

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH



JULY NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 5th July

Sunday 5th July, 2pm

Saturday 11th July, 3:30pm

Sunday 12th July

Sunday 19th July

Sunday 19th July, 7pm

Sunday 26th July

Sunday 2nd August

Marie-Anne Kent (Holy Communion)

Causeway

Messy Church

Ian White

Marie-Anne Kent

Prayer & Praise

John Morton

Ian White

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 give us some notice.



Dear Friends,

As you have been sweltering in the heat I have been enjoying a few days in Scotland, in Tobermory on the Isle of Mull to be precise. There's been a 2026 reboot of the BBC children's programme and the famous painted houses so you can sing with me 'What's the story in Balamory?'

Well, yesterday we went on a boat trip to the Treshnish Isles to see the puffins. We had an amazing time watching them fly around like mini torpedoes, then crash land on the cliff tops. I learnt that the pufflings (a real word) spend the first few months of their lives underground, then appear from their burrows one night and jump off the cliff. That is when they learn that they can fly. No practice flights – they just jump guided by the moon. Because they easily become disoriented by bright lights, local communities in Iceland often organize nighttime patrols to rescue lost chicks and release them safely by throwing them off a cliff! They spend the next three or four years at sea.

I have also been reflecting on my ordination anniversary (27th June). I wish I had the faith of a puffling. They throw themselves off the cliff towards the light and what a metaphor that is for Christian life – although I dread to think what the risk assessment would be like. That great assembly banger 'O Jesus I have promised' reminds us that like the pufflings we see the 'sights that dazzle', things that lead us astray when we take our eyes off of the one true light.

I wish I had been braver in my Christian life, I wish I had been braver in my Christian Ministry – taken more risks and perhaps learnt to fly more even if there were a few crash landings along the way. Like the Icelandic villagers who help the pufflings fly how can we help more people discover that they too can fly with the light to guide them.

Perhaps we can be braver together?

Marie-Anne

STATEMENT FROM THE NWE DISTRICT SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Following the major heart attack James suffered in April,
and the consequent complex recovery James has asked to end his appointment as
Chair of the North West England District from 31st August 2027.
Due process will be followed for the appointment of a Chair from September 2027.
James remains medically signed off work. We hold James, Nicola and Eleanor
and the CLT in our prayers.

CIRCUIT MEETING

The Church Council appointed Anne Pater as our joint representative
with Stricklandgate to the Circuit Meeting.
We thank Anne for her willingness to service in this way.

THE ANNUAL MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE **Sunday 12th July, 10.30am - Kendal Parish Church**

The Annual Mayor's Civic Service is at Kendal Parish Church 12th July 10.30
followed by a procession to the Town Hall.

DISTRICT ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday 12th July, 6:30pm

Student Deacon Kai Bland will be sharing a message for Disability Pride Month.
For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please mail prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk

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.

ECO CHURCH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday 19th July, 10:30am

We give thanks to God for the provision of solar panels and a heat source pump
and all those who worked so hard to make this happen.

We will also be celebrating our Bronze Eco Church Award.

If you want to find out more about this visit the A Rocha site www.ecochurch.arocha.org.uk.

We'd like to have a small eco group to get us to gold – if you are interested speak to Lisa Roberts.

If you have friends involved in local environmental projects invite them along

and ask them to bring some information about their group –

we hope to have lots of displays in the church hall of groups supporting eco projects to inspire us.

Anna Newlove, the Methodist Church Net Zero Officer will join us on **Wednesday 22nd July at 10.30**

to hear our story on the journey to become a net zero church.

If you would like to know more come and join us.

WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS FAITH COVENANT

On July 1st on behalf of Cumbria Methodist Circuit I signed the Faith Covenant at the Town Hall, a joint commitment between Westmorland and Furness faith and belief communities and public service bodies in the county. It affirms a shared responsibility to work together across differences of faith, belief, and culture through respectful relationships, open dialogue, and practical cooperation for the common good. In doing so we commit to:

- Seeking opportunities to bring people together to serve the community, particularly its most marginalised, isolated, and vulnerable members.
- Balancing different faiths and beliefs in ways that promote good relations and reduce misunderstanding or tension.
- Working in partnership to support all communities, contributing a spiritual dimension as part of a holistic approach.
- Ensuring excellence in safeguarding, accountability, and transparency
- Responding to consultations where appropriate.
- Sharing training and learning opportunities between faith organisations and partners.

Faith communities further commit to resolving differences through dialogue, reflection, and cooperation, prioritising relationship and shared purpose over division.

Marie-Anne

SANDYLANDS CHURCH JOB ADVERT

SELF-EMPLOYED BOOKING SECRETARY

We are seeking a Church Booking Secretary – are you looking for a small part-time job?

Do you want to see the church building being used to its full potential, supporting the local community and remaining financially stable – then read on...

The role involves:

- Dealing with all booking queries - internal and external.
 - Showing external customers around the church.
 - Informing all bookings about their H&S, Safeguarding and food hygiene responsibilities.
 - Completing and managing the booking paperwork for all bookings.
 - Ensuring invoices are issued and paid in a timely manner.
 - The role requires flexibility, someone who is highly organised, with good communication skills.
 - You will need to be computer literate and provide your own computer to work on.
 - You will ideally have an awareness of Data Protection, Health & Safety, Safeguarding and Food Hygiene.
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- Salary – In line with the national living wage which, with effect from April 2026, is £12.71p/hour.
 - Hours – Up to a maximum of 4 hours per week dependant upon volume of incoming queries and regular tasks.
 - Work base – home, but will involve meeting people at the church too.
 - Closing date for applications – 31/07/2026
 - Start date – 01/09/2026
 - Interviews at the Church, week commencing 10th August

A genuine occupational requirement exists for the post holder to be sympathetic to the aims and purposes of the Methodist Church in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

The successful applicant will require a successful Enhanced DBS disclosure.

For further details contact Helen Ainsworth at sandylandschurchbookings@gmail.com

Please submit your CV and a covering letter to the above email address by 30/07/2026.

CHURCH WHATSAPP GROUP

We will be starting a church WhatsApp group so we can keep up to date
with church events and news.

If you would like to be part of the group, there will be more details about how to sign up in church.

If you have no idea what WhatsApp is and have a smart phone,
someone will be able to help you join the group - just ask!

MASSIVE THANK YOU

Just to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU for the gift you gave me after finishing cleaning church,
it was totally unexpected and very very generous of you all.

Once again thank you so much, Jane xx

KESWICK CONVENTION 2026

18th July to 7th August

The Keswick Convention is a long-established Christian Conference, held at the
Rawnsley Centre in Keswick, including Bible teaching, worship, seminars and arts activities.
The theme for this year is 'Strong in His Strength', exploring how we can stand strong in our faith,
and live boldly and faithfully to the gospel.

The convention is made up of 3 weekly segments, with each week offering a mix of
morning bible readings, evening celebrations, seminars and youth-based activities.
Week 3 also includes Keswick Unconventional, an arts programme featuring artists and
interactive workshops. It is FREE to attend and open to all,
whether you want to attend the whole week, just day-time events or the evening celebration.

We are so fortunate to have this fantastic Christian event on our door-step, including top Christian
speakers and bands. So if you haven't been before, why not give it a try!

For more information see [keswickministries.org](https://www.keswickministries.org)

Stephen and Barbara Hitchcock

GREAT NORTH RUN - CARLISLE TO TYNEMOUTH BIKE RIDE

Dear Sandylands Members,

I was originally entered for the Great North Run 2026 on 13th September,
running in support of the Great North West Air Ambulance.

Unfortunately, my knees have had other ideas! However, all is not lost.
Following a discussion with NWAA I have set myself an alternative personal challenge.

On 11th and 12th September, I will ride the Carlisle to Tynemouth 'leg'
(approx. 80miles) of the Hadrian's Cycleway.

If you would like to donate to this great cause, please visit my fundraising page:

Geoff Barrett's Bike Challenge - www.justgiving.com/page/geoffshadrianscyclewaychallenge

if you would prefer to make a cash donation – I will, of course, pass those onto the charity.

Thank You, Geoff (Barrett)

MESSY CHURCH

Messy Church really appreciates your support.

On the notice board is a list of items needed for our July session.

If you are able to donate any of these items please add your name to the list and
either leave the item on the box in the hub by Sunday 5th July or give to Sally or Karen.

If you feel able to donate regularly this list will appear before each session

BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT

17th July to 9th August

The Sandylands Eco-church group invite you to join this years Big Butterfly Count
which runs from 17th July to 9th August.

All you have to do is choose a spot to look, in a park, garden or on a walk.

Then spend 15 minutes watching for butterflies and moths and
report your results back to Butterfly Conservation.

There's lots more information on their website on the link below.

To get us fired up for this, and to have a good time together,
we are planning to have a walk in July with a butterfly expert.

It will be an easy, family friendly walk. More details will be announced soon.

DEMENTIA FRIENDS AWARENESS SESSION

Saturday 1st August 2026, 10-12am - Kendal Parish Church

Would you like to learn more about dementia and
how small acts of kindness can make a real difference?

Beverley Moore, Anna Chaplain and trained Alzheimer's Society volunteer,
is offering a free Dementia Friends awareness session.

The interactive one-hour session helps people better understand dementia,
shares five key messages about the condition,
and explores simple ways we can support those living with dementia.

Everyone who takes part receives a Dementia Friends badge.

A session is being held on Saturday 1 August 2026 at 10.00am
in the Vestry at Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church. All are welcome.

For more information or to arrange a session for your church or group,
please contact Beverley Moore at bevmoore.annachaplaincy@gmail.com or 07970 286613.

JOHN 17 PRAYER GROUP

Monday 27th July, 7pm - St Thomas' Church

An invitation to join with our ecumenical brothers and sisters
in the town to pray for the churches and for Kendal and area.

MWiB - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO POOH (OR THE ECCLESIOLOGY OF 100 AKER WOOD)

Tuesday 11th August, 2pm - 4:30pm - Stainton Methodist Church, CA11 0EA

Everyone is warmly invited to an afternoon of fellowship and refreshments with Rev. David Milner.

Tea, coffee and delicious cake will be served.

Donations in support of Christians Against Poverty are warmly welcomed.

Roadside parking is available, and lifts can be arranged if needed.

We'd love to see you there!