



Newslink

SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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The Minister Writes



Dear friends,
As I'm sure most of you will now be aware my time with the United Area is drawing to a close and my final day will be August 31st. It has been a fantastic journey and one that I believe has exceeded expectations all around. Serving in this area has opened so many links with some wonderful people which I shall treasure. I was recently asked by a member of Hartington Street which was the highlight from my time here. I had a clear winner which has been the two holiday clubs based in Hindpool. On both

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occasions masses of work by all involved took place, huge amounts of stressing and worry, hoping it would pay off and at least a few children would come. By the time the first session came along more children than we could have hoped for had been registered and the holiday clubs ran smoothly and were enjoyed thoroughly by everyone especially the children! It always amazes me what can be achieved if Christians team up together and really go for it in the name of the Lord. It was my grandfather who prophesied that I would somehow end up working for the church and serving God full time. He quoted this following piece of scripture from 2 Timothy 4 verses 1-5: *Before God and Jesus Christ I give you a command. Christ Jesus is the One who will judge all who are living and all who have died. Jesus has a kingdom, and he is coming again. So I give you this command: Preach the Good News. Be*

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ready at all times. Tell people what they need to do, tell them when they are wrong, and encourage them. Do these things with great patience and careful teaching. The time will come when people will not listen to the true teaching. They will find more and more teachers who are pleasing to them, teachers who say the things they want to hear. They will stop listening to the truth. They will begin to follow the teaching in false stories. But you should control yourself at all times. When troubles come, accept them. Do the work of telling the Good News. Do all the duties of a servant of God.

Whenever I think back to this passage from 2 Timothy it reaffirms why I am doing what I have been doing. I believe as a whole we as Christians second guess ourselves far too often worrying that we are not being as Christlike as we should and being as effective as him. It's certainly something that I worry about! The reality is that we as flawed mere humans cannot be exactly like Christ but we can aim, strive and try to be like him as much as we can. What is that saying? God loves a? Come August Rachel, Clara and I will be slowly but surely moving our belongings to our new home in Aspatria. Rachel begins her new role teaching at Ashfield Infants in Workington. I am very much in prayer that my ministry will continue with a new congregation/circuit as ministry isn't so much a vocation but a lifestyle and it's a challenging part of my life that I'd like to continue doing. I believe that it will also be an exciting time for the United Area as my replacement is sought out which will bring in a fresh perspective to continue building on the foundations we have achieved together since 2013. I look forward to hearing about all the new amazing things happening at Hartington Street, Roose and Trinity. God has a plan for Barrow and it's a bright one!

Every blessing & love in Christ.

Mike Little :-)

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

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We were very sorry to receive Mike Little's resignation with effect from 31st August, though pleased for Mike and Rachel that they have the opportunity to move closer to their families. During his time with us, Mike has established a base on which Hartington Street, supported by the United Area, must now build. He's done an excellent job of establishing several new initiatives at the church, building links into the families in Hindpool through the two Toddler groups, Discovery Church and X-cite, the very successful afterschool club for 7-11s. He has also contributed to the monthly all-age worship, as well as running several very successful holiday clubs. He has demonstrated the value to using social media as part of the outreach of the church - and I for one now know I need to get to serious grips with Facebook! Working with Mike has given the members at Hartington Street greatly increased confidence not just in working with their local families, but also in sharing their faith with them in the course of the various activities. We are deeply grateful to him and wish Mike, Rachel and Clara every blessing as they prepare for their move and hope they will quickly settle in to their new home and also find a new church family in which to flourish.

Jennet

'Looking To The Future'

The United Area Trustees would like to thank everyone who made time to attend the workshops held on 7th June to consider the future of the Area. We now have to think further about the spiritual life of our churches, how to build relationships with those with whom we already have links and how to respond to the needs of the world around us. As we do this please pray about the decisions that will be made. The following prayer was used at the service which followed the workshops.

Prayer for vision (Anon)

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves;
when our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little;
when we arrived safely because we have sailed too close to the shore.
Disturb us, Lord, when, with the abundance of the things we possess,
we have lost our thirst for the water of life.

Stir us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
to venture on wider seas, where storms will show your mastery;
where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes
and to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope and love.

Amen.

Synod

The Methodist Synod will be held at Trinity on Saturday September 12th. As with previous Synods we will be looking for help from all the United Area. If you can give any time on that day would you please contact Bob Mantle (cajoled into being the Coordinator) as soon as possible. Tel 462054, mobile 07818233990, email mantlerh@talktalk.net

The roles to be filled are Car Parking, Welcoming, Enrolment, Light Catering etc. Future request for cakes etc will I am sure be forthcoming.

Bob Mantle

Christian Aid Community Partnership



Thank you to Millom, Kirkby and Askam Sisterhood for their donations. With the offering from the Area service on 7 June this makes our total £3,172.86.

Lilian Wood

Community Outreach Group

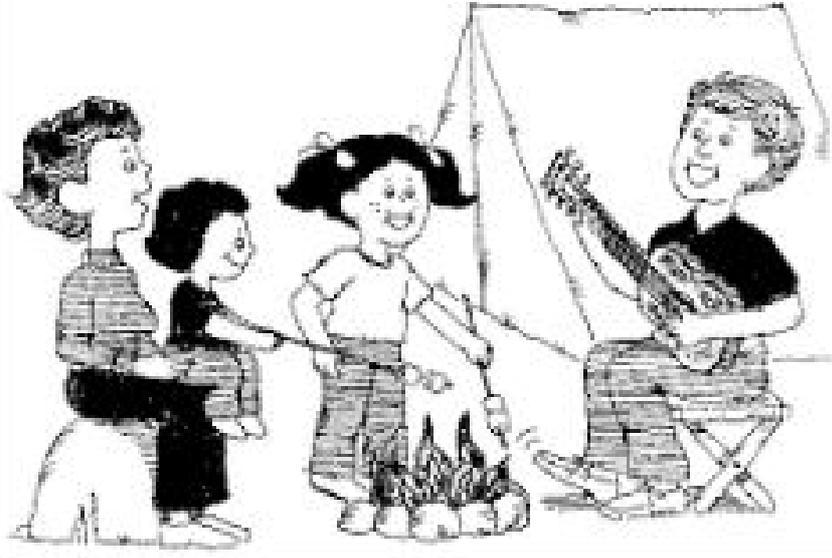
The COG coffee morning held at Market Street, Dalton on 13th June raised £262.

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped in any way.

Daphne Watkinson

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

Local Preachers / Worship Leaders

The last in the series of 3 study sessions will be held on Thursday 9th July at Kirkby at 7:30pm: "Women in the NT" led by Jennet.

Janet Ladds

Network

Cumbria District Methodist Women in Britain - the Summer Celebration will take the form of "Afternoon Tea at Cottage Wood". This will be on Tuesday 7th July at 2 pm. Cottage Wood is near Plumpton, in the Penrith Circuit. Tickets are £5 each and seating is for a maximum of 50 people. Anyone wanting a ticket should contact Mrs Jill Morris (01768881041).

Elaine Pears

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on Tuesday 7th July at 7:30 pm at 59 Croslands Park for a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. All ladies are welcome. There will be no meeting in August; we will meet again on 1 September.

Janet Ladds

Coronation House

Are you lonely, fed up of shopping and cooking and worried about bills? Then Coronation House might just be the place for you.

Coronation House in Dalton is a purpose built Sheltered Accommodation for 10 people where you retain your independence but lose the worries of living alone.

Why not pop in and have a look around (please avoid mealtimes at 12-1 pm and 5-6 pm) or ring Freda Corkish on tel 464857 for more information.



Green Tip

The Green Heart Den community garden under the arches on Marsh Street in Barrow is well worth a visit. They will be holding 4 cook and eat sessions, all on Fridays, 10:30 am-1 pm: 3rd July, 10th July, 17th July and 24th July.

These sessions are free thanks to funding from Cumbria County Council.

To book a place phone 876546 or email neighbourhoodmgt@barrowbc.gov.uk

Lilian Wood

TRINITY CHURCH CENTRE
WARWICK ST

**SCHOOLS' BIBLE
STORIES EXHIBITION**

6th - 11th JULY
10am - 4pm

FREE ADMISSION
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Roose Primary
Cambridge St
St James CofE
St Pius x

Individual Churches

Trinity

Monthly Coffee Mornings 10:00 am - 11:30 am Saturday 4th July

Saturday 1st August.

Fruit Frolic Saturday 15th August 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

Family News

On Sunday 17th May Jenet baptised twins, Everleigh and Parker, who brought their Mum Victoria and Dad David along with their older brother Harrison and many family and friends to help celebrate the event. We hope they felt welcome and at home at Trinity.

Ella has moved into Abbotsfield for a couple of weeks rehabilitation and has settled in well, and by the time you read this she expects to be back home and to be playing the organ again at our services soon. While she was in hospital she attended the service in the hospital chapel and after the service she had a spell on that organ. It gave her a real boost!

Helen Wilson moved to Risedale on 8th June.

Margaret Manuwell

Monday 6th until Saturday 11th July from 10:00am to 4pm daily there is to be a Schools Bible Stories exhibition. Four schools have asked to be involved with this exhibition: Roose Community Primary School, St James Church of England Junior School, St Pius X School, Cambridge Street Primary School. Each school is submitting up to 6 stories using different art forms. This exhibition is a “follow up” to last year’s very successful Knitted Bible exhibition. Admission is free, but each school is collecting for their chosen charity.

Each day refreshments will be served in the “lounge”.

Brian Whittaker

Trinity Christian Aid results 1 June 2014 - 31 May 2015

Door to door collections	1056.69
Donations in church	198.99
Total for Christian Aid Week	£1255.68
Afternoon tea at 9 Hartland Road (Aug 14)	164.00
Israel/Palestine conflict appeal (Aug 14)	64.00
Ebola appeal (Nov 14)	154.40
Christmas collections	44.00
TCC donation (Jan 15)	100.00
Nepal earthquake appeal (May 15)	287.70
Total for year	£2069.78

Bob Watkinson

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.

5/07	Kirkby	'V'
12/07	Broughton	'W'
19/07	Millom	'Y'
26/07	Trinity	'CTiB'
3/08	Vickerstown	'A'
10/08	Hartington St	'B'
17/08	Beacon Hill	'C'
24/08	Ramsden St	'D'
31/08	Urswick	'E'

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. After our meeting on July 28th we will have a break, and begin again on September 1st.

Bible studies are held as follows:

Tuesdays at 8 pm - 14th July, 28th July and 11th August.

Thursdays at 2 pm - 9th July, 23rd July, 6th August.

Ellen Powell

Beacon Hill

Our monthly coffee mornings will be held on Thursday 30th July (in aid of Network) and Thursday 27th August, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

Lilian Wood

Dalton

According to the Bible Society website Bible Societies around the world have pledged £80,000 to those affected by the Nepal earthquake. The Bible Society hope to create a Bible course to reach an estimated nine out of ten people who do not read the Bible on a regular basis.

R Willock

The Christian Women's Fellowship is on holiday until September.

Coffee morning at Market Street for Church funds Saturday 4th July 9:45 to 11:15am

Sing a New Song

Dalton invite anyone who is interested to come along and learn some more modern Hymns from Singing the Faith that may be new to you.

Praise Group will be taking us through them as they are all Hymns that Praise Group have sung before. The event is on Monday July 13th at Wellington Street (Chapel end).

The programme is 6:30 pm Faith Tea (drinks provided)

 7:30 pm Sing and Learn

Everybody welcome to some or all of the evening.

Bob Mantle

Broughton

Tuesday 30th June - Come and join us at our regular Coffee Morning when at 11am we will be welcoming Pennington Drama Group. They will be presenting us with a short piece of Comedy Entertainment. We have had the pleasure of hosting them before and have really enjoyed their performances.

Tuesday 7th July Art Exhibition and Strawberry Teas, 10:30am - 4pm. Free Entry.

This is our annual main Fundraising Event and luckily we have had around 10 local Artists offering to display their Paintings. Please come and see the talents of our contributors. While here you can enjoy Homemade Biscuits with a Drink, a Soup Lunch and finish off with a Strawberry Cream Scone.

Come and join us for part of the day or stay for the whole, you will be made most welcome and meet many friends, old and new. You could also include a visit to the delights of our village including our Tourist Information Centre.

Beryl Hollowell

Askam

Saturday, 6th June started out fine but with a strong wind gusting around the streets of Askam. Would the Carnival go without a hitch this year? Would it rain and be a wash out like last year? Well it is great to report that the wind didn't deter the dancers from parading around the streets, and the children from the two schools and other organisations also took part. The parade went well, and events on the playing field at the bottom of Duddon Road saw a great crowd watching the dancing competitions and supporting the various stalls.

We opened the Duddon Road Church toilets to the public again, as in previous years, and this service was well used and appreciated. We served lots of cuppas from the Vestry door, as people sat out front and watched the parade go by. The sun also shone most of the afternoon which was very welcome and put a smile on many faces. It was good to be part of this special day, and the Askam Carnival Committee did itself proud with all the preparations and arrangements. A special thank you to the Askam History Group which not only put on a float for the parade but had a small marquee with a wonderful display of photographs of Askam through the years since Askam's formation in 1865.

We thought we had problems with the Church Garden as a seagull had nested under the Scouts BBQ. Would mother seagull hatch her eggs before the Garden Party, and if so would she be aggressive? Fortunately a rather unfriendly local cat and the seagull had a 'noisy' (according to our Church neighbour) battle and mother bird was seen to destroy the eggs during the fight, sad, but what to do about them has been solved for us. Now we can use the Garden without any worry.

The Church Coffee Mornings will finish on Saturday, 1st August, until next Easter. Thank you so much to anyone who has supported us this year, and we do hope to see you at other events. Thank you especially to our newest little member David who spreads lots of love everywhere he goes.

The Sisterhood meetings will begin again on Wednesday, 16th September at 2:30 p.m. when we will hold our AGM hosted by Rachel Williams.

Dorothy Gleaves

Kirkby-in-Furness

At the end of June the Kirkby Prayer Group undertook a Prayer Walk around the Parish. Covering as it does many miles, the walk was spread over three days with different members tackling different stages. People from all the churches in Kirkby meet twice a month to pray for the village and its inhabitants and it is open to all. The meetings are usually held in houses but also in all the church buildings, the village school, community centre and in the open air.

Kirkby Gala Day is on Saturday 4th July and in the evening of Wednesday 1st July the Prayer Group is holding a Praise Event in the Gala Marquee. All welcome.

As you know we raised a record £950 at our Plant and Produce Sale in May and we are pleased to be able to tell you that with the proceeds we have been able to replace the glass in the last two windows in the chapel to be refurbished. The estimate is £1,200 for the work.

Our summer Coffee and Company are on Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 5th August from 9:45 to 11:30am. If the weather is kind we shall have our coffee outside and we would be delighted if you could join us.

We wish you all a happy and healthy summer.

Janet Sheldon

Millom

The annual "Praise on the Lake" with the Salvation Army took place on the 7th June. It was a lovely sunny evening so the journey and the scenery were quite beautiful in contrast with previous years when it has been very windy and often rainy as well. More people than usual braved sitting in the open air on the top deck but there was also a goodly number down below. This will be Tony Wells' final "swansong" as he is retiring from Ulverston Neville Street this summer. There would be a few people with no voices on Monday morning after the rousing singing!! It is good to join with other Christians in worship and it doesn't seem like a whole year has passed since we were last on the lake. We thank Gladys for arranging this outing as it is quite time consuming organising this event.

The Strawberry Tea on 3rd July from 3-5pm will be held here at Queen Street and is our annual fundraiser for Action for Children. Please join us if you can.

Our effort for Lebone House will be the Barbeque following the morning service on August 9th. We hope the weather will be nice again.

Our Friday Coffee mornings continue throughout the summer. Come and join us if you can. It is only 6 miles from Barrow as the crow flies!

Margaret Riley

Ramsden Street

Well, we achieved our target of building a pyramid of 100 tins for the food bank as our May Centenary event. In fact, we collected well over 200 tins and had two large pyramids and several small ones. Ann Mills from the Food bank came along to our coffee morning on May 29th to receive them.

Our June event was a concert by the New Abbey singers which was a sell out with all tickets sold. The choir sang songs from the decades from the 20's and 30's right up to the present time. Tea was served afterwards and a total of £260 was raised for church funds.

Our July event is to be a Strawberry Fair on Wednesday July 22nd from 2:30pm and tickets will be £3. There will be various stalls including homemade cakes and pies, books and jigsaws and chocolate!

Friday August 21st at 6:30pm for 100 minutes we will be singing favourite hymns, hearing some of their stories, enjoying refreshments and fellowship. We would love to have a full church once again (like we did at our March event and our June event) so please come along and join us for this special evening. There is no charge but any donations will go to the United Area Christian Aid project.

We were delighted to welcome Ayla-Faith Hill for infant baptism on Sunday June 7th. Ayla brought along many family members and friends to our Family Service which was led by Ron Wilson.

Anne Stevenson

Vickerstown

There will be coffee mornings at Vickerstown on Saturdays 18th July and 22nd August from 10 to 11:30 a.m. with the usual stalls. All welcome. We will also be having our usual summer afternoon tea, a little later in the year than usual on Saturday 1st August. The cost will be £4, please either buy a ticket or let Karen know (474601) if you intend to come so that we can make sure there is enough food for everybody! Please arrive at any time from 3 p.m. and tea will be served at 3:30.

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
Askam -	Saturdays from	10:00 till 11:30



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