

SANDYLANDS METHODIST CHURCH



OCTOBER NOTICE SHEET

Sunday 4th October **Marie-Anne Kent - Harvest Festival & Holy Communion**

Sunday 4th October, 3:15pm Causeway

Saturday 10th October, 3:30pm Messy Church

Sunday 11th October **Barbara Fairburn**

Sunday 18th October **AAW, Celebrate Pooh's 100th Birthday**

Sunday 18th October, 7pm Prayer & Reflection; Iona Style

Sunday 25th October **Ian White - Bible Sunday**

Sunday 1st November **Richard Bielby - Holy Communion**

*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,

Thank you for all your support for my Great North Run – a mere half marathon, hardly worth getting out of bed for! It was great to visit the North East although I was a little concerned that the Metro told me the next stop is 'Heaven'. I was glad to find out it was only Hebburn. I did have the chance to visit the Roman Fort Arbeia, named after 'the place of the Arabs', remembering a specialized unit of bargemen from Mesopotamian in modern day Iraq who were stationed here.

Our history is complex. The history of the Church is complex. It is filled with stories of extraordinary faith, courage, service and hope. But alongside those stories are others: stories of exclusion, injustice and racial prejudice. If we are to understand who we are, and where God is leading us, we must be willing to tell both. For me, that is one of the reasons Black History Month matters. For Christians, is it about more than observing a national awareness campaign. Justice is part of the work of God's Kingdom, and therefore part of the calling of the whole Church.

The 'accepted position' for most Methodist people is that the Methodist Church was historically anti-enslavement and abolitionist. This belief is based largely on the publication by John Wesley of Thoughts on Slavery in 1774, and the fact that his last known letter, written from his deathbed, was to encourage William Wilberforce, a campaigner against the trade in enslaved people. The reality was far more complex, the Methodist Church is entangled with the legacy of the transatlantic traffic in enslaved African people, including the inequalities faced by Black and brown people in Britain today.

Black History Month gives us an opportunity to remember stories that have sometimes been overlooked, celebrate the contribution and witness of our diverse communities, and listen to experiences that may be different from our own. It also creates space to look forward with hope: to seek unity in diversity and to recognise that the many stories within our Church find their fulfilment in one greater story, the story of God's work in Christ.

The Methodist Church is exploring how it should respond to our historical links and their ongoing impact today. If you would like to get involved in the conversation visit:

methodist.org.uk/for-churches/social-justice/reparative-justice/get-involved/#1

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY **CHURCH COUNCIL**

13th October, 7:30pm

PASTORAL VISITORS / LINKS MEETING

14th October, 7:30pm - at the Manse

DISTRICT ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday 11th October, 6:30pm - via Zoom

We will be marking Prisons Week - including reflections from Prison Chaplains and others.
For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email: prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk

WORSHIP AT HOME SHEETS

Please ask if you need them printing: www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/worship-downloads.html

FRIENDSHIP GROUP - SHOEBOXES

In the church office there are some spare shoeboxes and the International Aid Trust leaflets.

Also, if you can't face covering a plain box there are pre-printed boxes too - so no excuses!

Friendship Group will be filling boxes on Thursdays 22nd October and 12th November.

Why not join us for a friendly productive afternoon?

If you are not able to do a box yourself please consider supporting this appeal with items to include.

Cash to buy 'fillers' would also be most welcome.

Thank you. Wendy

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 1st November - Stricklandgate

We will be remembering those who have recently died at a special service on Sunday 1st November, All Saints Day. There will be opportunity to light a candle for the person you wish to remember, and a list of names will be read out. If you would like to have your loved one's name read out, please speak to a Steward or email Marie-Anne by October 25th

CUMBRIA HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 25th October, 2:30pm - Penrith Methodist Church

A Harvest Celebration organised by the Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy.

All are welcome.

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRICT CHAIR

At the end of August, through open heart surgery Rev. James Tebbutt was fitted with a Left Ventricular Assist Device. He will always now need an external power source, so there will be some lifestyle restrictions. The surgery has so far been successful but recovery will take some time.

We hold James, Nicola and Eleanor in our prayers.

CHRISTIAN AID ROADSHOW

Friday 16th October, 7pm - 9:30pm - Lancaster Priory

Hear directly from Christian Aid's partners in South Sudan, as they share stories of change from the communities they work in.

Lifts can be arranged.

Lancaster Priory, Priory Close, Lancaster, LA1 1YZ

NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING

Thursday 12th October, 7:30pm



The Methodist Church is encouraging local churches to screen 'The National Emergency Briefing' for their local communities.

A 50 minute documentary, hosted by TV presenter Chris Packham, alongside experts and celebrities, that seeks to inform people about the climate and nature crisis whilst sharing practical evidence on how risks can still be reduced.

All are welcome, whatever your starting point or previous view – let's get together as a community, face up to the problem and work out solutions together.

The film is followed by discussion chaired by Lancaster University Professor Mike Berners-Lee.

AV TEAM

Looking for volunteers to help with AV on Sundays and for weekday services, eg funerals.

Excellent training provided, perks (you get to turn the minister down)
and job satisfaction guaranteed.

Please speak to Ed or Ann Marie if you would like more information.

CHRISTMAS KNITTED CANDLES

Is too early to mention the C word?

An invitation to all those who knit (and crochet) to make a candle –
a sign of Jesus being the Light of the World, which we will use to bless our community.

Patterns available.

KENDAL & DISTRICT PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP PRESENT LUKKIE IN CONCERT

Saturday 10th October, 7pm - Burneside Cricket Club

Doors open from 7pm, with a licensed bar and raffle.

Tickets: £8 in advance, or £10 pay at the door.

Contact Jenny Bird for more information, rjbird08@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS CAKE ORDERS

Jenny Mellor is now taking orders for Christmas cakes up until the beginning of half term.

The cakes will be ready to collect at the next coffee morning 5/12

YOUR SPACE

Thursday 8th October, 7:30pm - 8:30pm - online

There is still time to sign up for the next online session with the Your Space team.

To book your place or find out more about Your Space take a look at their Facebook and Instagram
and join our faith based wellbeing community today!

KENDAL COMMUNITY RESILIENCE GROUP

The Kendal Community Resilience Group will be hosting two Flood Preparedness drop-in sessions at Sandylands Church on:

Wednesday 21st October (10:00am-12:00pm) and Thursday 22nd October (6:30pm-8:30pm).

Come along to learn how you can better prepare for flooding, sign up for Environment Agency flood alerts, and discover practical ways to protect your home, including the use of products such as Hydrosacks.

If you are concerned about flooding and would like advice on becoming more prepared, volunteers and residents will be on hand to offer guidance and answer any questions you may have. You can also find out how to create a Household Emergency Plan, what to include in an emergency grab bag, and whether you are eligible to join the Priority Services Register. In addition, we'll be sharing information about community resilience activities taking place across Kendal and opportunities to get involved.

Whether you're new to the area, have experienced flooding before, or simply want to be better prepared for emergencies, everyone is welcome. These sessions are part of a range of events happening as part of Kendal Prepared Week from 17th – 24th October.

We look forward to seeing you there.

TALK BY FR. EAMONN MULCAHY

Saturday 9th October, 10:00 for 10:30-12:00 and 13:30 – 15:30 - Parish Centre

Internationally known speaker Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy will speak on Missionary Discipleship, Saturday 9th October at the Parish Centre, Holy Trinity and St. George, New Road.

Donations very welcome. You're welcome to come for either talk.

Refreshments available. (Bring your own lunch if staying all day.)

HEAR THE WHOLE OF MARK'S GOSPEL READ ALOUD

Saturday 17th October, 1:30pm - 4pm - St George's, Kendal

A public reading of the whole of Mark's Gospel.



You are invited to a very special celebration!



Winnie-the-Pooh's 100th Birthday Service



DATE:
Sunday,
18th October

TIME:
10:30
AM

LOCATION:
Sandylands 
Methodist Church

*"A day without a friend is like a pot without
a single drop of honey left inside."*

— Winnie-the-Pooh



Come along as we gather to celebrate 100 years of everyone's favourite bear, Winnie-the-Pooh! It will be a joyful, family-friendly service filled with warmth, gratitude, and community.



Stay for the Party!

The fun doesn't end when the service finishes. Please join us in the hall directly afterwards for a smackerety spread of party food and fun games for all ages.



Scan to book your space for the party or email
informationsandylandschurch@gmail.com





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JOIN US WEDNESDAYS AT 10^{AM}

SANDYLANDS CHURCH
A WARM WELCOME FOR EVERYONE

