

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH



APRIL NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 5th April

Marie-Anne Kent

(Holy Communion & AAW)

Saturday 11th April, 3:30pm

Messy Church

Sunday 12th April

United Service at Stricklandgate

Sunday 19th April

Anne Pater (AAW)

Sunday 26th April

Marie-Anne Kent

Tea and coffee are served after 10:30am Morning Worship. Please join us in further fellowship. There is a crèche for children under 3, and Sunday Club for school aged children.

To contact our Minister...

Please email Rev Marie-Anne Kent on marie-anne.kent@methodist.org.uk

Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator Karen Bell via text to **07786 315778** or email at karenbell211@gmail.com. Please ask permission before you share information about anyone else.

Church Room Bookings

All enquiries to Helen Ainsworth.
sandylandschurchbookings@gmail.com
Helen will try to respond within 3 working days.

Something for the Notices or Facebook?

If you'd like something including, email;
sandylandsnotices@gmail.com
Please send before 6pm Thursday.

Dear Friends,

Over the years my thoughts about Easter has become more and more simplified. I don't spend nearly as much time trying to understand, explain, or make sense of what happened. I am more comfortable with accepting the story at face value. I don't know how it happened. I have no proof or explanations. All I know is that it is good news: a message of life, a message of hope, a message of new possibilities.

You know the story as well as I do and despite what the shops would have us believe it doesn't include an Easter Bunny! Jesus died on a cross and was laid in a tomb. It was sealed. On the third day the 'very large stone' over the entrance was rolled back. Women go looking for the body. A messenger says, 'He has been raised; he is not here.' The tomb is empty and Christ is risen. I have no explanations for any of that. But I do have experience of that. I've seen it happen in my life and in your lives too. I see it when lives are turned around, when people get a second chance, when you suddenly see the world in a different way, when stones are rolled back.

Easter is not just something from the past to be remembered and celebrated. It is the lens through which we are to see everything. It's a life to be lived. Easter is about our new life. That means that Easter Sunday is not the end of the story. It's the beginning. The most important part of Easter is not what happens on Easter Sunday. What matters most about Easter is what we do tomorrow, and the next day, and the day after that.

'He is going ahead of you,' said the young man dressed in a white robe to the women. He is going ahead of us rolling back stones, emptying tombs, preparing new places, and calling forth new life.

So don't think of Easter as the reward for surviving lent and finally being allowed to eat chocolate! Easter isn't the annual remembrance and celebration of an event in history. It's not the end of the story - it's the beginning. We are called to be Easter People each and every day. It's here and now. It's a new way of being. It is a new way of living. Easter is less a noun and more a verb. What will 'Eastering' look like for you?

Marie-Anne

Manchester Marathon - thank you to everyone who has sponsored me for the Alzheimer's Society.

I will be easy to spot on the day (19th April) - I will be at the back!

You can donate here... <https://www.justgiving.com/page/marie-anne-kent-9>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Holy Week at Sandylands

Easter Sunday	8.30am	Holy Communion followed by Easter Breakfast
	10.30am	Holy Communion & All Age Worship - Rev. Marie-Anne Kent

Dates for the diary

11th April	3.30pm	Messy Church
12th April	10:30am	Joint Service at Stricklandgate <i>Please let a Steward know if you need a lift.</i>
19th April	10:30am	All Age Worship - Anne Pater
26th April	10:30am	Sunday Service - Rev. Marie-Anne Kent <i>Followed by General Church Meeting</i>

GENERAL CHURCH MEETING

Sunday 26th April, 11.15am (following a short service)

Everyone is welcome at the meeting as we discuss the life of the church.

REPORTS

Please send digital photographs of church events from the last year to Marie-Anne.

Reports for all groups to Sue Cosham by the 12th April - please keep them as short as possible...

suggested 100-150 words.

Please include something that your group wants to give special thanks to God for
and something that the group would like us all to pray for.

Reports from the church groups and the agenda will be available on 19th April.

STEWARDS

If anyone would like to stand as a Church Steward and would like to know what it entails, please ask!

We will also be voting representatives on to the Church Council.

If you would like to be nominated, please pick up a nomination form.

The meeting will be followed by lunch. Please sign up to help the Stewards cater.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE FOR THE CHURCH COUNCIL HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM
JUNE 23rd TO JUNE 30th.

MESSY CHURCH

Please look at the donation list for this month on the noticeboard. Thank you!

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Alternate Tuesdays, 2pm - Sandgate Hall

This month we will be meeting on the 12th and 26th March at 2pm.

16th April - History of Webbs Nursery, Kendal with Richard Pealing

30th April - Tea Tastings - Jenny Mellor

All are welcome. For more information speak to Wendy Thomas.

DROP IN CAFE

Wednesdays, 10am - Noon

Do pop in on a Wednesday morning between 10 and 12 for a cuppa and a cake... and a chat.

Over the past few months we have been supporting All We Can

(The Methodist Relief and Development Fund) from the donations received from our 'customers'.

Last year we purchased gifts to the value of £150 for various projects across Africa, including:

2 toilets; vocational training for prisoners; and chickens to help start a family business.

The charity we hope to support for the next term will be Macmillan Cancer Care, at the request of a regular whose family member is supported by Macmillan.

PARKINSON'S DAY

Saturday 11th April, 9.30am - 11.30am - Old Fleece Inn, Kendal

The local Parkinson's Disease Support Group are holding their annual Coffee Morning on Saturday 11th April at Old Fleece Inn, Kendal, 9.30 to 11.30.

If you could supply a cake for this please speak to Wendy.

A HUGE THANK YOU FROM PARKINSON'S UK

Thank you to those who donated to our granddaughter and niece, Freya.

She raised £874 and £161 in gift aid by running the half marathon in Cambridge in memory of Sue.

Richard and Sally

**FELLas men's choir
and Hutton Harmonies ladies' choir**

present

A CONCERT FOR



**at Sandylands Methodist Church
on Saturday 9th May at 7.30pm**

**Conductor: Emily Robinson
Accompanist: Andy Plowman**

**Local groups Hutton Harmonies and FELLas,
full of the joys of spring,
will delight you with a sparkling programme of
accompanied and a cappella music, including
classics, folk, pop, and modern pieces.**

**Tickets £10 (children £5) at the door,
to include interval refreshments.**

CHRISTIAN AID - SIMPLE LUNCH

Sunday 17th May, After the Service - Sandgate Hall

Join us for a simple lunch of soup, bread and cheese.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the church notice board,
no later than Wednesday 13th May.

DONATING TO CHRISTIAN AID

Christian Aid envelopes will be available in the church on Sunday 10th and Sunday 17th May.

Please give generously.

If you prefer to make a donation online, an e-Envelope is available for Sandylands Church,

<https://caw.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2026/sandylands-churchs-envelope>

or scan the QR code



CTIKD AGM

24th June

Please note, that due to the date of Deanery Synod the AGM for CTiKD has been moved
from 17th June to 24th June.

EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes will be available on Palm Sunday for gifts to the
World Mission Fundthrough Methodist Women in Britain.

If you are able to Gift Aid your donation please complete the details on the envelope.

Any cheques should be made out to Methodist Church World Mission Fund.

Please return envelopes by April 12th.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 25th April, 8:30am - Wetherspoons, All Hallows Lane

The next Men's Breakfast, will be held on Saturday 25th April
at Wetherspoons, All Hallows Lane, Kendal at 8.30am.

Last month we had thirteen people attend! Great company and value for money.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD

As part of our response to our Lent course on the environment we will be running a photograph competition for all ages over the summer on the theme 'What a wonderful world'.

They will be displayed in the autumn when we celebrate 'Creationtide'.

Watch out for entry forms with more details.

GIVE A DAY TO KENDAL

1st - 7th June 2026

People in Kendal are being asked what matters to them and how it can be improved.

Give a Day to Kendal 2026 brings together local people and volunteers to make a difference during National Volunteers Week (first week of June).

Nominate projects or get involved online.

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN

10th - 12th April - Swanwick Conference

There are still places left at the Swanwick Conference 10th-12th April.

If you are thinking of booking the link is on the MWiB website www.mwib.org

'New Meaning for our Life and Faith'

Tuesday 21st April, 10am - 3pm - Tebay Methodist Church

A day of celebration and sharing with the women in the Methodist church in Argentina.

Cost £10 - Coffee and lunch provided.

To book contact Rev Jackie Betts 017683 71598, or email jcbetts82@gmail.com by 11th April

Including any dietary requirements.