



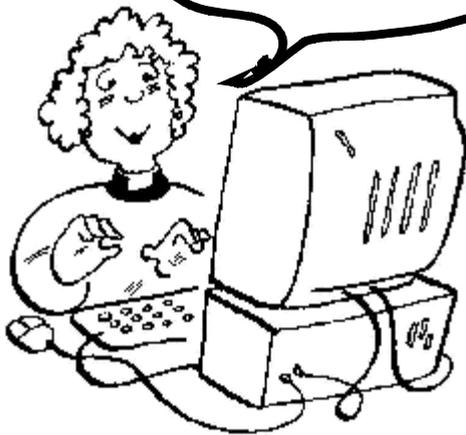
Newslink

SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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The Minister Writes



On the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month the guns of World War One fell silent some four years, four months and ten days after the war had started between the Great Powers; Austria-Hungry, Russia, Italy, France, Germany and Britain. During that time many millions of lives were lost on both sides. It is referred to as the Great War because it was intended to be the war to end all wars. However, just picking up a newspaper or turning on the television shows that this is not the case. As I write this, there is conflict between Islamic

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State and 'the West'.

When war broke out in 1914, a country Church of England priest who had lost his wife two years previously wanted to join up to minister to those serving in the conflict but he was refused because, at 51, he was considered too old. Two years later, after many letters and pestering those in charge he joined the troops that he so longed to serve.

Theodore Bayley Hardy, whose greeting was 'Its only me', served his country, rescuing wounded men very close to enemy front lines on more than one occasion meaning that he received the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), the Military Cross (MC) and the Victoria Cross (VC) between 1916 and his death, caused by being injured again helping the wounded just before the end of the war on the 18th October 1918.

The work of the Rev Hardy and other Chaplains, or Padres as they are known to the soldiers, is, to this day, one of

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being the presence of Christ in difficult situations. Although the people that they serve often have no faith it is still important to them that someone will pray with them or for them in the harsh realities of the battlefield. After all there are said to be no atheists in foxholes. Perhaps our challenge as we learn from people like Mr Hardy is that we should represent the presence of Christ to everyone that we meet, praying for any issues that we know they are facing and offering a kind not necessarily deeply theological word at the right moment. May we, at this time of remembrance, be inspired to represent Christ in our communities.

Rachel

Thank You

Ron, Denice and Freda would like to thank everyone from the Area's churches for all their prayers, love, messages of support, cards and flowers following the recent illness and sadly subsequent death of Bill (Freda's husband and Denice's dad). Your prayers and concern have been of great value to us all as a family, all of which has helped us through a difficult time in our lives. God bless you all.

Ron, Denice, Freda and family

We need an additional 2 representatives to attend Methodist Synod.

The next meetings will be held on Saturday 25th April 2015 in the Sedbergh Circuit and Saturday 12th September 2015 here in the United Area at Trinity Church Centre. You do not have to be a member of the Area meeting to be a rep. If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact Jenet or any of the people who have contributed accounts on pages 6,7 & 8.

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

Dec/Jan issue No 97 of *Newslink* will be published at the end of November Please send all material to reach Lilian Wood, 89 Risedale Road, Barrow, LA13 9QY by Sunday November 9th. Items can also be passed on by ☎ **01229 825986** or ✉ lilian.wood4@gmail.com

Methodist Church's Safeguarding Past Cases Review

The Methodist Conference in 2013 agreed to undertake a review of any safeguarding cases connected to the Methodist Church over the last 60 years, involving children and/or vulnerable adults. The aim of the review is to ensure that any knowledge of past cases can be used to ensure that actions necessary are taken to protect children and adults in the church today and, secondly, to ensure that everything we can learn from past cases is used to improve our safeguarding practice across the Church for the future.

Ministers have already been asked to submit any information they have to the review. But the perspective of lay people is vital - you may be the person who has information which was not recorded at the time because the Church was not as vigilant as it is today. There are letters available in each of our Methodist churches which provide some more background to the review and give details of how to respond.

And if you would like to talk anything through, please don't hesitate to contact your minister or, if you would prefer to speak to someone you don't know, the District Safeguarding Officer, Graham Kay, will be pleased to help - you can contact him by phone on 07704 037011 or by email at: cumbria.methodist.safeguarding@gmail.com

The deadline for responses is 24 December.

Jennet McLeod

Vocations Fayre

Stepping Out - God's call and our response.

Saturday 8th November, 10:00am - 2:45pm at Sandylands Methodist Church, Kendal.

Inspiring stories and helpful information showing opportunities in lay/ordained, informal/formal ministry.

With the Bishop of Penrith, Rev Richard Teal and Rev Sarah Moore.

Lunch provided.

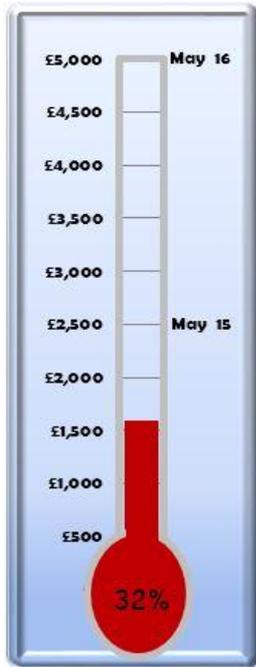
For more information and booking please contact admin@lctp.co.uk

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet at 59 Croslands Park at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 4th November to study the Bible and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship.

Janet Ladds

Christian Aid Community Partnership



Thank you to Beacon Hill for donating their Harvest offering to the maternal and child healthcare in Kenya project. We have also received a contribution from Ramsden Street. The total raised so far is £1592.48. Beacon Hill have arranged a quiz evening on Saturday 15th November. If anyone is planning an event please let me know so that we can publicise the date and avoid a clash with anything else.

Lilian Wood

The following information is taken from the Christian Aid Kenya information sheet. Kenya is classified as one of the world's least developed countries by the United Nations and has an unacceptably high maternal mortality rate: for every 100,000 births, 490 women die during childbirth. A major new project in Narok County will improve health for nearly 200,000 women and over 130,000 children under five through a powerful combination of provision and action.

Becoming a mother in Narok County

Mothers and children do not enjoy the same healthcare in Kenya as we do in the UK. In Narok County, where this project is based, only 30 per cent of the population have access to maternal and child healthcare services and only 17.6 per cent of the population actually use them. As well as extremely high maternal mortality rates, there are high rates of stunting in children under-five (an indicator of chronic malnutrition) and high levels of extreme poverty, with more than a third of the population living below the poverty line.

Cultural beliefs and traditions are held to very strongly in this society, some of which are proving to be a barrier to better healthcare. Many women choose to give birth in their village with only the help of traditional birth attendants - local, often elderly women with no formal medical training. When there are complications, it is usually too late to transfer the mother to a clinic and the results can be fatal. Men dominate decisions around healthcare, and women have to seek permission from men to go to hospital or use family planning methods. Due to a lack of proper health education, this has also proved to be a barrier to women and children getting the healthcare they need. Potentially damaging cultural practices like forced marriages, early pregnancy and female genital mutilation are also common.

Project overview

This is the biggest maternal and child health project that the EU has ever contributed to in Kenya. Over four years, more than 350,000 women, children, young people and men will benefit from a huge range of activities. The project is working for lasting change in Narok County, so these benefits will be felt for generations to come.

Three Christian Aid partners will work in collaboration with each other and the national and local governments to deliver this project: Anglican Church of Kenya Narok Integrated Development Programme (NIDP), Christian Missionary Fellowship (CHP), and Anglican Church of Kenya Transmara Rural Development Programme (TRDP).

Addressing immediate needs

Women die in childbirth every day in this part of Kenya. This project is providing immediate help in the form of medicines, basic medical equipment, and ambulances that can reach the isolated rural communities. Two new maternity wards will also be constructed and another three renovated. Chronic malnutrition is a huge problem in this area, with 65.4 per cent of children experiencing stunted growth. Our partners will provide high-impact nutrition interventions as well as working on longer-term solutions such as starting community 'kitchen gardens' to tackle this problem.



Green Tip

The website www.recycleforcumbria.org has an A-Z of materials giving advice on how to reduce, reuse or recycle many different items.

Lilian Wood

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

Report From Methodist Representative Synod

After a welcome from Rev Andrew Longshaw, Superintendent of the newly formed North Cumbria Circuit, the scene was set for the day by worship led by the host Circuit. We then moved into the business that has to be dealt with by Synod which was despatched as swiftly and efficiently as possible. One new agenda item was the opportunity to ask those who had represented the District at July's Methodist conference about the business conducted by the conference. Of particular interest was the debate on human relationships, including same sex marriage. We heard that the debate, which took up a considerable amount of conference time, had been conducted with great sensitivity, with people of widely opposing views being gracious in their listening to one another. The outcome was that the Church will take a period of two years prayerfully to consider how the church should be responding to the huge changes that have taken place in relation to human relationships before making any decisions. Study material will be made available for local churches and Circuits to use to aid their deliberations. Should conference then determine that it is permissible for same sex marriages to take place in Methodist churches, it would still be left to individual churches (and ministers) to make their own local decisions. In the meantime, although ministers cannot carry out blessings of same sex relationships in the name of the church, they may do so as a personal response to a request. Synod then heard a whole series of good news stories, including a quick presentation from a whole series of churches which have used the £500 grants made available by the District to further their mission - ideas were many and varied, from running a flower festival to buying soup kettles. IF YOUR CHURCH HASN'T YET APPLIED FOR £500, WHY NOT THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW YOU COULD USE THE MONEY AND GET AN APPLICATION IN? The morning concluded with the commissioning of the new Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network North West region's officers, who were represented by Brec Seaton and Alison Hulse.

Jennet McLeod

Those who attended Synod took part in the afternoon workshops, and have written the following accounts:

SUNDAY MORNING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Emma Richardson, from NISCU (Northern Inter Schools Christian Union) began the session by challenging us to reflect on whether the invitations our churches offer to children and families are in fact exciting and relevant enough to be likely to attract them and whether the welcome they receive if they do come is genuinely warm. She asked us to reflect on our own responses to flyers that are pushed through our letter boxes inviting us to various events - and most of us admitted we put such things straight in the bin! We then spent some time in groups thinking about the various contacts we already have with children and families. Sadly, we ran out of time and didn't get round to looking at the variety of resources and ideas Emma had brought with her!

Jennet McLeod

GODLY PLAY

This is a creative and imaginative approach to exploring Christian faith and heritage, originally developed as a resource for children but now being used in a wide range of age groups in a diversity of settings. It's not about learning lessons, keeping people entertained or telling people what they need to know, instead it's about experiencing the sacred stories of the Bible in a way that encourages people to make meaning for themselves.

At the core of Godly Play is a storyteller who tells a sacred story using various objects. Then there is time of wondering - the story teller asks, for example, *I wonder which part of this story you liked best? I wonder which part of this story is the most important?* There is no correct answer. After the time of wondering there is an invitation to the people to respond to the story in some way through craft materials, further reading, having some quiet time, etc.

If you would like to know more, please contact Ann Hufton for an information leaflet, or look at the web site www.godlyplay.org.uk or watch the following video at

<http://vimeopro.com/epicentervideos/logos/video/72924337>

Ann Hufton

UNDER 5'S SPIRITUALITY

This workshop explored the activities which can engage babies and infants from birth to five years in Spirituality. It was acknowledged that there are few books written on the subject and any books focus on 3-5 years. Additionally, most of the activities are things that older generations would take for granted. However, simple activities which enable children to engage with the world around them, such as looking at the stars on a clear night, jumping in puddles and watching the sunrise/set. Essentially anything that creates a 'wow' moment. I found the workshop very interesting and although David can't splash in puddles yet we have watched the pattern of the leaves in the streetlight and I could see the 'wow' on his face. I would be interested on doing further work in this area.

Rachel Williams

CONTACT CENTRES

This workshop only took place after 'last minute' changes of leadership, as the scheduled leader, David Morrison, was taken ill on the morning of Synod. We were however, given basic information regards 'Contact Centres' in Cumbria - there are currently only 2 in the entire county, one in Carlisle and the other in Kendal (although we were later informed that one is currently being set up in Barrow with the help of Methodist District funding). Basically, these are 'safe places' for children to be brought by one parent, and left to be 'visited' by the other parent, sometimes alone, other times with supervision, depending on circumstances.

If we were thinking of setting up such a 'centre', advice could be given by David (Morrison).

Ron Wilson

YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGING IN FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

This was led by Mandy Taylor, Project Development Officer at Shackles Off in Seascale. She gave a detailed and moving account of the setting up of the project, and described the various activities provided for young people, including a drop-in centre, a youth club and Sunday morning worship. The aim of the project is to help young people to develop personally, socially and spiritually, so that they can contribute to the local community. Unfortunately there was not enough time to apply the experience they have gained to our own situations.

Lilian Wood

Area Event on Sunday 2nd November @ Beacon Hill Methodist Church



BIG SING

led by Alison Adam from the Iona Community

“Singing Workshop” from 2:00pm, followed by Faith Tea @ 5:00pm;
and ending with a service led by Alison @ 6:00pm

Everyone welcome, singers and those who think they can't sing!

Individual Churches

Trinity

Monthly Coffee Morning & Stork Sale Saturday 1st November from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Christmas Fayre Saturday 29th November from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The 'Loved Ones' service will be on Sunday 9th November at 4:00 p.m.

We are hosting 'You, Me and Afternoon Tea' on Wednesdays 12th, 19th, & 26th November from 2:00 p.m. We are grateful to Ann Hufton and Anne Stevenson for all the work they have done in preparing the programme for us. We hope and pray that it will be a success and that it will provide something that will be a service to our community.

Risedale Links:- Some members of Trinity went to Risedale on 23rd September and held a short Harvest Service, which was well attended by the residents and seemed to be enjoyed by them. Jennet was able to be with us on that occasion and spoke to many residents, some of whom worship with us when carers are able to bring them. Jennet has also led a communion service, so our links are being strengthened.

Margaret Manwell

Trinity Prayer - We meet in the lower meeting room at Trinity each Thursday morning between 8:50 and 9:30 am to pray; each week we give time to one of the United Area churches, and a set of streets, as well as other prayer concerns. If you have any prayer concerns or things you wish to be prayed for, please contact Janet/Alan Ladds (833882) so we can add them to the prayer book.

1/11	Dalton	'L'
8/11	Askam	'M'
15/11	Kirkby	'N'
22/11	Broughton	'O'
29/11	Millom	'P'

Janet Ladds

Ramsden Street

The MacMillan coffee morning on September 28th raised £150. Thank you to those who supported it.

Our Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday November 1st from 10am to 1pm. There will be several stalls including cakes, groceries, gifts, handmade cards, etc and refreshments and light lunches will be available. We do hope you will come along.

Family & Friends Service (our version of Back to Church Sunday!) will be at 11:15am on Sunday November 2nd and will be led by Ron Wilson. A similar service was held last year which was well supported so we hope that those who are being invited will take up the invitation.

Anne Stevenson

Hartington Street

All are welcome to our midweek Fellowship meetings:

Care and Share fellowship/Knit and Natter: We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 - 11:30am at Hartington Street. Fellowship, Prayer, a cuppa & bring your knitting. You are invited to join us for our **Tea Club**, which starts at 4:00pm & ends around 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays. Tea is served at 4:00pm. 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: November 13th Rev Ann Hufton,
November 27th Mike Little,
December 11th Christmas Party.

The Big Christmas Push! November-December @ The Hub

The leaves are turning brown and orange, Cumbria's rain appears to have returned with a vengeance and we are bringing out our winter duvets! All signs that the season is changing to probably the busiest period in the church calendar! Work at The Hub since September's term began has been busy with all groups starting back with a bang. Now the focus isn't new beginnings but looking towards the Christmas season. Last year we hosted a fabulous party for all people connected with the UA & The Hub which was a huge success. We all enjoyed party games, puppet shows, a quiz, food and more! This year the big party takes place on December 14th from 2:30 to 5pm. We would love to see even more people there this year where you will be welcome to be part of the team or just come along to enjoy the party. If you would like any information please do contact me! Around the same time we will be hosting our candle lit carol service which I personally am very much looking forward to. The exact details will be released soon so keep a look out on notice boards or our Facebook group for updates as this is going to be one to remember!

On a more day to day update from The Hub we received a grant for kitchen equipment from the District. We have chosen to purchase a wall mounted water boiler (we brew loads of tea & coffee!) It's a great feeling to still be building and adding more in the church. Speaking of adding more, we have a new community volunteer, Jess, helping at our play groups and after school club. Jess comes to us with a wealth of childcare experience which is very useful indeed.

We will soon be embarking on an estate wide advertising campaign in which new colourful flyers are being made. These will go into every door around the Hindpool estate and also to every child in St James, Brisbane Park and Ramsden St schools. If anyone would like to help us deliver all these leaflets please do get in touch with me and we can allocate you a few streets to do at a time that suits you.

Moving back onto Christmas I am doing something called 'The Big Christmas Push'. Basically over the last few years commercialised Christmas has wound me up to the point of whinging at the high street stores. It seems as if Christmas related products are appearing on the shelves earlier every year. We also see all too often adverts calling the Christmas season 'The Festive season' or 'The Holidays'. Does this not wind you up too that Christ has been removed from the name? If so why not join me in 'The Big Push'. Let's push for the big build up to be entirely about expecting Jesus's arrival. I am making posters for church, house and car windows which put the clear message across that without Jesus there wouldn't even be a festive season so let's put the 'Christ' back into the centre of it all. I will be campaigning in the schools for this too plus in the various groups we run down at The Hub. Why not join me in this? If you would like any posters please do get in touch and I will have these made for you. Let's push for Jesus to be recognised as the gift to the world.

Mike Little

Beacon Hill

Our usual monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 27th November, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items. On Saturday 15th November at 6 pm there will be a quiz evening with soup to raise money for the Christian Aid Partnership project, maternal and child healthcare in Kenya. For catering purposes could you please phone me on 825986 if you will be attending.

Lilian Wood

'Monday Magic' (the name was chosen by the group after various suggestions) began in April after successful You, Me and Afternoon Tea sessions held in March. We meet fortnightly on a Monday afternoon, 2:30 - 4 pm. The next dates are November 3rd and 17th and December 1st and 15th, when after a Christmas lunch to be held at Francescas we will have a break until mid-January.

We begin with chair/standing exercises followed by a speaker/choir/slides/board games/quizzes etc ending with tea and chat, although plenty of chat goes on from arrival! Numbers vary between 17 and 25, with 2 new ladies recently. Those attending consist of approximately 1/3 church members, 1/3 with a loose connection with Beacon Hill (coffee morning or MY group) and the remainder either from YMAT or word of mouth. We feel this is a great form of outreach, fulfilling a need in the community where there are a lot of lonely people. We do not perform 'magic' but the meeting is magic to those who do not see anyone else from one week to the next and so look forward to coming. If anyone in the Area knows someone who they feel would like to come they will be most welcome. Please ring Elaine on 821815 or myself on 822722.

Muriel Dawson

Dalton

The Bible Society coffee morning raised £256 for Bible Society work. Donation boxes received during the event increased this to £350. Thanks to everyone for supporting Bible Society work in the 2013/14 financial year.

Carol in Flowers. We are planning the Christmas Story in flowers and carols. We have a list of carols we would like to make flower arrangements for - if anyone is willing to help us, please phone Angie on 467567. **Carol in Flowers** will open on Advent Sunday. Admission will be free but if anyone is willing to make a donation it will go to the United Area Appeal. If there are enough volunteers **Carol in Flowers** will also open during the December coffee mornings.

Dalton Christmas Tree Festival. The theme for this year is TV programmes. Bible Society have chosen "Cadfael" and Dalton Methodist/URC "Songs of Praise".

R Willock

Christian Women's Fellowship: The next meeting of the CWF will be on Wednesday 19th November at 7:30 pm. The speaker for the evening is the Rev'd Sarah Moore who will be telling us about her journey to South Korea. All are welcome.

D Zazi

Date for the Diary: 29th Nov Christmas Bazaar at Market Street, 9:45 - 11:15 am.

Kirkby-in-Furness

We continue to form links with the community and were pleased to have been able to offer our building to Burlington Slate Quarry on two days last month when they held First Aid Training. They have been before, but returned as they especially liked the thick carpet for their "patients" to lie on and the general warm atmosphere of the premises.

As with any old building we seem never to be free of repair work and at the moment the re-roofing of the gable over the porch is a priority before the really bad winter weather sets in. We have accepted a suitable quote and have put in an application to the CGP Fund in the village. Hopefully we shall have enough from our own money to make up the rest.

Our Craft Fair was at the end of October so any money raised from that will be reported in the next Newslink.

We are to donate any money from our Christmas Coffee and Company on December 3rd to the new Christian Aid Community Partnership Project.

Our November Coffee and Company is on Wednesday 5th between 9:45 and 11:30am.

Janet Sheldon

Askam

We were delighted to welcome into membership Mrs. Valerie Hall, on Sunday, 5th October. Valerie has lived in Askam for just over a year now, having moved to live near her daughter and family, from Yorkshire, after losing her husband Peter. Valerie has joined in with worship and Sisterhood meetings and we are thrilled to have her with us. We hope she finds loving fellowship with our Duddon family.

Our last Coffee Morning held on Sat. 13th Sept was a surprising one, as we had a good attendance by lots of young Mums and one Dad. They were the supporting parents of a local football team - apparently they turned up for a 10:00 start, and the opponents thought it was 11:00 start. Consequently they had an hour to fill, and enjoyed our tea, coffee, biscuits and homemade marmalade - and our hospitality. Hopefully they will remember us next time they are in Askam in the Coffee Morning season - next year.

We welcomed Rachel to her first Harvest Service with us, and enjoyed fellowship with her after the service. At her first midweek service with us, we were delightedly entertained by David, as he 'joined in' with the singing. Our next weekly services will be on Wednesday 19th November and 17th December, at 10:00 a.m.

We have received a grant of £500.00 from CVS which has enabled us to start a new Armchair Exercise Class, led by Christine Pearce. The first class saw three new members who had followed up on an article in the Askam Community Page - showing the power of advertising. We have sufficient funds to run the class weekly now - it was previously fortnightly. At the second class we welcomed another 4 new members. Our next classes will be at 10:30 - 11:00 on Thursdays.

At the 2nd meeting of the Sisterhood, on 24th Sept., we welcomed two new members, and enjoyed a very interesting talk, with a flower demonstration by Ros Harrison (nee Dodd). Ros donated the four flower arrangements to be given to anyone we feel needed love and care. These were taken to two recently bereaved neighbours and a neighbour who has just come out of hospital. From the lovely thank you cards we received afterwards, all were very much appreciated. After the flower demonstration we held a collection and were able to donate £70.00 to Ros' chosen charity, The Blessed Hill Orphanage in Uganda, which she, her husband and children have visited twice and now has the support of her Church in Barrow. Like many African countries, Ugandan children need lots of love and care.

Sisterhood are once again busy collecting items for the Shoe Box Appeal, and hope to fill more boxes than previous years. Thanks to the great generosity of our ladies I am sure this will be easily achieved. Sisterhood is held fortnightly on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. The speaker on 5th November will be Bill Bleasdale, and on 19th November Beryl Hollowell will give a talk. Our Christmas Party will be held on 3rd December. There will be a short service of Remembrance on Sunday, 9th November at 9:30 a.m. at Duddon Road.

Dorothy Gleaves

Broughton

Sat. 15th November - Christmas Fair, 10:30am - 3pm

Various Stalls	Woodcraft	Candles and Cards
	Jewellery	Homemade Jams and Preserves
	Cakes	Paintings
	Usborne Books	Christmas Crafts
	Art Work	Raffle

Coffee, Tea and Home-made Biscuits followed by a Soup Lunch followed again by more Tea with a Cake or Scone. Come and look at our Talented Crafts made by Locals and maybe buy a present or two. Or enjoy our superb refreshments and chat to friends. FREE ENTRY.

RECYCLING. Andrew Bass from CVS, who has handed out grants to many of our churches, has asked me to make known the following information about BARROW DOMESTIC APPLIANCES. They will receive and repair any goods which will then be sold on to help those in need. They work from a building behind Wards on Hindpool Road, Barrow. PLEASE don't throw away but let us recycle and help others who are less fortunate than most of us.

Beryl Hollowell

Vickerstown

We were pleased to see a good turnout from the uniformed organisations at our Harvest Parade service on October 5th, and the weather did allow the afternoon service to be outdoors in Vickerstown Park as planned. The Harvest Supper and auction the following night, shared with St. Mary's, was very well attended and raised an impressive £195 for Christian Aid, as well as three large boxes of tins going to the Foodbank.

Vickerstown will again be hosting a United Area Bonfire Party at 6 p.m. on November 5th with food and a fire provided; please bring some fireworks to share. The cost will be as last year: £2.50 for adults, £1 for children and £6 per family, with all proceeds going to the Fund for World Mission. Please let me know (474601) if you intend to come, for catering purposes, and it would be helpful if a few people could contribute cakes and/or give a hand in the kitchen.

All are welcome to join us for our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th November, from 10-11:30 a.m. with the usual cake, bring and buy and Fairtrade stalls and a few extras as well!

Karen Edmondson

Regular Sunday Services

Morning service times are as follows:

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

Evening services are held as follows:

Beacon Hill	6 pm every week (4 pm in winter)
Trinity Church Centre	6:30 pm every week (4 pm in winter)
Hartington Street	4 pm on the 2 nd Sunday (all age service) 8 pm café worship as advertised
Kirkby	6 pm on the 2 nd Sunday

United Area joint evening services as arranged. For details, please consult the Plan or the website: www.swcumbriaunitedarea.urch.org.uk



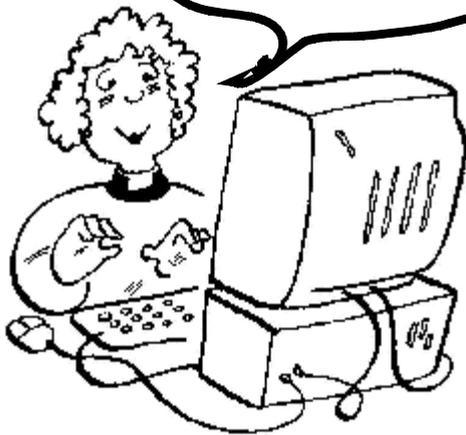
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State and 'the West'.

When war broke out in 1914, a country Church of England priest who had lost his wife two years previously wanted to join up to minister to those serving in the conflict but he was refused because, at 51, he was considered too old. Two years later, after many letters and pestering those in charge he joined the troops that he so longed to serve.

Theodore Bayley Hardy, whose greeting was 'Its only me', served his country, rescuing wounded men very close to enemy front lines on more than one occasion meaning that he received the Distinguished Service Order (DSO), the Military Cross (MC) and the Victoria Cross (VC) between 1916 and his death, caused by being injured again helping the wounded just before the end of the war on the 18th October 1918.

The work of the Rev Hardy and other Chaplains, or Padres as they are known to the soldiers, is, to this day, one of

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being the presence of Christ in difficult situations. Although the people that they serve often have no faith it is still important to them that someone will pray with them or for them in the harsh realities of the battlefield. After all there are said to be no atheists in foxholes. Perhaps our challenge as we learn from people like Mr Hardy is that we should represent the presence of Christ to everyone that we meet, praying for any issues that we know they are facing and offering a kind not necessarily deeply theological word at the right moment. May we, at this time of remembrance, be inspired to represent Christ in our communities.

Rachel

Thank You

Ron, Denice and Freda would like to thank everyone from the Area's churches for all their prayers, love, messages of support, cards and flowers following the recent illness and sadly subsequent death of Bill (Freda's husband and Denice's dad). Your prayers and concern have been of great value to us all as a family, all of which has helped us through a difficult time in our lives. God bless you all.

Ron, Denice, Freda and family

We need an additional 2 representatives to attend Methodist Synod.

The next meetings will be held on Saturday 25th April 2015 in the Sedbergh Circuit and Saturday 12th September 2015 here in the United Area at Trinity Church Centre. You do not have to be a member of the Area meeting to be a rep. If anyone is interested or would like more information please contact Jenet or any of the people who have contributed accounts on pages 6,7 & 8.

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

Dec/Jan issue No 97 of *Newslink* will be published at the end of November Please send all material to reach Lilian Wood, 89 Risedale Road, Barrow, LA13 9QY by Sunday November 9th. Items can also be passed on by ☎ **01229 825986** or ✉ lilian.wood4@gmail.com

Methodist Church's Safeguarding Past Cases Review

The Methodist Conference in 2013 agreed to undertake a review of any safeguarding cases connected to the Methodist Church over the last 60 years, involving children and/or vulnerable adults. The aim of the review is to ensure that any knowledge of past cases can be used to ensure that actions necessary are taken to protect children and adults in the church today and, secondly, to ensure that everything we can learn from past cases is used to improve our safeguarding practice across the Church for the future.

Ministers have already been asked to submit any information they have to the review. But the perspective of lay people is vital - you may be the person who has information which was not recorded at the time because the Church was not as vigilant as it is today. There are letters available in each of our Methodist churches which provide some more background to the review and give details of how to respond.

And if you would like to talk anything through, please don't hesitate to contact your minister or, if you would prefer to speak to someone you don't know, the District Safeguarding Officer, Graham Kay, will be pleased to help - you can contact him by phone on 07704 037011 or by email at: cumbria.methodist.safeguarding@gmail.com

The deadline for responses is 24 December.

Jennet McLeod

Vocations Fayre

Stepping Out - God's call and our response.

Saturday 8th November, 10:00am - 2:45pm at Sandylands Methodist Church, Kendal.

Inspiring stories and helpful information showing opportunities in lay/ordained, informal/formal ministry.

With the Bishop of Penrith, Rev Richard Teal and Rev Sarah Moore.

Lunch provided.

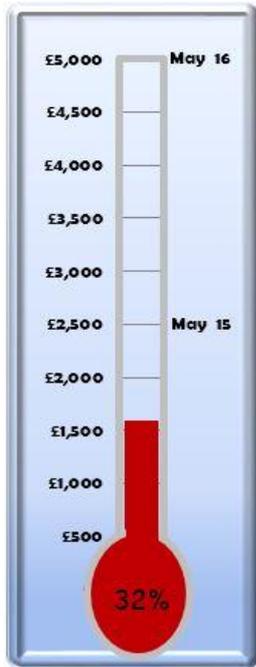
For more information and booking please contact admin@lctp.co.uk

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet at 59 Croslands Park at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 4th November to study the Bible and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship.

Janet Ladds

Christian Aid Community Partnership



Thank you to Beacon Hill for donating their Harvest offering to the maternal and child healthcare in Kenya project. We have also received a contribution from Ramsden Street. The total raised so far is £1592.48. Beacon Hill have arranged a quiz evening on Saturday 15th November. If anyone is planning an event please let me know so that we can publicise the date and avoid a clash with anything else.

Lilian Wood

The following information is taken from the Christian Aid Kenya information sheet. Kenya is classified as one of the world's least developed countries by the United Nations and has an unacceptably high maternal mortality rate: for every 100,000 births, 490 women die during childbirth. A major new project in Narok County will improve health for nearly 200,000 women and over 130,000 children under five through a powerful combination of provision and action.

Becoming a mother in Narok County

Mothers and children do not enjoy the same healthcare in Kenya as we do in the UK. In Narok County, where this project is based, only 30 per cent of the population have access to maternal and child healthcare services and only 17.6 per cent of the population actually use them. As well as extremely high maternal mortality rates, there are high rates of stunting in children under-five (an indicator of chronic malnutrition) and high levels of extreme poverty, with more than a third of the population living below the poverty line.

Cultural beliefs and traditions are held to very strongly in this society, some of which are proving to be a barrier to better healthcare. Many women choose to give birth in their village with only the help of traditional birth attendants - local, often elderly women with no formal medical training. When there are complications, it is usually too late to transfer the mother to a clinic and the results can be fatal. Men dominate decisions around healthcare, and women have to seek permission from men to go to hospital or use family planning methods. Due to a lack of proper health education, this has also proved to be a barrier to women and children getting the healthcare they need. Potentially damaging cultural practices like forced marriages, early pregnancy and female genital mutilation are also common.

Project overview

This is the biggest maternal and child health project that the EU has ever contributed to in Kenya. Over four years, more than 350,000 women, children, young people and men will benefit from a huge range of activities. The project is working for lasting change in Narok County, so these benefits will be felt for generations to come.

Three Christian Aid partners will work in collaboration with each other and the national and local governments to deliver this project: Anglican Church of Kenya Narok Integrated Development Programme (NIDP), Christian Missionary Fellowship (CHP), and Anglican Church of Kenya Transmara Rural Development Programme (TRDP).

Addressing immediate needs

Women die in childbirth every day in this part of Kenya. This project is providing immediate help in the form of medicines, basic medical equipment, and ambulances that can reach the isolated rural communities. Two new maternity wards will also be constructed and another three renovated. Chronic malnutrition is a huge problem in this area, with 65.4 per cent of children experiencing stunted growth. Our partners will provide high-impact nutrition interventions as well as working on longer-term solutions such as starting community 'kitchen gardens' to tackle this problem.



Green Tip

The website www.recycleforcumbria.org has an A-Z of materials giving advice on how to reduce, reuse or recycle many different items.

Lilian Wood

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

Report From Methodist Representative Synod

After a welcome from Rev Andrew Longshaw, Superintendent of the newly formed North Cumbria Circuit, the scene was set for the day by worship led by the host Circuit. We then moved into the business that has to be dealt with by Synod which was despatched as swiftly and efficiently as possible. One new agenda item was the opportunity to ask those who had represented the District at July's Methodist conference about the business conducted by the conference. Of particular interest was the debate on human relationships, including same sex marriage. We heard that the debate, which took up a considerable amount of conference time, had been conducted with great sensitivity, with people of widely opposing views being gracious in their listening to one another. The outcome was that the Church will take a period of two years prayerfully to consider how the church should be responding to the huge changes that have taken place in relation to human relationships before making any decisions. Study material will be made available for local churches and Circuits to use to aid their deliberations. Should conference then determine that it is permissible for same sex marriages to take place in Methodist churches, it would still be left to individual churches (and ministers) to make their own local decisions. In the meantime, although ministers cannot carry out blessings of same sex relationships in the name of the church, they may do so as a personal response to a request. Synod then heard a whole series of good news stories, including a quick presentation from a whole series of churches which have used the £500 grants made available by the District to further their mission - ideas were many and varied, from running a flower festival to buying soup kettles. IF YOUR CHURCH HASN'T YET APPLIED FOR £500, WHY NOT THINK CREATIVELY ABOUT HOW YOU COULD USE THE MONEY AND GET AN APPLICATION IN? The morning concluded with the commissioning of the new Discipleship and Ministries Learning Network North West region's officers, who were represented by Brec Seaton and Alison Hulse.

Jennet McLeod

Those who attended Synod took part in the afternoon workshops, and have written the following accounts:

SUNDAY MORNING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Emma Richardson, from NISCU (Northern Inter Schools Christian Union) began the session by challenging us to reflect on whether the invitations our churches offer to children and families are in fact exciting and relevant enough to be likely to attract them and whether the welcome they receive if they do come is genuinely warm. She asked us to reflect on our own responses to flyers that are pushed through our letter boxes inviting us to various events - and most of us admitted we put such things straight in the bin! We then spent some time in groups thinking about the various contacts we already have with children and families. Sadly, we ran out of time and didn't get round to looking at the variety of resources and ideas Emma had brought with her!

Jennet McLeod

GODLY PLAY

This is a creative and imaginative approach to exploring Christian faith and heritage, originally developed as a resource for children but now being used in a wide range of age groups in a diversity of settings. It's not about learning lessons, keeping people entertained or telling people what they need to know, instead it's about experiencing the sacred stories of the Bible in a way that encourages people to make meaning for themselves.

At the core of Godly Play is a storyteller who tells a sacred story using various objects. Then there is time of wondering - the story teller asks, for example, *I wonder which part of this story you liked best? I wonder which part of this story is the most important?* There is no correct answer. After the time of wondering there is an invitation to the people to respond to the story in some way through craft materials, further reading, having some quiet time, etc.

If you would like to know more, please contact Ann Hufton for an information leaflet, or look at the web site www.godlyplay.org.uk or watch the following video at <http://vimeopro.com/epicentervideos/logos/video/72924337>

Ann Hufton

UNDER 5'S SPIRITUALITY

This workshop explored the activities which can engage babies and infants from birth to five years in Spirituality. It was acknowledged that there are few books written on the subject and any books focus on 3-5 years. Additionally, most of the activities are things that older generations would take for granted. However, simple activities which enable children to engage with the world around them, such as looking at the stars on a clear night, jumping in puddles and watching the sunrise/set. Essentially anything that creates a 'wow' moment. I found the workshop very interesting and although David can't splash in puddles yet we have watched the pattern of the leaves in the streetlight and I could see the 'wow' on his face. I would be interested on doing further work in this area.

Rachel Williams

CONTACT CENTRES

This workshop only took place after 'last minute' changes of leadership, as the scheduled leader, David Morrison, was taken ill on the morning of Synod. We were however, given basic information regards 'Contact Centres' in Cumbria - there are currently only 2 in the entire county, one in Carlisle and the other in Kendal (although we were later informed that one is currently being set up in Barrow with the help of Methodist District funding). Basically, these are 'safe places' for children to be brought by one parent, and left to be 'visited' by the other parent, sometimes alone, other times with supervision, depending on circumstances.

If we were thinking of setting up such a 'centre', advice could be given by David (Morrison).

Ron Wilson

YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGING IN FAITH AND SPIRITUALITY

This was led by Mandy Taylor, Project Development Officer at Shackles Off in Seascale. She gave a detailed and moving account of the setting up of the project, and described the various activities provided for young people, including a drop-in centre, a youth club and Sunday morning worship. The aim of the project is to help young people to develop personally, socially and spiritually, so that they can contribute to the local community. Unfortunately there was not enough time to apply the experience they have gained to our own situations.

Lilian Wood

Area Event on Sunday 2nd November @ Beacon Hill Methodist Church



BIG SING

led by Alison Adam from the Iona Community

“Singing Workshop” from 2:00pm, followed by Faith Tea @ 5:00pm;
and ending with a service led by Alison @ 6:00pm

Everyone welcome, singers and those who think they can't sing!

Individual Churches

Trinity

Monthly Coffee Morning & Stork Sale Saturday 1st November from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 29th November from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The 'Loved Ones' service will be on Sunday 9th November at 4:00 p.m.

We are hosting 'You, Me and Afternoon Tea' on Wednesdays 12th, 19th, & 26th

November from 2:00 p.m. We are grateful to Ann Hufton and Anne Stevenson for all the work they have done in preparing the programme for us. We hope and pray that it will be a success and that it will provide something that will be a service to our community.

Risedale Links:- Some members of Trinity went to Risedale on 23rd September and held a short Harvest Service, which was well attended by the residents and seemed to be enjoyed by them. Jennet was able to be with us on that occasion and spoke to many residents, some of whom worship with us when carers are able to bring them. Jennet has also led a communion service, so our links are being strengthened.

Margaret Manwell

Trinity Prayer - We meet in the lower meeting room at Trinity each Thursday morning between 8:50 and 9:30 am to pray; each week we give time to one of the United Area churches, and a set of streets, as well as other prayer concerns. If you have any prayer concerns or things you wish to be prayed for, please contact Janet/Alan Ladds (833882) so we can add them to the prayer book.

1/11	Dalton	'L'
8/11	Askam	'M'
15/11	Kirkby	'N'
22/11	Broughton	'O'
29/11	Millom	'P'

Janet Ladds

Ramsden Street

The MacMillan coffee morning on September 28th raised £150. Thank you to those who supported it.

Our Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday November 1st from 10am to 1pm. There will be several stalls including cakes, groceries, gifts, handmade cards, etc and refreshments and light lunches will be available. We do hope you will come along.

Family & Friends Service (our version of Back to Church Sunday!) will be at 11:15am on Sunday November 2nd and will be led by Ron Wilson. A similar service was held last year which was well supported so we hope that those who are being invited will take up the invitation.

Anne Stevenson

Hartington Street

All are welcome to our midweek Fellowship meetings:

Care and Share fellowship/Knit and Natter: We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 - 11:30am at Hartington Street. Fellowship, Prayer, a cuppa & bring your knitting. You are invited to join us for our **Tea Club**, which starts at 4:00pm & ends around 5:30pm on alternate Thursdays. Tea is served at 4:00pm. 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: November 13th Rev Ann Hufton,
November 27th Mike Little,
December 11th Christmas Party.

The Big Christmas Push! November-December @ The Hub

The leaves are turning brown and orange, Cumbria's rain appears to have returned with a vengeance and we are bringing out our winter duvets! All signs that the season is changing to probably the busiest period in the church calendar! Work at The Hub since September's term began has been busy with all groups starting back with a bang. Now the focus isn't new beginnings but looking towards the Christmas season. Last year we hosted a fabulous party for all people connected with the UA & The Hub which was a huge success. We all enjoyed party games, puppet shows, a quiz, food and more! This year the big party takes place on December 14th from 2:30 to 5pm. We would love to see even more people there this year where you will be welcome to be part of the team or just come along to enjoy the party. If you would like any information please do contact me! Around the same time we will be hosting our candle lit carol service which I personally am very much looking forward to. The exact details will be released soon so keep a look out on notice boards or our Facebook group for updates as this is going to be one to remember!

On a more day to day update from The Hub we received a grant for kitchen equipment from the District. We have chosen to purchase a wall mounted water boiler (we brew loads of tea & coffee!) It's a great feeling to still be building and adding more in the church. Speaking of adding more, we have a new community volunteer, Jess, helping at our play groups and after school club. Jess comes to us with a wealth of childcare experience which is very useful indeed.

We will soon be embarking on an estate wide advertising campaign in which new colourful flyers are being made. These will go into every door around the Hindpool estate and also to every child in St James, Brisbane Park and Ramsden St schools. If anyone would like to help us deliver all these leaflets please do get in touch with me and we can allocate you a few streets to do at a time that suits you.

Moving back onto Christmas I am doing something called 'The Big Christmas Push'. Basically over the last few years commercialised Christmas has wound me up to the point of whinging at the high street stores. It seems as if Christmas related products are appearing on the shelves earlier every year. We also see all too often adverts calling the Christmas season 'The Festive season' or 'The Holidays'. Does this not wind you up too that Christ has been removed from the name? If so why not join me in 'The Big Push'. Let's push for the big build up to be entirely about expecting Jesus's arrival. I am making posters for church, house and car windows which put the clear message across that without Jesus there wouldn't even be a festive season so let's put the 'Christ' back into the centre of it all. I will be campaigning in the schools for this too plus in the various groups we run down at The Hub. Why not join me in this? If you would like any posters please do get in touch and I will have these made for you. Let's push for Jesus to be recognised as the gift to the world.

Mike Little

Beacon Hill

Our usual monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 27th November, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items. On Saturday 15th November at 6 pm there will be a quiz evening with soup to raise money for the Christian Aid Partnership project, maternal and child healthcare in Kenya. For catering purposes could you please phone me on 825986 if you will be attending.

Lilian Wood

'Monday Magic' (the name was chosen by the group after various suggestions) began in April after successful You, Me and Afternoon Tea sessions held in March. We meet fortnightly on a Monday afternoon, 2:30 - 4 pm. The next dates are November 3rd and 17th and December 1st and 15th, when after a Christmas lunch to be held at Francescas we will have a break until mid-January.

We begin with chair/standing exercises followed by a speaker/choir/slides/board games/quizzes etc ending with tea and chat, although plenty of chat goes on from arrival! Numbers vary between 17 and 25, with 2 new ladies recently. Those attending consist of approximately 1/3 church members, 1/3 with a loose connection with Beacon Hill (coffee morning or MY group) and the remainder either from YMAT or word of mouth. We feel this is a great form of outreach, fulfilling a need in the community where there are a lot of lonely people. We do not perform 'magic' but the meeting is magic to those who do not see anyone else from one week to the next and so look forward to coming. If anyone in the Area knows someone who they feel would like to come they will be most welcome. Please ring Elaine on 821815 or myself on 822722.

Muriel Dawson

Dalton

The Bible Society coffee morning raised £256 for Bible Society work. Donation boxes received during the event increased this to £350. Thanks to everyone for supporting Bible Society work in the 2013/14 financial year.

Carol in Flowers. We are planning the Christmas Story in flowers and carols. We have a list of carols we would like to make flower arrangements for - if anyone is willing to help us, please phone Angie on 467567. **Carol in Flowers** will open on Advent Sunday. Admission will be free but if anyone is willing to make a donation it will go to the United Area Appeal. If there are enough volunteers **Carol in Flowers** will also open during the December coffee mornings.

Dalton Christmas Tree Festival. The theme for this year is TV programmes. Bible Society have chosen "Cadfael" and Dalton Methodist/URC "Songs of Praise".

R Willock

Christian Women's Fellowship: The next meeting of the CWF will be on Wednesday 19th November at 7:30 pm. The speaker for the evening is the Rev'd Sarah Moore who will be telling us about her journey to South Korea. All are welcome.

D Zazi

Date for the Diary: 29th Nov Christmas Bazaar at Market Street, 9:45 - 11:15 am.

Kirkby-in-Furness

We continue to form links with the community and were pleased to have been able to offer our building to Burlington Slate Quarry on two days last month when they held First Aid Training. They have been before, but returned as they especially liked the thick carpet for their "patients" to lie on and the general warm atmosphere of the premises.

As with any old building we seem never to be free of repair work and at the moment the re-roofing of the gable over the porch is a priority before the really bad winter weather sets in. We have accepted a suitable quote and have put in an application to the CGP Fund in the village. Hopefully we shall have enough from our own money to make up the rest.

Our Craft Fair was at the end of October so any money raised from that will be reported in the next Newslink.

We are to donate any money from our Christmas Coffee and Company on December 3rd to the new Christian Aid Community Partnership Project.

Our November Coffee and Company is on Wednesday 5th between 9:45 and 11:30am.

Janet Sheldon

Askam

We were delighted to welcome into membership Mrs. Valerie Hall, on Sunday, 5th October. Valerie has lived in Askam for just over a year now, having moved to live near her daughter and family, from Yorkshire, after losing her husband Peter. Valerie has joined in with worship and Sisterhood meetings and we are thrilled to have her with us. We hope she finds loving fellowship with our Duddon family.

Our last Coffee Morning held on Sat. 13th Sept was a surprising one, as we had a good attendance by lots of young Mums and one Dad. They were the supporting parents of a local football team - apparently they turned up for a 10:00 start, and the opponents thought it was 11:00 start. Consequently they had an hour to fill, and enjoyed our tea, coffee, biscuits and homemade marmalade - and our hospitality. Hopefully they will remember us next time they are in Askam in the Coffee Morning season - next year.

We welcomed Rachel to her first Harvest Service with us, and enjoyed fellowship with her after the service. At her first midweek service with us, we were delightedly entertained by David, as he 'joined in' with the singing. Our next weekly services will be on Wednesday 19th November and 17th December, at 10:00 a.m.

We have received a grant of £500.00 from CVS which has enabled us to start a new Armchair Exercise Class, led by Christine Pearce. The first class saw three new members who had followed up on an article in the Askam Community Page - showing the power of advertising. We have sufficient funds to run the class weekly now - it was previously fortnightly. At the second class we welcomed another 4 new members. Our next classes will be at 10:30 - 11:00 on Thursdays.

At the 2nd meeting of the Sisterhood, on 24th Sept., we welcomed two new members, and enjoyed a very interesting talk, with a flower demonstration by Ros Harrison (nee Dodd). Ros donated the four flower arrangements to be given to anyone we feel needed love and care. These were taken to two recently bereaved neighbours and a neighbour who has just come out of hospital. From the lovely thank you cards we received afterwards, all were very much appreciated. After the flower demonstration we held a collection and were able to donate £70.00 to Ros' chosen charity, The Blessed Hill Orphanage in Uganda, which she, her husband and children have visited twice and now has the support of her Church in Barrow. Like many African countries, Ugandan children need lots of love and care.

Sisterhood are once again busy collecting items for the Shoe Box Appeal, and hope to fill more boxes than previous years. Thanks to the great generosity of our ladies I am sure this will be easily achieved. Sisterhood is held fortnightly on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. The speaker on 5th November will be Bill Bleasdale, and on 19th November Beryl Hollowell will give a talk. Our Christmas Party will be held on 3rd December. There will be a short service of Remembrance on Sunday, 9th November at 9:30 a.m. at Duddon Road.

Dorothy Gleaves

Broughton

Sat. 15th November - Christmas Fair, 10:30am - 3pm

Various Stalls	Woodcraft	Candles and Cards
	Jewellery	Homemade Jams and Preserves
	Cakes	Paintings
	Usborne Books	Christmas Crafts
	Art Work	Raffle

Coffee, Tea and Home-made Biscuits followed by a Soup Lunch followed again by more Tea with a Cake or Scone. Come and look at our Talented Crafts made by Locals and maybe buy a present or two. Or enjoy our superb refreshments and chat to friends. FREE ENTRY.

RECYCLING. Andrew Bass from CVS, who has handed out grants to many of our churches, has asked me to make known the following information about BARROW DOMESTIC APPLIANCES. They will receive and repair any goods which will then be sold on to help those in need. They work from a building behind Wards on Hindpool Road, Barrow. PLEASE don't throw away but let us recycle and help others who are less fortunate than most of us.

Beryl Hollowell

Vickerstown

We were pleased to see a good turnout from the uniformed organisations at our Harvest Parade service on October 5th, and the weather did allow the afternoon service to be outdoors in Vickerstown Park as planned. The Harvest Supper and auction the following night, shared with St. Mary's, was very well attended and raised an impressive £195 for Christian Aid, as well as three large boxes of tins going to the Foodbank.

Vickerstown will again be hosting a United Area Bonfire Party at 6 p.m. on November 5th with food and a fire provided; please bring some fireworks to share. The cost will be as last year: £2.50 for adults, £1 for children and £6 per family, with all proceeds going to the Fund for World Mission. Please let me know (474601) if you intend to come, for catering purposes, and it would be helpful if a few people could contribute cakes and/or give a hand in the kitchen.

All are welcome to join us for our Christmas Coffee Morning on Saturday 29th November, from 10-11:30 a.m. with the usual cake, bring and buy and Fairtrade stalls and a few extras as well!

Karen Edmondson

Regular Sunday Services

Morning service times are as follows:

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

Evening services are held as follows:

Beacon Hill	6 pm every week (4 pm in winter)
Trinity Church Centre	6:30 pm every week (4 pm in winter)
Hartington Street	4 pm on the 2 nd Sunday (all age service) 8 pm café worship as advertised
Kirkby	6 pm on the 2 nd Sunday

United Area joint evening services as arranged. For details, please consult the Plan or the website: www.swcumbriaunitedarea.urch.org.uk