



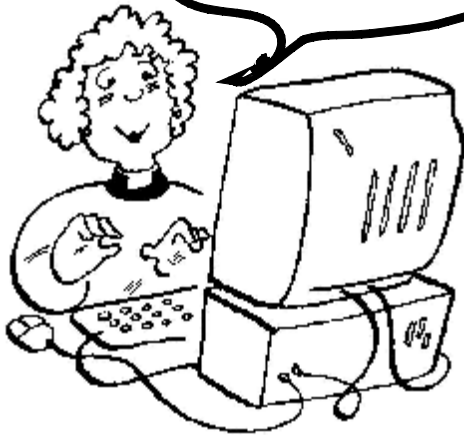
Newslink

SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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The Minister Writes



When you read this hopefully the weather will be warmer or at least people will be planning summer holidays to places much warmer than Cumbria! I always think that May is such a great month - book ended as it is by bank holidays. Life seems to be lived at its fullest in May. People seem to have more energy and seem to want to get out and about a bit more. It is great to see people enjoying the bright days, however, it does cause problems for doing pastoral visits when everyone is out and about! May is also the month when in some

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areas of the country people are out and about delivering Christian Aid envelopes for Christian Aid week. The vital work which is undertaken by Christian Aid in many countries around the world is funded throughout the year, no doubt. Yet the focus of collecting is on this one week. It is also an opportunity to highlight the issues that are raised through the work of Christian Aid.

Hopefully, everyone is aware that the United Area has promised to raise £5000 for a specific issue. This does not mean that we should give to this particular issue instead of giving directly to Christian Aid week because the money will go to the other projects that Christian Aid participates in. The United Area is supporting a project in Kenya to develop maternal and infant medical services. Most of you will know that our family was blessed with the arrival of David nearly 18 months ago. You are

Area Website www.swcumbriaunitedarea.urch.org.uk

unlikely to know that David took 48 hours to emerge into the world with the assistance of a doctor. How fortunate we are that there are medical staff on hand to assist in the birth of our children and how much greater our mortality rates were when doctors and midwives were not properly trained. The challenge for us in this country is to pray for those who work in our hospitals, to support the work of Christian Aid in this project and the work that they do in general to share God's love as we are called to - with those who need it the most. If you want to donate to the United Area project contact Bob Mantle.

Rachel

Christian Aid Community Partnership



The total is now £2,837.11, following the collection at Hayley's service of recognition as a Local Preacher.

If anyone is planning any fundraising events please let me know, so that they can be publicised in Newslink.

Lilian Wood

Pentecost In The Park

Churches Together in Barrow have organised 'Pentecost in the Park' on Sunday 24th May at 3 pm. The preacher will be Rev Richard Teal. If wet the service will be held in the Baptist Church.

REGIONAL & NATIONAL WEBSITES

District: www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk

North West Synod: www.nwsynod.org.uk

Connexional: www.methodist.org.uk

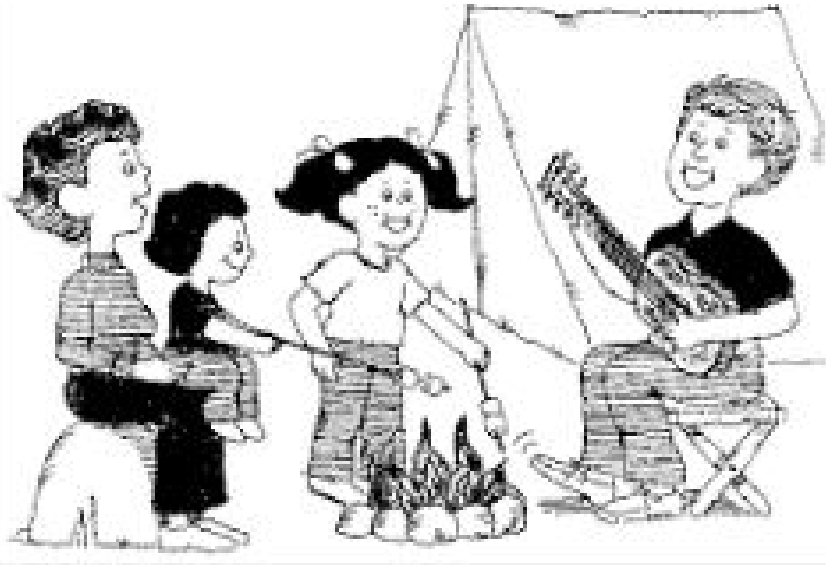
National: www.urc.org.uk

June issue No 102 of *Newslink* will be published at the end of May. Please send all material to reach Lilian Wood, 89 Risedale Road, Barrow, LA13 9QY by Sunday May 10th. Items can also be passed on by

☎ 01229 825986 or ✉ lilian.wood4@gmail.com

South West Cumbria United Area

AREA CAMP



Friday 10th July - Sunday 12th July
Theme - Life In All Its Fullness

A weekend of fun, games, craft and other activities commencing at 5pm Friday and finishing lunch time Sunday. Come for the whole weekend or join us for Saturday, camp or stay in the bunk house. It is up to you. All are welcome!

Please bring musical instruments, any games you think people might enjoy, your payment (£25 per person, £60 per family), and your sense of humour.

Rachel Williams

Keswick Convention

This year's theme for the Keswick Convention is 'The whole of life for Christ'. It has been suggested that we should attend on Wednesday 29 July, when the Keswick Lecture will be given by Michael Ramsden, Director of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics. There will also be an opportunity to visit the Earthworks Mission Exhibition, Convention bookstall etc, and to join one of the afternoon sessions on St Mark's Gospel.

If there is enough interest we will organise a coach; if you would like to attend please let me know by email lilian.wood4@gmail.com or telephone 825986.

Lilian Wood

Local Preachers/worship Leaders

It was a delight to see so many people at Beacon Hill on the afternoon of 15th March, to celebrate the admission of Mrs Hayley Edmondson as an accredited local preacher. The service was planned and led by Rev. Jennet McLeod, with Mrs Yvonne Blackley, Hayley's mentor, preaching; and Hayley herself sharing her faith journey which led to her call to preach. It was good that many of Hayley's family and friends were there to share this special occasion.

The afternoon concluded with a pie and pea tea, and a time of fellowship.

Local Preachers Continued Development

This year the three block sessions for looking at as a group are:

Tuesday 12th May, "Ruth" led by Hayley.

Wednesday 17th June, "Esther" led by Janet.

Thursday 9th July, "Women in the NT" led by Jennet.

These sessions will be held at Kirkby, at 7:30pm.

The next Local Preachers/Worship Leaders Meeting is to be held at Millom on Tuesday 9th June at 7:30pm.

Janet Ladds



Musical Man

An evening with

Roger Jones

Friday May 22nd at St. Mark's Church, Barrow at 7:30pm

You may know Roger Jones through his Christian musicals as many of them have been performed in this area (e.g. Pharisee, Wildfire and Jailbreak). Roger himself will be at this event and he will be talking about his life and faith to coincide with his biography being published soon. Various songs from his musical and other collections will be sung during the evening by invited soloists and Furness Churches United Choir.

This is an event not to be missed as Roger is a very engaging speaker!

Network

District Network Fellowship Day takes place on Wednesday May 13th @ Wigton Road church, Carlisle. There will be crafts and a talk on “Days for girls”.

Elaine Pears

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on Tuesday 5th May at 7:30 pm at 60 Victoria Avenue for a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Please note the change of venue.

Janet Ladds



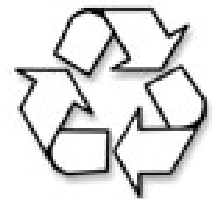
Green Tip

The following information is taken from the website www/recyclenow.com

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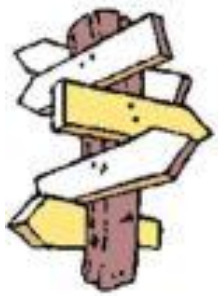


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SW Cumbria United Area 'Looking to the Future'

SUNDAY JUNE 7th 2015

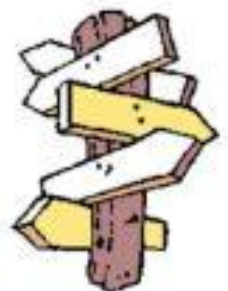
at Beacon Hill Methodist Church



2 p.m. Workshop Sessions

5 p.m. Faith Tea

6 p.m. Worship (Area Service)



Workshops will focus on the following areas:

How can we grow as disciples?

How can we grow our relationships with other groups already linked to our churches?

How can we grow our commitment and action to address the needs of the world around us?



We hope as many people as possible will join in thinking and discussing how we move forward - it is important to do this now as the process of choosing how we replace Rachel Williams when she and her family move on in 2016 starts this autumn. The type of person we seek will depend on how we see our future looking.

Individual Churches

Trinity

Saturday 2nd May - usual monthly Coffee Morning, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Saturday 9th May - Scone Social 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Margaret Manuell

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.

3/05	Millom	'M'
10/05	Trinity	'N'
17/05	Vickerstown	'O'
24/05	Hartington St	'P'
31/05	Beacon Hill	'Q'

Janet Ladds

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.

Ellen Powell

Easter At The Hub

This Easter was a super celebration over at Hartington Street. We hosted our holiday club 'Secret Agents' for 6-11 year old children. This generated an amazing turnout of 34 children over the two mornings. The focus of the club was to discover as spies all about the gospel of John and who this John person was. After all the investigations the children discovered the verse John 3:16 which we then linked in with Easter. We were astounded to see almost every child back on Sunday morning with their families for the Easter celebration which we felt went down a storm. We look forward to developing all those new links we made over the holidays. I hope you all had a blessed Easter!

Mike Little

Beacon Hill

On Friday 27th February, Paul, Lilian and Kathryn met Pam Martin and Andy Ives who came to assess Beacon Hill's bid to become an Eco-Congregation. We discussed the work done so far and what we could do next. Both of our visitors offered an abundance of helpful tips and ideas about ways to take our eco work forward. We were delighted to be told that Beacon Hill would receive the award. The subsequent letter of confirmation especially commended:

- *the seriousness with which Fairtrade and Christian Aid work had been done*
- *the fellowship series of meetings with the theme of gardens*
- *the 'eco-art' displays in the hall*
- *the Christmas card scheme that enables members to make a donation to make a positive contribution globally.*

The Eco-Congregation scheme requires churches to work in three areas. Firstly, making the link between the Christian faith and our environmental concerns, for instance through the theme of a service or by participating in projects such as the Christian Aid 'Count Your Blessings' calendar, raising awareness of water shortages and conservation. Secondly, taking practical action in the church and its grounds, for example by recycling as much as possible and using eco friendly products. Finally, by making a positive impact in working with the local and global community to facilitate positive changes, for example by using Fairtrade products, supporting Christian Aid fund raising initiatives and publicizing the importance of these actions, maybe through working with a local school or the uniformed organizations. If any other churches in the United Area are interested in finding out more about Eco-Congregation, we would be very happy to offer help and support.

Kathryn Aldred

Our monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 28th May, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

On Saturday 9th May between 3 pm and 5 pm we will present the Beacon Hill version of 'Tea at the Ritz', our annual event in aid of The Leprosy Mission. As usual we ask everyone attending to dress appropriately for the occasion (hats and fascinators are always much in evidence). Please note that because of the popularity of this event in previous years it is essential that you notify me if you wish to attend (email lilian.wood4@gmail.com telephone number 825986).

Lilian Wood

Dalton

According to the Bible Society website - During Lent the Bible Society challenged people to give Bibles and basic supplies to the millions of people forcibly displaced around the world.

According to the Fairtrade website there are now 604 Fairtrade towns in the UK.

R Willock

Christian Women's Fellowship: the next meeting of the CWF will be on Wednesday 20th May at 7:30 pm. The theme for that evening is 'Caring and Sharing'. All are welcome.

D Zazi

Date for your diary:

Coffee Morning at Market St. Saturday May 9th, 9:45 to 11:15 am.

Askam

We were blessed on our first Coffee Morning of the Season - on Easter Saturday. The sun came out and so did the dedicated Coffee Morning followers. It was nice to see them all together again, and we caught up with news - admiring one of our regulars' grand daughter's wedding photographs. There are some very beautiful young people in the village.

We had a very chocolatey morning with lots of Fair Trade Chocolate for sale, plus choc egg nests, and other Fair Trade goods, and Mary Willan's famous marmalade, which we have missed during the winter months. Also there were Chocolate Easter eggs to be won in the Raffle plus the compulsory flopsy rabbit and a bright yellow fluffy chicken. Young David Williams won the rabbit much to our delight, and seemed to really enjoy it. Thanks to Mary Wilkinson we were given the opportunity to get 'with it' on the lap tops she brought for us to try. Thanks Mary we enjoyed your visit.

We were given a 11:00 a.m. Service on Easter Day, and so we were able to enjoy fellowship, a cuppa and a piece of hot cross bun, before the Service, after which Rev. Ron Wilson led us through a wonderful celebration of our Risen Lord.

Invitations have been sent out for our Sisterhood Centenary Party on Wed. 13th May. Sadly due to the passing of time, there are no original members still alive, but descendants of members no longer with us, still living locally, have been invited, plus past speakers, and so we look forward to lots of guests on that day. The Phoenix Singers from Millom are coming to entertain us with songs from the early 1900s and the South West Cumbria Praise Group will lead the members and guests in our favourite older hymns. Ten years ago, at our 90th Party, the then members planted a rose bush in the Church Garden, which is still growing, and we hope to plant another one in remembrance of our 100th celebration. If anyone reading this has had an invitation, please let me know if you are able to join us (tel 465378). We look forward to seeing you at our Party.

Dorothy Gleaves

Broughton

On Tuesday 12th May we will be holding our Network Coffee Morning. Please come and join us to enjoy fellowship and our Home Made biscuits.

Tuesday 7th July - Annual Art Exhibition and Strawberry Teas.

WANTED

Unfortunately due to age and lack of numbers our Art Group has had to close. However we still hope to carry on with this event. **WANTED** are Artists who would like to display and sell their work. I'm sure we have Artists in our United Area that we are not aware of. Please give me a ring on 716640 if you are interested or someone else you know is. I will be away from 10th May - 1st June, however you can leave a message or ring Margaret on 889572.

THANKING YOU in anticipation.

Beryl Hollowell

Kirkby-in-Furness

Many of you will know that each year we hold an annual Plant and Produce sale on the second Saturday in May from 10 am to 12 noon. Not only do we have a wide variety of homemade jams and marmalade but also lots of cakes to sell, some of which are just perfect to go with a cup of coffee, and of course loads of plants. If you have not been before, you may be surprised at seeing the hall behind the chapel full of bedding plants, vegetable plants, perennials and shrubs. Some years our bedding plants are already full of bloom, but of course that depends on the season. It has been very cold so far this spring but Mary has worked hard, and family and friends have plants in various stages of development in their greenhouses and gardens. All our bedding plants are grown and hardened off in the village and are therefore used to Furness weather and usually thrive well. If you miss the sale, plants are often still available to buy at "Ladnek" next to the shop or by ringing Mary on 889588 or Janet on 889459. You do not have to be a gardener to enjoy the morning. Please just come for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and good company. The date this year is Saturday 9th May.

Coffee and Company from 9:45 to 11:30 will be on Wednesday May 6th and all are welcome.

Janet Sheldon

Ramsden Street

Over 70 people crowded into Ramsden Street on Wednesday March 25th to enjoy a talk from Joe Wardman about the area and the changes over the years (one of several events we are holding throughout 2015 to celebrate our centenary). Slides were shown of several buildings, people and special occasions. It was good to hear people reminiscing and also meeting up with folk they had not seen for quite a while.

Easter Sunday was a very happy occasion with both the Communion Service and the Family Service being led by Ann Hufton. FACTORS had produced 7 posters to help us focus on the Easter story and the children helped to display them. During the service a new banner was received and blessed which had been made by five ladies and we also accepted a wooden cross kindly given to us by the people of Roose.

Anne Stevenson

Vickerstown

The joint Walney ecumenical Messy Church celebrated its first birthday with a second 'Messy Easter' session on Good Friday; there were at least 60 children (they move around too much to be easy to count!) and around 30 accompanying adults. Whoever got the job of cutting the birthday cake into small enough pieces for everyone to have some did very well - there were even a few bits left over. Although it is held at St. Mary's there are Vickerstown members involved in running the monthly sessions and the families who had been coming to our holiday clubs have all transferred across and regularly attend. It is good to have a connection with some of the island's families.

The next Vickerstown coffee morning, with the usual cake, Fairtrade and bring & buy stalls, will be held on Saturday May 9th from 10 a.m. until approximately 11:30. All welcome.

Karen Edmondson

Millom

Recently at Queen Street we held our annual Daffodil Tea and raised £359 for Marie Curie Cancer Care - a new record. On Palm Sunday we welcomed baby ARCHIE TOTHILL into our Church family at his baptismal service conducted by our minister Rachel. The service was well attended by family and friends - his grandparents live next door in part of the converted original Methodist Church.

An old tradition was revived on Good Friday by Churches Together in Millom and Haverigg with a Walk of Witness which began at the Haverigg Prison and proceeded to the Millom Churches via St. Luke's, Crown Street Baptist, Queen Street Methodist, Salvation Army, St. George's and finishing at the Community Church. A good number of people participated.

After the morning service on Easter Sunday we enjoyed Hot Cross Buns and Pasche Eggs with our usual cups of tea.

The Ghyll Singers of Ulverston came on Saturday 25th April to give a concert followed (of course) by a tea.

The next event organised by the joint Churches will be the annual Funday at the Network Centre on the Bank Holiday at the beginning of May especially for local children and the young at heart of any age. It is always well supported and the weather is "hopefully" fine and sunny as there are various outside activities including a bouncy castle and a "smash the plates" stall which attracts a lot of interest.

The usual Church activities, Mums and Tots, Jack and Jill Playgroup, Girls' Brigade, Crochet and Craft Group and Girl Guides continue each week, also the regular Friday Coffee mornings. During Lent we held a course jointly with the Church of England on Tuesday afternoons. We welcome these meetings with fellow Christians as we also continue evening worship with our Salvation Army friends.

Margaret Riley

Millom Church is planning a trip on the Ratty on Wednesday 17th June. Robert will meet anyone on the train who decides to travel that way. Train will leave Dalton at 9:39am, Barrow at 10:10am and Millom at 10:30am.

Buy your own ticket on the train and join us. Prices are between £19.20 from Dalton and £12.50 from Silecroft. All are welcome - just turn up on the day.

Rachel Williams



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**18TH JULY 2015
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**With
MICHAEL JAGESSAR
STEVE CHALKE**



‘Believe...in Barrow’ is a five day celebration of faith; an opportunity to let people of all ages and backgrounds know that God believes in the people of Barrow, He loves the people of Barrow and He longs for them to know and experience that love when they come to know and trust in Jesus Christ’.

These are some of the events which will take place:

Wed	May 13 th	Hear Archbishop John Sentamu, 7pm in the Marquee in Barrow Park
Thurs	May 14 th	TX Vikings, an extreme power team, 4:30pm on Barrow Island
Fri	May 15 th	Chips and Chat, 12 noon at St Aiden’s Church
Sat	May 16 th	Mega Messy Church, 10am, in the Marquee in Barrow Park
Sun	May 17 th	Worship Service, 10:30 am in the Marquee in Barrow Park

These are only a few of the many events which are happening (some events need tickets) - look out for the Believe in Barrow leaflets giving full details or go to the website www.believeinbarrow.com

<p>Regular Coffee Mornings</p> <p>Please note that coffee mornings are held every week as follows:</p>		
<p>Broughton -</p> <p>Millom -</p> <p>Ramsden St. -</p> <p>Askam -</p>	<p>Tuesdays from 10:00 till 11:30</p> <p>Fridays from 9:30 till 10:30</p> <p>Fridays from 10:30 till 12:00</p> <p>Saturdays from 10:00 till 11:30</p>	
<p>Dalton - Mondays:</p> <p>Hartington St - Tuesdays:</p>	<p>Tea and Chat at Wellington Street from 10 to 11:30</p> <p>Care & Share Fellowship & Knit & Natter from 10:00 to 11:30</p>	

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)
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