

Weekly update 240226: Please find attached the Spring 2026 newsletter from Cartmel Peninsula Youth Trust, whose work Grange Methodist Church supports financially and in prayer

Message from Su Lockley and Barbara Leader: “**GRANTS NEWS:** We are delighted to let you know that Cumbria Methodist Circuit has awarded Grange a grant of £500 for updating our streaming kit. We have also heard that the Garfield Weston Foundation is releasing to us the £30,000 they pledged in 2023 towards our redevelopment project.”

Message from Claire from Cartmel Quakers: “Everyone is very welcome to join a 30-minute silent Peace Meeting at **Cartmel Meeting House on Friday 27 February**, starting at 10:30 am. Followed by refreshments and time for sharing.”

Messages from Sue Nicol: “**Auction of Promises 2026 - Friday 20th March at 6pm in the Church Hall** Have you signed up for this yet?! It’s not far away – and the closing date for offers is **Sunday 8th March**, as we need time to sort them out and get organised! You have until **Sunday 15th March** to sign up for the meal. There is no charge for attending, as we hope you will be spending money on the bidding(!) but donations are welcome. We just need to know numbers for catering purposes. We are very grateful to the Toast Church leaders, who are cooking the meal and providing an auctioneer in the person of Rob Martin. After the meal we work through the process of bidding for the ‘Promises’ that have been offered. These can range from the offer of a day out to the teaching of a new skill, an invitation to a meal or the provision of home-made cake or chutney or jam. Anything that you can give in the way of service or opportunities for others. If you have a good relationship with a local shop or business, you may feel able to ask if they would be willing to support us by donating a voucher? The offers will be listed on the programme so that we can decide what we want to bid for beforehand. Fliers advertising the event are available to give to friends. We hope you will be able to join in this evening, which is great fun, and help raise further funds for the Church Development Project. Thank you.”

“**Produce Stall!** It’s the first Wednesday in the month on **March 4th**, so that means the Produce Stall will be in operation at the Coffee Morning. Liz is not available, but I am covering for her, so please bring contributions as usual, or come and purchase some goodies. I will be making cheese scones, though they will not be quite the same as Liz’s very popular ones! Thank you. Sue Nicol.”

Regular weekly activities at Grange, all in the church hall: Toast Church meets from 9:00am on term-time Sundays, Baby group meets from 9:30am on Tuesdays, and the Wednesday community coffee morning is from 10:30 to noon.

The Churches Together Lent Lunches continue each Friday in Lent. Soup Lunch at 12:00 noon, followed by a short devotional time at 1:00pm. Donations will be given to the Cartmel Peninsula Churches Together Youth Trust. We are hosting at Grange Methodist church on **Friday, February 27th** – thanks to all who are providing soup and helping serve – then on March 6th the venue is St John’s, Flookburgh.

All are invited to share in the Churches Together Lent Quiet morning at Grange Methodist church on **Saturday, February 28th** on the theme “Chosen by God”. Come to the church hall from 9:30 for coffee, then at 10:00 Rev Sue Nicol will lead us in worship and into a time of guided quiet reflection, leading to a service of Holy Communion together, finishing by 12:00. Bring a packed lunch if you’d like to stay on for further fellowship – hot drinks will be provided.

Our Lent study groups at Grange Methodist church start on **Tuesday, March 3rd**. Rev Hayley Edmondson will be leading a series on “The Women of Holy Week” in the church hall, starting at 2:00pm. Refreshments will be included in the sessions. The other gatherings are on March 10th (2:00pm start), March 24th (3:00pm start) and March 31st (2:00pm start). All welcome; you do not have to be at all the sessions..

Reminder to those involved, and for your prayers: Grange Church Council meets on **Tuesday, March 3rd** in the church hall, **starting at 4:00pm**.

Sunday services: **Grange:** The service at 10:30am on **Sunday, March 1st** will be led by Rev David Edmondson. That evening there will be a reflective service at 6:00pm, led by David and Hazel Edmondson. The service on March 8th will be led by Mrs Leanne Long.

Cartmel: The service at 11:00am on **Sunday, March 1st** will be led by Mrs Hazel Edmondson. The service on March 8th will be led by Rev David Edmondson. .

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be at St. Mary's Church, Allithwaite on **Friday, March 6th** at 2:00pm. The theme this year is "I will give you rest, come" and has been prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria.

The Repair Café will be open from 5-7pm on **Friday, March 6th** in Grange church hall. Do think whether you have any items to bring – the next one is not till the beginning of May. Offers of cake to Hazel please.

There is an invitation to all men to come to the ecumenical Men's breakfast in Grange Methodist church hall on **Saturday, March 7th** for a simple breakfast and a time of conversation and prayer.

The next Friendly Foods lunch will be in Grange Church Hall at 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, March 10th**. The menu will be home-made cottage pie and vegetables, followed by rice pudding. No need to book, and no set charge – donations welcome for church funds.

Advance notice – please note that there will be no lunch and pray on Wednesday, March 11th.

All are welcome to share worship and fellowship in the URC hall from 10:30 on Thursday mornings. The speakers will be: March 5th David and Hazel Edmondson; March 12th Rev Martyn Coe. Monday Meet-Up at the URC is on every Monday afternoon in Lent from 2:00 to 3:30, including a Lent reflection.

The deadline for the March Mustard Seed, which will go out on March 3rd, is **this Sunday, March 1st**. Please send items for it or for this update to me (edmola11@yahoo.co.uk or 36213). Thanks, Hazel

Special thanks to Andrew Lockley, who has done a lot of work on the Grange page of the Cumbria Circuit website, and who has sent me the detailed set of link below for those of you who can get online:

Links

Our page on the Cumbria circuit website is being regularly updated, and lists forthcoming services on the Circuit plan. There are links to pretty much everything – service videos, printed services, newsletters etc. www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/grange.html

Newsletters: The Mustard Seed, our monthly newsletter, and the weekly updates, can be found here: <https://www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/churches/south-west/grange/downloads.html> or from "Downloads" on the main church page.

Activities: Articles about to the Building Redevelopment project, and our regular activities, can be found at <https://www.slakesmethodist.org.uk/redevelopmentproject.htm> or from "Regular activities" on the main church page.

Events: A Church calendar, with articles about forthcoming events, is here: <https://www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/churches/south-west/grange/calendar.html> or from "Events at Grange" on the main church page.

Worship: You can join in with the services online at 10.30 on Sunday, or watch them later, here: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCunc5sL6mGVzutis5vZ-87g>. If you have missed any, the full back catalogue is also there. Services for use at home, and the current preaching plan in printable form, are at <https://www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/worship-downloads.html> – or use the plan search page, <https://www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/worship.html>