

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Venue	Start Time	Finish Time
Sept 1	Coffee morning	Dakon Market Street	9:45 am	11:15 am
Sept 1	Coffee morning	Trinity	10:00 am	11:30 am
Sept 3	Bible study	Trinity	7:00 pm	
Sept 4	First Tuesday Ladies	59 Crosslands Park	7:30 pm	
Sept 5	Coffee and Company	Kirkby	9:45 am	11:30 am
Sept 6	Bible study	Hartington Street	1:30 pm	
Sept 7	Flower demonstration	Trinity	7:30 pm	
Sept 8	Macmillan coffee morning	Beacon Hill	10:00 am	11:15 am
Sept 8	Cumbria Methodist Synod	Stricklandgate, Kendal		
Sept 9	Sunday Serenade	Dakon Wellington Street	2:00 pm	4:00 pm
Sept 10	Bible study	Trinity	7:00 pm	
Sept 10	Garden series	Beacon Hill	7:30 pm	
Sept 15	Coffee morning	Vickerstown	10:00 am	11:30 am
Sept 17	Bible study	Trinity	7:00 pm	
Sept 17	Garden series	Beacon Hill	7:30 pm	
Sept 19	Christian Women's Fellowship	Dakon Market Street	7:30 pm	
Sept 20	Bible study	Hartington Street	1:30 pm	
Sept 20	LP/WL meeting	Dakon Market Street	7:30 pm	
Sept 22	Macmillan coffee morning	Trinity	9:30 am	11:00 am
Sept 22	Harvest supper	Dakon Wellington Street	7:00 pm	
Sept 24	Bible study	Trinity	7:00 pm	
Sept 24	Garden series	Beacon Hill	7:30 pm	
Sept 26	Furness Choral concert	Beacon Hill	7:30 pm	
Sept 27	Coffee morning	Beacon Hill	10:00 am	11:15 am
Sept 27	United Area AGM	Askam	7:00 pm	
Sept 29	Bible Society Coffee morning	Dakon Market Street	9:45 am	11:15 am
Sept 29	Cumbria Ecumenical Prayer Day	Quaker Meeting House, Penrith	10:00 am	4:00 pm

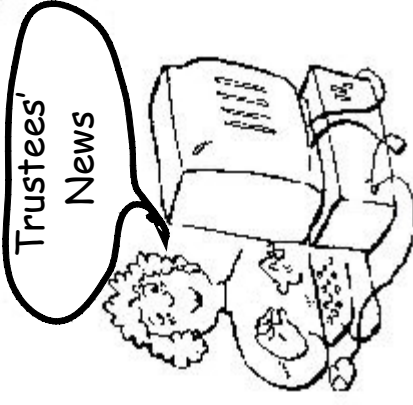


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Hammersmith Palais, yellow socks, Cheddar cheese and pickle and summer. Maybe next time we feel a bit down in the dumps, we could try making our own 'count your blessings' list. Our version, not being a song, wouldn't even have to rhyme.

As Christians, we have every reason to be cheerful. We know unequivocally that we are loved. We know that God loves us so much that he was willing to sacrifice his only son to save us. We know that, in accepting his love, we will always be forgiven, no matter how much we fail to live up to expectations. This is truly amazing, the biggest of big deals, and it is on offer to everyone. For many millions of people over 2,000 years, it has been, quite literally, life changing.

As mere human beings, though, we can't always live at such an elevated level; we also crave the down-to-earth blessings of the 'yellow socks' variety. However, even in the small things, we can still see God. This year, we have been deprived of a

Dear Friends
 In the summer of 1979, 'Reasons To Be Cheerful, Part 3' by Ian Dury and the Blockheads reached number 3 in the UK singles charts. It popped back into my mind recently on reading a newspaper article bemoaning the levels of pessimism and negativity around today, brought on by concerns about alarming world events and leaders seemingly motivated by ego and self interest rather than service. The article encouraged individuals to focus instead on optimism and positivity. In the song, Ian Dury counted the things in life that made him cheerful, a random list including the

typical British summer and have instead enjoyed weeks of lovely sunshine. How much easier it is to admire the beauty of God's creation when the roses in your garden are the best they've ever been! Ignore for the moment that the lawn is a bit brown and that we are probably only getting this summer courtesy of global warming: we are privileged to live in a very green and pleasant land. (N.B. I'm writing this in July. August may, of course, have been quite different!)

The story of the Thai boys captured everyone's attention this summer, with people around the world praying for a miracle. We know that, mercifully, all of the boys and their coach got out alive; and we admire the quiet valour of the anonymous heroes who made it happen. Divers and medics from other countries, including our own, worked tirelessly with Thai Navy Seals to locate the boys, keep them supplied with food, medicine and oxygen, at great risk to themselves, then brought them all to safety. One brave Navy diver lost his life, delivering oxygen to the boys, but not keeping enough for himself. They didn't do this for glory or fame, but because they sincerely wanted to help and to use their skills for the good of others. What is this if not love?

Having spent most of my life in education, September has always felt to me like the real start of the year. Likewise, in church, we look forward to what the new year might bring. This September gives us another reason to be cheerful - we welcome our new minister, Zena Smith, as she begins her life in ministry in South West Cumbria. We are privileged to walk beside her at this exciting time, and we extend to her a warm and loving United Area welcome.

Kathryn Alford

A shorter version of this article appeared as the Christian Comment in The Mail on 4 August.

Regular Sunday Services

Morning service times are as follows:

Askam	(Duddon Road) 11:00 am fortnightly (alternate weeks at St Peter's, Ireleth at 11:15 am)
Beacon Hill	(Holyoake Avenue, Barrow) 9:30 am
Dalton Community Church	(Market Street) 9:30am
Hartington Street	Barrow 10:30 am
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
Vickerstown	(Warren Street) 11:00 am

Evening services are held as follows:

Beacon Hill	6 pm every week
Trinity Church Centre	6:30 pm every week
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.unc.org.uk

REGIONAL & NATIONAL WEBSITES

www.cumbriamethodistsdistrict.org.uk

North West Synod: www.nwsynod.org.uk

Connexional: www.methodist.org.uk

National: www.unc.org.uk

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

Regular Coffee Mornings

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

Millom -	Fridays from 9:30 till 10:30
Ramsden St. -	Fridays from 10:30 till 12:00

Broughton - Tuesdays:

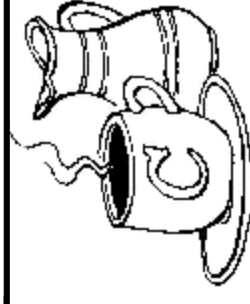
at the Square Café from 10 to 12 noon

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



Millom

Can't believe this is for the September magazine - where has this year gone! At our recent Strawberry Tea we raised £200 for the Action for Children charity. Our next fundraising event will be on Friday 19th October to raise enough money to send our shoeboxes to Romania. It will be a supper followed by Holy Beetle. We are hoping to pack the boxes the following Wednesday afternoon. The Craft Class ladies are busy decorating the boxes at the moment. There is only one shoe shop in Millom but thanks to the lovely weather the sales of sandals have meant plenty of empty boxes for us to use! Two new ventures are due to start this month - a roast dinner for people on their own on Sunday 16th and a Film Night on Friday 28th. These are intended to be regular monthly events.

A confidential group called Hope and Cope has started meeting at Queen Street each Tuesday night so we trust that the participants will find friendship and any help they need following bereavement and other worries and problems they have. Although this isn't a church event we keep them encircled with our love and prayers as with all groups who use our premises.

The playgroups have been on holiday for the six weeks of the school holidays and the older ones will be leaving to start school or nursery - a new stepping stone to growing up so again we wish them every blessing.

As the autumn approaches we look forward to harvest time and the beautiful colours of the leaves on the trees - a sign of God's handiwork in this wonderful world He has created.

Margaret Riley

Vickerstown

There will be a coffee morning at Vickerstown on Saturday 15th September from 10-11:30 a.m. with hot drinks, toasted teacakes and our usual stalls - homemade cakes, Fairtrade goods, books and bring-and-buy. Please join us for a cuppa, chat and browse. We will celebrate our Harvest festival on Sunday 30th September, with a Parade service where we hope we will welcome a good number of our Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies as well as their leaders. All will be invited to bring a contribution to the Harvest display, which will be passed on the Foodbank after the service (if suitable) or auctioned for charity. We are delighted that Zena will be leading this service for us.

Karen Edmondson

1,000 Letters

3Generate, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly, will be held in Southport from 23rd to 25th November. The organisers would like to receive 1,000 letters from congregation members to encourage the 1,000 children and young people who are expected to attend. They have given the following guidance for letter writers:

“The purpose of the letter is to help children and young people feel connected to, and part of, the wider body of the Church; to feel part of the big Methodist family!

Who is the letter for?

- The letter you write will be displayed at 3Generate to be read by a number of children and young people.
- The children and young people at 3Generate will be in the age bracket of 8-23. If your letter is written particularly for younger children, or the older attendees, then please make a note of that when you post it to us. Otherwise, you can write a general letter aimed at all ages.

What to include:

- something of your faith story - you won't necessarily have space to include all of it, but you may think that there are parts that would be interesting for the children and young people to hear about.
- something about your experiences of being part of a church/faith community. Maybe you were part of a church when you were younger - could you share some of that story?
- things you have learned - again you won't be able to include everything, but are there key things you have learned about life and faith that would be helpful to share?
- encouragement for the younger generation to be courageous in their faith.
- Please make sure that the language you use and the stories you refer to are appropriate for the age group.

How to write it:

- A handwritten letter is more personal, so if it is possible for you, please do write by hand, but if you need to type it that's fine too!
- please don't put your address, or any personal contact details, on the letter.
- please don't put your surname on the letter; simply sign it with your first name.

How long should it be?

- Ideally your letter should be one side of A4.

Where do I send it to?

Send your completed letter to: **3Generate 1000 Letters, 6th Floor, Methodist Church House, 25 Marylebone Road, London, NW1 5JR.**

You can send your letter at any time, but please make sure it arrives by the end of October at the latest.

Any queries email: strachans@methodistchurch.org.uk

Be part of the 1000 letters campaign!"

Inspiration in your Inbox!

Each morning the United Reformed Church sends out a reading, short reflection and prayer to around 2,500 people. The reflections are written by a variety of people from different places and perspectives across the church. You can sign up to receive them by going to devotions.urc.org.uk (and you can read previous devotions there too).

If you'd like to receive the devotions as a booklet in PDF format (so you can print them off for yourself or for members of your church who'd like them but don't have access to the internet) please email Andy Braunston via dailydevotions@urc.org.uk and request this.

News from re:new

Hello again.

I will have met many of you by now through working in the shop and seeing you, either as regular customers or regular donors. I'd like to thank you for your continued support, through which we have been able to help a number of people from our local community, either by providing them with items or by just being a shoulder to cry on. Of those people, one who stands out is a gentleman that we have met recently - he was sleeping rough in Barrow Park until a couple of weeks ago and now, unfortunately, has been diagnosed as terminally ill. After he was discharged from the hospital, he was given an empty flat but, because of his situation, he had nothing to his name apart from the clothes he was wearing. Thanks to your donations, we were able to set him up with a small provision of clothing, footwear, curtains, cutlery and crockery. This would not have been possible without your generosity and support.

To be able to continue this work, we'll need more donations. I apologise for this shout out, but we're currently struggling to keep our shop fully stocked. We are very grateful for all that you've donated already and without you guys we wouldn't be where we are now; but if you do see anything that you no longer wear or need, then please consider donating it to our shop - and ask your friends to do the same! You might have spotted a blue bucket in your church and you can put your donations in there if you can't make it to the shop yourself.

Also, we really need some more volunteers. This could be for as little as one hour a week at lunchtime. So far, Friday is the only day that is very lonely for me as I have no volunteers at all. If you're looking for a way to do some mission work, then this could be a great opportunity for you!

If you're on Facebook, then you can find us at Re:new Community Charity Shop - please like our page if you haven't already! We occasionally like to showcase some of our more interesting items on Facebook, and if you send us a message, we'll be more than happy to send it out to you. We also have an eBay seller account (re-newccs) where you'll be able to look at some of our more specialist items, and maybe try bidding on them.

Once again, thank you for all your support and I look forward to seeing you in the shop again soon.

Tim Jeffries

Askam

It seems a while since I wrote in the last Newslink about the forthcoming Church Garden Party, and by the time you read this it will have happened over a month ago. We did have a wonderful afternoon and met lots of old friends and welcomed some new ones.

We were privileged to have the Askam Parade Queen, Lara, her sister Anna, her Mum and Grandmother with us and lots of other very willing volunteers. We welcomed a visit by three owls, from the Rescue Centre, who were fascinating and added a special interest, especially for the children. Sandra's granddaughter Brooke kindly carried the two smaller owls around the building so everyone could have a stroke which was very kind (but she drew the line at the biggest one, saying "it's too heavy") so many of our less able visitors were able to see them close up. We had lovely feedback from Rita Williams who had brought her sister Dora along that afternoon. Apparently Dora was fascinated by the owls and is still talking about them. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so hard all afternoon, and everyone who came along and contributed in any way. Well done everyone - a wonderful afternoon all round.

The christening of Isabelle Tompkins was a wonderful service led by Rev Jennet McLeod on Sunday 29th July. All her family and friends joined in to welcome her into the family of the Church, and Jennet gave her a memory box, in which she placed several items each denoting a special part of the service - as a reminder of all that had been pledged on her behalf that morning. Isabelle's big sister 2 year old Penny was the star of the show (also singing away on the front row throughout the service. We wish parents Laura and Andy lots of joy parenting these lovely girls.

Yet another reminder that Avril and Willem Snyman from Lebone Village, South Africa, will be visiting the Barrow area on Monday 27th - Tuesday 28th August and will be at Askam Church on Tuesday 28th to meet old and new friends at 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please come along to hear about the progress of this astounding story. Tea and sandwiches will be provided, but bring along a cake if you can.

Askam Sisterhood will start again on Wednesday 12th September, when Rev Jennet McLeod will lead us that afternoon. Meetings are from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m and everyone is very welcome. On Wednesday 26th September we will take a trip to Nicaragua, with Margaret Cain's guidance and Rita Williams' help.

The armchair based exercise class begins on Thursday 6th September and welcomes new members. From 10:30 - 11:15 we have exercises to music, followed by a cuppa, biscuit and fellowship. Do come along and try it, it really is fun, and helps to keep those joints working. Cost £2.50 per session. Call 465378 for further information.

Dorothy Gleaves

Dalton

Dalton has had quite a few events over the summer. We hosted the Dalton Town Council Civic Service, joined our Anglican friends to promote the Bible Society and Gideons at Dalton Carnival and held our annual Songs of Praise outside on the lawn. This was well attended and we had around forty people stay for afternoon tea. We also had our usual coffee morning for church funds.

Future events:

Saturday 1st September Coffee morning at Market Street 9:45-11:15 am.

Tuesday 11th Midweek Communion Service 2 pm at Market Street.

Saturday 22nd Harvest Supper Wellington Street 7 pm.

Saturday 29th Bible Society Coffee morning at Market Street 9:45-11:15 am.

R Willock

Christian Women's Fellowship. The next meeting of the CWF will be on Wednesday 19th September at 7:30 pm when we will enjoy Summer Reflections. All are welcome.

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On Sunday 9th September there will be an informal afternoon of light music at Wellington Street Church from 2:00 to 4:00 pm when organist Margaret Harrison will be playing the organ and piano, and light refreshments will be provided in exchange for donations to Dalton Community Church's refurbishment fund.

Ramsden Street

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Lynda Newson (Mum of Nicola) on June 13th. Lynda had suffered illness for some considerable time but, being the strong, determined person she was, she was always 'fine' if you asked her how she was doing. The funeral service was attended by very many people and was conducted by Ron Wilson on June 26th. Special memories were shared by her friend, Vivien - including several amusing stories that could only have happened to Lynda! Vivien also read a moving tribute from daughter Nicola. We will all miss Lynda very much indeed and we continue to keep Nicola, Mum Ethel and husband Michael in our thoughts and prayers. We were pleased to be successful in receiving a grant through the Speaking Volumes scheme to provide Christian books for Greengate school library. Two of us were invited to present the books at a special assembly before the summer holidays. A lovely response received from the school expresses their appreciation of the gift. Some 'long overdue' decorating will be taking place in the Church during the last week of August and we hope it will be a long time before we need to do any more! A paper quiz will be on sale from the beginning of September and we hope to raise money from this to help with the decorating bill.

Anne Stevenson

Community Outreach Group

An extract from the minutes of the COG meeting held at Dalton Community Church, Market Street on Tuesday 12th June:

Treasurer's Report: Balance £794.92.

Network: Easter Offering Service was poorly attended - Praise Group swelled the numbers. £564.65 was collected from envelopes and at the service, an increase from last year's total of £524.47.

Christian Aid Week: Trinity collected over £1,400 from a special service and door to door collection.

Mission Community Report: Progress slow in many areas, due to change of Anglican clergy. Jennet to meet with Rev Ruth Crossley to discuss ways forward. Awaiting new Bishop of Penrith in April next year.

Family and community worker: The Area Trustees are considering grants to extend Sophie Carnaby's appointment for a further 2 years. There will be no cost to individual churches.

Children's Work: Flashbacks was run successfully again at Ramsden Street with 2 Barrow schools attending.

Messy Church at Trinity has 30 - 40 attending (often with no Church connection).

Messy Church at Hartington Street has finished for summer.

Bible Society had a tent at Dalton Carnival, with an Egyptian theme.

Askam Village School children's choir will visit Duddon Road Church to perform a Harvest themed service on Wednesday 17th October at 2:00 pm. The Bible Stories Exhibition at Trinity was visited by over 400 children. Greengate Street School invited Trinity members to visit their school after the exhibition, which reaches children from non-Christian households.

Kirkby church will welcome the Brownie pack to use their Church Hall. They have moved from Grizebeck Community Centre.

Guides at Trinity are putting on a picnic lunch.

Dalton are trying hard to get Scouts to their services.

Vickerstown has good contact with uniformed groups, through Karen Edmondson and Geoff Pugh who are Cub and Scout leaders.

You, me and afternoon tea spin offs:

Dalton continues weekly, led by four people, but they struggle with transport if some of the team leaders are missing. They have a short time of exercise and then entertainment. The club has received a grant from Hornby Trust and CVS.

Askam Exercise Class continues with a loyal group.

Beacon Hill Monday Magic has received a grant from Cumberland Building Society, which will pay for a coach and part of the admission charge to Levens Hall in July.

Trinity runs a club which uses music in quizzes for their 70's and 80's group.

Future Events:

Lebone Visit: Willem and Avril Snyman will be at Duddon Road Church on Tuesday 28th August at 2.00 pm to meet old and new friends, and talk about the latest developments at Lebone. A faith tea will be shared with them afterwards.

Services at Urswick: Rev Lucie Lunn, Richard Wood and Gareth Lester want to maintain a URC/ Methodist presence in Urswick, and are planning to hold a service at 11.00 am on the 4th Sunday of each month at the Parish Rooms; this will be on the preaching plan. The only cost will be £1 coins needed for the heating and lighting meter.

Big Event: Jennet is exploring the cost of a United Area weekend away or a holiday in 2019.

Next meetings: Thursday 4th October 2018, Wednesday 27th February 2019 both at Dalton Community Church, Market Street at 7:00 pm.

Dorothy Gleaves

The COG coffee morning held at Dalton Community Church, Market Street on Saturday 16th June raised £209.41, after expenses. Thank you to everyone who supported and helped in any way.

Daphne Watkinson

Christian Aid Project

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the offering at the Area service following the COG Slog in June. The total now stands at £1864.69.

Furness Chorale will present an evening of music at Beacon Hill on Wednesday 26th September beginning at 7:30 pm. This will be followed by a cup of tea. There is no set charge but donations will be requested in aid of the project.

Also at Beacon Hill, there will be a Soup and Quiz evening on Saturday 10th November at 6 pm.

Lillian Wood

Local Preachers/Worship Leaders

All Local Preachers and Worship Leaders are encouraged to attend our next meeting on Thursday 20th September at 7:30 pm at Dalton Community Church, Market Street, which will include a re-commitment Communion and AGM.

Janet Ladds

Hartington Street

Mondays Toddlers 1-2:30 pm in The Hub.

Tuesdays Knit and Natter 10-11:30 am in The Hub.

Bible Studies alternate Thursdays, 6th September and 20th September at 1:30 pm.

Chris Mills

Beacon Hill

We were very pleased to host the COG Slog and Area service on June 24th. The weather was fine for the walk, which was led by Paul Heels, and a good number of people enjoyed the faith tea. The service was led by Praise Group, with the appropriate theme of travelling with God. The retiring collection raised £99 for the Area Christian Aid project, which will help children in Kenya affected by HIV and AIDS.

Our long-running series of meetings on the theme of Gardens will come to an end with the Garden of New Life and the Eternal Garden. We will meet in the Wesley Room at 7:30 pm on 4 consecutive Monday evenings, beginning on 10th September. There will be Bible-based discussion, hymns, prayers and food and everyone will be welcome to join us.

The members of Furness Chorale have arranged a concert in aid of the Area Christian Aid project. This will take place on Wednesday 26th September at 7:30 pm and will be followed by a cup of tea. Everyone welcome.

We will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Saturday 8th September, 10 am-11:15 am. Please come along if you can.

Our usual monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 27th September, 10 am-11.15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

Lillian Wood

Kirkby-in-Furness

Rev Zena Smith, our new minister, will be leading worship at the Harvest Service on Sunday 16th September. We warmly welcome Zena to our Church Family. Please come and join us if you can at 10:30 am. The service will be followed by refreshments and time for fellowship. Goods received will be distributed appropriately with lots going to the Foodbank.

On the social side, 4 of us from church went to see 'Mamma mia! Here we go again' (we took a 15 seater minibus to the first film). This was another great movie with laughter and tears. Many women will not go on their own so asking others to join us is a good idea.

Beryl Hollowell

Individual Churches

Trinity

Saturday 1st September Monthly Coffee Morning 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. We will have the usual stalls followed at 12 noon with a Church Lunch.
Tuesday 4th Midweek Communion in the Abbey Chapel, preceded by a cuppa from 10 am
Friday 7th Flower Demonstration by Ros from Dodds at 7:30 p.m. This is always a popular event so get your tickets (£4.00) early by phoning 584602.

Our Bible Study will resume on Monday 3rd at 7:00 p.m. when we will be following up on the theme of the Sunday's sermon, which during the autumn is based on the book 'Holy Habits'.

Family Matters

Since the last magazine we have lost two gentlemen from our congregation. At the end of June Mr Richard Henderson passed away, a few days before his 90th birthday. Richard was not able to get to church latterly, because of failing health, but was always grateful for the visits received, for the small gifts at Christmas and flowers on his birthday and harvest etc. There was a very large congregation at his service due in part to his work with young people through the police and on his retreat from the police he worked in local education in Youth Welfare.

Then in late July we were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Mr Thomas Hannah (known as Arthur) on 14th July. He and Marlene (although seldom at worship) continued to support the church financially. His funeral service was held at the Crematorium. Our thoughts and prayers are for the families of both men.

We also remember Audrey Jackson and the family on the loss of her sister Margaret after a long battle against cancer. They too will be in our prayers and surrounded by our loving concern

Margaret Maxwell

Kay and Janet are once again hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Saturday 22nd September, 9:30 - 11:00 at Trinity. Come and enjoy tea, coffee and cake and help to support this worthwhile cause.

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.

Week commencing

Sept	2nd	Millom	K
	9th	Mission in UA	L
	16th	Trinity	M
	23rd	Vickerstown	N
	30th	Hartington Street	O

Janet Ladds

United Area Meeting

The United Area Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 27 September at 7 pm at Askam. 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.

First Tuesday Ladies

After our summer break our meetings resume on Tuesday 4th September. We will meet at 7:30 pm at 59 Croslands Park to watch the first in a series of television programmes on the theme 'Finding the real Jesus'.

Elaine Pears

Youth Spot

Over 50 Cubs from 4 packs across Barrow, including most of Walney's two groups (half of the total) and several from Beacon Hill, enjoyed a District Camp over the weekend of 13th-15th July at Great Tower on Windermere. It was lovely not to have to worry about rain, though the canoeing option on the activities list still led to many of the Cubs getting very wet! Whilst some missed their video games a little, all of them got stuck in to the camp atmosphere with songs round the campfire on the first evening and several wide games (a term describing anything that involves running round outdoors, usually in teams, trying to complete a task or build up a higher score than others) across the course of the weekend as well as the two sessions of activities run by the resident staff at Great Tower using their facilities. These included bouldering, crate stacking, archery, the gauntlet - a sort of vertical obstacle course - and the 'leap of faith' which involved climbing to a tree platform then jumping for a trapeze (or being lowered back down again for those who found it a bit too high). We also walked up to Tower Rock, the highest point on the site, to sketch the view and on the Sunday had a bug hunt amongst the trees, grass and bracken: the planned pond dipping had to be skipped as the pond had dried up! It's likely that all of the children tried something new at some point, as well as sleeping in tents and meeting new friends from other groups, and spending the great majority of the time outdoors. They were certainly more tired on the second night than the first, allowing the leaders a full 7 hours in bed which was about twice as long as the Friday night! It is a great experience for the Cubs and we hope to continue providing these opportunities.

Karen Edmondson

If anyone has any thoughts or comments to include here please send them to me. If you have any events coming up that you would like to report on please let me know in advance, so that I can plan what to include each month.

Allian Wood

Cumbria Ecumenical Prayer Discussion Day



Saturday 29th September
at Penrith Quaker Meeting House
The day begins at 10am and finishes at 4pm.

Are you thirsty for prayer?

Do you need nourishment in prayer?

Do you need 'God for Me', to encourage 'God for All'?

The aim of the day is to bring together those who wish to discuss praying: for the county, for leaders in the churches and for one another.

This day is in response to several requests for a simple 'rule of prayer' to root the activity of the ecumenical 'God for All' strategy in ongoing prayer. The recognition of the need to encourage 'spiritual resilience'. As well as asking, how can we link into other pre-existing prayer networks?

The day is open to anyone and will reflect upon these various issues.

Booking is essential for the day, as places are limited. Please contact Cameron Butland on cds02@gmail.com to book your place by 20th September. The day is free but please bring your own packed lunch, other refreshments will be provided.

DALTON COMMUNITY CHURCH

(corner of Wellington Street and Chapel St,
Dalton-in-Furness)

invite you to

"Sunday Serenade"

with Margaret Harrison (Organist)

on

Sunday 9th September 2018

Call in any time between 2.00pm and 4.00pm
to hear a selection of light music played on the
organ & piano and to partake in light refreshments

If you have a favourite hymn or piece of music you
would like played, please contact Margaret on
01229 466069 by 1st September.

ALL WELCOME

No charge, but donations to Dalton Community
Church's Refurbishment Fund would be appreciated

