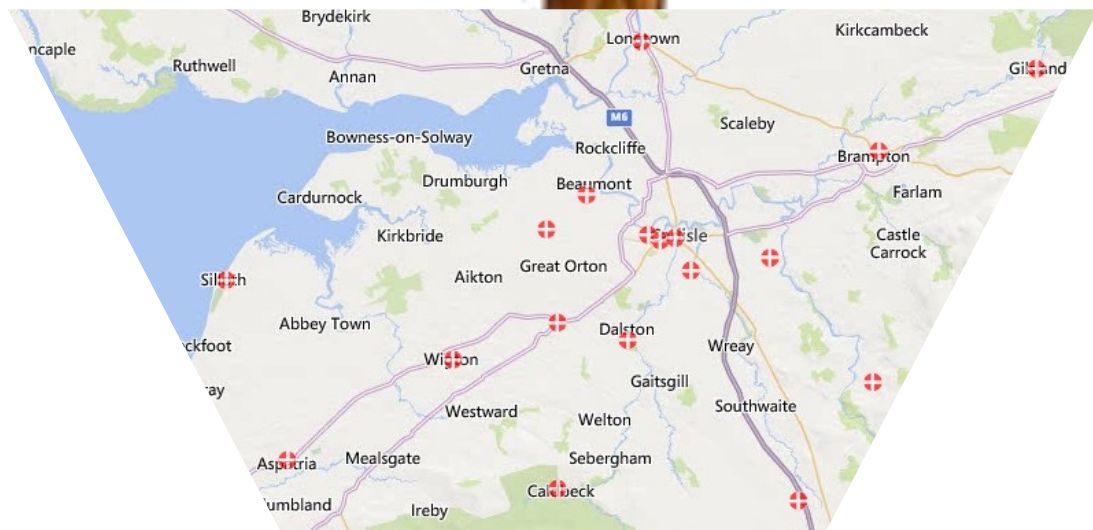


THE CANOPY

the North Cumbria Circuit



**God
for All**

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Letter from Rev David Newlove

They say that 7 is the perfect number. As a biblical principle it signifies perfection, fullness and completion. It's a number that travels throughout scripture from creation and the ordering of our week, through the seven full years of Joseph's story to the seven lamps on the menorah, the seven churches and the seven spirits in Revelation.

I can't say that my seven years with you have been perfect, full and complete. For perfection, where I have lacked, I apologise, for full and complete – well that was stopped by covid in the sense that we never got to achieve all we set out to do. But as I look back on my ministry with you I do feel fulfilled, we have shared in some deep moments of faith and grown through that experience. In terms of completeness, well that's a hard one. We are all only a part of the story of God's people and one that will continue to be written after we have gone.

On my reinvasion there was a vision for many things – that will be for Nigel Rodgers my successor when he comes and he will lead with you in the path the Spirit takes you. But I do not leave completely. I will continue to be your superintendent minister. I expect that I will still see you on a Sunday (though less frequently, especially at first as I give Nigel space) and when you participate in Circuit events and services. It will be good to see you and to hear of how you are doing.

And we know of course that perfection, fullness and completion will only be known by us in God's Kingdom. I look forward to it and will spend my life preparing for that sure and certain hope.

For now, I wish you God's blessing as you continue on the road that we have walked together. I will pray for you and for Nigel and I look forward to all that God has in store for the north of Cumbria.

God bless and thank you
David

*Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.* Psalm 105:1

Circuit Meeting Update

25th June 2025, CMC @ Wigton Road

The meeting was informed that after consideration Rev Tokunbo Asogbon and family have decided to enter stationing next year. It is not uncommon for first time stationed presbyters to move on after five years. Please keep Tokunbo and family in your prayers and thoughts as they prepare to enter stationing for September 2026.

Rev Phil Jackson paused the meeting to pray for Tokunbo, Bukky and the boys as they prepare for stationing and as Cumbria Methodist Circuit enters stationing.

The Multisite Churches & hubs gave reports of how they are working together; past events and gatherings plus future events/gatherings. Mission Community updates and events were also announced.

The amount of Circuit services on the June to August Plan was discussed. It is not usual to have 3 Circuit Services on the one plan however with the importance of each this was unavoidable. June service included the recognition of Isaac Moore becoming a Local Preacher and Long Service Certificates for Margaret Newrick, Rosalind Denholm & David Ward. July Service is the North Cumbria Methodist Circuit Celebration & Farewell Service for Dcn Mark Attwood. August service is the Launch & Welcome service of the new Cumbria Circuit.

As well as items of business the theme that ran through this final meeting as the North Cumbria Circuit was that of Thankfulness for all the people who had helped and worked for the North Cumbria Circuit and looking to the future of the Cumbria Circuit. Members expressed what they were thankful for including; our church families, getting to know other congregations, ministry both from Ministers and Local Preachers.

Invitations were distributed for the Cumbria Circuit Launch & Welcome Service on Sunday 31st August 11.00am at Penrith Methodist Church. All are Welcome.

Rev David Newlove closed the meeting with a prayer of thanks to all in the North Cumbria Circuit and for the future of the Cumbria Circuit.

Next Cumbria Circuit Meeting: Sunday 21st September, 2.30pm at Penrith MC followed by Circuit Worship Service at 6pm. All Welcome.

Circuit Steward Letter

On a recent holiday to Greece we stayed in a very quiet village on the island of Kefalonia; peace, quiet, BLISS. One night we went outside the village to a remote taverna called 'The Dreamcatcher' where we had a lovely meal as we looked out over the blue Mediterranean. It was well named the Dreamcatcher as we sat under some palm leaves and dreamed.

The prophet Joel said young men will see visions, old men will dream dreams. Its good to dream, we all need dreams, to be inspired, encouraged and challenged. In a chaotic world that needs hope we can dream the dream of the kingdom of Jesus. Those that have changed the world have been dreamers, they have dreamed of a world where communities live out the kingdom values of Jesus and God's presence is over all and in all. Do we dare to dream?

God has big dreams for each of us, for our towns, villages and city. He has a dream for the whole of creation. You don't have to go to Greece to dream (but it is nice) find a quiet space, comfy chair, relax, close your eyes have a nap - dream. God's vision is for his presence to be known through out the whole world our vision is to share in that vision by making his presence felt and experienced in our communities.

Alan F.



North Cumbria Methodist Circuit Celebration Weekend

Farewell Gathering/Cumberland Event
Saturday 12th July at 6.00pm
At Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road
See Poster for more details.
Tickets to be purchased in Advance.

Celebration and Farewell Service
Sunday 13th July at 10.30am
At Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road
All Welcome

Borders Methodist Church, Brampton

It's amazing how quickly time goes. It seems no time at all since the last one was published.

Our junior church group has been successful since it started up again and usually 5-7 children. They meet in the Upper Room which thanks to Victoria and Melanie is now a special place for them. Toddlers continues to be well attended and they certainly seem to have an exciting time.

We have a lovely new sign board outside the church building now with information. Also two smaller ones giving info on disabled access and the entrance to the church hall.

We are lucky to have a small group who organise exciting and welcoming events. A sing a long afternoon was fun with favourite songs accompanied by Martin and Paul. Of course, there was tea and cake in the interval. We also had a cream scone tea which was well attended by members of the community which considering the way the rain was coming down was amazing. However the highlight of these events was a concert by well-known flautist Simeon Wood. What a joyous night this turned out to be with Simeon delighting us with of kinds of music. Some of us were lucky to be there in the afternoon when he entertained the older children from Brampton Primary School. He showed the instruments he had made from a walking stick and bicycle pump and then played a tune on each. The children seemed to enjoy and were very enthusiastic with the questions. Thank you to you all for organising these events. I'm sure they are planning other exciting events.

This Sunday we have a special service as we welcome Melanie and Victoria into membership of the Methodist Church. Congratulations to you both.

Finally on a personal level can I say thank you to everyone for their love and prayers over the last few months. It meant a great deal. Thank you

Nancy Simpson

Borders Methodist Church, Longtown

This church year has been marked by both blessings, and great sadness!

We were saddened in April to lose our dear friend, and member Malcolm, 'Who went to be with his Lord', who he served faithfully as a local preacher, and valued steward of our church family. We miss him greatly, especially the warm welcome he gave people, on arrival at our church, and of course his legendary culinary skills, and beautifully iced and decorated cakes. We were very grateful to Brampton Church, who kindly hosted his funeral service.

We have been greatly blessed to have three new members, who were welcomed into our fellowship on Sunday 25th May, Anna from Northern Ireland, Dorothy from Morecambe, and Jane who has committed to becoming part of our Methodist family.

We hosted 'World Day of Prayer' on the 7th March, this year it was based on 'The Cook Islands ', with the theme 'I Made You Wonderful'. This was successfully organised by Jane Rutherford.

We held a joint service with Brampton, and other churches in The Border Hub, on the 9th March, which was well attended.

We are very grateful to Colin Harbach for leading us in worship, for our 'Easter Service of Holy Communion', which was well supported by everyone. We also hope to hold a 'Bible Study' soon, which Colin has agreed to take for us. We are also very grateful to David Foster, for all the hard work he puts into his 'Holy Habits' ministry.

We still continue to collect clothes, toiletries, and sanitary goods for Ukraine, and other countries, and thank all churches who have donated goods, in support of 'Newstart Recycle', over the past months.

We are in the process of setting up a support group, for anyone who needs support in the wider community, as well as church members.

We ask for prayers for our 'Longtown Youth Hub, which is experiencing difficulties at this present time. It has been decided that our offering from this 'Hub Service' (Sunday 25th May) should be sent to 'Network Youth Hub', which operates in Brampton and Longtown.

Julie Taylor

Circuit Service 1st June 2025 at CMC, Wigton Road.



Recognition Service for Local Preacher Isaac Moore. Long Service Certificates for Margaret Newrick, Rosalind Denholm and David Ward.



Photograph's by Mr Harry Gill.



Photographs taken by Mr Harry Gill from the Circuit Service on 1st June 2025 continued



Letter from Rev Phil Jackson

I would like to take the opportunity in this last edition of the Canopy to say a huge thank you.



Thank you to all of those who have contributed to the life of the circuit, holding office, making tea, preaching, tidying up after events, chairing and minuting meetings, and everything else that you have all done. Methodism has lay leadership at its roots, and I am so grateful for that fact that our churches are blessed with such wonderful people of God so willing to serve the Kingdom of God here.

This edition of Canopy will be coming to you in the closing weeks of the North Cumbria Circuit, and you may be reading this in the opening weeks of the Cumbria Circuit. This is a new chapter that we are not unaccustomed to, having come together a number of times in our journey to the circuit we currently have. It has been a real life adventure story, and now there is a new chapter to it.

Sometime, taking a step on a new adventure can be exciting, full of opportunity and new sights. Sometimes, those first steps can be daunting, a step into the unknown, and this is not just true for new adventures, each step a mini adventure of its own.

This particular Methodist adventure will probably inspire different emotions within you, but the most important part of any quest like this is the people that we journey with. It has certainly been an honour for me to travel this road with you all, and I am very grateful to God for all the ways in which I have been blessed over the last few years. I am particularly thankful that we will continue to be alongside one another for the next part of the adventure.

My prayer is that as we turn the page on one chapter, we will be brave enough to write some exciting and bold words in the next chapter of this Kingdom story.

Phil Jackson

Rev Nigel Rodgers

I have served the Methodist Church on the Isle of Wight, Inverness in Scotland, Teddington in London, West Yorkshire and North Wales. So, I have travelled almost as far as it is possible in British Methodism.



I was born in Rotherham, Yorkshire. I grew up with 3 younger sisters and as many did in those days, we were sent to Sunday School although our parents were not regularly in church. As we grew older, we realised we could say 'no' and so I opted out. In my teens and twenties, I would have described myself as an atheist until I was about 30. If you want to know the details of how and what happened you will need to ask if we meet. Needless to say, becoming a Methodist has been a transformation – we are not all born wearing a dog collar!

Before I became a minister, I was a Building Services Engineer involved in the heating and ventilation of mainly commercial buildings, mostly designing or project managing large projects. I didn't work on the tools so don't trust me with your plumbing. The language in my work environment then was far from Holy, but the reality of life means we are often in the messiness of earthly problems. So, it pays to have a down-to-earth approach to life.

I was married to Kim for 30 years before losing her to cancer. Christianity is, at its core, about resurrection hope and love and I have been blessed with another wonderful marriage with Lucy.

Lucy was born in London and moved to Lincolnshire in her childhood. She has also lived for a few years in France and Australia. Lucy trained as a nurse and in more recent years has been a mental health practitioner and working in substance misuse, most recently with young people.

We both have a passion for mission, hospitality and opening opportunities to open others to the kin-dom of Jesus.

We are excited about growing with our sisters and brothers in Cumbria and growing together the kin-dom of Jesus as we share the good news.

Rev Nigel Rodgers



Circuit Cumberland Evening

Giving thanks for David & Mark's ministry amongst us

Carlisle Methodist Church,
Wigton Road
Saturday 12th July
from 6.00pm

Supper
Cumberland Sausage
Mash & Peas
(Vegetarian alternative on request)
Sticky Toffee Pudding

Entertainment
Cumbria Dialect
Quiz
Call My Bluff
Cumberland Square Eight

Tickets £7.00

any surplus to the Circuit Charity

(Tickets to be bought in ADVANCE on a first come first serve basis)

For Tickets, please contact George Denholm

Tel: 016973 43922

Email: g.denholm@btopenworld.com

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.

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	
Mon.	07	7.00pm	Cumbria Circuit Strategy & Vision Meeting	Zoom
Wed.	09	7.30pm	Cumbria Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders	Zoom
Sat.	12	6.00pm	Circuit Farewell Gathering/Cumberland Event	CMC, Wigton Road
Sun.	13	10.30am	North Cumbria Circuit Celebration Service & Farewell	CMC, Wigton Rd
Sat.	19	2.00pm	Strawberry Tea & Gift Day	BMC, Wetheral
Sun.	20	10.30am	Village Open Air Joint Service	Wetheral Village Green

AUGUST

Sat.	09	10am-12nn	'At Home' Drop in for Tea & Cake	Paul & Wendy Beards House
Sat.	09	2-4pm	'At Home' Drop in for Tea & Cake	Paul & Wendy Beards House
Sun.	31	11.00am	Cumbria Methodist Circuit Launch & Welcome Service	Penrith

SEPTEMBER

Mon.	01	7.30pm	Cumbria Methodist Circuit Appointments Meeting	Zoom
Thurs.	11	7.00pm	Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Meeting	TBC
Sat.	20	10am-2pm	Bake Sale in aid of Hospice at Home	BMC, Brampton
Sun.	21	10.45am	Harvest Festival Service (Rev Phil Jackson)	Cornerstone@Aspatia
Sun.	21	2.30pm	Cumbria Circuit Meeting	Penrith
Sun.	21	6.00pm	Cumbria Circuit Worship Service	Penrith
Sun.	28	10.30am	Harvest Festival Service followed by Lunch	BMC, Brampton
Sun.	28	10.45am	Harvest Festival Service (Nathan Pattinson)	BMC, Wetheral
Tue.	30	7.30pm	Music Makers Concert (See poster for details)	CMC, Upperyby

OCTOBER

Sun.	12	10.00am	Harvest Festival Service (Nathan Pattinson)	BMC, Longtown
Sat.	25	10.30am	Hospice at Home Christmas Cards	Burgh-by-Sands Village Hall

NOVEMBER

Sat.	29	10am-3pm	Christmas Craft Fair	BMC, Brampton
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**Hospice at Home Carlisle & North Lakeland
Sale of Christmas Cards, Crafts & Raffle**

**Burgh-by-Sands Village Hall
Saturday 25th October. 10.30—12.30**

Refreshments by Village Hall Café
Your support is appreciated

Circuit Administrator—Vicky Logan

Thank you

I'm unsure if a Circuit Magazine will continue in the new Cumbria Circuit, if this is the last one I'm involved in I would just like to say Thank you to everyone who has edited, helped with production, contributed, given feedback and collected/distributed the Circuit Magazines: the many issues of 'RoundandAbout' and the 16 issues of 'The Canopy'.

It has been lovely getting updates from all the churches across North Cumbria and I hope a way to keep those links continues as we move forward into the Cumbria Circuit.

I will be continuing to work in the new Circuit, the specific areas I will be working on are yet to be decided but to begin with I'm expecting to carry on as normal in September until work streams are confirmed. This next year will be a lot of trial and error to see what works and what needs to be changed to make the Circuit work better. Please be patient with everyone as this new form of working is developed.

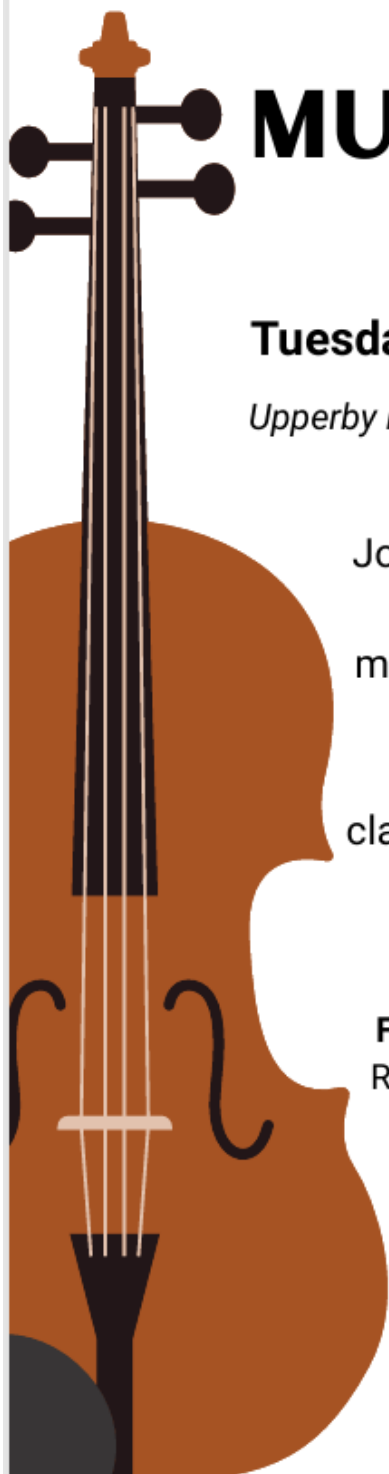
Feel free to still contact me in the usual way if you have any questions or need help with anything admin related.

August 2025 marks my 20th year of working in the Circuit starting with Carlisle Methodist Circuit in 2005 and after two mergers into the North Cumbria Circuit it is now. It seems fitting that at this milestone the Circuit makes a big change too. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the years and giving me the opportunity to work and learn in this role. I've enjoyed getting to know everyone and hope to continue working with you.

Thanks

Vicky Logan

North Cumbria Methodist Circuit Administrator



MUSIC MAKERS CONCERT

Tuesday 30th September | 7:30pm

Upperby Methodist Hall, 116 Upperby Road

Join the Music Makers Orchestra in concert – an ensemble of local musicians sharing their passion for performance. The programme promises a delightful mix of classical and light music, perfect for music lovers of all ages.

Free admission – donations welcome
Refreshments served after the concert



MUSIC MAKERS



Monkhill

Since the last Canopy magazine, we have shared a very good joint Own Arrangement service at Wetheral MC and enjoyed further fellowship with them over coffee. We've celebrated an Easter Day Service with St Mary's Church, Beaumont followed by the traditional Egg Rolling down the steep bank behind Church into the churchyard. Our Anniversary Service in May was led by George Denholm and we were joined by members of St Mary's. On the last Sunday in May, our Communion Service led by David Newlove was a true celebration as Ed Glaister and Liz Singleton were accepted into membership.

The Open House at Braelees on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May was supported by local parishioners and by various Churches in the Circuit and donations given were towards Chapel funds. Thank-you for the support we received from helpers, bakers and those who attended and donated. The weather did not allow for time in the garden which was a shame as this year's event was the last one to be held at the lovely venue of "Braelees".

Chapel members and some who attend Lunch with Us were pleased, once again, to be able to support Duncan and John's Open Gardens Charity Event near Wigton. They kindly provide flowers from their garden every month for the Community Lunch and it was wonderful to see their garden in full bloom, be it on an extremely windy afternoon (that's the British weather for you!)

The Chapel now has some tubs of colourful lupins at the Chapel steps at the corner, donated and tended by Caroline who lives in the cottage opposite. So kind of her to think of us; we are very grateful to her.

We continue with services most Sundays unless there is a Circuit Service. Or an afternoon service at Port Carlisle which we like to support and we hope others may take the time to journey out to Port Carlisle on a 5th Sunday afternoon to join us for the 2.30pm service (lifts can be provided on request).

The Chapel remains open daily from 8.00am to 7.00pm with a Visitors Book in the porch, a Prayer Box in Chapel and a donation box for the Carlisle Food Bank in the schoolroom.

Lynne Graham

Cornerstone

At Wigton we recently had an outing to Talkin Tarn organised by the pastoral leaders. About 20 people went by car, and the weather was fine. Most walked round the lake; a few sat and admired the view. We were, however, let down by the cafe facilities. The signposts as well as the website said "Open" - but it wasn't. The day was saved by Alan Fearon suggesting that we de-camped to Houghton Hall. All enjoyed a good time.

On Saturday 21st June Alan and Adeline Fearon had an open house with tea and cakes - it was another opportunity for people to meet together socially.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary



Rev Peter Ormerod and his wife Irene celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in June. They had an "at home" on Thursday 19th June with an open invitation - and then on Sunday morning (22nd June) at Wigton there was a special cake.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Peter & Irene.

Launch and Welcome Service

11:00am

Sunday 31st August 2025
At Penrith Methodist Church



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You are invited to celebrate the launch of the new Cumbria Circuit, welcome our new Ministers and share together in worshipping God as the people called Methodists in the County of Cumbria

Penrith Methodist Church
Wordsworth Street, Penrith CA11 7QY
Parking Limited to Blue Badge parking on site
The nearest car park is the Sandgate Car Park CA11 7UP

The service will be recorded and streamed to a limited number of venues for those unable to travel to Penrith. Please speak to your Minister about this.



Dalston

Hello from Dalston, it seems a long time since Easter but I wanted to tell you what a wonderful time we had; beginning with the Holy Week Concert/ Reflection held on the Tuesday. The Dalston Male Voice Choir did us proud again with beautiful songs and thought provoking poems. Then on Good Friday we were led in

worship by Rev. Janis Faris and then on Easter Sunday Alan Fearon told the story of Easter very eloquently! All the services were well attended —with extra seats brought in for the concert!

It was our Church Anniversary coffee morning and Anniversary service in June Thank You to all who helped us celebrate.

..... Ann Oldman

Thurstonfield



The Chapel recently held a successful VE day Oasis which raised £145 for the Royal British Legion and we saw a lot of new faces who we hope will return for our monthly coffee afternoon. The same week we joined in the local scarecrow competition. Details on the next page of what's on at the chapel.

Sunday services at 6.30pm and all are welcome.

Oasis every first Monday of the month except bank holidays. 2.15 to 3.15. Tea ,coffee and home made cakes and sandwiches and other treats. No cost but donations welcome.

Parents and Toddlers every Tuesday 10am to 11.30. Lots of fun for the children and refreshments provided.

Any questions about the above you can contact Mary Pattinson 01228 576027 or Chris Kelly 01228 712936.

Christine Kelly

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Carlisle Methodist Church, Upperby

On March 9th we held our Church Anniversary Service, our preacher was Mr Robert Pattinson. Robert reminded us of when we had young people who were keen to take part in activities at that time. We thank him for his memories, the service was enjoyed by everyone.

We enjoyed our Hub Service on April 27th, Dcn Mark Attwood was our preacher. Refreshments were served after the service for friends to chat.

The Local Vocals Choir gave a concert in the Hall on June 8th to celebrate V.E. Day, the audience was very appreciative of the entertainment, also the community singing the old wartime songs followed by refreshments. An ideal afternoon, well done.

David, Heather & Family—David is moving away from us to take up residence in Penrith, yet still very much involved with us as he takes up his new position as Superintendent of the whole of Cumbria. No doubt there will be many problems to sort out as the new circuit takes shape. David will have our support and prayers. Every blessing to David, Heather and family for the future.

Mark & Christina—are moving to pastures new in Barnsley, Yorkshire. We thank Mark for his ministry amongst us, always ready with an encouraging word and a challenging word in his preaching. May God bless them both as they move to a new area of ministry.

Jean & Raymond Baron



The Cumbria Circuit are looking for Volunteers

Archivist

Circuit Stewards

EDI Officer

Circuit Treasurer

MDR

**Prayer
Secretary**

**Manse
Secretary**

**Circuit
Meeting
Secretary**

**Lay Employment
Secretary & group
members**

**LP & WL
Secretary
& Tutors**

And many other roles

Please either fill out an Expression on Interest form or contact
Rev David Newlove by email revdavidnewlove@gmail.com
or via

Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith CA11 7QY

Comms: Most of the Communications team's progress this month has been around how we will communicate after we have come together as one circuit, helping to make sure that we grow as one Cumbria wide Methodist family. The new Cumbria Circuit website build is underway with a draft for review and approval expected in the next few weeks. A branding template has been developed and is with the implementation group for approval. A set of guidelines for use of Cumbria Circuit social media have been developed which are also with the implementation group for approval. Work continues to develop the Cumbria Circuit website and a single "portal" for submission of information. This email has been sent to 171 people this month. If you would like to start receiving the update via email please contact Hayley Edmondson on Hayley.edmondson@methodist.org.uk

Finance: The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer jobs have been advertised. Please pray that God calls and equips those who offer and pray for both roles to be filled. The budget for the Cumbria Circuit for next year has been updated with the latest data. The Finance sub group met on 25th June to review the data on the churches and to further develop the expenses and grant making policies. The insurance details for all of the Circuits have been collated into one policy for the new Cumbria Circuit. The process with TMP to transfer all of the Circuit Accounts and Trust funds into one account has started. The finance team are assisting the Property & Personnel teams respectively with their work on a manse and church properties spreadsheet and collating the payment details for all of the Ministers and Lay workers. Finally, letters have been issued to all regarding the quarterly August assessment payments to the Circuits and the revised payment details for the remaining quarters of next year. Our thanks again to TCC and to all of the Circuit Treasurers for their support.

Strategy & Vision: All churches should have now received, by email, Strategy & Vision posters, flyers and booklets (including two mind maps), for comment and circulation (and printing where necessary) to all members. Comments welcome, to Rev Dr Helen Hooley on helen.hooley@methodist.org.uk, or via your local minister. Please speak to your local Strategy & Vision team

member, if you have any questions. We are planning a zoom meeting to continue the Strategy & Vision conversation, before the documents already produced are passed to the first Cumbria Circuit Meeting for approval. Approval doesn't mean the Strategy & Vision is then set in stone; we hope that it will continue to develop as we work together towards the Kingdom of Jesus. Prayer Cards which encourage us all to pray at 1.10pm each day, will be circulated shortly. Don't wait for the prayer card to start praying! The next Strategy & Vision meeting will be held on zoom on Monday 7th July at 7.00pm. Please encourage every church member to read their monthly email communication from mailchimp, and consider printing for local members where necessary.

Personnel: As with many things we will start off with a pattern of staff meetings that will either remain or be adapted. Our intention is to hold our Circuit staff meetings on the first Monday of each month for all ordained staff, with lay staff joining us once a quarter (October, January April and July). We will meet for the day (10.00am—3.00pm) for fellowship, study, training and business. Staff may form other local groups or networks alongside these meetings as appropriate. Volunteer Roles poster should now be displayed in churches. Expression of Interest & EDI Monitoring forms are also available. Please request the forms/complete and return to Vicky Logan or Rev David Newlove as soon as possible

Central Support (Admin): We are anticipating that access to the new Chrestos site for the Circuit Preaching Plan will be open to us on the 1st July 2025. We expect to get log-in details out to Ministers and Local Preachers in South Lakes and South West Cumbria United Area that week. Preachers from Western Fells and North Cumbria should be able to use their current log-ins (though may need to reset their password) The current Central support administration group continues to meet monthly. Although a good deal of forward planning has taken place, information/input is now required from other sub groups before further progress can be made. Some actions will not be able to be undertaken until after 1st September 2025 when the new circuit comes into being.

Ministry: With Rev Ros Watson (half time, supernumerary presbyter) coming to our Appleby/East Fell Side appointment we have completed stationing for 2024-25—Praise God! All new staff

will be welcomed at our launch service on Sunday 31st August, 11.00am at Penrith Methodist Church. Please do join us. Our first in person meeting of Local Preachers & Worship Leaders will be on Thursday 11th September at 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed. To prepare for this we would like to invite interested preachers and worship leaders to join us on zoom on Wednesday 9th July at 7.30pm. This will be an informal meeting to think about how we wish to meet and start planning a pattern for those meetings. The meeting is open to all local preachers and worship leaders. For link/Meetin ID and passcode please contact Vicky Logan.

Governance—David Newlove is collating a list of Synod reps (these should have been nominated by your Circuit Meeting). Please remember that, as with most of our meetings, others can attend too if they wish (except for if/when we go into closed session). If you are not a representative but do wish to attend it would be good to know so that we can supply you with an agenda and associated paperwork.

Circuit Meeting reps should have Sunday 21st September 2025 in your diaries for our first full Circuit Meeting at Penrith Methodist Church from 2.30pm to 5.30pm. We expect to follow this with a Circuit Celebration Service for those who wish to stay on or join us. We will hold a short zoom Circuit Meeting on Monday 1st September at 7.30pm. This will be to make key appointments so that folk do not have to wait until the 21st to get started. Zoom details and an agenda will be shared in due course.

General: The Methodist tapestries are currently on tour in Cumbria. We are hosting 15 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. Places where you can visit them are on the Cumbria Methodist Circuit Facebook Page

Cumbria is looking forward to hosting a rural placement for 12 ministerial students from the Queen's Foundation in Birmingham from 4th to 7th September 2025. The students will stay at Rydal Hall and visit places which reflect the geography and diversity of Cumbria, as well as join a number of congregations for worship on the Sunday morning.

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