

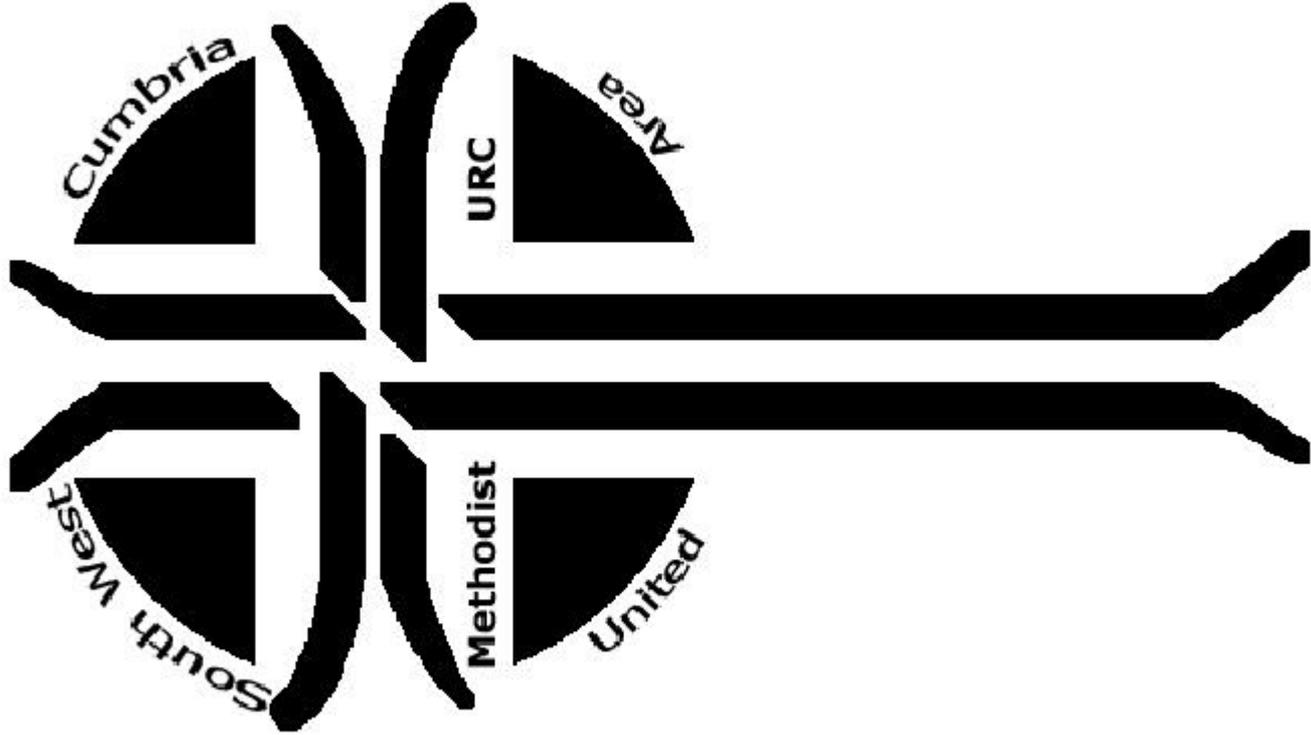


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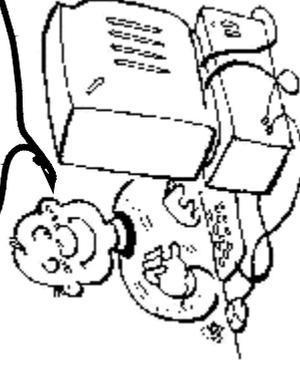
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“What are you going to do...?” I wonder how many times we ask that question. Or the related question, “What are we going to do?” often said with excitement, although sometimes in panic!

We spend a lot of time ‘doing’ or worrying about what we should do, and Jesus’ disciples were no different. They had plans for what Jesus should do and shouldn’t do, plans for what they should and shouldn’t do, and no doubt plenty of ideas for what the government of the day should do! Yet, in the end, when Jesus was arrested and taken off to face trial, they did nothing except scatter like frightened rabbits. Events overtook their plans.

Even the women coming to the tomb early on the Sunday morning had vague ideas about ‘doing’, arriving in the hope that they would reach Jesus’ body to embalm it - only to find that others had apparently already been busy before

The Minister Writes



This month’s letter comes from the archives, from April 2014. Thank you to Ron for agreeing to this being reprinted.

I write as the period of LENT has already begun, and we’ve all embarked on the time of self-examination in the light of the trials, tribulations and temptations of Jesus, a period of time which leads us to Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem and the cross! Some things we plan, whilst other unexpected events perhaps lead us to take different paths.

So what are you going to do over this coming Easter?

them. The stone had been removed and his body gone!
 When the other women rushed away ('doing' again!) Mary remained, still and weeping, and then (and only then), is Jesus able to reach her, to show that it is God, and not any human agency, who has acted.

All human plans to 'be good' and somehow to put ourselves right with God are made redundant in an instant, as through his death and resurrection, Jesus breaks the power of sin and death, and opens the way for us to come freely and fearlessly before God, our father and his!

An amazing, wonderful truth!

Stop and think about it. Stop and let the risen Jesus speak to YOU, whether in a quiet moment at home, or through any of our services in the final run-up to this Easter Day, as we recall the Last Supper; the Garden of Gethsemane; Jesus' trial; his crucifixion; his resurrection - hear him speak YOUR name, to assure you of his love and forgiveness.

So..... what ARE you doing this Easter?

May the love and joy of the risen Saviour fill your lives with his peace.
 Blessings to you all,

Ron Wilson

Dates for your Diary

REGIONAL & NATIONAL WEBSITES	
www.cumbriamethodistsdistrict.org.uk	North West Synod: www.nwsynod.org.uk
Connexional: www.methodist.org.uk	National: www.urc.org.uk

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Date	Event	Venue	Start Time	Finish Time
April 2	First Tuesday Ladies	59 Crosslands Park	7:30 pm	11:30 am
April 3	Coffee and Company	Kirkby	9:45 am	11:30 am
April 6	Easter Coffee morning	Trinity	10:00 am	11:30 am
April 6	Coffee morning	Vickerstown	10:00 am	11:30 am
April 7	Spring into Song	Dakon Wellington Street	2:30 pm	7:30 pm
April 17	Christian Women's Fellowship	Dakon Market Street	7:30 pm	7:30 pm
April 18	Mandy Thursday service	Ramsden Street	7:00 pm	10:45 am
April 19	Good Friday Free Churches service	Baptist church, Barrow	10:45 am	11:15 am
April 20	Coffee morning	Dakon Market Street	9:30 am	4:00 pm
April 24	Daffodil tea	Ramsden Street	2:30 pm	4:00 pm
April 25	Coffee morning	Beacon Hill	10:00 am	11:15 am
April 26	Celidh	Dakon Cricket Club	7:00 pm	10:00 am
April 27	Charity Coffee morning	Trinity	10:00 am	11:30 am
April 28	Barrow Mission Community service	Salvation Army Citadel	4:00 pm	

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 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
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

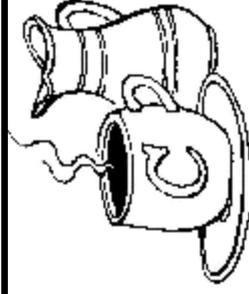
United Area joint evening services as arranged. For details, please consult the Plan or the website: www.swcumbriaunitedareure.org.uk

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 10:30 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



Holy Week services

United Area Maundy Thursday service at 7pm at Ramsden Street.
Good Friday service for the Barrow Free Churches at 10:45 am at the Baptist church.

Holy Week and Easter in Dalton

Palm Sunday 14th April
9:30am, at Dalton Community Church, Market Street

Monday 15th April
7pm, at Dalton Community Church, Market Street

Judas and Mary

Tuesday 16th April
7pm, at Dalton Community Church, Market Street

Peter and Pilate

Wednesday 17th April
7pm, at St Mary's Parish Church, Dalton

Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday 18th April
7pm, at St Mary's Parish Church, Dalton

The Last Supper and Washing of Feet

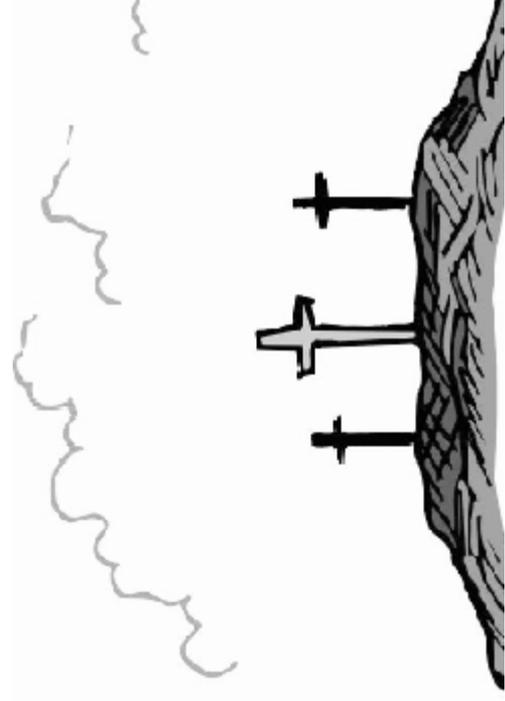
Good Friday 19th April
2pm, at St Mary's Parish Church, Dalton

The Last Hour

Saturday 20th April
8:45pm, at St Mary's Parish Church, Dalton

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 21st April
9:30am, at Dalton Community Church, Easter Day Celebration



Mission Communities update - Barrow area

There will be a commissioning service for the Barrow Mission Community at 4 p.m. on Sunday April 28th, hosted at the Salvation Army Citadel on Abbey Road and followed by refreshments. Bishop James and Rev Richard Teal will both be present and part of the celebration. It is hoped that this service will also formally recognise the new Mission Community leader, though this is not yet confirmed as a recruitment process is still ongoing (the initial leader Canon Gary Cregeen has stepped down and is due to move to Penrith in May).

The idea for Mission Communities arose as part of the county-wide ecumenical 'God for All' ambition to give every individual in Cumbria an opportunity to learn something of the Christian faith by 2020. There is a formal partnership between four denominations - Church of England, Methodist, URC and Salvation Army - but in Barrow other denominations such as Baptist and Catholic, and independent churches, have also been involved in some events under the 'Believe in Barrow' banner. A group of representatives from the various different churches meet regularly; weekly for prayer and roughly monthly for business meetings. This has already developed new relationships and several mission events have been planned and carried out. The stated aim of the Barrow Mission Community is to be a partnership between the churches in Barrow with the particular vision of working together to know Christ and to make Him better known. To enable this vision the intention is to have a series of connected, vibrant, life giving, worshipping communities... who share responsibility for loving and caring for one another... whilst making and growing wholehearted followers of Jesus in Barrow, so that the whole town might be renewed and experience fullness of life in Christ (this is quoted from the Mission Community website).

While the idea of Mission Communities is still a developing one, the emphasis so far is on working together to help create effective mission and outreach, working together where we can for our common aim of growing God's Kingdom. The churches are also sharing discipleship and training opportunities. The service will recognise what has already been achieved and look ahead to future potential, and all are welcome to attend.

Also as part of 'God for All' and in support of the county-wide Mission Communities, Cumbria-based leaders from the Church of England, Methodist Church, URC & Salvation Army are walking across the county through Lent, with local churches running various events. As part of this on April 1st & 2nd, the Bishop of Carlisle James Newcome and the new Bishop of Penrith, Emma Ineson, will be visiting Barrow (between visits to Dalton and to Millom). The Barrow section will begin at Furness Abbey at 4:15 p.m. in the main car park with an opportunity to meet the bishops and walk with them to St. Paul's Church. The main event will be a 'Real Lives' style event on the Monday evening (7 p.m. for a 7:30 start) at Roose

One Friday

The last few years have seen a dramatic decline in knowledge of the Bible. Good Friday remains a Bank Holiday, though increasingly shops are open and many people wonder why they've been given a day off work. To keep the story of Jesus alive we need to find new ways of telling it in public places.

ONE FRIDAY is based on fourteen Bible references, often called the 'Stations of the Cross'. The Stations of the Cross represent the events that happened to Jesus as he made the journey from his trial to his execution. So the journey through ONE FRIDAY touches on betrayal, mercy, forgiveness, family, death and finally hope. Each 'station' is interpreted as a painting by artist Jenny Hawke.

Following the stations (by finding the pictures in the windows in Dalton) is a way of following the story of Jesus' road to death. They help us to explore the very human emotions that Jesus felt as he made his way to the cross. As we feel our way through the journey we feel that we are travelling with him - entering into his suffering, as he enters into ours.

Adapted from <https://onefriday.info/about/>

Don't miss

ONE FRIDAY

*Look for the 14
pictures in windows in
Dalton Town Centre*

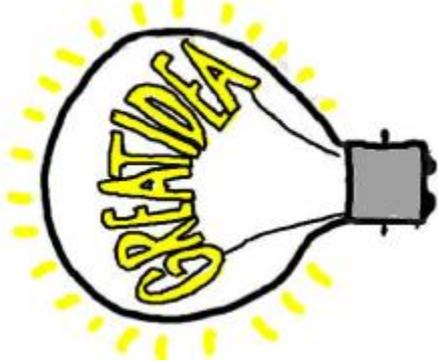
April 12th - 21st

Green Tip

We are used to thinking of God's generous provision - "my cup runneth over" (Psalms 23) - so my eye was caught by the title of a conference on the A Rocha website arocha.org.uk 'God Doesn't Do Waste' will remind those attending of the way we should respond to God's love and care for us by taking care of the world He has made. This is the description of the theme of the conference:

"When Jesus fed the 5000 in John's Gospel, he said, 'Let nothing be wasted'. Everything was collected in. This week long conference gets us to think about whole life transformation, for that is the message of the Gospel. God doesn't do waste - and under God's grace nothing is wasted: it can be recycled and used to bring love and new life, whether it be the mess in our bins or lives. We'll look afresh at what it means to be good stewards of God's beautiful world and how we care for it. We'll consider our attitude to waste and recycling, our unfortunate reliance on plastic, and how God lovingly looks at our lives, saying 'let nothing be wasted'."

Lillian Wood



Conservative Club, with pic & peas and live music as well as an interview with Bishop Emma about her life and faith. It is hoped that this event in particular might give people the opportunity to involve/invite non-Christian friends or those in the early stages of exploring faith. Please book by March 27th by calling 07980 248897, via 'Believe in Barrow' on Facebook or by e-mailing maureendale1942@gmail.com - cost £3 payable on the night. On Tuesday April 2nd there will be a prayer meeting open to all at the Coffee Bean café on Dalton Road from 9 a.m., followed by a programme of prayer visits to local shops and community projects including the Town Hall, re:new and Barrow Island Community Hub. There will also be a Sunrise Service event on Easter Day, 21st April, in Barrow Park, beginning at 6 a.m. This will be led by either Jennet or Martin Cooper, followed by bacon sandwiches at the Baptist church.

Karen Edmondson

Saints Alive!

This Musical by the well-known Christian composer, Roger Jones, is being performed at St Mary's Parish Church, Dalton on Thursday May 2nd at 7:30pm by Furness Churches United Choir. The musical is about the birth of the church on the day of Pentecost and Roger writes 'this is one of the most thrilling accounts in the Bible and one of the most relevant to life today. The dramatic change that took place in the apostles - from frightened and hopeless men into people who turned the world upside down - is something to sing about!'

Do come to support the choir and hear in song and drama about the amazing happenings at that first Pentecost.

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on 2nd April at 7:30 pm at 59 Croslands Park, when we will study the Bible and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship.

Elaine Peare

News from re:new

Greetings to you all!

We are now a year old! WOW where did that time go? To celebrate we held a little celebration in the shop with an amazing cake made by Janet Ladds (thank you Janet, it was absolutely delicious). We invited the Mayor and Mayoress to cut the cake, who willingly obliged. The Mail also came along to photograph us and many of you have told me that you saw our picture in the paper. All in all, the day was a great success and thank you to all who came along and helped us to celebrate.

We are still on the lookout for more wonderful people to come and join our team of amazing volunteers; if you or anyone you know is looking for something to fill a few hours in the week then why not come along and have a chat, it can be anything from a single hour to 22 hours a week. There is no need to commit to volunteering long term - if all you have is a month of spare time then that would be amazing. It's a great way to meet new people, share your faith and have fun whilst doing it. You can always speak to Kathryn Aldred, Anne Stevenson or Alan Ladds to find out more as they all come in to volunteer with us in the shop and we are very grateful for all they do. You never know, this might be your mission calling.

We are also extremely grateful to Bob Mantle for helping us with our P.A. T. testing to make sure that all the electricals that we sell are in a safe working condition. This has proved very fruitful as we sell most electricals as soon as they come into the shop.

We are still getting amazing support from our local community, from the general public and business alike! To name a few of the businesses we get support from: REEF, Studio 82, Marsh Lea Bridal studio, Cinders Clothing Agency and several others. Due to this we have some amazing stock in from everyday casual to ball gowns and wedding dresses, so we can dress you for any event! From doing the gardening to tea with the Queen! We also now have a large selection of brand new Fancy Dress costumes, from garden gnomes to clownfish costumes, so if you are having a fancy dress party then why not come and check out our amazing range!

Our online sales are also going well currently with some of your donations going as far as America and Australia which is completely amazing - our work is going global! We use all sorts of online selling platforms such as eBay and Amazon. This helps us to reach a wider audience than we can in the shop and it has proved very fruitful. If you're ever just browsing eBay then please have a look at our online shop, re-newecs.

We have added a wish list to our articles now so that you will know what we currently need rather than just saying we need stock. If you need to ask any other questions about what we can take, then please don't hesitate to give us a call on 01229 230859.

Our Wish List!

Handbags, Volunteers, Electricals & Books.

Thank you all once again for all the support, prayers and donations; we couldn't have done this without you!!

 Tim

Millom

Millom has recently said thank you to Margaret Riley who has resigned as Steward. She continues as Worship Leader and Events Organiser and we thank her for all that she has done and continues to do.

Robert Watson has become an official Steward, partnered by Liz. We are trying to re-organise the congregation so that the load does not fall on just a few people and whilst it is difficult at present we pray that this approach will work and benefit all of us. The church continues to be well used by the Community - Mothers and Toddlers groups meet twice weekly, and craft groups and care support groups are using our premises. Age UK sponsors a lunch group once a month for the benefit of anyone and is proving successful, attended by both visitors and members of our congregation. We continue to work for the Shoebox appeal and one of the ladies from one of the groups has offered to help Rob and Margaret to co-ordinate, for which we are grateful. We are aiming to complete 125 boxes this year and are collecting. To this end we are going to have various fundraising events, also for our other charities, probably tied into our weekly coffee mornings. We are always pleased to have visitors! We hope that this finds everyone well and blessings from all at Millom.

Liz Watson

Vickerstown

Our March coffee morning with a Fairtrade theme was well attended; the free chocolate samples disappeared from the tables and we raised £70 for the Fairtrade Foundation and £45 for A Rocha (the organisation that runs the Eco-Church scheme). Thanks to Beacon Hill for the loan of their giant inflatable banana for our Fairtrade display, which was also up at the back of church for both Sunday mornings in Fairtrade Fortnight.

There will be a coffee morning at Vickerstown on Saturday April 6th from 10-11:30 a.m. with stalls selling homemade cakes, Fairtrade goods, books and anything else that has been brought in! All welcome.

The Ecumenical Lent groups on Walney are being held on Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at Vickerstown, weekly until April 10th. On Palm Sunday (April 14th) there will be no service at Vickerstown as we will again meet with the island's other churches for a 'walk of witness' along Central Drive, singing hymns and carrying our palm crosses, before worshipping at St. Mary's.

Karen Edmondson

Kirkby

1. Wednesday 3rd April Coffee and Company, 9:45-11:30am. At 10:30am Rhona Teal will be giving us a presentation on the delivery of the numerous shoeboxes that were taken to children in rural Romania. Perhaps those of you in Millom may join us and find out where our boxes were delivered. You will be made very welcome and find a good selection of refreshments. See you there.
2. Sunday 21st April Easter breakfast 8:30am. We will be joined by some members from St Cuthbert's and the Church of Christ. Everyone is welcome to this celebration. We will continue with our normal 10:30am service which will be led by Hayley Edmondson.
3. Looking ahead to Saturday 16th May, we will be holding our annual plant sale. Please put this date in your diary and let us get ready for summer. It is very well supported so come early and join the queue to get your favourite plants. More details in May's Newslink.

Beryl Hollowell

Ramsden Street

We held a simple Lent lunch on Ash Wednesday and donated the proceeds to Christian Aid.

The second class of Year 3 children from Greengate Junior School came to visit us bringing along their favourite books to read to us. As it was World Book day on the day they came, several of the children were dressed as their favourite characters. We had a few Harry Potters, a Mathilda and a scruffy little boy called Oliver! FACTORS met on Friday 8th March to work on their contribution to Trinity's Bible Stories exhibition. We meet again on Friday April 5th at 6 pm. On Wednesday April 24th we are holding a Daffodil Tea from 2:30 to 4 pm and tickets will be available at £3.50.

Anne Stevenson

Hartington Street

Mondays Toddlers 1-2:30 pm in The Hub.
Tuesdays Knit and Natter 10-11:30 am in The Hub.

Chris Mills

Youth spot

Walney's Cubs enjoyed a sleepover on the Friday at the start of February half-term, in our usual meeting place on Knox St. The Cubs arrived at 6 p.m. and were picked up at 9 the next morning; it was good to have several spending their first night 'away' with us and they all sailed through the experience with no tears or missing home which was great. We're also pleased to have a small group of girls again, after a few years of just one or two, with four attending the sleepover. We had 22 Cubs in total, with four leaders staying overnight ('sleeping' might be a bit of an exaggeration) and a couple of extras through the evening. As it was close to Chinese New Year the main activity was to make Chinese lanterns, like those you might see at the Ulverston Lantern Festival, with tissue paper over a framework of canes. The Cubs thoroughly enjoyed making them, and with small coloured lights attached inside they were very effective when done, but it proved to be a lengthy process. After some ambitious early attempts - a star, a moon and a globe - pyramids proved the most practical design, and while a few at a time worked on their lanterns the rest coloured masks, window hangers and a headband all based on a Chinese theme (lots of dragons, with the red pens in high demand) and had a discussion about Chinese New Year traditions. After that, as masks were still being finished, we had to work out a couple of games that could be played in half the hall - we played the key game, a favourite with the leaders as the children have to be really quiet to play it, and one of our usual ball games (head/catch - do the opposite of what is called out as the ball is thrown to you). This was followed by supper, putting beds out and a film before bed: I'm not sure what it was called but I definitely remember a giant man-eating mallard with teeth..... It was about 2 a.m. before the chattering, pillow fights and trips to the toilet had stopped and the leaders could go to bed, and even then one Cub was asking if anyone else was awake until well after 3 and again from not much after 5! We got up at 7, wrestled sleeping bags back into stuff sacks and found owners for all the scattered socks and other belongings, then had breakfast and sent them off happily home with their bags, lanterns and other crafts. I don't know if any of the Cubs went to bed when they got home but I certainly slept for part of the day as I had two night shifts to finish off the weekend! We're now planning a weekend camp for September.

Karen Edmondson

Christian Aid project

Our latest Christian Aid project will help children in Kenya affected by HIV and AIDS. The amount raised so far is £3088.05.

Allian Wood

The following information is taken from the latest update from Christian Aid.

“The Comprehensive Assistant, Support and Empowerment of Orphans and Vulnerable Children (CASE-OVC) programme is a five-year, USAID-funded grant implemented by Christian Aid in Kenya, targeting 171,440 orphans and vulnerable children in 52,000 households. By the end of 2018 we’d raised £407,203, and for every £1 you donate, USAID gives £17 to the project!”

2018 project milestones

- 91,940 orphans and vulnerable children received services on health and nutrition.
- 53,118 orphans and vulnerable children received services on child protection and legal support.
- 12,043 orphans and vulnerable children received education support.
- 112,272 orphans and vulnerable children received services ranging from health, nutrition, education, psychosocial support and economic strengthening services for their households.
- 53,227 orphans and vulnerable children were reached with age-appropriate child protection messages on child abuse and report procedures.

Hannah’s Story

Hannah discovered she was HIV+ more than five years ago, but had a limited understanding of antiretroviral drugs (ARVs) and the need for proper nutrition to manage her condition.

Earlier this year, Hannah’s plight drew the attention of our community health workers in her area, and she was enrolled as a beneficiary under our CASE-OVC programme.

Hannah has been trained as a tailor, and received a sewing machine as part of the project. This helped her set up a tailoring business. She now makes 1,000 Kenyan Shillings (around UK£8) per dress, and normally sells two dresses per week. Because of the nutrition training she receives regularly from the programme, Hannah’s understanding of the importance of ARVs has improved - and so has her health, and that of her children.”

Askam

Since Christmas the paths around Askam Church have been successfully power washed removing all slippery green moss. At the same time the Church Garden was severely pruned, as we had a form of ivy growing over the garden walls and invading all the borders, to the extent of killing off several shrubs and small bushes. This will make the maintenance of the Garden this coming year so much easier. It has also relieved the wonderful ‘Bug hotel’ which the Beavers and Cubs have built in one of the borders. According to their leader Steve the boys have had a great deal of pleasure from observing the ‘residents’ of the hotel. These small boys have also enjoyed the daffodils, in full flower now, which they planted in the autumn.

We’ll done to Julie Milburn, Cub Leader from Beacon Hill, who wrote such an inspiring article in the March Newslink about her Cubs’ activities. They certainly have done such a lot of very useful badges.

We are to hold a Messy Church on Mothering Sunday at 11:00 a.m. to be led by Deacon Debbie. We look forward to seeing some of the uniformed groups on this day.

We welcomed a new teacher, Nicola Molloy, to our armchair exercise class, and do hope we both benefit from her different approach. Our previous leader has moved on during the Christmas break. We will miss her but wish her well in her new job. We now meet weekly at 9:30-10:15 a.m. on Thursdays.

Sisterhood meetings are held on alternate Wednesdays, beginning at 2:30 p.m., and everyone is most welcome to attend. On 3rd April Margaret Cain will give a talk on ‘cruising’ followed by our Easter Service on 17th. We welcome Laura K Jones from Christian Aid on 1st May, and finish for this season on 15th May, when we will welcome the Phoenix Singers to our Birthday Party.

Dorothy Gleaves

Beacon Hill

We had 2 Local Arrangement services in February. On the morning of 17th our theme was Lighten our Darkness, and the whole evening service on 24th took the form of a courtroom scene where the defendant was on trial for being a Christian; there was a challenge to the congregation at the end, when we had to consider the question “If you were accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?”

Our Lent meetings continue in the Wesley room at 7:30 pm on Monday 1st and 8th April. We are looking at 7 key events in Jesus’ ministry.

Our monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 25th April, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

Allian Wood

Dalton

Smartie Savers

If you have been saving 20p's in a Smartie tube, we are collecting them in at the Easter Day Celebration service (9:30 am) on April 21st. The tubes don't need to be full - just bring along however many 20p's you have collected. Thanks to everyone who is supporting this fundraising event.

Thanks to Val and Mark for organizing the Elvis Tribute Night - it was a fabulous evening of singing and dancing. More singing at the Singing Workshop, where we were made to work and enjoyed every minute. Many thanks to Deborah and Margaret. These two events raised £301 for our refurbishment fund.

Our coffee morning on 2nd March was extra well attended due to the 150th anniversary exhibition. Samples of Fairtrade chocolate cake were much appreciated.

Future Events:

Sunday 7th April at 2:30 pm Spring into Song at Wellington Street.

Tuesday 9th April at 2:30 pm Midweek Communion at Market Street.

Saturday 20th April 9:30 to 11:15 am Coffee morning for Thursday Club at Market Street.

Friday 26th April at 7 pm Ceilidh at Dalton Cricket Club with Pie and Peas. Tickets £6. Please ring Bob Mantle on 462054 for catering purposes.

R Willock

Christian Women's Fellowship. The next meeting of the CWF is on Wednesday 17th April at 7:30 pm at Market Street when Maureen Sayles will lead our Easter Praise.

D Zaji

The Lent Group Continues

We continue with 'The Bible Course' on Thursdays April 4th, 11th (and, after a two week break, on May 2nd, 9th and 16th). The topics in April will be Judges & Kings, Exile & Prophets (then Jesus & the Gospels, Acts & the Church, Revelation & Review in May). There is an afternoon group meeting at Dalton Community Church, Wellington Street, 4pm-5:30pm and an evening group meeting at St Mary's vicarage at 7:15pm and you can 'mix and match' which venue you go to. The course has had good reviews so please do come and enjoy both some learning and fellowship at the same time (you don't need to have attended all the previous meetings to join in the April and May ones).

Ann Hufton

All in a Good Cause

This is the sixth in a series of articles highlighting the charities and causes supported by churches and individuals throughout the Area.

Commitment for Life

Commitment for Life (CfL) is the recommended way for local United Reformed Churches to support Christian Aid and the World Development Movement through committed giving, prayer and solidarity. CfL supports the work of our four partner countries:

1. Bangladesh
2. Central America (Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador)
3. Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory
4. Zimbabwe

It was in 1973 that General Assembly adopted a resolution on a World Development Programme incorporating the 1% appeal or 'a penny in the pound of disposable income'.

Ramsden Street has chosen to support Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory.

CfL churches receive mailings three times a year with updates on their partner area.

CfL provides information on the four partner countries in the form of inspiring stories, worship materials, images and videos. A yearly worship service outline pack for CfL Sunday is produced and an annual Prayer Partners publication is a resource with prayers for each month.

Prayer for April 2019

Listen, can you hear the call?

In still small voices,

in swishing leaves and fizzy streams,

in chattering children and angry voices,

in shuffling steps and stomping feet,

in protest songs and quiet laments,

in silent cries and raging screams,

in pleas and thanks.

Open our ears to hear and comprehend and act as you would have us do through life-giving faith, defiant hope and generous love.

Amen.

Anne Stevenson

Trinity

Midweek Communion 2nd April at 10:30 a.m. preceded by a cuppa from 10:00 a.m.
Easter Coffee Morning Saturday 6th April 10:00-11:30 a.m.
2 for T 24th April when Zena will speak on 'Life before the Ministry'.
Charity Coffee Morning (to raise money for the shoeboxes) Saturday 27th April 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Anniversary Celebration

Over the weekend of 2nd/3rd March we had a lovely time. Our coffee morning on Saturday was followed by light lunches, then later afternoon teas were served. During that time we had an exhibition of memorabilia and photos reminding us of things we had done over the last 25 years since our refurbishment. On Sunday we welcomed David Crouchley and George Sharpe, who led an inspiring Anniversary and Covenant service followed by a Church Lunch. A lot of hard work by a lot of people, but well worth the effort. The only fly in the ointment was the absence of Jennet, but it is good to know she is on the mend, so we hope to see her soon, even just in church as a member of the congregation. We won't ask too much too soon.

Family News

On Sunday 24th February there was a very full church when Janet conducted the baptisms of Neve and Heidi Devereux, the daughters of Adam Devereux and Amy Owings. A good, though noisy, service. The theme was promises and Janet read the story of Noah with congregation participation, making appropriate noises for God, Noah, the ark and the animals. We hope the family at least took in something of what it was all about and that we might see them again, even if only at Messy Church.

Margaret Maxwell

Trinity Prayer - We meet in the lower meeting room at Trinity each Thursday morning between 8:50 and 9:30 am to pray; each week we give time to one of the United Area churches, and a set of streets, as well as other prayer concerns. If you have any prayer concerns or things you wish to be prayed for, please contact Janet/Alan Ladds (833882) so we can add them to the prayer book.

Week commencing

April	7th	Vickerstown	N
	14th	God for All in Cumbria	O
	21st	Hartington Street	P
	28th	Ramsden Street	

Janet Ladds

Spring into Song



Sunday 7th April 2019
at 2.30pm

at

Dalton Community Church, Wellington St,
Dalton-in-Furness, LA15 8AN

An afternoon sing-a-long of popular melodies
including Country and Western, World War
Songs, Music Hall, Folk Songs and Ballads

with

**Mary and Reg Harrison
Margaret and Keith Harrison**

No charge, but donations to Dalton Community Church's
Refurbishment Fund gratefully received.

Refreshments and Raffle