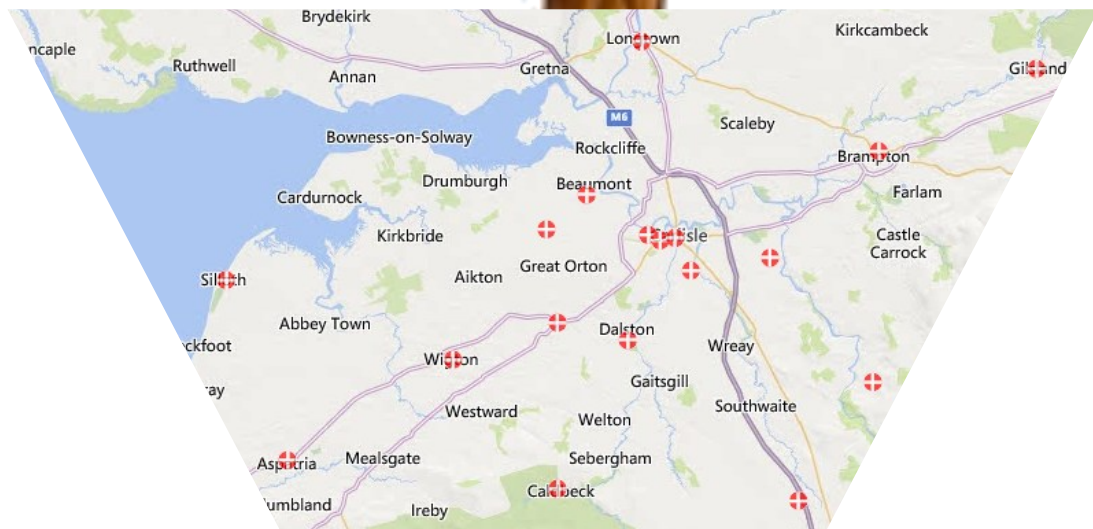


THE CANOPY

the North Cumbria Circuit



**God
for All**

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Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity to share my gratitude and thanks to God for all the Grace he has given Christina and I in our living and working in our North Cumbria Circuit. I am moving in August to minister in Barnsley and you will be gathering in a new way in the Cumbria Circuit. These are times to remember in detail the life that God has given us.

Christina has a calling to residential dementia care. In her past 15 years experience Cumbria (now Cumberland) Council has been the best employer caring for its carers. It has enabled her and others to give the best care, which has been fulfilling and life giving.

It has been a great privilege to work as a Mission Enabler, to witness the life God is giving people in N Cumbria. Generous hospitality in Port Carlisle, passion for Jesus nativity in Thurstonfield, table Grace in Monkhill, easy living room in Newtown, steadfast in Aspatria, little goes a long way in Gilsland, Wigton's many ways in, learning at Dalston, music at Upperby, kitchen miracles at Wigton Road, Longtown's intimate worship, Sunday school in Brampton, connexion and support from Wetheral. In addition I have received some blessings here that you may not realise;-

I came to our Circuit with 21 years of Ministry and despite arriving amidst CoViD, here I found healing from a deep tiredness. I am a mountaineer, by age 18 I had summited every Wainwright and moved to the bigger Munros. Now 40 years on I hear again Jesus invitation to go up a mountain with him, in 2021 I summited all the Wainwrights again. Healing came in my conversations with Jesus, "the first born", I discovered I had an older brother, I was freed from a burden I had grown up with as the eldest son in my earthly family.

I have a calling to holy listening, offering Spiritual Direction to prayerful people. This has flourished in Cumbria's Ecumenical "God for All", I have found wonderful Spiritual Supervision here which has enabled me to serve our Methodist Connexion in the Religious Order Advisory Committee and with our Methodist Explore program helping people identify their calling.

My heart is full of thankfulness, N Cumbria Methodist Circuit will remain dear to my heart. As we all celebrate the life of our Circuit this Summer I ask God for his Grace of gratitude to deepen all our hearts.

Deacon Mark

Circuit Meeting Update

26th March 2025, CMC @ Wigton Road

The Meeting was informed that Rev Nigel Rogers has accepted the offer to come to North Cumbria and take Pastoral Charge of Carlisle, Dalston, Monkhill, Port Carlisle & Thurstonfield Methodist Churches.

Alan Fearon expressed thanks on behalf of the meeting to Rita Yeowart for her work on stationing. Rita thanked the churches for their patience.

Rev Tokunbo Asogbon has been appointed as a bank hospital chaplain at the Cumberland Infirmary. *If you know of anyone in hospital please let the ministers know.*

The Hubs and Churches working in partnership are coming together regularly for fellowship, worship, bible studies and events. Very encouraging to hear.

Chris Mitchelson (LP Secretary) on behalf of the LP & WL Meeting recommended Isaac Moore become an accredited Local Preacher the meeting unanimously agreed. Isaac's Recognition Service along with some Local Preacher Long Service Certificates will be on the 1st June 2025 at CMC, Wigton Road at 10.30am.

Dcn Mark Attwood gave an update on Connect, Unite and Mission. He asked if anyone felt called to coordinate get togethers and sharing information with the Connect Group (Children & Families Work). Unite—Church at the Margins six session course can be run again if anyone feels called to it.

The Cumbria Circuit resolutions were shown on screen and read aloud by Rev David Newlove. Resolution 1: For = 34, Against = 1. Resolution 3: For = 34, Against = 1. (Attendance: 35 Members, 3 Visitors)

Rev David Newlove gave the meeting an update on the Cumbria Circuit. (For more details please see pages 21-23 for Feb/March Cumbria Update Newsletter).

Circuit Service with LP Recognition & Long Service Certificates on **Sunday 1st June at CMC, Wigton Road 10.30am.**

Circuit Meeting Wednesday 25th June 7.30pm at CMC, Wigton Rd

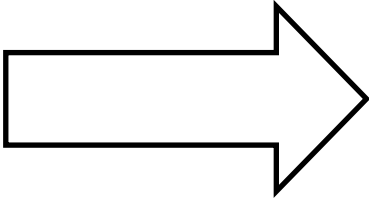
Circuit Walk at Watchtree on Friday 4th July 3pm. For more details please ask William Little, (Dalston Methodist Church Steward)

Circuit Cumberland Event Saturday 12th July at 6pm at CMC, Wigton Road.

Circuit Farewell Service for Dcn Mark Attwood and the North Cumbria Circuit **Sunday 13th July 10.30am at CMC, Wigton Road**

Cumbria Circuit Welcome and Launch Service Sunday 31st August 11am at Penrith Methodist Church (Possibly live streamed, more details soon)

Circuit Steward Letter



MOVING FORWARD

God is always moving forward doing new things. The first disciples were full of faith, full of courage, full of expectation and full of the Holy Spirit. The early Methodists shared the same passion to see God move amongst them and to lead them forward.

We can't move forward if we are stuck in the mud or live in the past. God is doing a new thing and we need to follow him. We can only move forward when we have God's presence and His leading; as in the experience of the children of Israel in the wilderness, a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. They spent many years wasting in the wilderness because they refused to follow God and did their own thing. When God was present with them they moved forward, when they went their own way they stood still.

Do we have the faith and courage to go forward, often into the unknown to where God leads us? We move forward by praying that:

Those who are seeking God will find Him.
Those who believe in God will become followers of Jesus.
Those who follow Jesus will become Disciples.
Disciples will become leaders.
Leaders become preachers.
Preachers become ministers.

We have a lot of praying and work to do, as we move forward God moves amongst us.

Alan F.

Borders Methodist Church, Brampton

Meeting together is always good! Our different partnerships have been strengthened as we meet to share, worship, pray, chat, plan - and enjoy refreshments.

Churches Together in Brampton took part in various events during Advent and over Christmas – the Town Carol Service, Christmas Lights Switch-on, carol singing and shared services. CTiB also planned 7 days of prayer and reflection for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January. As we move through Lent and Easter we join together for a series of Lent Lunches and an 8 week Lent Bible Study. Finally, Churches in Brampton deliver an after-school Easter Event in the last week of term for Primary aged children and families.



In our Borders Church we continue to meet for fellowship and worship, enjoying our times together. We also join with our Anglican friends in the 3 Rivers Mission Community for the “5th Sunday Service” held in different churches.

At our recent Church Life meeting we agreed to have a quarterly All Age Worship/Worship Together service - we’ve not decided on a title. The service in January was different. We started in Church introducing the theme of Transforming Love and the Wedding at Cana and then all moved into the hall. There was a choice of 5 activities – collage, biscuit decoration, Kintsuji (a Japanese art form of repairing broken pots), modelling and writing/poetry. It was a joyous time of worship, fellowship and creativity.

Social activities in the future include a Sing Along afternoon, an evening concert by Simeon Wood (a visiting musician) and a games afternoon. Join us if you can, everyone welcome.

Nancy Simpson & Di Armstrong

Outstanding musician Simeon Wood coming to Brampton Methodist Church on Friday, April 25th at 7.30pm

"Exceptional Musician" Simeon Wood

"A show
filled with
music
and
laughter"

Simply
Breathtaking



"Very funny
and
hugely
entertaining,
a great
night out"



There's
something for
everyone in
this show that
promises to
enthrall
your socks off.



Simeon enjoys performing all over the world playing on an ever-increasing array of unusual instruments. *"My work as an itinerant musician has led me to play in extraordinary venues. From caves to castles, palaces to giant redwood forests as well as the more conventional festivals, cruise ships, halls, theatres and art centres".* Simeon's performance is an uplifting and entertaining show filled with inspiration, encouragement and great music. A real mixture of styles to suit all tastes. Anecdotes and yarns weave their way through this relaxed and informal evening packed with imaginative and beautiful arrangements, stunning musicianship and the odd surprise.

Brampton Methodist Church

Main Street, Brampton CA8 1RS

Friday 25th April @ 7.30pm

Tickets: £10 for adults and £2 for 12-18 year olds

Available to buy from Half Moon Wholefoods, Brampton


Or contact Millie - bramptonmethodists@gmail.com

Refreshments available during the interval

www.simeonwood.co.uk

Music to include -

Riverdance, Leonard Cohen's sublime **Hallelujah**, a classic love song by John Denver, the delicious power ballad **Never Enough** from "The Greatest Showman", **500 miles**, **Fields of Gold** and many more.



Grief is hard.
Death can impact
all of life.

The Bereavement
Journey
a place to talk

7 Sessions of films
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for *anyone* bereaved *anytime*

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- Attachment, separation and loss
- The pain and responses of grief
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- Moving forward healthily
- Faith questions (optional)

To find out more visit:
thebereavementjourney.org

Running soon:

Thursdays from 1st May
6.30pm-8.45pm
Cornerstone Cafe
Denton Street CA2 5EH

Please book your place in
advance

For more information and to
request a booking form
please contact Nina Orchard
nina@stjamescarlisle.org.uk

Mrs Daryll Hall

14th December 1930 – 9th January 2025

Cornerstone is mourning the loss of its beautiful friend and servant of more than 60 years, Mrs Daryll Hall of Wigton – a woman of deeply-appreciated deeds, especially in the fields of music and choral singing, and whose amazing memory stayed with her almost to the end.

She died in Silloth Convalescent Home at the age of 94. Two years earlier, she wrote a fascinating three-part memoir which was published in successive issues of Cornerstone's monthly magazine. And she concluded it on a typically optimistic note: "I'm looking forward to what comes next, sure that all my cares will be eased and all my questions answered – and maybe God will let me have a go at the celestial choir."

We're sure God has found her a place in his choir – or possibly even as organ accompanist, which is a role she fulfilled for many years at Wigton Methodist Church.

A Service of Thanksgiving was being held at St Mary's Parish Church, Wigton on Saturday, 8th February. Daryll chose the venue – and it was not a surprise to her friends because although she was a model Methodist for most of her life, she also loved (and was a member of) the Anglican church in which she was raised and described herself as 'an Anglican at heart.'

Daryll was also proud to call herself a 'moonraker' (i.e. a native of Wiltshire). The daughter of a village headmistress, she was raised in the Chalke Valley, south of Salisbury, and was a church chorister from the age of 10, after which music remained a pillar of her life. She had childhood memories of village hall dances, lit by oil lamps suspended from the ceiling, with the village blacksmith playing both violin and trumpet as part of the accompanying band.



She graduated in music from the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire and arrived to join the staff of The Nelson Thomlinson School in Wigton in the early 1950s. She thought she might stay for a year or so but made the town her home for more than 70. She made a happy marriage with the late William Hall (who retired as head

of mathematics at The Nelson Thomlinson School) and together they raised three sons – Alan, Tim and David. She later taught at junior school.

As a Methodist, she served as a Sunday School teacher, a pastoral visitor/organiser and a local preacher who always encouraged much soul-searching and reflection from the pulpit.



Her contributions to the musical life of town and county were considerable. She led and organised many events, including the Wigton Churches Together Choir at Christmas (conductor/organiser) and much work with children's choirs. She was also a long-standing member of Wigton Choral Society, Cumbria Rural Choirs and Cumbria Guild of Singers.

She had generous heart, a genuine sense of humour and her many friends would all agree that her Christian faith shone through all she did.

Phil Cram

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*With Love from North Road
Chapel, Aspatria*



Cornerstone Worship Forum

At Cornerstone (Wigton, Aspatria, Silloth, Caldbeck, Abbeytown) we have several forums covering different areas of church life such as outreach, pastoral and worship.

We must always remember that worship is our response to God and because all people are different. Some find it easier to worship through joyful singing, some prefer more contemplation and some like liturgy. We try to ensure that our worship reflects that variety of preference.

In the worship forum we try to look at all aspects and types to determine if some things work particularly well or if others don't. Over the past three months we introduced two new occasional elements to our worship.

We reintroduced 'This Time Tomorrow' – a live interview on stage with a church member. This is arranged with the person beforehand. The thinking is that most of our time is not spent in church but in our ordinary lives but in order to pray for a person it is good to know something about them – what they would be doing this time tomorrow, what they do in their life at work or at home or what activities they take part in throughout the week. And importantly they are asked what concerns they have and the things they would appreciate prayer for.

We introduced an occasional series of short (ish) talks about some of the great themes that run through the Bible from creation (Genesis) to new creation (Revelation). Likely themes yet to be explored are the Covenant (both old and new) and Salvation – how God is putting the world right by putting us right.

We are also looking at ways of improving 'café church', especially for those who are at home viewing on Youtube. And we are still looking for ways to improve 'all age worship' by striking the right balance to engage with children, teens and adults.

Some other things we are starting to consider are themed preaching either on a biblical book, a topic or even the Christian response to some of the cultural issues and problems we face. We also want to encourage and increase the involvement of more 'lay' people through allowing them to exercise their gifts of reading, praying, testimony etc.

The big upcoming event is, obviously, Easter. If we believe that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead then this is not only the most important

date in the life of the church but also the most important event in the history of mankind. How should we celebrate that and communicate it to others in an increasingly secular nation?

Of course worship should not just be something we do within the four walls of the church every Sunday but should be an integral part of our everyday lives enabling us to follow Jesus and be his witnesses in all we say and do.

John Mattinson

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Church services (Worship)



What makes a good Church Service for you? Good singing, meaningful sermon, a friendly welcoming congregation. The following are my personal thoughts, presented as a person who attends Church Worship. I expect that there are many different answers to the question. We all have a very personal opinion. Some, not many, who read this will be aware of my preferences when it comes to Worship. I find the majority of services difficult, with the feeling at the end of the service of why did I come.

So, what do I hope for in worship! A good service, for me, is one during which I have a feeling that I am personally worshipping my Lord my God. Where the service is held does not matter, a field, a room, a Church.

I look for variety in a service, a lot of Methodists will say that each service is different, this is sort of the case but they nearly all follow the "hymn sandwich ". Why must the opening hymn be followed by prayers?

I worship my Lord, my God, most successfully when the venue is quite quiet for a couple of minutes before the service, music, before this, is all right as long as it is quiet. The words used during the service are those used now & are delivered in a normal conversational manner. The hymns, songs, call them what you prefer, are modern or nearly so & do not contain old English language. I integrate with the hymn, song, when its subject is worship as opposed to those that try to teach (e.g. THE Lord's my shepherd, Christ the Lord is risen today). With the service conducted in a casual manner, no formality. The service that I most look forward to is Revive on a Thursday evening.

Selby Harrison

REGULAR EVENTS

this list includes anything that happens weekly, fortnightly or monthly. If I have missed anything please let the Circuit Administrator know, Thank you,
(TT represents term time only)

Monday	10.00am	Dementia Café	1st	Cornerstone: Wigton
	1.00pm	Walking Football	Weekly	Silloth Green
	2.15pm	Oasis	1st	Thurstonfield
	5.15pm	Beavers	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
Tuesday	9.00am	Men's Breakfast	Last	Auction Mart, Rosehill
	9.30am	Coffee Morning	Weekly	Cornerstone: Wigton
	10.00am	Food Bank in Church	Weekly	Cornerstone: Wigton
	10.00am	Dementia Café	3rd	Dalston
	10.00am	Knit & Natter	Weekly	Longtown
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group	Weekly	Thurstonfield
	12 noon	Meet to Eat	1st	Dalston
	1.00pm	Lunch Club	1st & 3rd	CMC: Wigton Road
	1.30pm	Toddler Group & Stitches	Weekly	CMC: Newtown
	2.00pm	Short Mat Bowls	Weekly	CMC: Upperby
	2.30pm	Tuesday Fellowship	1st & 3rd	CMC: Wigton Road
	4.30pm	Rainbows	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
	5.30pm	Brownies	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
	7.00pm	Guides	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
	7.00pm	House Group	2nd & 4th	Cornerstone: Silloth
Wednesday	10.00am	Buggy Brigade	Weekly TT	Dalston
	10.30am	Prayer Service	Weekly	Brampton
	2.00pm	Bible Study	1st & 3rd	Cornerstone: Wigton
	6.30pm	Cubs	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
	7.30pm	Wives' Group	Fortnightly	CMC: Wigton Road
Thursday	10.00am	Alpha Course	Weekly	The Fearon's House
	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
	10.00am	House Group	Weekly	Cornerstone: Caldbeck
	10.00am	Bible Study	Weekly	Cornerstone: Abbeytown
	10.30am	Coffee Break	Weekly	Gilsland
	12 noon	Lunch with Us	Last	Monkhill
	3.30pm—5	The Youth Hub	Weekly TT	Longtown
	7.00pm	Scouts	Weekly TT	CMC: Wigton Road
	7.30pm	Revive	3rd	CMC, Wigton Road
Friday	9.30am—11.30am	Food Larder	Weekly	Brampton
	10.00am	Food Bank in Church	Weekly	Cornerstone: Wigton
Sunday	10:30am	Sunday Morning Worship	Weekly	Cornerstone Facebook, YouTube and Phone line
	4.00pm	Messy Sunday	2nd & 4th	Cornerstone: Wigton

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

These are all great opportunities to meet together, support each other and get to know one another better. Please make a note of them and try to support these events.

APRIL

Sat.	12	10am-12nn	Easter Fayre	CMC, Wigton Road
Sat.	12	TBC	Daffodil Coffee Morning/Afternoon	BMC, Wetheral
Tue.	15	7.00pm	Concert with Dalston Male Voice Choir	Dalston
Thu.	17	7.00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	BMC, Brampton
Thu.	17	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	CMC, Wigton Road
Thu.	17	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Cornerstone@Wigton
Fri.	18	10.00am	Good Friday Service	CMC, Wigton Road
Fri.	18	10.00am	Cornerstone United Walk of Witness	St Cuthbert's, Wigton
Fri.	18	11.00am	United Walk of Witness	BMC, Brampton
Fri.	18	11.00am	Good Friday Service with Rev J Faris	Dalston
Fri.	18	11.15am	Good Friday Service	Carlisle City Centre
Sun.	20	6.00am	Easter Sunrise Service	Bitts Park, Carlisle
<i>For more Easter Sunday Services please see the March—May Preaching Plan</i>				
Fri.	25	7.30pm	Concert by Simeon Wood	BMC, Brampton

MAY

Thu.	01	6.30pm	The Bereavement Journey starts	Cornerstone Café, Denton Holme
Wed.	07	2.00pm	Local Vocals V.E. Day Concert	CMC, Upperby
Thu.	15	7.30pm	Revive	CMC, Wigton Road
Sun.	18	10.30am	United Church Anniversary	Monkhill
Wed.	21	7.30pm	Circuit LP & WL Meeting	CMC, Wigton Road
Mon.	26	10am-4pm	Open House (See Poster for more details)	Brae Lees

JUNE

Sun.	01	10.30am	Circuit Service/Church Anniversary Rev Hooley	CMC, Wigton Road
Sat.	07	10:00am	Uniformed Organisations Coffee Morning & Car Wash	CMC, Wigton Rd
Sun.	08	TBC	Early morning Service and Bacon Butties	Cornerstone@Wigton
Thu.	12	TBC	Cornerstone Outing to Talkin Tarn	TBC
Sat.	14	10am-12nn	Church Anniversary Coffee Morning	Dalston
Sun.	15	10.30am	Church Anniversary Service with Rev David Newlove	Dalston
Sat.	21	2pm-5pm	Open House	Adeline & Alan Fearon's House
Sun.	22	TBC	Cornerstone Messy Church Cycling	TBC
Wed.	25	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting	Watchtree
				CMC, Wigton Road

JULY

Fri.	04	3.00pm	Circuit Walk (Please ask William Little for more details)	Watchtree
Sun.	06	10.30am	Cornerstone Service followed by BBQ & activities on Junior School Field	
Sat.	12	6.00pm	Circuit Cumberland Event	CMC, Wigton Road
Sun.	13	10.30am	North Cumbria Circuit Service & Farewell	CMC, Wigton Road
Sat.	19	2.00pm	Strawberry Tea & Gift Day	BMC, Wetheral
Sun.	20	10.30am	Village Open Air Joint Service	Wetheral Village Green

Borders Methodist Church, Longtown

Longtown is still encouraged with the gradually growing attendance.

Likewise our revised starting time of 10am seems to be working, except the 1st Sunday in the month which is still being conducted by the Church of Scotland. However we were very sorry to learn that Rev.d Wes Brandon had to return to the States following the passing of his mother and his brother. We sent him our condolences and kind thoughts and prayers. His appointments are being taken by Revd. Janice Faris.

The Knit and Natter group is continuing to play a very important role in our outreach and the Natter part is a really good source of interaction. Between those who need and listener and those who are good listeners. We are attaching a list of items we have knitted over 2024, and there are other things knitted personally by members for other causes. We teach knitting and crochet and lots of other things.

At Christmas we once again joined in with Arthuret Parish Church Carol Service, with Revd. Tokunbo taking part. We were very pleased to be joined by the Parish Church at our Covenant Service on the 9th February conducted by our Minister Revd. Tokunbo Asogbon.

The need for clothes, toiletries, and sanitary goods for Ukraine and other countries is still there, although we do thank many churches who have sent goods through us, over the past months, especially those who are part of the Borders Hub.

We hope to hold a Bible study in the Spring, but details haven't been finalised yet.

Pauline Robson

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Monkhill

An update from last time -- Operation Christmas Child have confirmed that the shoeboxes collected from Monkhill in November last year made their way to Central Asia in time for Christmas.

Our Annual Covenant Service led by Revd Paul Beard, cancelled from 5 January due to icy weather/road conditions, was rearranged and took place on 26 January which happened to be down as our first OA on the Plan in 2025.

We have another OA on 6 April and have arranged to join Wetheral. They also have an OA that day so we are organising the service between us – a new venture!

Our Annual Pancake Lunch held on 1 March and enjoyed by all, raised £300 for this Year's Circuit Charity "Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy". Many thanks to all helpers and supporters.

We joined Dalston MC for a Hub Service on 2 March, preacher Robert Pattinson, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits and it was great to join in worship and fellowship together.

Dalston MC again provides the venue for the series of Lent Studies "Life Calling" with a variety of speakers, followed by a soup and fruit lunch provided by different Churches. Monkhill and Thurstonfield are working together to provide lunch at the last one on 10 April.

Our Hub Bible Study, led by David Newlove, takes place each month at one of our 3 Chapels, next one at Monkhill on 16 April and we are currently studying the Book of Revelation.

This Sunday, Mothering Sunday, we worship with St Mary's at Beaumont in the morning, then in the afternoon at 2.30pm we gather at Port Carlisle Community Chapel for a service led by David Newlove.

We join with St Mary's, Beaumont again on Easter Sunday at 9.30am. After the service it is the tradition for everyone who is able, to join in the Egg Rolling down the bank behind the Church into the Churchyard (weather permitting or down the Aisle in Church if wet). St Mary's are invited to Monkhill Chapel on Sunday 18th May for our Anniversary Service to be led by George Denholm.

The Annual Open House at Brae Lees, Kirkandrews-on-Eden will be held this year on Spring Bank Holiday Monday 26 May. Full details are on the separate advert.

Lunch with Us Community Lunch and Brunch with Us Informal Service both continue very successfully on a monthly basis.

Membership numbers have increased to 13 with 2 very recent new members. We are now celebrating members' birthdays with cake, as well as biscuits, with tea/coffee after the service. Needless to say this is going down well!

Monkhill, like other Churches, is getting to grips with change (District, Circuit, Minister). We were delighted to be asked to provide lunch recently for prospective new Minister and his wife, together with Circuit Representatives, on the day they visited a number of Churches and Chapels here. At the date of print, we eagerly await the outcome of the visit.

Lynne Graham

Easter Day—Sunday 20 April 2025: Soul Stories—So well nourished that we have to share it



Bible readings: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Luke 24:1-12

Songs and hymns

Come, let us anew our journey pursue (StF 460)
Jesus the Lord said: "I am the bread" (StF 252) esp v5
May the God of hope go with us every day (StF 411)
Now let us from this table rise (StF 596)
Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer (StF 125)
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart (StF 477)
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! (StF 186)
We have a gospel to proclaim (StF 418)

Opening liturgy

Return every object from Lent to the cross.

Alleluia, Alleluia! is our story and our song
Give us this day our daily bread that our cup
 overflows with enough to share...
That our souls proclaim the greatness of the Lord,
 that our souls overflow with a story to tell.
Give us this day our daily bread that our cup overflows
 with enough to share...

With words and gifts and smiles and songs,
 with Hallelujahs echoing from our souls.
Give us this day our daily bread that our cup overflows
 with enough to share...

That we may sit and stand and walk as stories
 are shared and truths revealed,
that we may listen and hear and speak and sing and shout.
O Lord our God, our Lenten journey has ended,
 our Easter journey begun.

**Nourished by our journey,
let us share and tell your living, loving stories, we pray.
Alleluia, Alleluia for Christ is risen, Alleluia!**

The good news to get across

Jesus is alive and death has been defeated! Let us follow the example
of the women who first proclaimed this good news, sharing the
message with those who need to hear it. Together, we can spread
hope and joy, transforming lives through the power of the Resurrection.

Prayer of Blessing

May the living God so fill your hearts with joy and hope that you cannot keep the good news to yourself. In the name of Christ, Alleluia!

For more Lent Resources:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/soul-food/>

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Dalston

Dalston Church continue to hold its regular services with the addition of monthly fellowship services when we serve coffee and biscuits after the service.

We also have occasional services when the Churches from our Hub-Monkhill, Port Carlisle, and Thurstonfield join us. These are all well supported.

We had our Christmas meal out at the Greenhill Hotel at the end of January and were joined by our friends from the Hub, another success.

Our Lent study begins on 13/3/25 at 12 noon followed by Lunch at 12.30 pm and runs for 5 weeks, All are welcome.

Concert by Dalston Male Voice Choir on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm.

Good Friday Service with Rev Janice Faris at 11am

The Church Anniversary is to be held on the 15th June and to be led by the Rev. David Newlove. And our coffee morning will be held on Saturday prior-14th June. 10am-12 noon.

We look forward to seeing you.

..... *Ann Oldman*

Thurstonfield

Services each Sunday evening at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Oasis our monthly afternoon tea is held first Monday of each month except Bank Holidays.

It is 2.15 to 3.15 and is quite popular but always plenty of room for new visitors. We do fresh baked cakes plus sandwiches and lots more plus tea / coffee. No charge but donations appreciated.

Between the Carol Service and Christmas Oasis we collected £300 which we have donated to Eden Valley Hospice.

Christine Kelly



LONGTOWN KNIT AND NATTER GROUP

Established in 2011



This is a list of many of the items we have knitted for charities and good causes during the past year. Some to hospitals and Care homes, others as part of bigger campaigns like the “angels” at Christmas. We have also sent many of our knitted items to the Ukraine appeal at Newstart Recycle

Angels- 490

Greeting Cards- 895

Adult Hats- 36

Baby Hats- 37

Child Scarves- 15

Twiddle cuffs- 63

Knee Blankets 26

Animal Blankets- 2

Toys and Dolls 86 (some to raise funds for causes)

ie: hospices and Christmas appeal.

Decorations- 16

Muffin Bags 14

Fridge Magnets 32

Colouring Sets 66

Cross in my pocket- 565

Keyrings- 432

Child Hats- 80

Adult Scarves- 12

Gloves/mittens- 1+1

Twiddle bears- 37

Baby Blankets 46

Hand-puppets 12

Baby Jackets/Gillets 7/6

Book Marks 63

Chocolates 350



We meet at Longtown Community Centre on Tuesday morning from 10-12. All welcome, all abilities or non (We teach knitting and crochet)



The nattering is a very important part of our group too

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Labgrey L1 Exercise Bike in need of a new home

In new condition as only used about 6 times. All instructions and tools are with the bike. No Charge but a donation to Dalston Methodist Chapel would be appreciated. Bike would need collected as I can not get it in my car. Please contact Maureen Temple on 07885 620700



MONDAY 26th May 2025

OPEN HOUSE

**BRAELEES
KIRKANDREWS ON EDEN
CA5 6DU**



**10.00am—11.30am
COFFEE & SCONES**

**12.00pm—1.30pm
SOUP & ROLLS**



**2.30pm—4.00pm
TEA & CAKES**

Everyone welcome

Please park at Parish hall
Donations in aid of Monkhill Chapel

Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road

The Revd David Newlove

and friends arranged a Burns Night Supper on Saturday 25th

January and what a grand night it was.



The Chieftain o' the gathering was 'Laird Edward

Steele-Wilson' an Englishman from Dalston who we must praise for his excellence in recitation of Scottish Literature. The running order for the evening was the Gathering in the Primary Hall where we were welcomed by the minister who then gave a toast to the King with (Irn-Bru - "iron brew" a carbonated soft drink often described as Scotland's other national drink) followed by a toast to absent friends by our longest serving member John Huggon and a toast to the church by the minister - more irn bru. The Laird then addressed the haggis and led the parade into the main hall to the tune of 'Highland Cathedral' played by Gordon Kydd. More Scottish Music and 'irn bru' with a toast and an excellent speech to the 'Immortal Memory' by the Laird. After the Selkirk Grace we all tucked into the fayre of Haggis, Neeps & Tatties (or for the 'Sassenachs' an alternative of Steak Pie or Lasagne) followed by a selection of sweets, tea or coffee and shortbread all beautifully cooked by Christine, Janice and friends. A Toast to all the Lassies by Gordon Kydd - "The sweetest hours that e'er I spend are spent among the lassies O'. All gentlemen sang 'O my love is like a red, red rose.' Susan Kydd gave the reply from the lassies - Men what would we do without them? all ladies sang 'A man's a man for a that.' Many thanks to Gordon and Sue for their excellent presentations full of whit and love. Then onto the entertainment with friendly songs, music provided by Deacon Mark Attwood and Gordon Kydd, Scottish verse read by Christine Phillips and Ann Liddell accompanied by the Laird. Dancing with the U3A Country Dancers who hold classes in our hall. The evening concluded with a vote of thanks and the traditional 'Auld Lang Syne' All who attended would like to thank the Rev David Newlove for making this event possible and to the Laird and friends who worked so hard towards making the evening a success. We hope it is repeated next year!!!

Comms: The Cumbria Methodist Circuit Facebook page is live, please like and follow the page. If you have an event happening at your church that you would like to share wider than your current circuit please message the Facebook page with a poster or the details and one of the page administrators will share it for you. Work is underway with ThenMedia to create the new Cumbria Circuit website and plans are taking shape. Please get in touch with the Communications team if you have ideas for this, noting that it is intended to be a full circuit website and hence cannot be tailored too much to specific church requirements. An email update on the first Tuesday of each month is now available to subscribe to via this link [Cumbria Circuit Update](#) or contact Hayley.Edmondson@methodist.org.uk

Finance: The Finance sub committee (FSC) has been formed and is now meeting regularly. This group will lead finance in the Cumbria Circuit and is making good progress working with Transforming Churches & Communities (TCC) to generate the Circuit Budget for 2025/2026. The FSC consists of Allan Armstrong (Treasurer TBC), Lynne Pearce (Asst Treasurer TBC), Glynis Hayton, Alistair Bell, Garrie Naden (Lead at TCC), Paul Rand (TCC Cumbria Lead), Avril Swinbank & Rev Stephen Radford (FSC Chair). The FSC is very grateful for the support and hard work of the current Circuit Treasurers as the Cumbria Circuit Budget is generated. The Circuit treasurers have all agreed to support the Church treasurers during the transition to the new Circuit Finance Team. The FSC is starting to look at the grants and expenses policies for the Cumbria Circuit.

Strategy: The group met in March with the intent of encouraging continuing conversations and action, it agreed to produce 3 documents: 1. A poster for every church to share the draft vision. 2. A flyer which puts a bit more flesh on the bones. 3. a document which shares the outcomes of the postcards and campfire conversations across Cumbria. The group discussed the difference between a vision for the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to encourage and resource local people, and a Circuit vision is which people in all churches can join in from their different contexts across the county. A vision for 2030 was suggested, with an aim of supporting and encouraging everyone to be a part of journeying towards this. A picture of growth and flourishing was suggested as

a theme. Initial feedback is that the deeper conversations around campfires have been welcome, and should continue. Future meetings may be on groups of interest, in addition to the groups of place. If there are topics you would appreciate a conversation around, please let Rev Helen Hooley on Helen.Hooley@methodist.org.uk (or your minister) know. Please see the general section below to book a campfire creative session. Please continue to send in the completed postcards!

Mission: The Initial plans for the single Cumbria Circuit have been shared with the 8 current Circuits and within the God For All team, with many positive comments received and much resonating with what others are thinking. Listening to the Strategy & Vision team, the Mission team is working developing our understanding of mission and how we can relate to our Mission Communities. It is good to hear the passion that is growing behind our Sanctuary & Soul and Re:new projects. Work continues to collect information on existing circuit mission responsibilities. Questions about the extent to which the Cumbria Circuit might have a role in developing mission will be considered in due course.

Ministry: Lay ministry is at the heart of our new circuit—not because we are sort of ordained staff but because we celebrate the gift of lay ministry in the Methodist Church and look forward to many more hearing and responding to their call. The team in Cumbria are still engaged with the stationing process for this year and pray for all who are moving on and moving in. 4 of 5 appointments have now been filled. Please continue to pray for our appointment based around Appleby. We look forward to the conclusion of stationing for this year with this final appointment being filled.

Governance & Legal: All 8 current Circuits have passed the single Circuit resolutions and look to Representative Synod on 26th April 2025 for their endorsement of all we are doing. The TUPE process for our Circuit employees to transfer them to the new Circuit will start shortly. Please note, this does not affect people employed by their church, just those employed by their Circuit. Once this process is completed discussions on how the team will work together and apportion key tasks will be able to take place.

Central Support (Admin): The team is working on the basis of one central staffed office (at Penrith) with other administrators working from home. A list of current safe locations/contents/who has access has been compiled, with a view to rationalizing storage e.g. what documents should be held centrally and how they can be shared between administrators in different geographical locations. A

template document of which annual returns are submitted when and how is being developed. The team is liaising with the Personnel team around job descriptions and the smooth transfer of staff to the new circuit. The team is also aiding the future plan making process.

Personnel: Process and time-line in place for transferring all existing Circuit employees to the new Circuit. One-to-one's with all staff happening within the next 2 months. Safeguarding—it is hoped to work with the existing team of Circuit Safeguarding Officers, together with the District Safeguarding Officer and administration support. Waiting on District guidance about the processes for Stationing, EDI and Supervision.

Property: A database of the 100+ properties owned or used in the single Circuit has been produced. This will be developed to build up a picture of the condition of each property, recognizing that the church is organic in nature and hence requirements for our buildings are constantly evolving. Key questions in this activity will be: 1. Which buildings are vital to our ministry across the new Circuit and need investing in, to update and improve them for use? 2. Are any of our buildings coming to the end of their lives? 3. Are new buildings needed perhaps to support mission work or a 'NPNP' project? The team continues to work on a job description and person specification for the role of Circuit Property Steward.

General: Youth Update—Advertising flyers for 2025's 3Generate are ready to distribute. Tickets go on sale on 29th April 2025. You can also register to volunteer. If you would like to know more about 3Generate please email cumbriamethodistyouth@gmail.com

Beginning in the summer the Methodist Tapestries will be visiting Cumbria, would your church like to host them? You can see them at <https://weardalemuseum.org.uk/methodist-tapestries-project>. Cumbria will be hosting 20 tapestries which reflect the dynamic history of the people called Methodist and encourage us to look forward to what God is planning for us in Cumbria. Please contact Grace on 07341960506 or Grace.cauldwell@methodist.org.uk to get involved.

Would you like to think about and pray for the new circuit in relational and creative ways? You can book a campfire creative session for your church, circuit, or small group (min 6), from 90 minutes to half a day. In this session we will pray, craft and dream together about what brings us joy as the people called Methodist in Cumbria. Please contact Grace on 07341960506 or Grace.cauldwell@methodist.org.uk to book.

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