

Cumbria Connect

Cumbria Methodist Circuit Magazine



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Autumn 2025

Diary Date



Circuit Meeting

21st September 2025

2:30 - 5:30pm

Penrith Methodist Church

Followed by Circuit Service - 6:00pm

All within the circuit are welcome to join us for worship, even if you aren't a member of the circuit meeting.

My name is David, I am the Superintendent Minister for the Cumbria Circuit. This is a new role and (for the first time in my 30 years of ministry) I will be without any chapels under my charge. Alongside my Circuit role I am the Cumbria Mission Area Lead for our District and a Deputy Chair, so I expect that life will involve lots of travelling and meetings. I see my roles as being about *flourishing missional relationships* - locally, ecumenically and regionally. I am excited about our new venture and look forward to working alongside you.

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**David
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Circuit Superintendent

I am reminded of a cartoon our 3 children watched on TV. It was a programme called The Story Keepers. It was a series (still available on You Tube) that followed the church under the persecution of Nero as they kept the story of Jesus alive. Every week Ben the Baker would share a story, usually in the catacombs of Rome. And every week he started off with the introduction "Friends of Jesus"

I hold that image in my mind as I write this. Not just the phrase Ben used but the sentiment behind it, for it speaks not just of a name or group but of the one who united them.

As we come together as the Cumbria Circuit let us hold that in our minds too. Whenever we meet – be it for worship, a meeting or any activity we do so as friends of Jesus - and to tell his story today.

As we launch, I wish to thank all those who have helped us get to this point. It has been a hard task and one that has been done with much grace. Thank you.

I acknowledge too that for many of you this is change that you have had to wrestle with and I pray that, in the same grace we have seen in our forming you will find your purpose through it and that together we may grow as friends of Jesus.

Welcome too, to this new publication a *good newsletter*. In this first edition you will find an introduction to all our churches, in the future, as well as further information we will be including personal and group devotional material – pertinent to the season we are to enter.

As we move on together, I want to encourage you to hold onto this verse from Paul's Letter to the Romans. *12¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.* As we are joyful, patient and faithful may we live in the hope of our salvation, the sustaining presence of the Spirit and be drawn into a deeper relationship with God through our common prayer life.

May God bless you and be with you

David

Release Love **Love never fails (1 Corinthians 13 v 8 NIV)**

Forming a negative opinion based on appearance takes less than twenty seconds. As Thelma Wells says, “It’s easy to do when someone doesn’t look, sound, shake hands, or think like you. However, John says, “Anyone who does not love his brother, cannot love God. (1 John 4 v 20 NIV). You cannot love God if you harbour bad feelings towards others. We’re more than flesh – we’re spiritual beings – and our God-given gifts, character, values, intellect, and passions are the foundation of who we are, not our height, weight, mannerisms, hair colour and age.

When we realise that God loves us even though He doesn’t like some of our attitudes and actions, it becomes easier to love others. When we realise our negative feelings towards others get in the way of our love for God, it becomes easier to love. And when we’re in communion with our Creator, asking Him to give us His eyes and heart, it becomes easier to love. Jesus said “If you only love the loveable, do you expect a pat on the back? Even run-of-the-mill sinners do that.” (Luke 6 v 31 TM). It may never be easy to love certain people, but when you make the tough choice to love them anyway, the rewards are always worth it. The Bible says, “Love never fails”, and when you refuse to love you miss out on God’s best. One Bible teacher says, “Don’t miss out on any of it...God is love and when you release love you release God, and He becomes responsible for the outcome. Release love every moment into every situation, every prayer and every thought...It will strengthen and cast out fear. It’s the one solution that always works.”

The above items were taken from a free daily devotional called “Word for Today” obtainable from UCB, Westport Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST 6 4JF

In this edition George Denholm (a Local Preacher in Wigton) offers one of his biblical heroes.

Who is your spiritual hero?

One of my spiritual heroes is Caleb. Read about him in the Bible - Numbers Ch.13 and Joshua Ch.14.

Who exactly is Caleb?

Caleb was one of the twelve men sent by Moses to spy out the land of Canaan. He was forty years old. Although the land was fertile and fruitful, it was occupied by some fearful people. When the men came back ten were disillusioned and were convinced that they could never overcome these people..

Only Caleb and Joshua had sufficient faith in God to believe that he could enable them to occupy the land of Canaan which he had promised them. All the Israelites wanted to turn back to Egypt where they felt safe. Caleb was willing to show his faith in God as he urged the people not to rebel against God but to believe that he was with them.

We are told that Caleb followed God wholeheartedly. Forty five years later, at the age of eighty five he was given a portion of land in Canaan. His faith showed itself in patient and calm reliance upon God who was and is all powerful.

How has his faith had an impact on you?

To read of Caleb's unwavering faith in spite of immense opposition is an encouragement to me. Caleb's God is our God, he does not change.

Today's culture and circumstances may be different. In everyday life there are times when I have to stand for my faith or there are times of testing when I wonder if I can get through them.

At such times I remember Caleb's words, "The Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them" and I remember that he followed God wholeheartedly.

As a Christian how would you want to be more like him?

To keep my eyes fixed on Jesus. Not to waver but to stand by my convictions and to remember, like Caleb, how God in his faithfulness, has brought me to where I am today.



**Andy
Burgess**

Andy grew up in the North West and has a deep-rooted love for the Western Dales, making it a joy for him to minister in such a special part of the country. He and his wife, Joy, have four children at various stages of school life, keeping family life lively and full. Andy appreciates the rich variety and challenge that ministry brings. In his spare time, he can often be found walking, running, or cycling through the Dales. As both an ordained Anglican priest and an Authorised Methodist Presbyter, he values the opportunities for connection and collaboration across denominations.

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**Cornerstone
Community Church
Sedburgh**



Cornerstone Community Church is a welcoming church with a mix of worship styles and lots of activities for young people.

LA10 5AF



Dentdale

We meet at 10.30am on the first and third Sunday of the month. We worship with St Andrew's, Dent, on the second and fourth Sundays

LA10 5QJ

Garsdale

You are welcome to join us at one of our Sunday services. Low Smithy Chapel was built in 1830, and there is a plaque inside in memory of our founder Jonathan Kershaw.



LA10 5PF



Hawes Junction

Originally opened to serve the local community of railway employees and farmers, Hawes Junction chapel is now home to special services and events throughout the year.

LA10 5PT



**Emma
Holroyd**

Hello! I'm very much looking forward to joining the Cumbria circuit. I'm passionate about children's & families, schools work & pastoral visiting.

My other passions are open water swimming & playing my flute/piccolo in Kendal concert band which although will be a bit further to travel to, I'm planning to stay with. I will have pastoral charge of Cleator Moor, Great Clifton, Frizington, Harrington, Hensingham, Maryport, and Workington United Church. I will be moving into the manse in Seaton along with my 5 cats & 3 bunnies. My parents & my sister's family including my 3 young nephews live in Liverpool.

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Cleator Moor

Sundays 11am.
Large set of
buildings c.12-15.

Friday coffee morning and
shop. *CA25 5AP*



Frizington

Sundays 11am. c10.
Active outreach youth
work and various

events. *CA26 3PB*

Maryport
Sunday 11am, c30. Also run
Signpost on High Street, cafe-
style outreach venue. Also
includes a quarterly service at Dearham
Parish church and a monthly service at
Flimby St Nics Parish Church. *CA15 6EZ*



Great Clifton

Sunday 10am alternating
with St Lukes Parish
Church, c6 mainly elderly.
Small village chapel. Monthly
youth group. *CA14 1QD*



Harrington

Sunday 11am c14
Large premises of
church and church
Hall. Ageing congregation
CA14 5PT



Hensingham

Sunday 11am c10-20 Large
building with hall. *CA28 8RE*



Kirkland LEP

Part of Lamplugh,
Kirkland &
Ennerdale CoE



Parish overseen by the
Parish minister. Methodist
led service once a month.
11:00am c10-15.

CA26 3YE

Workington United Church

URC/Methodist LEP. Sunday
11am c.20 Alistair Smeaton
(URC) is lead minister. Wesley
Guild. *CA14 4DZ*



Guild.

CA14 4DZ



**Grace
Cauldwell**

I am Grace, a pioneer minister in the central lakes area of our amazing county, I lead on Ruach, a project serving those currently not connected with church. I have a particular interest in craft www.linktr.ee/craftasworship and supporting churches in discerning where God is calling them to serve in their local communities so that they can be places where God's love is known, and then supporting them to ensure the governance matches the vision! In my spare time I love messing about in water, and starting and never finishing creative projects!

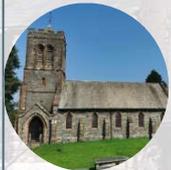
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Coniston

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**St Luke's
Lowick**

LA12 8EE



Windermere

LA23 1BU



Hawkshead

LA22 0PE

Coniston Methodist Church is both a local church community, fully embedded in the life of Coniston village, and key players in the Love Coniston partnership project between churches, council and community. Coniston is also the host Local Church for the Central Lakes Class, a dispersed community of Methodists across Lowick, Windermere, Ambleside, Hawkshead and Grasmere. Most folk worship alongside other denominations on a Sunday (we supply preachers at Lowick, Ambleside and Windermere (Carver LEP)) and Hawkshead has a team offering midweek prayer and chaplaincy, and a rolling programme of exhibitions.



Cartmel

Cartmel are a committed congregation who love to worship, with their wonderful organists they embody the phrase "born in song". Cartmel also host a monthly coffee morning, welcoming friends from the village and beyond.

LA11 6PG



Ambleside

Ambleside Parish Centre is a community partnership focussing on social justice, the heart of the Lakes has 12% child poverty, and one of the biggest gaps between income and cost of living in the UK. Alongside the Anglican church and the Community APC offers a range of programs, as well as being a hub for the Central Lakes ministry.

LA22 9DH



**Hayley
Edmondson**

Hi I'm Hayley. Originally from Wolverhampton, I was welcomed to Cumbria as a Methodist Minister in 2023 but I've lived in Barrow in Furness since 2003 with my Barrow born husband, Simon. I am passionate about sharing God's inclusive love with all and enjoy leading worship and Bible study, and chatting to people individually about faith. In my spare time you'll find me travelling, eating nice food or watching Formula 1 motor racing.

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Grange-over-sands

Grange Methodist Church welcomes

and offers support to all people in loving and serving God, loving and serving our neighbours, both locally and globally, and in growing and sharing faith. We are currently working hard to raise funds to help ensure our Grade II listed building can be made a welcoming space for everyone.

LA11 7EY



Millom

Millom Methodist Church is a place for everyone which supports the community. It is a place where food is always central, both physical and spiritual food, and where everyone is warmly welcomed to participate in worship and fellowship.

LA18 4DN



Kirkby in Furness and Ulverston at Kirkby

A small chapel at the heart of a rural village, Kirkby in Furness Methodist Church works closely with the other churches in the village to ensure a Christian witness and presence in the community. The congregation works hard to ensure a warm welcome to all on Sundays or mid-week and enjoys holding an annual plant sale which welcomes people from across all of Furness.

LA17 7UT



Kirkby in Furness and Ulverston at Ulverston

Ulverston Methodist Church is a welcoming, inclusive and loving community for all ages which is willing to support and stand with those who are on the edges of society. It offers a range of worship opportunities as well as weekly and monthly gatherings for fellowship, support and encouragement in faith.

LA12 0AN



Hi - I'm deputy superintendent (I've got a badge!), leading on Strategy and Vision, with a portfolio of Mission and Ministry.

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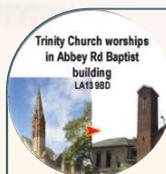
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Beacon Hill

A warm and welcoming church, with groups for toddlers, older people, uniformed organisations etc. Members also support a local dementia friendly service, and the local Foodbank

LA13 9LH



Trinity

Trinity Church is a joint United Reformed Church and Methodist church, working in, for, and with the local community. Trinity meet in the Abbey Road Baptist building.

LA13 9BD

Vickerstown

A small, supportive congregation on Walney island. The church has a prayer group that normally meets fortnightly and leads a 'Prayer and Praise' service approximately once every 6 weeks. We also host the annual Bonfire night celebration!



LA14 3QY



Hartington Street

We are here to worship God, to spread the Good News of Jesus and to seek ways of sharing his love, in the power of the Holy Spirit. We have toddler church on Sundays, and Messy church in term time.

LA14 5SR

Re:new

Charity shop and community hub, a new place for new people, in the community, by the community, for the community.



LA14 1PH



Julia Reid

Julia was ordained in 2022 and joins the Cumbria Circuit from the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit, where she has pastoral charge of the Swaledale section of churches. Prior to entering ministry Julia served in many roles in churches and circuits within the Scotland District. She also brought up her three (now adult) children and had a successful career, mainly in the Insurance and Finance sectors. Since 2024 Julia also serves as a Director of the Methodist Insurance Company, supporting their mission to serve the Methodist Church and its people,

ultimately by providing grants to the Methodist Connexion and individual churches. At the centre of Julia's calling is a passion for encouraging congregations to evangelise...believing there is a great need for people to encounter the God who loves them unconditionally and who will transform the world through that love. This, she believes, is what Methodism was raised up for and what makes it relevant today.

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Penrith

Located in the heart of Penrith, PMC has a focus on worship, outreach, and fellowship. The church offers regular services, holds community events and supports people of all ages. All are invited to come and explore faith in a friendly and inclusive environment. CA11 7QY



Cottage Wood

The Cottage Wood Centre is a small community of Methodists who meet in a rural chapel situated between the villages of Plumpton and Calthwaite, north of Penrith. As well as holding services and events at special times of the year, the church now has a Silver Eco Church award and continues to promote activities which encourage everyone to care for the environment and local community. CA11 9PL

Patterdale LEP

St Patrick's Church, Patterdale, is an ecumenical community of local people who feel privileged to be able to live and worship in this beautiful area of the Lake District. CA11 0NL



Stainton

The Stainton chapel is the heart of the community. There are multiple outreach activities supporting local communities and children. CA11 0EA



Skelton

The Church has a lively and forward-looking elderly congregation. We are often joined by members of other churches and denominations for our worship and all are always welcome. We interact with the local community in coffee mornings, afternoon teas, a tea service run by Anna Chaplains and ad hoc special events. CA11 9TB





**Kate
Hunt**

I am a URC Minister in the Cumbria Missional Partnership with URC churches in Ramsden St Barrow and Grange. I have pastoral oversight of Askam Methodist Church which has merged with Dalton Community Church an LEP of Methodist and United Reformed Churches. I am an Authorised Methodist Presbyterian. Amongst other things I am the North West URC Synod Green Apostle.

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Dalton Community Church

A church at the heart of its community offering an inclusive welcome through its wide range of worship and activities for all-ages.



LA15 8RQ



Askam

A small number of members but with a heart for developing community.

LA16 7FD

LIVING *Good News*

We have chosen as our theme for this year Living Good News.

Perhaps when we reflect on **all** that we are called to do and to be as friends of Jesus then this theme can encapsulate much of what our theme suggests. It will be good to think around what this phrase means for our worshipping and serving together, through our activities, and within our patten of meetings.

What does the phrase mean for you and how far does it express your church life?



Marie-Anne Kent makes a second class prize winning Victoria Sandwich.

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Marie-Anne Kent



Stricklandgate

Stricklandgate aims to be a welcoming and open church, to encourage a personal faith, to share a life of fellowship and mutual support, and to reach out to the community in Christian service. We collaborate with other churches in Kendal looking at ways in which we can work together to further God's Kingdom. As part of this we're one of six partner churches funding a Christians Against Poverty [CAP] debt centre to provide drop-in advice and support for families struggling to manage in these hard economic times.

LA9 4QJ

Sandylands

We are an inclusive friendly community with people of different ages and backgrounds who seek to journey together:



- towards a closer relationship with God, with a commitment to prayer and relevant worship;
- in our love for one another in both the challenging and the positive experiences in life, offering support and encouragement;
- in our community and world with a commitment to reach out to those in need, sharing God's love in practical ways.

LA9 6EU



**Nick
Baker**

One of the Deputy Superintendents, Nick began ministry in Weardale in 1996 and has served in Nottingham, Leeds, Guiseley, and Dundee. Arrived in Cockermouth in 2024 as Superintendent of Western Fells. Enjoys watching Rugby League and Motorsport and doing some cycling/walking.

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Bassenthwaite

A small rural church c.10-20. 11am on alternate (1st & 3rd) Sundays with St. Johns Anglican church, Community room.



CA12 4QP

Brigham

Sunday 10.00am, c15. Active in village: Midweek Iona service, Craft & chat, Bible study



CA13 0TE

Cockermouth

Sunday 10:30, c.30 A large and well used building including a preschool and foodbank. Starting to work on redeveloping the building.



CA13 9RH

Egremont

Sunday 11am. c.30 A very active church including a warm space, foodbank, mission group.



CA22 2DR

Gosforth St Mary's

Services alternate Sundays 6:30pm (1st & 3rd). c.10-20. Lively with a small band, children present once a month. A class of Seascale Methodist Church meeting in the Parish rooms of St Marys.



CA20 1AZ

Keswick

Sundays 10.30am, c.30 A modernised building, well organised church with various events and activities, involved with Keswick Convention.



CA12 4HH

Grange in Borrowdale

Services twice a year, hosts a standing heritage exhibition



CA12 5UQ

Seascale

Sundays 10:30, (2nd & 4th) alternating with Parish Church (9:30). c15-25. Monthly tea service, over 50s youth group & various events.



CA20 1TZ



**Nigel
Rodgers**

I've travelled in Methodism as far apart as the Isle of Wight and Inverness and a few places in between and now looking forward to serving in Cumbria.

My faith is deeply rooted in scripture together with a personal relationship and is expressed in mission to the community in which I am placed with a focus on hospitality (I love to cook and bake bread) and discipling

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CMC @ Newtown

We host 2 fellowships. Family Fun in Church is a lively, interactive family congregation (fortnightly). Re:Fresh also worship with us – a mainly adult congregation, worshipping in a modern, contemporary style. We also have weekly toddlers and a monthly Bible study.

CA2 7LW



CMC @ Upperby

A friendly Church, our highlight is our Sunday morning service with fellowship a key part of it. Traditionally serving the south of the city.

CA2 4JL



Dalston

A warm, friendly and active church overlooking The Green. We run a toddlers group, dementia café and a monthly lunch. Worship is on a Sunday morning with a mix of hymns and contemporary songs. We share in a monthly Bible Study with Monkhill and Thurstonfield.

CA5 7QD

Thurstonfield

We are an active village chapel with a toddler group (extending the age group in school holidays) and Oasis, a monthly afternoon tea. We worship on a Sunday evening.

CA5 6HJ



Port Carlisle

When the congregation ceased some time ago, the community wanted us to remain – so we did. A beautiful costal chapel, we have lots of walkers visiting us whilst on their Hadrian's Wall Path walk – we are open everyday with tea and coffee facilities and an honesty box and host a film club, Quiet Mornings and worship once a quarter.

CA7 5BU



CMC @ Wigton Rd

A large estate church that serves the wider city. Alongside our Sunday worship we have a toddlers group, scouting and guiding and twice a month we cook a lunch for over 50 people. Lots of community groups use our building too. Once a month we hold a contemporary worship service.

CA2 7BJ



Monkhill

Active in both the church and community. Worship is on a Sunday morning with Brunch With Us (a more informal, café style service) on the 2nd Sunday. We have a very busy Lunch With Us on the last Thursday of the month.

CA5 6DB

Following a career as a solicitor, I have been in Cumbria for the entirety of my ministry, and love both the county, and the Solway coast that Claire, the boys and I currently call home.

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Phil Jackson



Aspatia

On top of their weekly worship, the Aspatia chapel run coffee mornings and a weekly "Tea@2", offering space for people to gather in an attempt to relieve loneliness.

CA7 3AW



Abbeytown

When the chapel closed we started meeting in homes around the village, currently meeting with the Silloth house church with an active school's work mission continuing.

Silloth

With the chapel now closed we meet in people's homes for worship, fellowship and deep discussions. The growing congregation are actively involved in CTiS events including Mens Breakfast, Walking Football and outreach events on the green.



Wigton

Offering vibrant worship, and a heart for the community we are situated in the centre of Wigton. Messy Church, Hot Chocolate Church, Homework Club, Dementia Cafe, Foodbank, Coffee Morning, Widows and Widowers, Prayer Missions and 3 home groups keep us busy between Sundays.

CA7 9PG

Caldbeck

Meeting on a Thursday for coffee and worship, the community are exploring new ways to use the building as a community asset.

CA7 8EW



Kings Meaburn

The chapel is the only place of worship in a small but active village with a growing, strong and traditional mixed age congregation who are spiritual, inclusive, and welcoming.

CA10 3BU

Gamblesby

Wonderful things are happening within our small community as use of the building and congregations increase following a £225,000 refurbishment completed in 2021. Our Little Acorns Creative Christian Children's Club, is a vital part of our mission to the local community and our weekly Tuesday 'Hebrews' Coffee Mornings provides opportunity for fellowship and crafts for older residents.

CA10 1HY



I'm Ros and I come into the circuit as a part-time active supernumerary presbyter. I am excited about meeting everyone and, together, discerning what God has planned for us as we seek to serve God and spread the Good News of the Kingdom. In my free time I am looking forward to exploring this beautiful part of the world and, in particular, the history and prehistoric features of the landscape.

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**Ros
Watson**



Langwathby

We are a Church of people drawn from Langwathby and nearby villages – our “tag line” is “All are Welcome”. We are outward-looking and members support “All We Can” (the Methodist relief agency), Methodist Homes, Action for Children, Water Aid, Fairtrade and Christian Aid amongst others. *CA10 1NX*

Kirkoswald

Our building at Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel offers a relaxed, flexible space for worship with digital screen, wi fi and sound system. Our Sunday services are planned with St Oswald C of E Church where we alternate venues for weekly worship. We love music in worship and enjoy a variety of hymns and songs. *CA10 1EQ*



Appleby Sands

With the chapel now A spiritual, social, active, inclusive, welcoming and ecumenically aware church in a market town. Various worship styles, toddler and youth work, with strong community use. we meet in people's homes for worship and fellowship. *CA16 6UB*



Alston Moor

We meet in St Wulstan's, the Catholic church in King's Arms Lane, an arrangement that has existed for 20 years, and works well. We are a caring family of believers who love one another and welcome all to our weekly services. The newest initiative in Alston is 'The Chat Room' which is a meeting place where the community can come for a chat and a cuppa. *CA9 3JF*



Dufton with Knock

Mixed age congregation - open plan chapel used to hold various community meetings, passionate about rural community engagement with a living faith and Bible based mission. *CA16 6DD*

Warcop

A small rural Chapel, serving Jesus, set in the heart of the village with a welcoming, faithful and ecumenically active fellowship with many shared events and regular monthly coffee and chat. *CA16 6PF*



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**Stephen
Radford**

Deputy Superintendent in the new Cumbria Circuit, a Pastor Shepherd, Spirit led with a passion for mission and a gift for project management, biblically grounded, with Christ Jesus as the centre of all. The ordination prayer at EMMTC was 'Feed my Lambs, Feed my sheep, remain humble and love the poor' I am still trying to live this out to God's glory.

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Brough

Loving and faithful Christian community, refurbished church, hosts local community activities, Library, sharing Jesus. Part of multisite church. CA17 4AY



Brough Sowerby

Christ at its heart, caring community, faithfully serving Jesus in village, Bible study, hosts community outreach. Part of multisite church. CA17 4EG



Crosby Garrett

Lay pastor Donald Marston faithful Christian fellowship, who love Jesus, share the Gospel, deeply connected to the community. CA17 4PW

Kirkby Stephen

Jesus focused fellowship, warm welcome, hosts most of the Youth and Children's activities in the town, outreach as part of CTog, Bible studies, growing spiritually and numerically. CA17 4SN



Orton

Jesus focused, growing church, part of the Ecumenical Families Together in Tebay and Orton FTTO, deeply involved in village life sharing the good news. CA10 3RG

Newbiggin-on-Lune

Christ focused, growing church, sharing the gospel, growing youth and Children's work, worship team and Bible studies. CA17 4NS



Shap CA10 3LA

A class of Tebay MC, loving Jesus, worship as part of the Church community, deeply connected to the school and community.

Ravenstonedale

A faithful Christian fellowship, meets in the afternoon, growing with shared outreach into the community. CA17 4NG



Soulby

Loving Christian fellowship in Village Hall for services, deeply embedded in community, host ecumenical prayers, following Jesus.

CA17 4PJ

**Tebay**

A Christ led growing church at the centre of Tebay's life working in ecumenical partnership with St James's Tebay PC. A community hub, with Jesus as the centre.

CA10 3XB

**Winton United Church (Baptist/Methodist)**

Lay Pastor Donald Marston, thriving Christ focused fellowship, worship group, youth led services, Bible study groups, hosts UELL, following covid refurbishment congregation tripled. God is at work.

CA17 4HS



**Martyn
Coe**

Martyn is part of the team ministry for the United reformed Church in Cumbria, is the local lead the URC matters in the God for all process. He is the lead URC minister in Windermere and Kendal and is an Authorised Methodist Presbyterian. Martyn represents Cumbria from the Synod Pastoral committee and is Army Cadet Force chaplain for Cumbria at ACF. Martyn live sin Grange over Sands.

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Carver Uniting Church

Carver Uniting Church is a URC and Methodist LEP. It is at present one church on 2 sites using both the Carver, Lake Road building and Windermere Methodist Chapel, Main Rd, Windermere. It has a history of inclusion and commitment to justice issues. The lake road building is registered for all forms of marriage and this will be extended to the main road building. The congregation hope to have completed a move to main road by the end of 2025. Historically a majority URC congregation it is part of the Cumbria Partnership of the URC North Western Synod. The lead minister is Martyn Coe but as with all URC's in the partnership this is a team ministry.

LA23 2BY





**Tiras
Dainty-Share**

Hi, I'm Tiras. I was born and bred in Dudley and ordained as a presbyter in 2024. I'm married to Amy, and we're loving (and surviving!) life with our six-month-old son, Eli James, and our energetic dog, Fudge. I'm passionate about theologies of liberation and exploring how faith speaks into justice and everyday life. I also enjoy a bit of gardening; I'm great at digging things up (though I'm still working on telling weeds from flowers) and I'm a big Marvel fan.

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Levens

Levens Methodist Church is a small church with a faithful congregation, hosting the village post office three times a week alongside coffee, games, and activities as a missional outreach. Its garden is being developed into a community space for outdoor worship and reflection.

LA8 8NG

Storth



Storth Village Church is the heart of the village's worshipping community, now the only church in Storth after the local Church of England mission joined in partnership nearly 20 years ago; a milestone to be celebrated in 2026. With a growing congregation, the church is active in the local school through Open the Book, joyfully sharing Bible stories and God's love with the children and staff.

LA7 7JQ



Arnside

Arnside Methodist Church, overlooking the beautiful Kent Estuary, celebrated its 150th anniversary in 2025 and continues to work ecumenically with local Church of England and Roman Catholic communities, seeking to share God's love with the people of Arnside through worship, witness, and a thriving Messy Church.

LA5 0AQ



**Tokunbo
Asogbon**

Hello, I'm Tokunbo Asogbon, a Minister serving the Borders Methodist Church congregations at Brampton, Longtown, Wetheral, and Gilsland. I bring a warm pastoral presence, rich theological insight, and a deep commitment to inclusive worship and community outreach. With experience spanning ecumenical ministry, hospital chaplaincy, Care Home Chaplaincy, School visitation, and Youth engagement in the wider community.

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Brampton

A welcoming and active congregation located in the heart of a beautiful market town. With a strong emphasis on hospitality, worship, outreach, and ecumenical partnership (as part of the Three Rivers Mission Community and also part of Churches Together in Brampton), we aim to show God's love for all in our church life, our worship, and our witness. We are a family-friendly church, dementia-aware, and fully accessible. *CA8 1RS*

Wetheral

A small and friendly congregation set in the heart of a picturesque village. Known for its warm welcome and faithful worship, the Chapel offers a peaceful and prayerful space for reflection, connection, and community. As part of the Eden Wild Goose Mission Community, Wetheral Methodist values strong ecumenical relationships and its role in village life. Whether you're a visitor, new to the area, or seeking a quiet place to encounter God, Wetheral Methodist Chapel offers space, fellowship, and a faithful community to journey with. *CA4 8JQ*



Gilsland

We have a rich heritage rooted in faithful witness. Before 1870, Methodists in the village met in a local schoolroom until a purpose-built stone chapel was erected between 1869–70. Gilsland Chapel remains a small but faithful congregation with a warm and open spirit. The Chapel continues to be a valued and prayerful presence within the local community, bearing witness to God's enduring faithfulness through the generations. *CA8 7BS*

Longtown

A warm and inclusive fellowship that meets in the heart of the town at the Community Centre. Rooted in the Methodist tradition and shaped by a deep love for the local area, the Church offers a relaxed and welcoming space for worship, reflection, and building meaningful connections across all ages. We are part of Longtown Mission Community with Esk Parishes and Longtown Churches Working Together. *CA6 5SJ*



I am Wendy Thornton and work in the Southernmost part of our new Circuit, in the Kirkby Lonsdale (Lunesdale) Mission Community. Serving Kendal Circuit since 2014, I work across eight village churches as both Ordained Methodist Presbyter and Team Vicar, a role which began in 2017. My appointment is jointly funded by the Anglican and Methodist church, and I live in the Anglican Vicarage. We have one Methodist Church in Kirkby Lonsdale, a shared Anglican/Methodist congregation at Barbon with Cowan Bridge and the rest are Anglican. Our Local Covenant includes the Catholic church and Quaker meeting. We work as a team here including Lol Wood our Family Project Leader, Richard Snow (Rector) Anne Pettifor (SSM & Rural Dean), and Becca Gilbert (Pioneer Minister), who has been working with us this past year. As churches we seek to serve our community and commit to sharing and developing ministries, resources and buildings for the benefit of all. I have a particular interest in story-telling and love making music with others when I get the chance! I am married to Duncan and have four children and seven wonderful grandchildren.



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St Mary's, Kirkby Lonsdale

A Grade 1 listed heritage building

LA6 2AX



Kirkby Lonsdale

A mixed age Congregation including Sunday Club for children. We are fortunate to have an excellent Church Hall which is enjoyed by church and community groups for a whole host of activities.

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St Bartholomew's & Cowan Bridge MC

An Anglican building with a joint Anglican Methodist congregation. A welcoming congregation seeking to sustain and grow a Christian presence in Barbon.

CA17 4EG





**Deborah
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I am a Methodist Deacon currently serving as Chaplaincy Team Leader at Furness General Hospital, University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay Trust.

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**Samm
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I am a deacon currently supporting various groups across the old Western Fells circuit area. These include youth groups, a homeless shelter, an over-fifties youth group, and craft and chat groups.

I also collaborate with various Mission Communities, engaging with projects and events, and fostering relationships with colleagues from different denominations.

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Next time: Introducing

- Lay workers
- Admin team
- Circuit Stewards

