



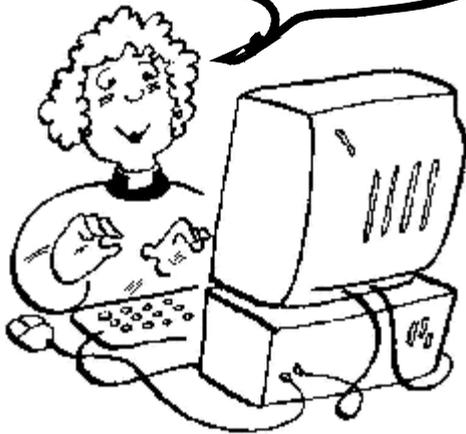
# Newslink

**SOUTH WEST GUMBRIA UNITED AREA**

Charity Registration Number 1141404

**Methodist and United Reformed Churches Working Together**

The  
Minister Writes



We had hoped that this edition of Newslink would include an introduction to our new Church and Community worker, a post intended to wrap up together work with children and families at Hartington Street and Trinity and outreach in the Roose area.

Unfortunately, in the words of Robert Burns:

‘The best-laid schemes o’ mice an’ men  
Gang aft agley’.

Having made an appointment, we received an email from the successful candidate telling us that she had had

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second thoughts and wouldn’t be accepting the post. Although the second person interviewed was excellent in many ways, there was just sufficient doubt about her ability to undertake some aspects of the role to mean that we did not feel able to offer her the post.

Inevitably, we are disappointed that all the work (and expense) involved in the appointment process and the plans we had for the appointment have come to naught. But I’ve learned over the years to trust in God’s word, as recorded by Isaiah, ‘My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways.’ I’m therefore certain that no matter what we thought, the appointment was not for some reason the right one.

We simply need to keep praying for God to reveal to us the way forward that will be in accord with His way. Such delay can be frustrating for us, but I’m sure at some point we’ll look back and see how the path eventually became clear and

**Area Website [www.swcumbriaunitedarea.urch.org.uk](http://www.swcumbriaunitedarea.urch.org.uk)**

something even better than we had hoped or anticipated emerged.

And that's so often our experience in life, isn't it? We think we have everything worked out - then suddenly we're plunged into confusion when things 'gang agley' - whether it's unexpected illness, bereavement or the breakdown of a relationship, the loss of a job or failure to get a job we thought was just the right one and so on. It's a hard place to be, because our human nature wants to be in control. But those times are often the times when our faith becomes deeper as we can do nothing but put ourselves in God's hands and to hold fast to the words of Philippians ch 4: 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.'

May we all know that peace of God in our lives whatever happens to the plans we strive to make.

Shalom,

*Jennet*

## Synod

Many thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Methodist District Synod at Trinity on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. Reports on the workshops and the rest of the day will appear in the next edition of Newslink.

## First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm at 59 Croslands Park for a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship. All ladies are welcome.

*Janet Ladds*

## REGIONAL & NATIONAL WEBSITES

District: [www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk](http://www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk)

North West Synod: [www.nwsynod.org.uk](http://www.nwsynod.org.uk)

Connexional: [www.methodist.org.uk](http://www.methodist.org.uk)

National: [www.urc.org.uk](http://www.urc.org.uk)

November issue No 106 of *Newslink* will be published at the end of October. Please send all material to reach Lilian Wood, 89 Risedale Road, Barrow, LA13 9QY by Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>. Items can also be passed on by

☎ **01229 825986** or ✉ [lilian.wood4@gmail.com](mailto:lilian.wood4@gmail.com)

## Flashbacks...to Times With Jesus

The next running of Flashbacks will be during the week beginning November 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> morning and afternoon, Tues Nov 10<sup>th</sup> morning and afternoon, Weds Nov 11<sup>th</sup> morning and Thursday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> 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 to 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*

## Network

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

On the same day there will be a Cumbria District Network Autumn Meeting at Sandylands Methodist Church, Kendal. Coffee will be available from 10.15 am and the Council Meeting (which everyone is welcome to attend) will begin at 10.45 am. Lunch will be at 12:45 pm (please bring a packed lunch - drinks will be provided). At 1.45 pm Clare Driffield and David Hasson will give a talk on Street Pastors and the day will conclude with afternoon tea at 3 pm. There will be the usual Bring and Buy, resources and book stalls. Numbers are needed for catering purposes - please phone Delphine Gratix (01539 737305) by Wednesday 2 October.

*Elaine Pears*

### 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

# **Community Outreach Group**

Please try to ensure that your church is represented at the next COG meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October at Dalton Market St, 6:45 pm for 7:00 pm.

## **Agenda:**

Welcome, devotions, apologies

Minutes of last meeting (11 June 2015)

Matters arising: Secretarial support for COG

Notice of any other business

Treasurer's report

Mission report

Network report

Education and Youth

## **Review:**

- Schools' Bible exhibition at Trinity
- Big Day Out
- Summer camp
- Keswick Convention

## **Updates:**

- Fairtrade - including Trinity application
- Environment
- Family worker
- You, me and afternoon tea spin-offs
- Flashbacks at Ramsden St

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) - Mission Community initiative

Next big event?

Other ideas?

Any other business

Date/venue for next meetings: Wednesday 1 February 2016

The issue of giving will be discussed during the meeting. In connection with this the following reports will be considered:

## **Methodist Mission Funds**

Autumn is here again and the start of the new church financial year. In our role as Treasurers of the Methodist World Mission Fund and Methodist Mission in Britain Fund, we are aware that many within our churches have no idea as to how much money has been donated to these funds from our individual churches over the past 12 months.

So to bring everyone up to date, the figures for the 12 months ended 31 August 2015 are as follows:

## World Mission Fund

8 out of 9 churches made a contribution, with a total amount of £2,050.32 being paid into this fund (JMA £834.42 and General Fund £1215.90). This is an increase of £318.00 on last year's figures.

## Mission in Britain Fund

5 out of 9 churches contributed, with a total amount of £418.50 being paid into this fund. This is a reduction of £256.50 on last year's figure.

*Bob and Daphne Watkinson*

## Network (Methodist Women in Britain) Year ending 31 August 2015

### Receipts

Cash in hand/brought forward	7.20
Autumn ecumenical celebration	79.50
Coffee mornings (x5)	396.20
Easter offerings	495.00
Summer effort	100.00
Donations	5.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1082.90</b>

### Payments

Banked: World Mission Fund	820.70
Banked: MWiB	250.00
Expenses	5.00
Cash in hand/carried forward	7.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>£1082.90</b>

We are just over £600 down on last year.

Easter Offerings were down by £270 - last year's figure was higher than usual but this year was the lowest for several years.

Coffee mornings were down by £312 - there are only 4 churches hosting coffee mornings for Network now.

Sincere thanks to all who do support Network/Methodist Women in Britain.

*Muriel Dawson*



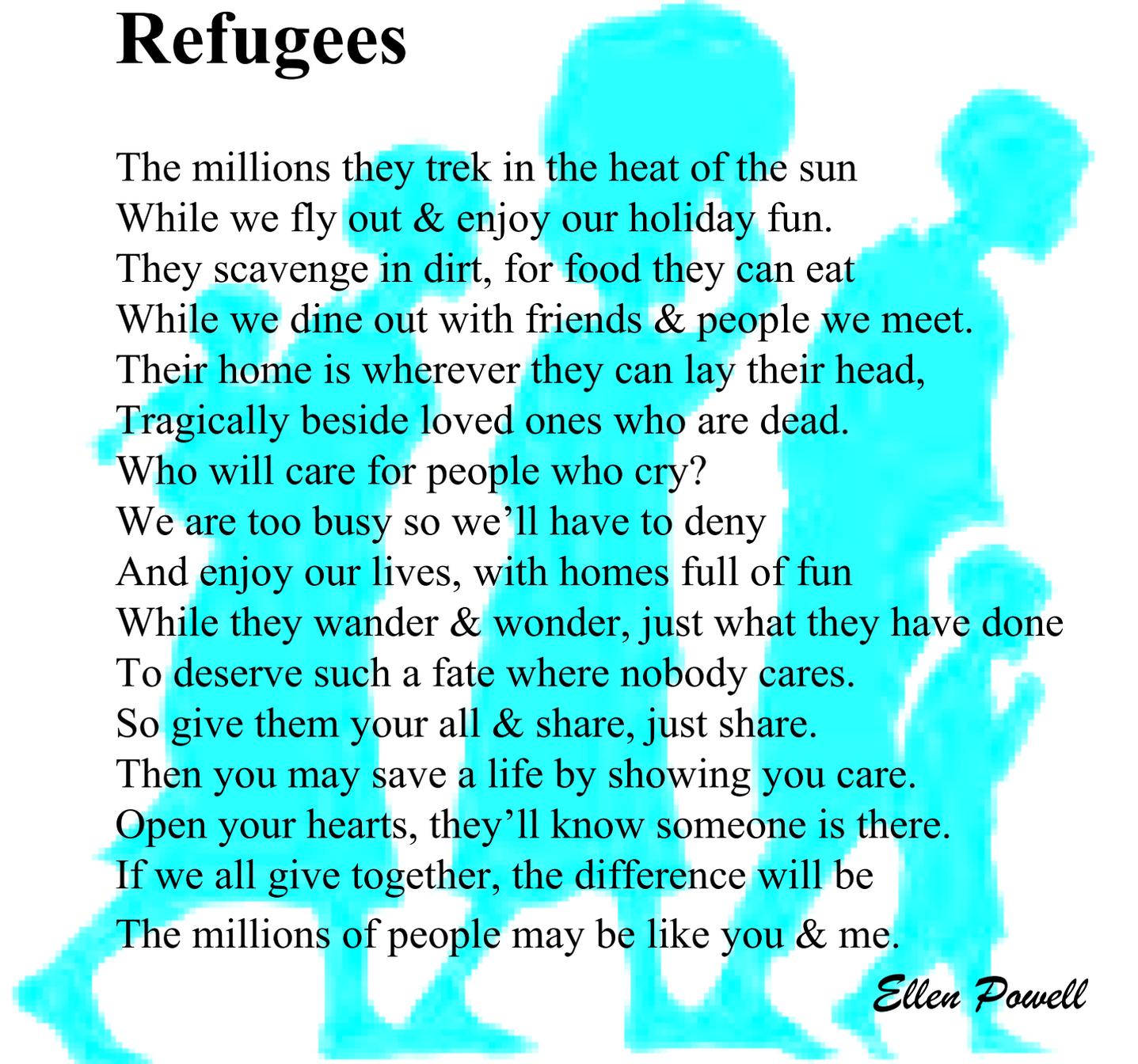
## Christian Aid Community Partnership

Our total has increased this month thanks to Trinity's cream tea and Ramsden Street's hymn singing evening; thank you to both for their contributions. The total has now reached £3534.31.

Beacon Hill have arranged a quiz and soup evening on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November. If anyone else is planning an event please let me know.

*Lilian Wood*

# Refugees



The millions they trek in the heat of the sun  
While we fly out & enjoy our holiday fun.  
They scavenge in dirt, for food they can eat  
While we dine out with friends & people we meet.  
Their home is wherever they can lay their head,  
Tragically beside loved ones who are dead.  
Who will care for people who cry?  
We are too busy so we'll have to deny  
And enjoy our lives, with homes full of fun  
While they wander & wonder, just what they have done  
To deserve such a fate where nobody cares.  
So give them your all & share, just share.  
Then you may save a life by showing you care.  
Open your hearts, they'll know someone is there.  
If we all give together, the difference will be  
The millions of people may be like you & me.

*Ellen Powell*

# Individual Churches

## Trinity

We are once again holding our Charity Christmas card/gifts Coffee Morning on Saturday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30 am. Please tell your friends and come along to support the 9 or so charities that will be represented, enjoy a cup of coffee and chat. Thank you.

*Yvonne Farrow*

Regular monthly Coffee morning Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Midweek Communion Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study fortnightly - Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and Thursdays 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 2:00 p.m. Both sessions will be use the same material, so if you can't make it one day you could catch up with the alternative one.

Quiz Night with Pie and Peas on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Tickets from Norma or members of Fund Raising Committee.

### Family News

Over the last couple of months we have had many baptisms which have boosted our congregation. On 12<sup>th</sup> July Margaret baptised Dolly-Mae Bamber and her cousin George Alan Cormish. On that morning we also welcomed about 20 Brownies after their sleep over. Quite a noisy service.

On 19<sup>th</sup> Jennet baptised George Atticus Jolliffe and his cousin Harry Jay Brown.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August Jennet again conducted the baptism of Oliver Jay Hibbert - Bill Edmondson's great grandson. We hope to see the family again sometime.

On 9<sup>th</sup> August, Janet Ladds baptised Gene Antony Archer - Judith White's first grandchild. Gene has been in church most Sundays since he was born so it was a real joy to witness his baptism.

*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.

5/10	Millom	'J'
12/10	Trinity	'K'
19/10	Vickerstown	'L'
26/10	Hartington St	'M'

*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.

**Bible studies**, led by Jenet, are held fortnightly as follows:

Tuesdays at 8 pm - 6<sup>th</sup> October, 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Thursdays at 2 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 29<sup>th</sup> October.

*Ellen Powell*

## Beacon Hill

Join us if you can on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November for a quiz evening in aid of the Area Christian Aid project. We will begin at 6 pm with soup and bread, followed by the quiz. Our usual monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

*Lilian Wood*

## Dalton

Our coffee morning on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September raised £341.61 for church funds. Many thanks to all who helped and supported us.

*R Willock*

Christian Women's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30 pm. Our speaker on that evening will be Gail Burns from Kirkby Church of Christ.

All are welcome.

*D Zazi*

## Broughton

Our 140th Anniversary was supported by Kirkby Church members and also Reg, Jean and Ernie previously from Roose. I would really like to thank them for their support. We asked for the Collection to be divided between Church and the Syrian Refugees and we received £200. The £100 will be sent to "All We Can".

It was lovely to welcome Martin and Rita back, using Power Point which shows the changes that have taken place since 1875 when the Chapel was built. However Methodists did meet in a house in New Street from around 1834. It was lovely to be given lots of information from Ray Babbs, a Broughton born resident who has delved into the History of Broughton and of his family. We hope to have him along one afternoon to hear more of Broughton's Past. Look out for this talk as I know a few of you have had family from around here.

I will have Action for Children Christmas cards on sale at Trinity on Saturday 10th October.

*Beryl Hollowell*

# Askam

On Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> August we had a very special event at Duddon Road Church - a wedding, 'the first this centenary'.

We celebrated the wedding of Harriet Donnelly and Daniel Cooper. It was a beautiful service led by Rev. Rachel Williams (a first wedding for her), and the bride looked stunning. There were a few hitches at the beginning of the service, but Ron Wilson came to the rescue (not quite on his shining white stallion! but nevertheless as the saviour of the day). The sun shone for the happy couple and the Church looked lovely with the many vases of pastel coloured flowers prepared by Harriet herself with help from her Mum Jenny and sister Rosie. There were many tears, but tears of joy, and everyone left the service feeling elated. Jenny, the bride's Mum, told us all at our next Church service, that Harriet and Daniel said the day was wonderful, but the best part was the marriage service. Well done Rachel (and Ron).

Harriet is the granddaughter of the late Ruth and Bill Bell. Ruth was a member of Duddon Road for very many years before her death, and Bill was a well known artist and will be remembered by many of you for his wonderful industrial and historical paintings. Some of his work was displayed by the Royal Academy of Art and he was praised by L.S. Lowry for his remarkable talent. Daniel is now also establishing himself as a very talented artist, and had an exhibition at Brantwood in August. This was his fifth exhibition so far and features a very new and exciting style. We wish Harriet and Daniel a very long and happy union.

Sisterhood will meet at 2:30 pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, when we will enjoy Hymns New and Old, led by Praise Group. On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October the speaker will be Mrs Ann Mills.

Our monthly midweek service will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 10 a.m.

Article about Alan Park: - Sorry Alan, I appear to have sent you off to the Air Force whilst you were still at school (1945) when the year you joined was actually 1952.

*Dorothy Gleaves*

# Urswick

The following events are happening in or on behalf of our church in the coming weeks:-  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm. Harvest Festival Service at Urswick U R C. It is to be conducted by the Rev. Jennet McLeod.

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm. Our Annual Dance is this year to be held at Grizebeck Village Hall. The price of tickets (which will include a pie and peas supper) will be announced shortly, together with booking details

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> October. Our Autumn Coffee Morning is to be held at Dalton U R C. The usual stalls will be there— homemade cakes, tombola, raffle, bric-a-brac, and who knows what else!!! Everyone will be most welcome.

*Gareth Lester*

# Kirkby-in-Furness

We started September on a very happy note with the news about the birth of Daniel John Bullett (8lb 15oz) to the proud parents Elizabeth and Richard on the 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Congratulations to all the family.

We then had a sad note with the death of Phyllis Tyson, a very active Church of England member, but who as a child, along with her sister, attended the Methodist Sunday School. Over the years she has given us many photos and reminiscences of times past at Kirkby Methodist Church.

We celebrated our Harvest Festival on the 13<sup>th</sup> September with a shared Harvest Meal, followed by our Harvest Service led by Rev Rachel Williams.

Coffee and Company is on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October, 9:45-11:30am. We have now joined the digital age and purchased our own portable WiFi for the church. This means that a computer and internet access will be available for anyone to use (with or without support) during Coffee and Company and also by arrangement 10-12noon on the morning of the Over 55 Lunch Club. To book a session ring Mary on 889588.

We are holding our annual Craft Fair on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 3:30pm. Tea/coffee available throughout the day with soup lunches available between 12noon - 1:30pm. Lots of local people have stalls selling local crafts.

We have our usual services this month but would like to give a warm welcome to everyone on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November when we have the Rev Richard Teal leading our morning service.

*Mary Wilkinson*

# Ramsden Street

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> we held our August Centenary event - 100 minutes included singing favourite hymns, stories about some of the hymns and refreshments. It was lovely to have friends from the United Area join us and also Stan and Kathleen from Kirkby Church of Christ. Our aim was to raise £100 for the United Area Christian Aid project but we actually raised £165 thanks to some very generous people.

There wasn't a seat to be found on Sunday August 30<sup>th</sup> when Poppy Grace Hill was brought for a service of infant baptism by her Mum & Dad and many family and friends. Poppy was baptised by her Grandad - Rev Ron Wilson! The church presented Poppy with a book and flowers were given to her Mum, Hannah.

FACTORS will be held on Fridays October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm.

There will be a Church lunch on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon.

All church members will be receiving a personal invitation to a Renewal of Commitment service on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> which will be led by Rev Ron Wilson at 11am.

The Church AGM will be held after the service on Sunday November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Autumn Fair will be held on Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>.

*Anne Stevenson*

# Millom

We are looking forward to meeting Nicu Gal from Romania on 25<sup>th</sup> September to update us on Boxes of Hope Cumbria. He leads our partner charity over there and is coming with photos and telling us more about the children he helps with our support. 2:30 to 4pm at Queen Street. The ladies of the Craft Class have been busy knitting scarves for weeks now and we are very grateful to them and also for their contributions of toothpaste, soap, pencils etc. The Church members have been helping to fill the hallway cupboard with shoebox items on Fridays and Sundays so we hope to send 100+ again this year. Julie is busy decorating shoeboxes with Christmas paper already - quite a mammoth task - as she lives next door in part of the old Church she is used to me knocking on her door with black bin bags full of empty boxes, rolls of paper and sellotape.

Our Autumn Fayre is on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 10am to 12 noon. Admission 50p for tea/coffee and biscuits. Please support us if you can. Usual stalls plus a raffle.

*Margaret Riley*

# Vickerstown

We will celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> with a parade service at 11 a.m. at Vickerstown and a Walney ecumenical outdoor service (weather permitting!) at West Shore at 2 p.m. - all welcome.

Our next coffee morning will be on Saturday October 31<sup>st</sup> from 10 a.m. with the usual cake, Fairtrade and bring and buy stalls.

The monthly Food & Fellowship group has reached this year's target of raising £250 for the charity Aquabox, to fund one of their 'Community' boxes: this is capable of producing up to 500,000 litres of drinking water from a local contaminated water source. That is enough basic drinking water for 100 family groups of five (500 people) for well over a year and a half; over 500 tonnes of drinking water. These boxes are often particularly useful in meeting the drinking water needs of schools and hospitals in disaster-struck areas. We don't yet know where 'our' box will be needed; the most recent shipment went to Nepal in May following the earthquake there.

*Karen Edmondson*



## Green Tip

I have been looking through the archives and found that the first Green Tip appeared in April 2007. I suspect that we still need to be reminded of this:

Remember to turn off all electrical appliances when not in use, rather than keeping them on "standby".

*Lilian Wood*