

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH



AUGUST NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 2nd August

Saturday 8th August, 3:30pm

Sunday 9th August

Sunday 16th August

Sunday 23rd August

Sunday 30th August

Sunday 6th September

Ian White

Messy Church

Marie-Anne Kent - Holy Communion

Anne Pater - AAW

Richard Bielby

**David Newlove, Superintendent of Cumbria Circuit
Joint Service at Sandylands**

Marie-Anne Kent - Holy Communion &

Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors/Links

*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,

One of the things I'm always conscious of as we enter the months August, is how grateful I am for all of our volunteers in church. I was trying to work out about how many people volunteer around our church and the more I thought about it, the more the list expanded.

During these months things sometimes quieten down a bit in terms of groups taking a well-deserved break after the busyness of the yearly programme. I hope people will get the chance to take some rest whether it is staycation or a bit further afield. If you are going away please do take the opportunity to visit a local church and worship with the people there. They will be so encouraged by your presence and you will be blessed by the worship. I want to say thank you for all you do and all you have done throughout this past year. I can't believe that just a year ago you were all complete strangers!

Maybe in the course of an activity or a meeting of an organisation you had a conversation that really made a difference in someone's life at that moment. Maybe they felt stressed or overwhelmed by whatever was going on in their lives and you listened. Maybe you told them you would pray and those simple words gave the person hope and courage to keep going. Maybe as you contributed to worship, you helped someone who is housebound or in hospital to still feel a part of our church family or unblocked a toilet so that the church could welcome people in! The likelihood is that you might not have felt you were doing very much, you quite possibly looked out on a dark night in November and thought I don't really fancy going out the door, but because you did, someone came into a welcoming space or knew that someone else cared enough about them to make that activity happen.

Thank you so much for being part of this wonderful journey with me – I look forward to seeing what God has in store for us in the new Methodist year.

Marie-Anne

PS Don't forget to read the Methodist Conference Digest – perfect for the beach!

HEALING SERVICE

Sunday 9th August, 10:30am

You are invited to come forward for the laying on of hands for yourself, for someone you know or a world situation. You won't be asked what you want prayer for, simply come forward. The congregation will then pray together:

May the Spirit of the living God,
present with us now,
heal you of all that harms you
in body, mind or spirit;
in the Name of Jesus Christ. Amen

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Wednesday 12th August, 5:30pm - 6:30pm - Sandylands Park

On the evening of 12 August 2026, Western Europe will experience a solar eclipse
the likes of which won't be seen again until 2090.

An evening of awe and wonder and an opportunity to point to the creator who makes it possible.

WORSHIP CONSULTATION

Tuesday 18th August, 7pm - The Manse

For anyone interested in the worship life of the church our next meeting is

18th August at 7pm at The Manse.

We will be thinking about Christmas!

LEADING PRAYERS IN CHURCH

Wednesday 19th August, 10am - Noon

For all those who would like to or already lead intercessions in church.

A time to share and learn from each other. Wednesday 19th August 10-12 noon at Sandylands.

Please book in with Marie-Anne

METHODIST PRAYER HANDBOOK A YEAR OF PRAYER WITH DAILY LECTIONARY

As a Church, we offer mission, ministry and worship in a world increasingly in conflict and divisions, bringing much sorrow. In our collective life of faith, we want to recognise and support Methodist people who may need a boost of joy in the Lord to keep being and doing what we are called to be and do. May our prayers recognise that sorrow and joy run and flow through each other and through each one of us, because maybe one is the way to the other, because Jesus holds them both with us.

Highly recommended £5 -standard and large print.

NEWS FROM THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Each year following the annual Methodist Conference a short summary of the major decisions taken is produced. You can find this summary on the Methodist Church website.

The document is also attached to the emailed version of the Notices.

The 2026/27 President is Rev. Mark Slaney and the Vice President is Caroline Stead.

Their theme for the year is Joy and Sorrow.

You can read their opening addresses on the Methodist Church website.

<https://www.methodist.org.uk>

OPEN HOUSE AT THE MANSE

Thursday 20th August, 2pm - 4pm - The Manse

Marie-Anne invites you to Open House at the Manse, 7 Bramble Close on Thursday 20th August between 2pm and 4pm - all ages welcome.

TOGETHER AT THORNLEIGH 2026

23rd - 25th November - Thornleigh

The booking form for the Methodist Women in Britain residential 3rd to 25th November is attached.

The theme will be "It is Well with My Soul".

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)

BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY

Sunday 20th September, 10:30am

An invitation to all children, young people, their families, teachers, governors and support staff
in schools, places of Higher and Further education to come and join us
for a special service to mark the beginning of the autumn term.

We will be praying for children, young people and staff in our local community (and beyond)
and for the work of NISCU – the Northern Inter Schools Christian Union working in Kendal Schools.

Why not invite friends and family to come and join us
and anyone you know starting school this year.

GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER

6th - 13th September

In a divided world, God invites us to unite across national borders and denominational lines to lift up
the name of Jesus (Philippians 2.9-11). The 24/7 Prayer Movement is inviting communities around
the globe to join in on a whole week of unbroken, day-and-night prayer. Last year the first-ever
Global Week of 24-7 Prayer saw 140 nations host day-and-night, non-stop prayer for a week. The
King's Church, Kendal, are inviting us to join them in the week of prayer – watch out for more details.

JUST PEACE COALITION

The Methodist Church is a member of the Just Peace Coalition

Many of us feel distressed and powerless in the face of the devastating violence, loss and injustice in

Palestine and Israel. Palestinian Christians have called on the global Church to respond not with silence or despair, but with courage, compassion and action – before it is too late.

The Just Peace Coalition brings together churches and Christian organisations across the UK in response to that call. It invites individuals, churches and communities to commit to praying and working for a just peace for all who call the Holy Land home. This means listening, learning, living differently, and taking action for justice, accountability and peace.

A range of resources is available, including material suitable for house groups. You can also join the Time to Act campaign, which includes a helpful template for writing to your MP.

Find out more at www.justpeacecoalition.com.

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.

<https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>

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. All are welcome.

SAD NEWS FROM THE CIRCUIT

News from Rev Tiras Dainty-Share about two people who will have been known across the circuit.

David Robinson

It is with sadness that I share the news that David Robinson from Arnside Methodist Church, has died. Many will remember David and his wife Ruth both of whom have been great supporters of what was the Kendal Circuit, with David being a Circuit Steward for a number of years. His funeral will be on Tuesday 28th July, 12:45pm service at Arnside Methodist Church, followed by cremation at Beetham Hall at 2:00pm. There will be an opportunity to continue remembering David in the church hall at Arnside. Please do pray for Ruth and the family at this time.

Muriel Wilkinson

It is with sadness that I share the news that Muriel Wilkinson from Levens Methodist Church has died. Muriel has been a beloved member of Levens Methodist Church and has over the years also attended Stricklandgate Methodist Church. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 29th July, 11:30am at Levens Methodist Church, followed by cremation at Beetham Hall at 12:30pm. The family would like to invite people to the Crooklands Hotel after the services to continue remembering and giving thanks for Muriel and her life.

DISTRICT ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday 9th August, 6:30pm - via Zoom

For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email: prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk

HELM MISSION COMMUNITY SUMMER PRAISE

Sunday 30th August, 4pm - Natland Green

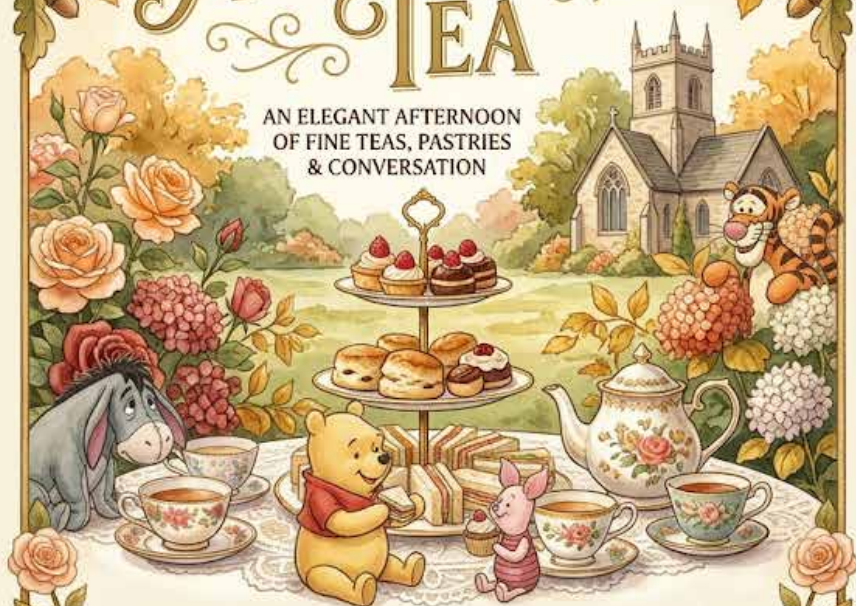
Helm Mission Community invites everyone to Summer Praise on Natland Green
on Sunday 30th August at 4.00pm.

Enjoy an afternoon of favourite hymns and songs accompanied by a brass band,
followed by refreshments. Come along, bring family and friends,
and enjoy a late summer afternoon of music, fellowship and praise.

All are very welcome.

AFTERNOON & TEA

AN ELEGANT AFTERNOON
OF FINE TEAS, PASTRIES
& CONVERSATION



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH

SANDYLANDS ROAD



* SELECT FINE TEAS: Earl Grey, English Breakfast, Herbal Blends



* FRESHLY BAKED SCONES: Served with Clotted Cream & Jam



* GOURMET FINGER SANDWICHES & ARTISAN PASTRIES

£15 PER PERSON

TO BE PAID ON THE DAY

RSVP REQUIRED

CONTACT JENNY MELLOR TO BOOK YOUR PLACE