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CORNERSTONE

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH



notice sheet...

Sunday 10th September 10.30am: AT STRICKLANDGATE

Sunday 17th September 10.30am: Melanie Greenall - AAW

Tea and coffee are served after morning worship. Please join us in further fellowship.

There is a crèche for children under 3, and Sunday Club for primary aged children.

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

In preparation for meaningful, spirit-led worship each Sunday,

a pre-worship song is sung which you are invited to join in.

The purpose of this time is to focus ourselves on God and away from the busy-ness of our own lives.

Therefore, if you are arriving in the five minutes before the service, please come in quietly

with respect for those already in thoughtful, reflective preparation.

Hopefully, this calmness will allow us all to be ready

to offer meaningful and joyous worship to our Creator and Saviour.

Many thanks.

Church Room Bookings -

All enquiries to our Church Booking Secretary, Helen Ainsworth.

email: **sandylandschurchbookings@gmail.com**

Helen will endeavour to respond to all queries within 3 working days.

GIRLS' BRIGADE - REMEMBRANCE PARADE IN LONDON

Sunday 12th November

Girls' Brigade have been given the amazing opportunity to send 2 leaders and 5 girls (aged 13+) to this year's Remembrance Parade and Service at the Cenotaph in London.

Due to timings, we need to travel down on Saturday 11th Nov, stay overnight and return on Sunday.

As you can imagine this is quite expensive - we are looking at £100 per person.

It is difficult for families to find this sort of money at the moment, especially at short notice.

We wondered if anyone might consider making a small donation to help the girls to attend this event.

Please speak to Karen or Nicola if you feel that you could support us.

Thanks in anticipation.

PASTORAL VISITORS' MEETING

Thursday 5th October - 7:30pm

A date for your diary... Annual Pastoral Visitors' Meeting will be held in Church.

More details to follow...

KENDAL DETACHED YOUTHWORK

The Detached Youthwork has been chatting with young people around Kendal for some time now and we are enjoying building relationships with those that gather at the skatepark and different areas around the town.

We would love to connect with anyone who might be interested in joining our team. Training is provided and the commitment would be just over an hour on the weeks you are able to do.

If you would like to know more or just have an informal chat please contact

Anne Underwood at anne@kendalparishchurch.co.uk or 07355 292318

CREATING OUR FUTURE TOGETHER

Cumbria Methodist District

On Saturday July 8th 2023, around 50 people from across Cumbria gathered in Penrith to discuss how best to shape ourselves for the season ahead. This is the question which has been taxing a good number of folk in recent months

The meeting was called to discuss a proposal to become one circuit across Cumbria

Some of the reasons given were:

- to form a more missional shape to our structures
- to remove a level of administration
- to lessen the burden of trustee responsibilities with the centralising of those offices that can best be done once by an experienced team rather than us all having to fend for ourselves.

After discussion in groups looking at leadership and mission; worship and ministry; property; finance, the meeting re-convened to vote on how much energy there was (on a scale of 0 to 5) to pursue the one circuit proposal.

I think its fair to say there was a consensus that we need to do something differently, while a number of queries over the details, and the timescale remain.

Next Steps

- The working group will reflect on what was raised and produce a further briefing before the proposal is discussed at Synod (biannual gathering of ordained and lay reps from across the Cumbria District) on Sept 9th .
- Depending on the outcome of that gathering, the proposal will then need to be discussed at Circuit and Church level.

If you'd like more information there is a list of Frequently Asked Questions available

Please pray for God's wisdom and discernment for the way forward as we seek to be God's people in this part of His Kingdom.

Rev Melanie Greenall

BRINGING THE BIBLE TO LIFE

Open the Book - Bible Society

"A Bible story well told has the power to spark the imagination, give hope, create a smile, teach important lessons and connect generations."



If that quote 'floats your boat' read on.

Open the Book is a storytelling project that goes into schools to share Bible stories with children in a way that is fun, interactive and memorable. Teams (4 or 5 people) of trained and safely recruited volunteers from local churches use The Storytelling Bible which contains 90 scripted stories from Genesis to Revelation, told over a 3 year cycle.

Within our local area, teams currently visit Burneside, Grayrigg, Sellside and Vicarage Park schools one day per week to take the collective assembly. They would love to be able to visit others as well.

I recently met with Helen Proudfoot who liaises with the schools and co-ordinate visits.

There are a number of ways we can support this part of the work of the Kingdom:

- Praying for the teachers and pupils of each school (we can all do that)
- Responding to requests for props (none needed at present)
- Volunteering to be a part of a team (either regularly or less frequently)

If you want more information, please speak to Helen Proudfoot on 01539 567873 or email helenproudfoot56@gmail.com

You could also visit the website: Google "Open the Book - Bible Society"

Rev Melanie Greenall

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Thursday 14th September - 2pm

Our meetings resume with a speaker from International Aid Trust to talk about their work at home and abroad and about their scheme which delivers shoeboxes of gifts to all ages all through the year.

We will be supporting this charity with our shoeboxes this Christmas as there is no longer a local appeal and this will be an opportunity to find out what items to pack.

We will have some ladies from Stricklandgate joining us too in order to find out for themselves about IAT shoeboxes.

All welcome, £2 per meeting includes tea and biscuits

Plus a few other dates:

28th September - 'Back together chat and catch up' afternoon with bring and share nibbles.

12th October - Filling Shoeboxes

HARVEST SONGS OF PRAISE - STRICKLANDGATE

Sunday 1st October - 4pm

Do you ever say:

"There are so many lovely harvest hymns"

"They never sing my favourite"

Well, here's your chance!

Come along and sing your hearts out followed by tea/coffee and biscuits

Please let Rev Melanie have your hymn choices
(and if you'd be prepared to share your reasons) by Sept 24th 2023