



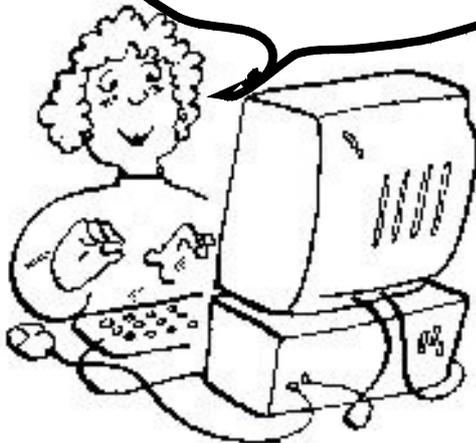
Newslink

SOUTH WEST CUMBRIA UNITED AREA

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From the
Editor



“We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body.” Romans 12:4,5

These familiar verses have taken on more meaning for me as I have worked with a group of Dementia Enablers to set up an ecumenical Tea Service in Barrow. There are two Church of England ladies, Babs Lowes and Julie Jones, both from St Paul's, Sue Millard from Trinity and to begin with Anne Stevenson from Ramsden Street and then later Karen Edmondson

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from Vickerstown. So the Tea Service has been set up by Anglican, URC and Methodist members, and planned speakers for the monthly services include people from those traditions and also the Salvation Army and the Baptist church. To complete the picture, the services are to be held in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church.

This wide spread of churches particularly struck me when Sue and I attended the Tea Service at Kendal Parish Church on Maundy Thursday. This is organised by Anglicans, although people from other denominations are welcome. Although this works for them, Sue and I both felt quite strongly that the involvement of a number of churches in Barrow was the right way forward. It has been more complicated than just having to deal with a single denomination, and it has been far more time-consuming than any of us anticipated when we began, but I think we have all learned from each other in this practical experiment in ecumenism.

Area Website www.swcumbriaunitedareaurc.org.uk

Of course, our United Area is an example of how churches can come together, and it has been heartening to read in church reports for Newslink how many of our Area churches have been able to work with members of other denominations in their communities. The recent commissioning service for the Barrow Mission Community marked an important stage in the gradual growing together of churches in the town. “All of you are Christ’s body, and each one is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27



I was very struck by the logo used for the Kendal Tea Service, which is reproduced here, with thanks to our Kendal friends. You may not get the full effect, but I hope it will be clear enough for you to understand my comments. The logo shows a number of hands arranged to form the shape of a cross, with a background that is partly dark but also contains a shining light that flows through the empty cross shape. The more I look at that image the more I can see in it. Ten hands are needed to make the cross shape, different sizes and colours and all coming from different directions, but working together to show an image of the faith that we all share. The shape is defined mostly by the thumb and forefinger of each hand. The forefinger is the pointing finger, reminding us that we should point people to Jesus. The fingers and thumbs don’t meet completely all round the cross, so there are small gaps; the light of God’s love and presence cannot be contained, even should we wish to do so.

As a group of Dementia Enablers we have felt that God has been in all our deliberations and has guided us in the way He wants us to go, so it is fitting that the Barrow Tea Service will be launched the day after Pentecost.

“All of us..... have been baptized into the one body by the same Spirit, and we have all been given the one Spirit to drink.” 1 Corinthians 12:13

Lilian Wood

Tea Service

The first Barrow Tea Service will be held at 2 pm on Monday 10th June at Holy Family Church hall (Ostley Bank, off Harrel Lane). Each church in Barrow and Dalton should by now have received an information pack with a poster, fliers and details about the service and the ways in which people can help. The following is part of the information sent out.

“A Tea Service is a short, simple, interdenominational act of worship, followed by biscuits, cake, tea, coffee and fellowship. It will be open to anyone, but be particularly suitable for people who find full length services difficult to deal with, and their carers. We would really appreciate your prayers; we would also really appreciate help, where possible, from those who are willing and able to offer their time by attending the Tea Service, to welcome and to talk to people. For those able to offer their time, this doesn't necessarily need to be for every month. If you could commit to three or four services a year that would be most welcome. We would also welcome any offers to bake cakes or scones for the Tea Service; and, in order to set up the Tea Service, we need to buy resources such as special hymn books, printing publicity material, refreshments, etc. Thus, any financial help towards the £500 needed to set up and run the Tea Service would be greatly appreciated.”

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Chapter and verse

The second in our new series where people share Bible verses that are particularly meaningful to them.

One of my favourite passages comes from the book of Psalms - Psalm 139, 'O Lord, you have searched me and known me.' I turn to it often and find comfort in its verses with its reminder that God knows all about me - even before I was born, so I don't have to pretend. A reminder too that there is no place where God is not present, so I'm never alone, and that promise is confirmed in a very personal way in Jesus' words, 'Lo, I am with you always ...' Matthew 28:20. In Hebrews Paul reminds us of another promise 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' Hebrews 13:5.

Margaret Maxwell

Barrow Mission Community update

It was fantastic to gather from across our different churches for the Barrow Mission Community Commissioning Service on Sunday April 28th at the Salvation Army, as senior county-wide church leaders commissioned us for this next stage of our life together.

As part of the service, it was announced that Martin Cooper (Abbey Road Baptist Church) and Robin Ham (Grace Church) have been appointed as the new joint Mission Community Leaders (subject to DBS). This follows a Mission Community discernment process over the last few months and interviews with BMC and County leadership representatives the week before the service.

Please pray for all of us as a BMC; that we'd be an encouragement to each other as we continue to 'know Jesus Christ better and make him better known' in our town.

Farewell Service

The Farewell Service for the Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District, Rev Richard Teal, and Mrs Susan Teal will be held at 4 pm on 13th July at Penrith Methodist Church. The preacher will be the Secretary of the Methodist Conference, Rev Gareth Powell.

United Area Meeting

The next United Area meeting will be on Thursday 13th June at 7 pm at Millom. 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.

Local Preachers/Worship Leaders

The next LP/WL meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th June, 7:30 pm at Market Street, Dalton.

Janet Ladds

Network (Methodist Women in Britain)

The next District event will be held at Cottage Wood Chapel, Plumpton on Wednesday 19th June, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. The theme is "Food for Body and Soul" and the speaker will be Mrs Jan Harrison. Tea will be served and tickets are £6 per person. Please book your place (and any dietary needs) by Wednesday 5th June. Contact Pauline on 0785 2791 737 or Jackie on 017683 71598.

First Tuesday Ladies

We will meet on 4th June at 7:30 pm at 59 Croslands Park, when we will study the Bible and enjoy a time of prayer and fellowship.

Elaine Pears

Youth spot

Dalton Churches Holiday Club

With the school holidays being different this year we were able to do the whole Easter story. Starting with Palm Sunday the children made Palm branches, Easter cards, Chickens made from yellow painted fir cones (seemed a good idea on the internet!!) - they looked good. They made Cross pictures with salt dyed with powder paint and Rice Krispies chocolate nests. Refreshments and games with the parachute were followed by watching the DVD "Three friends and the Miracle Man" from the Bible Society. A very good DVD as usual. The children enjoyed the afternoon although there were fewer children than usual.

Hilary Mantle

On 8th May we welcomed 56 children from Victoria Infants reception classes to Trinity Church Centre for a Teddy Bears' picnic. All the children, staff and Church helpers brought their favourite teddy friends. After a short talk by Jennet about special friends, Jesus and Zacchaeus, the children were involved in various activities including "hunt the teddy", making a bear mask, decorating a hat, and decorating cakes with gummy bears.

Everybody thoroughly enjoyed their visit, so much so that they have asked to come again. This continues the wonderful links we are developing with the schools.

Brian Whittaker

Christian Aid project

Thank you to Ramsden Street for donating the proceeds of their Lent lunch to the project to help children in Kenya affected by HIV and AIDS. Our total is now £3128.05.

Lilian Wood

All in a Good Cause

A further article in our series highlighting the charities and causes supported by churches and individuals throughout the Area.

Macmillan Cancer Support

Each year towards the end of September, Macmillan Cancer Support encourages people all over the country to host a 'Cake and Coffee' morning. M & S are one of their main sponsors, and a 'Coffee Kit' pack is sent out with lots of ideas such as weight of a cake and pin the cherry on the bun, as well as tried and tested recipes they have received from other hosts. Bunting, cake labels and stickers are also included.

We both enjoy looking for different recipes to make and share at our Coffee and Cake fellowship. We try to make something to suit everyone who comes along. For us, it is a way to remember our families who have had, or have, cancer, and a way to give towards others being able to access the Macmillan nurses, and support services. Statistics show that last year 2.5 million people were living with cancer, 400,000 more than just 5 years ago.

We feel it is not right on this occasion to charge a set price for coffee and cake as we think it is important that people can come and share in fellowship, and give a donation for the work of Macmillan Cancer Support. Last year we were able to send £410 to them, thanks to the generosity of those who came along. Look out in Newlink for the date for September - probably the 21st, 9:45 to 11:30am in the lounge at Trinity Church Centre.

Janet Ladds and Kay Sharp



Green Tip

A reminder from The Sunday Mirror magazine about what we can do to help to halt the decline in the bee population. Plant lavender, buddleia and sedum to attract bees to the garden.

Avoid pesticides in the garden, as some will remain in the soil and affect wildlife. The majority of insects are not harmful.

Leave some weeds. Dandelions are a good source of food for bees.

Put out a small water basin for bees to drink from. Add a few stones and floating objects, such as corks, so that the bees don't drown.

Shirley Taylor

Individual churches

Trinity

Monthly Coffee morning Saturday 1st June from 10:00-11:30 a.m. with the usual stalls. On 13th Audrey and Debbie Jackson are hosting an 'At Home' from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at 40 Glenridding Drive.

2 for 'T' will meet on Wednesday 26th. Speaker to be confirmed. This will be our last meeting until September.

Bible Study continues each Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Meeting Room.

On Saturday 27th April we held a very successful Coffee Morning to raise money for the Christmas Shoebox appeal and raised almost £400.

We had a collection for the Christian Aid special appeal for victims of the flood in Mozambique in S.E. Africa. This raised £154.20.

It is with sadness we record the death of Mr Bob Teijlingen-Bell in March. Bob hadn't been in church for quite a long time although he had acted as our Father Christmas for a number of years. His funeral service was held at Little & Caine's chapel of rest in Dalkeith Street and was conducted by Martin Williams.

We have just heard that Bob's wife Tina died in hospital on 4th May, so another sad blow to the family. Tina hadn't been to church for a long time but didn't keep very well. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family as they come to terms with yet another death in such a short time.

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.

Week commencing

June	2nd	Kirkby	U
	9th	Broughton community	V
	16th	Millom	W
	23rd	Mission in UA	Y
	30th	Trinity	A

Janet Ladds

Hartington Street

Toddlers

Toddlers @ the hub is held on Mondays in term time 1pm - 2:30pm. At the last session before the Easter break each child was given an Easter Story Book as a gift. They were very well received by the toddlers and their mums, and this is an initiative we hope to continue next year.

Knit and Natter

Knit and Natter continues to be a very popular group and meets every Tuesday in the Church from 10 - 11:30am. Come and join the group for a time of fellowship. Don't forget your needles!

Messy Church

The April Messy Church held on Saturday 27th April was a resounding success! 16 children attended together with their parents and a total of 38 people enjoyed an afternoon of craft and storytelling, which was followed by a shared meal. This was the final Messy Church of the season and we look forward to resuming on Saturday 28th September 2019.

Chapel Anniversary

HST will celebrate the Chapel Anniversary on Sunday 2nd June 2019 and look forward to welcoming Deacon Anita Shaw back to lead worship.

Bible Studies

Our Bible Studies are held on alternate Thursdays, 13th June and 27th June at 1:30 pm.

Bible Month

On the next plan HST look forward to 'Bible Month' where each sermon for the whole of June will be on the book of Colossians. Church members could read ahead to help familiarise themselves with the book of Colossians. If you would like to join us, morning worship starts at 10:30 and services will be led by Rev Jennet McLeod, Rev Martin Williams and Charlie Mills.

Lois Kavanagh

Beacon Hill

As part of Bible Month we will be studying Colossians on 4 Monday evenings, beginning on 3rd June. We will meet in the Wesley room at 7:30 pm and anyone is welcome to join us.

Our next fundraising event for The Leprosy Mission will be an afternoon devoted to board games, on Saturday 22nd June at 2:30 pm. We will have our usual quiz and wordsearch as well as a number of board games, together with appropriate refreshments. For catering purposes, could you please let me know if you wish to attend (tel 825986 or email lilian.wood4@gmail.com)

Our monthly coffee morning will be held on Thursday 27th June, 10 am-11:15 am, with stalls selling cakes, handmade cards, books and Fairtrade items.

Lilian Wood

Dalton

Since the last Newslink we have had quite a few events. At “Spring into Song” the singing was magnificent (especially “Jerusalem” at the end). The money from this and our Smartie Savers meant £550 for our refurbishment fund.

Despite stormy weather we had a very enjoyable Ceilidh and in better weather we have had two coffee mornings, one for the Thursday Club and the other for church funds. Thanks for your support at our events.

Future Events:

Tuesday June 11th at 2:30 pm Midweek communion service at Market Street

Saturday June 15th 9:30 am to 11:15 am COG coffee morning at Market Street

R Willock

Christian Women’s Fellowship. The next meeting of the CWF will be on Wednesday 19th June at 7 pm when we will have our Summer Special evening prior to the summer break.

CWF will recommence in September.

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Askam

We had an excellent afternoon with Laura Jones from Christian Aid on Wednesday 1st May at the Askam Sisterhood. She started by talking about the experience of giving birth to her son and the mixed emotions of the day. She then went on to praise the excellent care and attention she was given at the hospital when things didn’t go as planned. This led on to her talk about the very different pregnancies that the young women are experiencing in Sierra Leone, known to be the most dangerous place to become a mum. The story of a young mum who died trying to walk to a hospital whilst in labour was alarming and brought tears to our eyes. By now you will all have seen and heard of the Christian Aid challenge this year, and I do hope and pray that Miriam, a midwife, who came to the aid of this particular village, will be blessed by our prayers and donations.

Just a reminder that Askam will be holding their Annual Garden Party on Saturday 15th June at 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. All are very welcome. There will be stalls, a raffle and of course afternoon tea. A poster will be in your Church soon. Sorry can’t guarantee the owls again this year at the time of writing.

Dorothy Gleaves

Vickerstown

There will be a coffee morning at Vickerstown on Saturday 8th June from 10-11:30 a.m. with all the usual stalls - homemade cakes, Fairtrade goods, books and bring-and-buy. All welcome to join us for a cuppa, chat and browse.

We will again be using the ‘Bible Month’ material in June, this year based on the book of Colossians, with themed services on the first four Sundays of the month and mid-week Bible studies to follow up the services. Full details of the Bible studies are still to be confirmed but it is likely these will be on Wednesday mornings at 11 a.m. - if you would be interested in coming please contact Karen on 474601 to check the details.

Karen Edmondson

Kirkby

1. Sunday 16th June, 2pm - 4 pm.

STRAWBERRY TEAS with the HOLBORN HILL ROYAL BRASS BAND.

Come and join us for a wonderful afternoon of music and delicious scones with strawberries and cream. Up to now we have had a sunny day and been outside in the garden, so let's hope we are lucky again. A most enjoyable afternoon for the price of £3.00 or £5.00 for 2. See you there.

2. Sunday 23rd June. COG SLOG from Kirkby.

We will be walking to raise funds for ACTION for CHILDREN. It will be their 150th anniversary.

If you would like to walk around our village and take in the wonderful views come and meet us at 2pm for a leisurely stroll. We will be back to church by 4:15pm where we will meet up with others to celebrate with a FAITH TEA. This will be followed by a service led by the PRAISE GROUP at 6pm.

Church will be open from 2pm, and those not wanting to join the walk can enjoy a cup of tea and catch up with friends while waiting for the walkers to return. Otherwise come along at 4:30pm for tea or the service at 6pm. Hope you can join us.

I would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all our members and friends who have supported ACTION for CHILDREN over numerous years.

Beryl Hollowell

Ramsden Street

We were pleased to host the United Area (Barrow Churches) Maundy Thursday service. The service was arranged and led by Zena and was completely different to the usual type of service. We all sat round tables and after hymns, readings and prayers we had supper of bread, cheese, grapes and wine (well fruit juice really!)

Easter Sunday began with Communion followed by breakfast together and then an Easter Celebration Service in which many of the congregation took part.

The Daffodil tea held on Wednesday April 24th was enjoyed by everyone. People took part in a table quiz and game before sharing in an afternoon tea. £154 was raised for Church funds.

Sunday May 5th was a very happy day when we welcomed Finley William Hill and all his family and friends to his Baptismal Service. Rev Ron Wilson (Finley's Grandad) conducted both the Communion Service and the Family Service (which included Finley's Baptism).

Ramsden Street are holding a Coffee Morning at Dalton Community Church on Saturday June 22nd from 9:45am to 11:30am.

Anne Stevenson

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.swcumbriaunitedareaurc.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