



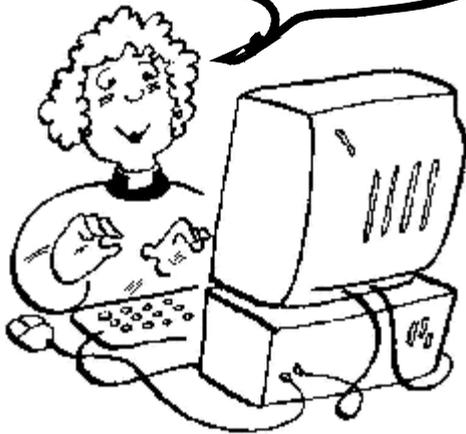
Newslink

SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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The Minister Writes



Dear Friends,
I am currently on a journey of discovery! Firstly, this is via a course I am attending at Rydal Hall called 'Nourishing the Soul' which is organised by the Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group. The course aims to help you discover more about various strands of our Christian spiritual heritage, including, for example, experiencing different ways of praying, using silence, and developing one's relationship with God through the creative arts. So over the past few months I have been learning about such things as Celtic

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and Franciscan spirituality, about the contemporary monk, Thomas Keating's, way of 'centering prayer' (look up on the internet if you want to) and about the way Ignatius Loyola taught his followers to review their day in prayer (often called the Examen).

I will be following up, and hopefully going further, with all the teaching and information I have had so far as I go through my sabbatical, which, by the time that you read this, will already be one third of the way through! I am very grateful to the United Area for agreeing to a time of study, reflection and 'space' for me during the months of August, September and October.

Secondly, during my sabbatical, I am trying to discover more about Archbishop Desmond Tutu - he is someone whom I have admired from afar and so I am going to look at his life and writings and, from that, because he was so involved with The Truth and

Area Website www.swcumbriaunitedarea.urch.org.uk

Reconciliation Commission in South Africa in the 1990s, to do some study on forgiveness and reconciliation. Someone showing forgiveness following an awful circumstance is always big news - only a few weeks ago Gee Walker, a committed Christian, and mother of a murdered teenager, was again in the media because of her determination to forgive the two men who brutally killed her son in 2005. She talks about holding onto bitterness as being like a cancer, something which eats you up inside. Forgiveness and reconciliation are at the centre of our faith - but they are often things which test our faith to the very limit. It can be easy to let revenge and retaliation, bitterness and hatred, lurk within us unless we are truly honest with ourselves.

When you see me after my sabbatical has finished, I hope you will ask me about what I discovered on my journey.

Blessings,

Ana

Creating Safer Space Basic Training (Safeguarding)

Are you new to the role of church steward, elder or Trustee within the United Area? Do you lead worship, work with children, young people or vulnerable adults? If you haven't already done so, you must attend the basic 'Creating Safer Space' training. Our next session will be on the morning of Saturday 5 September at Kirkby Methodist Church, beginning at 10 am (coffee from 9.30 am). Book your place with Mary Wilkinson tel 889588 or email marywilkinson1@aol.com

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

October issue No 105 of *Newslink* will be published at the end of September Please send all material to reach Lilian Wood, 89 Risedale Road, Barrow, LA13 9QY by Sunday September 6th. Items can also be passed on by ☎ **01229 825986** or ✉ lilian.wood4@gmail.com

Synod

The Cumbria Methodist Synod will be held at Trinity on Saturday September 12th. We need help from every church so I am appealing to you for assistance.

We will need **3 teams of refreshment people**.

- Team 1) 9 am till 10 am
- Team 2) 12.30 pm till 2 pm
- Team 3) 3 pm till 4 pm

The duties are to serve Teas and Coffees and wash up dirty dishes - and for the final session serve cakes as well.

We will need **cakes** for those delegates who stay around after Synod ends. For practical reasons we are only requesting cakes from the churches in Barrow and Dalton, although if any other church is able to help we would be grateful. Could you please let me know if someone from your church can provide a dozen cakes.

We also need volunteers to act as **parking stewards** from 9 am onwards.

Any volunteers please contact me by any of the following methods:

Telephone either 01229 462054 or 07818233990 or email mantlerh@talktalk.net

Many thanks.

Bob Mantle

Flashbacks...to times with Jesus

The next running of Flashbacks will be during the week beginning November 9th at Ramsden Street. Classes from four schools will be coming (St George's C of E School, Greengate Juniors, Sacred Heart RC School and Roose Community School) on

- Monday Nov 9th morning and afternoon,
- Tuesday Nov 10th morning and afternoon,
- Wednesday Nov 11th morning and
- Thursday Nov 12th morning - around 150 children in total.

If you would like to help at one (or more) of the sessions, please get in touch with any of the organising team (Ann Hufton, Kate Hughes, Joan Linney or Hilary Mantle) and say which session(s) you can help with.

If you have never been a part of Flashbacks before but would like enjoy a morning or afternoon with enthusiastic 8 and 9 year olds, or would like to help make the refreshments, we would be pleased to welcome you - no training needed to be a helper, just a desire to be with the youngsters.

Ann Hufton

Autumn Series - St Francis

Join us at Beacon Hill for a series of meetings on the subject of St Francis. We will meet at 7 pm on 4 consecutive Monday evenings, beginning on 14th September. We will have a film, Bible-based discussion, prayers, hymns and food.

Lilian Wood

Local Preachers / Worship Leaders

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September at 7:30pm at Kirkby. It will be a rededication service with communion, followed by a short business meeting. All leaders of worship are encouraged to attend.

Janet Ladds

Network

Everyone is warmly invited to Network's Ecumenical Celebration of Faith to be held at Trinity Church Centre on Wednesday October 7th @ 2 pm. The speaker will be Rev Jo Northey. Light refreshments at the close of the service.

Elaine Pears

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on Tuesday 1st September at 7:30 pm at 59 Croslands Park for a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. All ladies are welcome.

Janet Ladds

Forthcoming Meetings

Thursday 10th September - Education and Youth meeting at Beacon Hill at 7:30 pm.

Thursday 8th October - COG meeting at Dalton Market Street at 7:00 pm.

It would be good to see every church represented at these meetings.

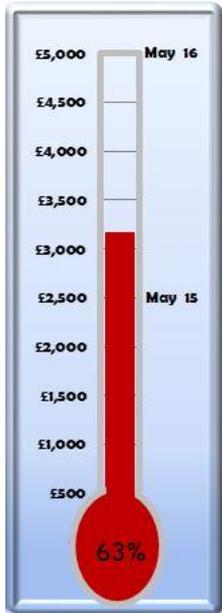
United Area Meetings

There will be an Extraordinary United Area meeting on Wednesday 2nd September at 7 pm at Kirkby.

The United Area Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th September at 7 pm at Wellington Street, Dalton.

Each church has at least two representatives and each committee has at least one representative. Please could all members of the Area meeting (or, for churches, the agreed substitutes if necessary) come to share in the planning of the life and witness of our United Area.

Christian Aid Community Partnership



Our total remains £3,172.86. We have until June 2016 to reach our target of £5,000.

Lilian Wood

Lebone

This summer we have sent £3000 to Lebone from the United Area. Your generosity is unbounded!

Elaine Pears



Green Tip

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society has a website: www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

If you are concerned about a hedgehog phone Irene Cannon on 464829

Lilian Wood

Individual Churches

Trinity

Monthly Coffee Morning, Saturday 5th September, 10:00 am - 11:30 am.

Blossom Time with Ros from Dodds the Florist, Ulverston. Please note the date of this event has been changed - it will now be on Friday 11th September at 7:30 pm. This is always a popular and enjoyable occasion, so get your ticket early.

MacMillan Great Coffee Afternoon, Thursday 24th September from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

Sponsored by Janet and Kay. Please come along and join us.

Family News

Over the last few weeks we have had quite a few baptisms. On 19th July Jenet baptised Harry Jay Brown and George Atticus Jolliffe; both boys brought their parents and lots of family and friends. Then on 2nd August we welcomed Oliver Jay Hibbert, Bill Edmondson's great grandson, along with many family and friends. Ron conducted this service. We hope everyone from all the families felt at home and will want to come again sometime.

We have been so pleased to see Ella in church at the evening services and more recently playing the piano again. Both she and Helen Wilson have been at a couple of Coffee Mornings.

Our monthly midweek communion services are much appreciated by those who attend although there is room for more folk. It only lasts about 3/4 hour so why not join us.

Margaret Maxwell

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.

7/09	Dalton	'F'
14/09	Askam	'G'
21/09	Kirkby	'H'
28/09	Broughton	'I'

Janet Ladds

Beacon Hill

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Saturday 19th September, 10 am-11.15 am. Everyone welcome.

Our usual monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 24th September, 10 am-11.15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

Lilian Wood

Dalton

Dalton held two successful music events in July.

“Sing a New Song” was an opportunity for a get together with the Praise Group and sing through a selection of the newer items from “Singing the Faith”. This was combined with a faith tea, and finished with a stirring rendition of an old familiar hymn “Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah”.

The annual Songs of Praise service with Dalton Town Band took place indoors this year due to the level of the wind outside! A congregation of around 40 attended, with visitors outnumbering members on this occasion - a good sign that publicity does work sometimes! The theme was “Voices” and we worked our way through many familiar hymns, contrasting the still small voice in “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind” with “O for a thousand tongues to sing”. A retiring collection raised £75 for the Band’s funds, and the afternoon was rounded off with another faith tea.

Margaret Harrison

A coffee morning at Market St in July raised £344 for church funds. Thanks to all who helped and supported the event.

The Bible Society coffee morning will be at Market St on Saturday 26th September. Any donations for the tombola, raffle, cake and book stalls would be much appreciated.

R Willock

Christian Women’s Fellowship will resume its monthly meeting on Wednesday 16th September at 7:30 pm. The theme for that evening is “Summer Reflections”. All are welcome.

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Dates

Coffee morning at Market St for Church funds Sat 5th Sept, 9:45 to 11:15 am.

Coffee morning at Market St for the Bible Society Sat 26th Sept, 9:45 to 11:15 am.

Broughton

On Sunday 6th Sept. we will be celebrating our 140th Anniversary. We will be inviting all those who have had any involvement with our Chapel, Monday School, Under 18’s, Crusaders plus all of those who visit us at our regular events. Martin Williams will be taking the Service and it will be followed with the cutting of an Anniversary Cake plus refreshments. Also a display of the Chapel’s beginnings up to the Present Day.

Also, copying the idea of Ramsden Steet, we are asking people to donate items, hopefully 140 (one item for each year we have been open) and hopefully we can build a Pyramid with the Tins, just as Ramsden Steet did.

It is good to get ideas from other Churches that we can copy and get publicity for. One such idea is our Art Exhibition, which this year involved 25 artists displaying their work. We raised £500 which included funds from our Coffee and Biscuits, Soup Lunch and Strawberry Teas.

Beryl Hollowell

Askam

Askam Sisterhood will begin again on Wednesday, 16th September at 2:30 p.m. when Rachel Williams will lead us through our AGM. She will also talk about the Methodist Homes for the Aged. On 30th September the speaker will be Rev Malcom Cowan.

The Chair Based Exercise class will start on Thursday, 17th Sept. at 10:30 a.m.

Everyone will receive a very warm welcome, come and see just what we do.

Our Harvest Festival Service will be on 27th September at 11:00 a.m. led by Rachel.

We hope the uniform branches will be at the Service, and take part in the Service.

All food donated will be taken to the Barrow Food Bank.

Once again the members of Sisterhood have been busy this year, knitting for the shoe box appeal, and also collecting lots of other gifts for the children of North West Rumania.

Our monthly midweek service will be held on Wednesday 16th September at 10 a.m.

Dorothy Gleaves

Alan Park - An organist for 65 years - **Congratulations.**

Alan was born in Askam 81 years ago, in Marsh Street. When he was just 16 years of age, he played the organ for the first time, at the Church of Christ in Crossley Street, for his Grandad's funeral. He has been playing the organ ever since.

He left Askam when he joined the Air Force, in 1945. At the first service he attended in the Air Force, the Chaplain announced that there would be no music for the hymns, due to the absence of an organist and Alan volunteered to play that day.

Whilst Alan lived in Askam he owned a shop and when he moved to Barrow he continued to play the organ at Beach Street Methodist Church, and also covered at Duddon Road Methodist Church - for the late Capt. George Pattinson.

He has continued to play at Duddon Road each Sunday, for the last 25 years, which always enhances the Service, and we are grateful he can still do this, despite his problems with mobility.

Well done Alan - a remarkable achievement. We wish you every blessing and hope you are able to continue with this dedicated job for many more years to come.

Hartington Street

All are welcome to join our Care and Share fellowship/Knit and Natter. We meet weekly on Tuesdays at 10:00 - 11:30 am. Fellowship, Prayer, a cuppa & bring your knitting.

Bible studies are held fortnightly as follows:

Tuesdays at 8 pm - 8th September, 22nd September.

Thursdays at 2 pm - 17th September, 1st October.

Ellen Powell

Kirkby-in-Furness

Thanks to a kind donation from a friend and the proceeds of the Plant and Produce Sale in May we were able to get on with replacing the final pair of windows in the chapel at the beginning of July. We trust that the building will now be windproof for many years to come, and our candles on the windowsills at Christmas will no longer blow out in the middle of a service.

We have recently purchased a new Burco water boiler for the kitchen with money from a grant received earlier in the year. We hope it will help making tea or coffee easier and safer for a larger number of people.

On Sunday 13th of September we will hold our Harvest Celebration with the emphasis on the Harvest of our locality, which will include local industry, farming and locally produced food. You are invited to share in our "Bring and Share" meal before the informal service at 5pm.

Coffee and Company this month is on Wednesday 2nd September at the usual time of 9:45 to 11:30am.

Janet Sheldon

Millom

The weather was really nice on Thursday, Friday and Saturday but Sunday 9th August the day of the Annual Barbeque it was RAINING. Fortunately we have a contingency plan as this has happened several times during the last few years and the double oven at Queen Street is ideal for sausages, beefburgers, chicken etc. so Robert Watson carried on cooking during the service and we had our usual great time with melon for starters and lots of tempting desserts for afters.....all those lovely calories.....diets start tomorrow (my excuse). This is an effort for Lebone House so we had donations of around £95. A big thank you to everyone who supplied food and helped with the washing up etc.

We hope to participate in the Heritage weekend on 12th & 13th September.

Our Autumn Fayre will take place on Saturday 3rd October from 10 to 12 noon. This is for Church funds. All the usual stalls plus a raffle, admission 50p for a cup of tea or coffee plus biscuits. All welcome - join us if you can.

Margaret Riley

Ramsden Street

Four of us travelled to Southport on 18th July to join in the URC Big Day Out. There were many things to enjoy and take part in - too many in fact - it was hard to choose! Our July Centenary event was a Strawberry Fair held on July 22nd and was a very happy occasion with friends from the United Area and the Salthouse churches joining us. A total of £472 was raised for church funds.

On Sunday July 26th we welcomed Alice Mary-Joan Frederick and her family to her Baptismal service. Rev Ron Wilson conducted the service and Alice received a book and Mum, Vicky, received flowers from the church congregation.

A Church lunch will be held on Wednesday Sept 2nd and the midweek meetings begin again after the summer break on Wednesday Sept 9th at 2:30pm.

FACTORS (Fun At Church Together On Ramsden Street) is being held on Friday Sept 4th from 6pm to 7:30pm. Adults and children are most welcome.

The Prayer shawl group meets on Wednesday Sept 16th from 1pm to 2pm all knitters very welcome.

We will celebrate our Harvest on Sunday September 20th at 2:30pm and a Harvest tea will be served after the service led by Rev Ron Wilson.

Anne Stevenson

Vickerstown

We enjoyed a lovely afternoon tea on August 1st which raised £150 for church funds from ticket sales and donations made for the food that was still left after everyone had eaten as much as possible! It was nice to have good weather and there were several appreciative comments about the flower tubs and hanging baskets that were kindly made for us a couple of months ago by the Walney Churches Cub pack and were looking at their best in the sunshine. Thanks to all who supported us and especially those who helped prepare, serve and clear up afterwards.

There will be no coffee morning at Vickerstown in September (though if you are reading this early enough, there is one from 10 a.m. on August 22nd) as we will be joining with St. Mary's on Walney for a coffee morning in the parish centre on Saturday September 26th, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Shelagh Williamson, the wife of a former Vicar at St. Mary's (Robert Williamson), will be visiting to talk about her charity 'Together we Can' which is a women's project based in the village of Kalule in Uganda and set up in 2010. The women are equipped with skills which allow them to run small businesses to earn money to feed and educate their families. There are now over 100 women involved in the project which has also given the village a clean water supply, a new oven and teaching space. For those who are on Facebook, the project has its own page with photos and latest news. It is likely that at least some of the funds raised at the coffee morning will go to this project. All welcome.

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 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)
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

Regular Coffee Mornings

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

Broughton -	Tuesdays from	10:00 till 11:30
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