christmas present or two to buy.

Coffee and Company will be held this month on Tuesday 22nd of October from 9:45am to 11:30am. Please come and join us for good conversation and tea/coffee. We make no charge but have a donations bowl. We also have a good selection of jigsaws and books for sale and a collecting box for donation of goods to the Barrow Food Bank.

Janet Sheldon



Green Tip

Thanks to Rosemary Hendley for this month's Green Tip:

Join Freecycle <http://groups.freecycle.org/BarrowFreeCycle/posts/all>

People have all kinds of needs: records, pans for a daughter going to university, gardening tools, ladies clothes sizes 18-20, teacups. Rather than putting your old stuff into landfill, put a post on Freecycle and wait a couple of weeks to see if someone will come and collect it.

Hazel Edmondson

Ramsden Street

On Saturday October 26th at 4:00pm, there is to be a concert by the New Abbey Singers at Trinity Church Centre. This is a joint event between Trinity and Ramsden Street. Tickets are £3.50 and include refreshments. Please ring 825662 for tickets so we know how many to cater for.

We are pleased to be hosting the Loved Ones service on Sunday October 27th at 6:00pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Our Autumn Fair is to be held as usual on the first Saturday in November. This year it falls on the 2nd November and will begin at 10:00am until 1:00pm. There will be several stalls and refreshments, including light lunches, will be available.

Anne Stevenson

Millom

We are into autumn already - doesn't time fly! All the activities will be starting again: Jack and Jill playgroup on Tuesday mornings at 10am, Meeting point on Tuesday afternoons at 2pm, Girls' Brigade on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, Parents and Toddlers on Thursdays at 10am. The Craft Group on Thursdays has continued during the summer as have the Friday Coffee mornings. We will be filling shoeboxes for Romania during the half term holiday so are busy collecting items on the approved list. There will be a Supper and Holy Beetle Drive on Tuesday 22nd October to raise the money required to send the boxes as this has proved successful for the last two years. Our Autumn Fayre will take place prior to this on Saturday 12th October from 10am to 12noon (for Church funds). By the time this Newslink is out we will have a new local preacher Stephen Williams as the United Service is being held on September 15th at Queen Street. We wish him well and hope you will remember him in your prayers. This is a very special time for him and Rachel as they are waiting for the new addition to the family due in early November. We are delighted that David Edmondson will be back here during Rachel's maternity leave as he always seems quite "at home" having been our minister for five years after Colin Jackson moved away. So we have quite a busy time in the next few weeks.

Margaret Riley

Broughton

Friday 11th October: HARVEST LUNCH from 12 noon to 1:30pm. Lets Celebrate our Harvest with a Lunch of Soup and Pudding. Come and join us for Food and Fellowship - £3.

Sunday 13th October: HARVEST SERVICE at 9:30am - Proceeds to Food Bank
We had a great time at the Royal Tea Party - a super celebration with a full church, most visitors from outside Broughton. We had a gorgeous cake in the shape of a CROWN made by Diane our very talented Post Mistress and it was cut by our own Lady Mary Jardine. GOD SAVE the QUEEN was sung and we all stood except the 8 young ones who were serving and doing the raffle. I informed them of tradition and they weren't aware of it. A Liverpool member of our Church and a football supporter made it known that football supporters always stand for the National Anthem when played. This set up memories of standing for it at the cinema (pictures) and someone said it was played at the end of the TV dot as the television closed around 10pm. I don't remember as I wasn't allowed to stay up that late but I'm sure some one in the United Area will remember, please let us know.

Beryl Hollowell

Vickerstown

We were particularly glad that a lunch had been arranged for last month's visit of the Good News Library, because it turned out to be their last visit. We understand that the team is no longer able to operate the service: we would like to thank them for many happy afternoons.

We are glad that our evening Harvest service on October 6th will be a United Service for the island, and that the folk from St Mary's will join us for our Harvest supper on the Monday.

We will host "You, Me and Afternoon Tea" here at Vickerstown from 2 - 4 on Thursdays, on the **10th, 17th and 24th October**. These free events are open to all older people and consist of a programme of various fun activities and useful information, ending with afternoon tea. The detailed programme is as follows:
October 10th - Keep Safe: Fun Quiz, Singalong, Information from the Fire Service and Police; October 17th - Keep Active: Chair Based Exercises Taster, Nature talk, Information from Community Nurse about health, October 24th: Keep Thinking: Life in Bygone Days, Slides of Egypt. Transport available - please contact us on 474601.

Our monthly coffee morning, with the usual range of stalls and opportunity to stock up on Fairtrade goods, will be on Saturday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. We will as usual be hosting the Bonfire on November 5th - it's a Tuesday this year. Please note the date now - details next month.

Hazel Edmondson

Regular Sunday Services

You are welcome at any of these churches at the following times:

Askam	(Duddon Road) 9:30 am
Beacon Hill	(Holyoake Avenue, Barrow) 10:00 am & 6:00pm
Broughton	(Princes Street) 9:30 am
Dalton Methodist	(Wellington Street) 10:30 am
Dalton URC	(Market Street) 10:30 am
Hartington Street	Barrow 10:30 am
Kirkby	(Marshside) 10:30 am (on 1st, 3rd & 4th Sundays) (6pm on 2nd Sunday) (St Cuthberts 10 am on 5th Sunday in any month)
Millom	(Queen Street) 11:00 am
Ramsden Street	Barrow 11:00 am (except 1st Sunday, 10:30am)
Roose	(North Row, Barrow) 11:00 am
Trinity Church Centre	(Warwick Street, Barrow) 10:30 am & 6:30pm
Urswick	(Tarn Close) 10:45 am (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)
Vickerstown	(Warren Street) 11:00 am

For times of the evening services, special services and postcodes, please ask one of the church members, or look at our website:

www.swcumbriaunitedarea.unc.org.uk

Regular Coffee Mornings

Please note that coffee mornings are held every week as follows:

Broughton -	Tuesdays from	10:00 till 11:30
Roose -	Thursdays from	9:30 till 10:45
Millom -	Fridays from	9:30 till 10:30
Ramsden St. -	Fridays from	10:30 till 12:00



Dalton - Tea and Chat every Monday at Wellington Street from 10:00 to 11:30
Hartington St - Tuesdays Care & Share Fellowship & Knit & Natter from 10:00 to 11:30

On the last Tuesday of each month Kirkby have "Coffee and Company" from 9:45 till 11:30.