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Dear Friends,

I have a phrase that came to me some time ago and has not left. It's a challenge from Tertullian, the great North African Theologian and Apologist. Tertullian lived in Carthage, Tunisia. Converted from paganism his teaching and writing spoke strongly of the truth of the gospel and the change Christianity makes. In 197 AD he wrote of the Christians, "Vide, inquit, ut invicem se diligant"- see how they love one another.

This phrase (speaking of the difference Christ makes over paganism) is our strongest witness. Peter, in his first letter encourages his readers to: love one another deeply from the heart (! Peter 1:22). In John 13 and speaking of the commandment to love one another Jesus says, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35). Love being the defining characteristic of the Christian life.

I write this to share what is on my heart for the Church in Cumbria, that we are known by the way in which we live and express God's love. I write it to say thank you for the love you have shown to me and that I have seen being given freely to many others through your daily devotion and I write it as an encouragement to us all, for truly this is our greatest witness. My prayer, that others encountering church today will continue to see the love of God in all our words and actions and that this be the defining mark of our fellowship.

I leave you with some verses from the Book of Hebrews (10:24-25): And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

May you know God's deep love today.

David Newlove



Snapshot on Scripture:

Jonah Background

Many people think of Jonah as a little bit of a “fishy story” (sorry, couldn’t resist!), but to dismiss it as simply a strange story about a man and a great fish is to miss the much deeper message it contains. Jonah has much to say about God, mission, mercy and our response to his call.

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The Bible contains many different genres of writing: factual accounts, poetry, prophecy, letters and stories, to name just a few. So, when we come to Jonah, there are natural questions about whether a man surviving three days in the belly of a great fish can really be true.

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The opening Hebrew words of the book can be translated “And it happened...”, suggesting the beginning of a story. Yet we also know that Jonah was a real historical figure, as he is mentioned in 2 Kings 14. Jesus himself also refers to Jonah, saying: *“For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.”* (Matthew 12:40)

For some, this confirms the historical nature of Jonah; for others, the scientific questions remain difficult. Whichever view we take, however, we cannot ignore the rich meaning of the book.

When we look at the Old Testament through the eyes of Jesus, Jonah's experience points towards something much greater: death and resurrection. Jonah descends into the depths, remains there for three days and then “arises”. Jesus himself draws the connection between Jonah and his own death and resurrection.

And, particularly as we think about mission, Jonah is the story of someone who was sent by God — and what happens when he tries to run from that call.

Breakdown

Jonah is a very short book of just four chapters, found towards the end of the Old Testament between Obadiah and Micah, within the section known as the Minor Prophets.

Chapter 1 deals with God's sending and Jonah's fleeing. We see the word of the Lord come to Jonah, just as it does to other prophets, but Jonah refuses to go. Instead, he heads in the opposite direction.

His departure point, Joppa, is interesting from a missional perspective. It is the same Mediterranean port where Peter later receives his vision in Acts 10, opening his understanding to a much wider mission. Jonah's story reminds us that we can resist God's call, but we cannot easily escape his purposes.

Chapter 2 is Jonah's prayer from inside the great fish. The style changes into much more poetic language, drawing together images of death, the depths and salvation. Jonah speaks of the “depths of the grave” (2:2) and concludes with the declaration that “Salvation comes from the Lord” (2:9). Once again, the language of death and resurrection is present.

Chapter 3 tells of Jonah finally doing what God had asked and travelling to Nineveh. From a missional perspective, we see an important truth: we do not take God anywhere — he is already there before us. God was in Nineveh long before Jonah arrived.

Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, and the Assyrians were notorious for their violence. It is therefore understandable that Jonah did not want to see them receive God's mercy. Yet he goes, proclaims God's message and the people respond in repentance.

The Greek translation uses the word *kerygma* for Jonah's proclamation — a word associated with the proclamation of good news and one which becomes particularly significant in the New Testament.

Chapter 4 sees Jonah in a sulk for almost the entire chapter! He is angry that God has shown mercy to Nineveh. Yet his complaint begins with a powerful confession of faith. Jonah knows that God is “gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love.”

The book ends with Jonah still struggling, rather than with the neat resolution we might expect. God challenges Jonah over his concern for a plant while having little concern for a city of 120,000 people.

And perhaps that is the point.

Jonah challenges us to think about who we believe deserves God's mercy. It reminds us that God's compassion is wider than our own, and that mission may take us towards people and places we would rather avoid.

As we reflect on mission, perhaps Jonah's greatest challenge is to ask whether we are willing to respond when God calls — and whether we are prepared to recognise that God is already at work in the places and among the people he sends us to.

A reluctant prophet, a great fish, a repentant city — and a God whose grace is bigger than we can imagine.

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Memories of an Ordination



Remember Your Call and Let Others “wash our feet”

Those are the two things I remember most from our Ordination Retreat this year.

I headed out for the retreat, aware that I would not be coming home the same person who had left. I had no idea what to expect, but I got in my car with an open heart and mind.

St Joseph’s Prayer Centre was beautiful, and the nuns were so humble and gracious. We were told we could help ourselves to anything we wanted in the kitchen, even their prized ice creams.

Each day we focused on different parts of the ordination promises and shared in worship and prayer. We were able to reflect on the journey so far, and what God may be asking of us next. We shared why we had chosen our Ordination Bibles and what our cross chains meant to us.

Helen and I are artistic and enjoy our craft. The Warden and Deputy Warden, alongside Caroline, our retreat coordinator, encouraged our creativity. We were all very creative, and for some of us, it sparked a new passion. We were given a “slow stitch” box, which was overwhelming at first, but as we reflected and created together, we could see how each of us was developing our own style by using the gifts in the box in different ways. Just as we are all very different people within the Methodist Diaconal Order (MDO), using our own unique giftings. It was lovely to hear squeals of delight at what we were creating, and I pray that we are blessed in our day-to-day lives to find those moments where we can squeal with delight, sometimes in the most unexpected places.

We made finger labyrinths, which I have used to reflect on my journey to ordination, leaving all my fears and doubts with God at the centre as I journey back out into the world again.

We were given some air-dried clay to create something, then asked to squish it all together and make something new. This was really hard; I was pleased with what I had created but followed Caroline's instructions reluctantly. I was surprised at how much happier I was with the new thing I had created. This encouraged me to be more expressive in my creativity. God, the potter, is recreating us all the time. We need to be open to that change. You never know what you can become, with God's hands shaping you.

One thing we noticed was how much we were all trying to tidy up and do things for one another. We also noticed how difficult it was for us to let others "wash our feet". We reflected on why we found this hard and said we would try to make a conscious effort to let each other "wash our feet". Sometimes we need to let other people serve us. This reminds me of the first and last verses of "Brother, Sister, Let Me Serve You."

Brother, Sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

I came away from the retreat refreshed and with a new, deeper understanding of what Ordination meant for me.

The Ordination

What a whirlwind of a day! I am still reflecting and processing all that happened that day. I am often asked if I feel different, and I can honestly answer "yes".

There is a sense of relief, but also an absolute sense of love and belonging. There are no words to describe the transformation, elation and peace. I can't describe how powerful it is to see all those people at the Conference Centre, standing to vote and accepting us into full connexion, and the privilege of standing to affirm our Presbyter siblings. The joy in that room will live in my memory forever. The hymn, "We will go out with joy", will never be the same for me. Seeing my colleagues, friends, family, and my siblings from the Order all singing it at the top of their lungs is a sight to behold.

When you think you can't possibly feel any more emotions in one day, you then process into another service. All eyes on you in front of a church full of friends, shouting "You are worthy!", just blows you away. You make more promises, then hands are placed on your head as you are ordained. You receive your Bible, then share bread and wine with your family and friends, and with everyone who has come to share in this special and momentous day. Just as we were receiving the wine, the organist started playing "I the Lord of Sea and Sky", my calling hymn. I couldn't believe it.

As you process out of the service, you realise just how many people are there to share this moment with you. My family, friends, so many siblings from the Order, church members from my home church, church members from my link church, circuit staff, lay and ordained, Queen's tutors and lecturers, just to name a few. All there to celebrate and witness this occasion with Helen and me.

I am pleased that I took some time off after the Ordination day to reflect on all that had happened over the last two weeks. I would highly recommend it to those who are coming up for Ordination.

I know there will never be a time like that in my life again, and I want to thank the Warden, Karen McBride, and the Deputy Warden, Michelle Legumi, for making both the Ordination retreat and the Ordination Day so special and meaningful.

I would also like to thank all of you for your love, support, affirmation, and for welcoming me into the Methodist Diaconal Order.

With love and blessings, Deacon Samm Morris

Sanctuary & Soul

Phil Jackson

Circuit Minister / Digital NPNP Pioneer



21 2 years ago, James Tebbutt asked me to consider the former Cumbria district's new online NPNP project. After he left the manse, I took the dog for a walk and had the vision of an old abbey, lying in ruins, yet visited by thousands of people. The kind of deeply spiritual place that people visit, even though they would never dream of entering through the doors of any of our churches.

It was from this vision that Sanctuary & Soul was born, a place that is open to people who are spiritual, yet would not normally come to church. It is also born out of the fact that so many people are now online, and that this is a key place where social interactions occur. The vision grew up around three core words:

Eternity - Finding the spiritual in the world

As the vision came on that dog walk, there was a real sense that it was for all those people who believe in something spiritual, yet won't come to church. Part of the abbey image was based on those times when I have been to ancient churches and felt the years of worship that have soaked into the stone. Connecting those spiritualities is a huge part of our ethos.

Community - Creating a better world, together

Part of the wider purpose of the Methodist Church's NPNP project is to create Christian community, and this is no different for Sanctuary & Soul. We are always better together, and as Christians we believe that we are created for community, with God and with one another, based on the divine community of the Trinity.

Humanity - Blessing the sacred in others

Right at the heart of the vision is the belief that heaven is a place on earth. We are called to bring the Kingdom in the here and now and a central part of Jesus' message in the Gospels is that we love one another in practical ways. We have always said that we are a community for spiritual people who want to make the world a better place for those around us.

We started our community on the usual social media platforms – Facebook, TikTok and Instagram, and had some good conversations around spirituality, the words of Jesus and the key parts of our vision. It is hard to build community in those settings, spread across three channels, and so in the last year we have been moving our community to Discord. We still use social media as a signpost, but the community itself has a new home.

We have also embraced some of the monastic ethos of that original picture of the old abbey. The Discord server is based around a prayer rhythm of 5 prayer times spread through the day, using prayers inspired by saints with links to Cumbria.

Our discipleship is based around the Methodist Way of Life which we have adopted as our monastic rule of life. We are also focused very much on the words of Jesus, with our daily reading pattern drawing in bible passages that directly relate to the things Jesus said. It is around these principles that we aim to build community, with the important part being that Gospel message of making a difference in the world. Jesus benchmark for the sheep and the goats was those who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, visited the sick and we hope that this desire to bless the sacred that is found in all humanity becomes the outworking of our online community.

If you, or someone you know would like to join the community, the QR code will bring you to the server. Or connect via social media accounts:



Solar Eclipse

Emma Holroyd
Circuit Minister



I'm sure we can all remember what we were doing on the evening of the 12th August 2026? It was the nearest full partial eclipse that we will see for many years to come.

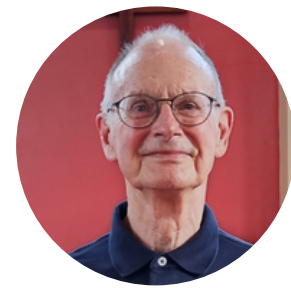
Egremont Methodist Church brought an exciting idea to the coast to fells mission community meeting - why don't we organise an eclipse 2026 watch party down at our local stunning location of St Bees Beach.

With Egremont Methodist taking the lead and our friends from St Bees priory that's exactly what we did. We hosted an event that we expected or hoped to attract about 50 to 100 people. We bought 100 pairs of eclipse glasses (with safety instructions on how they were to be used & warnings of not looking at the sun directly) - we thought we'd have plenty, but were astounded when the queue for the glasses got longer and longer. We could have given out 500 pairs or more.

Fortunately we had planned to make pin hole cameras out of cereal boxes (thankfully we had collected a huge amount). People stayed in the queue even after the glasses had gone to make the cameras. We had a scientist on hand who could explain the science behind it and a reflection & prayer on the theme of finding the glimpses of God and signs of hope even in times of hardship or darkness. It was such a fantastic evening (it even included a dip in the sea for those who wanted to!) There were so many opportunities to engage with our community and share of our hope in Jesus the light of the world.



The Unreliable Memories of a 1960s trained Local Preacher



David Sharpe

Nostalgia isn't what it was. But I'll give it a try. In 1966 at the June Quarterly Meeting of the Grantham Circuit I was accepted as a Fully Accredited Local Preacher. I'm still active, just, with a couple of services [LA] at my own church each Quarter.

One of the basic concepts of history, the subject of my first degree, is that some things change and some things stay the same. So it has been.

A cradle Methodist country lad from a small village in the Craven area of Yorkshire, I'd read lessons and with the Circuit Mission Team taken part in leading worship, one service a quarter, in local churches. When I arrived at the King's School Grantham, my first job, I gravitated naturally to Finkin St Methodist Church. Ministers then, with much less admin [safeguarding was years in the future], had time for hospitality of which I took advantage. My call to preach was low key. Rev Ewart Shepherd noted my chapel background, my current job & popped the question. Uncharacteristically for a Yorkshireman I agreed immediately - and have had no cause for regret.

Study was optional and training minimal, at the feet of one's mentor. Resources were available, text books covering Old Testament, New Testament and Christian Doctrine. I chose to take the written exams on the manse kitchen table. The Methodist Recorder and LP Magazine had and have useful content and the Epworth Review catered for the really studious. The Methodist Study Centre offered courses by post. As now, each Local Preachers' Meeting contained a study element and I was quizzed as I moved from On Note to On Trial and my Trial Service was evaluated. After 2 years I'd made it.

The 3 circuits in which I worked in the 60s were predominantly rural. The odd town or two with 2 chapels, one ex Wesleyan the other ex Primitive, but mainly villages. All, as I recollect, had electricity but many were heated by the coke stove, useful for warming wet coats. Organs were unusual and electrically blown [?] harmoniums more common. A few organists couldn't read music, playing by ear. Very occasionally the preacher had to have the hymns the organist could play. The 1933 hymnal was the norm.

Travel was an issue. It was either bike or, awkward to organise, shared with a preacher heading in the same direction in a car. Two services on Sunday was usual in most chapels which made up to 8 or more appointments per quarter possible with a couple of doubles thrown in. Coverdale [North Riding] churches were unusual in that the preacher would take both afternoon and evening services in the same church, being entertained and fed in the interval. A long day with a young family back at home. Without a lectionary as discipline it was usual to have just 1 or 2 services which the preacher used in all the appointments that quarter. I noted useful verses in my daily bible reading and built sermons round them.

Most congregations were welcoming, appreciative of new blood, tolerant of late arrival because of headwind or arriving at the wrong church as I did in Great Gonerby [Lincs]. A few were less so, suspicious of a bright young man with J.A.T. Robinson's "Honest to God" on his bookshelves, and reluctant to sing hymns they did not know.

Is my experience recognisable? That's because some things change but some things remain the same. And the responsibility of proclaiming the word of God is very much the latter.

Supporting the Farming Community Network

The Cumbria Methodist Circuit is delighted to have supported The Farming Community Network (FCN) in the 2025/2026 connexional year with a generous donation of £2,471.76.

FCN is a national charity supporting people involved in farming and rural communities. Its network of more than 400 volunteers understands the particular pressures and challenges faced by those working in agriculture, offering empathy, practical support and a confidential listening ear.

Each year, FCN supports around 10,000 people with a wide range of issues, including family difficulties, business pressures, anxiety, depression and other forms of mental ill-health. Its work plays an important role in helping farming families build resilience and maintain positive health and wellbeing.

FCN has also recently begun a partnership with Macmillan Cancer Support, raising awareness of the signs and symptoms of cancer within farming and rural communities. The partnership aims to encourage people to seek help earlier, improve referral pathways and address some of the stigma that can surround talking about cancer.

We are very pleased that our donation will contribute towards this valuable work, helping FCN to reach more people and support more farming families. We hope that, in a small way, our contribution will help towards building a more resilient and sustainable future for farming communities.

We are grateful to everyone whose generosity has made this donation possible and pleased to be able to support an organisation whose work makes such a positive difference to people across the farming community.

The Circuit Charity for the 2026/2027 connexional year will be profiled in the next issue of Cumbria Connect.

Safeguarding News

Stephen Walker and Andrew Skinner, the Circuit Safeguarding Officers, along with Jill Riley the Regional Officer for Safeguarding [ROS], have been meeting regularly to discuss safeguarding across the circuit and draft procedures to support good practice. Throughout the last year a number of update meetings have been held with church safeguarding officers and the team have also meet with Foundation Module trainers. The team was also very encouraged to have 3 safeguarding officers from the old circuits agree to continue as circuit safeguarding officers.

Kathryn Aldred (supporting churches in the south west of Cumbria), Alison Birkett (Penrith area), Andrew Skinner (across south Cumbria), Stephen Walker (across all north Cumbria), and Rachel Woof (churches in former KSAT area) were appointed Circuit Safeguarding Officers at the recent circuit meeting. They will be working as a team covering all aspects of the role and working closely with churches in local areas.

On-line and face to face Foundation & Advanced module safeguarding training sessions have taken place. Contact Chris Palmer, one of the admin team for details of training events happening near you chris.palmer@cumbriamethodists.org.uk

Foundation module training can also be undertaken on-line and at your own pace using the Methodist Church training platform [MCBX](#)

Dates for Advanced module training are organised by the NWE District and can be found on their [website](#), along with details on how to sign up for a session. Currently there are three face to face Advanced Module sessions planned this connexional year in the circuit. At Penrith Methodist Church on 24th October, Appleby Methodist Church on 7th November and Ulverston Methodist Church in April. If you need to renew your Advanced module please visit the [NWED](#) website and sign up to either one of the on-line sessions or a face to face session.

Our church safeguarding officers do a sterling job encouraging people to attend training. Please take heed when they remind you that it needs doing.

The Methodist Church nationally has been reviewing how often training needs to be renewed and more news about the implementation of this will be circulated when known.

Join the safeguarding team

In order to provide the best possible support for local churches the safeguarding team would like to recruit a couple more circuit safeguarding officers, particularly in the north and north-west areas of the circuit. If you would like to find out more or see the role outline please email safeguarding@cumbriamethodists.org.uk

Finally, a reminder that safeguarding is **everyone's** responsibility and if you see, hear or feel something is wrong please speak to your church or circuit safeguarding officer or your minister.

Thank you for all you do ensuring our churches are safe places for all.

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Western Dales Mission Community

Solway Angels

Solway Angels was a project started by Cornerstone Methodist Church and run across the whole of the Solway Plain Mission Community especially for Christmas. It involved hundreds of knitted angels, lovingly crafted by more knitters than we could hope for, including the odd minister who hadn't knitted since school days.

Over the course of the preceding year, the pattern was shared across Cornerstone and neighbouring churches and the mammoth knit began. Angels in all shapes and sizes assembled and, the churches even studied the theology of angels as they prepared for the arrival of the heavenly host.

At the start of advent, the angels all came to Aspatria chapel and tags were added with links to a special Facebook page and with various messages of Christmas joy and hope. Part way through advent, very early in the morning each of the communities taking part were bombed with angels, tied to railings, door handles and any other creative place that we could find.

The uptake was amazing and social media went mad with comments like: "So excited to find one if your Solway Angel's. Thank you so much xx", "Thank you so much I finally found an angel today in Greenacres, I was desperate to find one, it's made my day xxxx", and "Just wanted to say what a beautiful thing that is you do, spreading joy, good on you". We also received a number of touching comments about the emotional impact that the angels had had.

You don't need a mission community wide project to make knitted angels work, or even a town or village wide initiative. If you are a knitter you could add your own label encouraging people to take one for their Christmas tree and offering a blessing of hope, joy, peace and love at Christmas.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL

What you will need.

Some wool (in any yarn or colour)

Knitting needles (between size 10-8 (that's 3,25mm and 4mm))

Darning needle (like a big sewing needle)

Small amount of stuffing.

The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go. Feel free to adapt the pattern if you want by adding in different colours or making a larger angel.

If you want a place to start we have used size 9 needles with double yarn to knit some of ours.

You will need a basic knowledge of knit and purl to make these angels but don't let that stop you if you haven't done it before. Find someone who can teach you and ask them to help you learn a new skill.

And most of all have fun.

The Pattern

Angel - Body

Cast on 48 sts

1. Knit row
2. Purl row
3. K2TOG, K10*, repeat until end
4. Purl row
5. Knit row
6. P2TOG, P9*, repeat until end
7. Knit row
8. Purl row
9. K2TOG, K8*, repeat until end
10. Purl row
11. Knit row
12. P2TOG, P7*, repeat until end
13. Knit Row
14. Purl Row
15. K2TOG, K6*, repeat until end
16. Purl row
17. Knit row

18. P2TOG, P5*, repeat until end
19. Knit row
20. Purl row
21. K2TOG, K4*, repeat until end - 20 sts
22. Purl row
23. Knit row
24. Purl row
25. Knit row
26. Purl row
27. Knit row

Pattern is continued on the other side.



This angel is knitted in sparkly cream, with sparkly mohair wings.



CHRISTMAS ANGEL
www.christmasangel.net

At this point, you can change your colour to create the face if you want.

28. Purl row
29. Knit row
30. Purl row
31. Knit row
32. Purl row
33. Knit row
34. Purl row
35. K2TOG - repeat until end
36. Purl row
37. Knit row
38. P2TOG - repeat until end



Using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Around the neck, take a small amount of stuffing, and place at the top of the head, then thread some yarn between stitches and pull loosely together.

Angel - Wings

Option 1

Cast on 27 sts

1. Knit row
2. Knit row
3. Decrease at each end (Knit)
4. Knit
5. Knit 12 rows, decrease at each end cast off

Option 2 (more advanced)

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge. To complete this you need to bring your yarn forward, slip the stitch over purlwise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work.



Wings as they should look using option 2.

w&t - wrap & turn

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6

Repeat these 6 rows, 4-5 times as necessary. Sew wings to the body.

Connexional Year 2026-2027

Dates for your Diaries

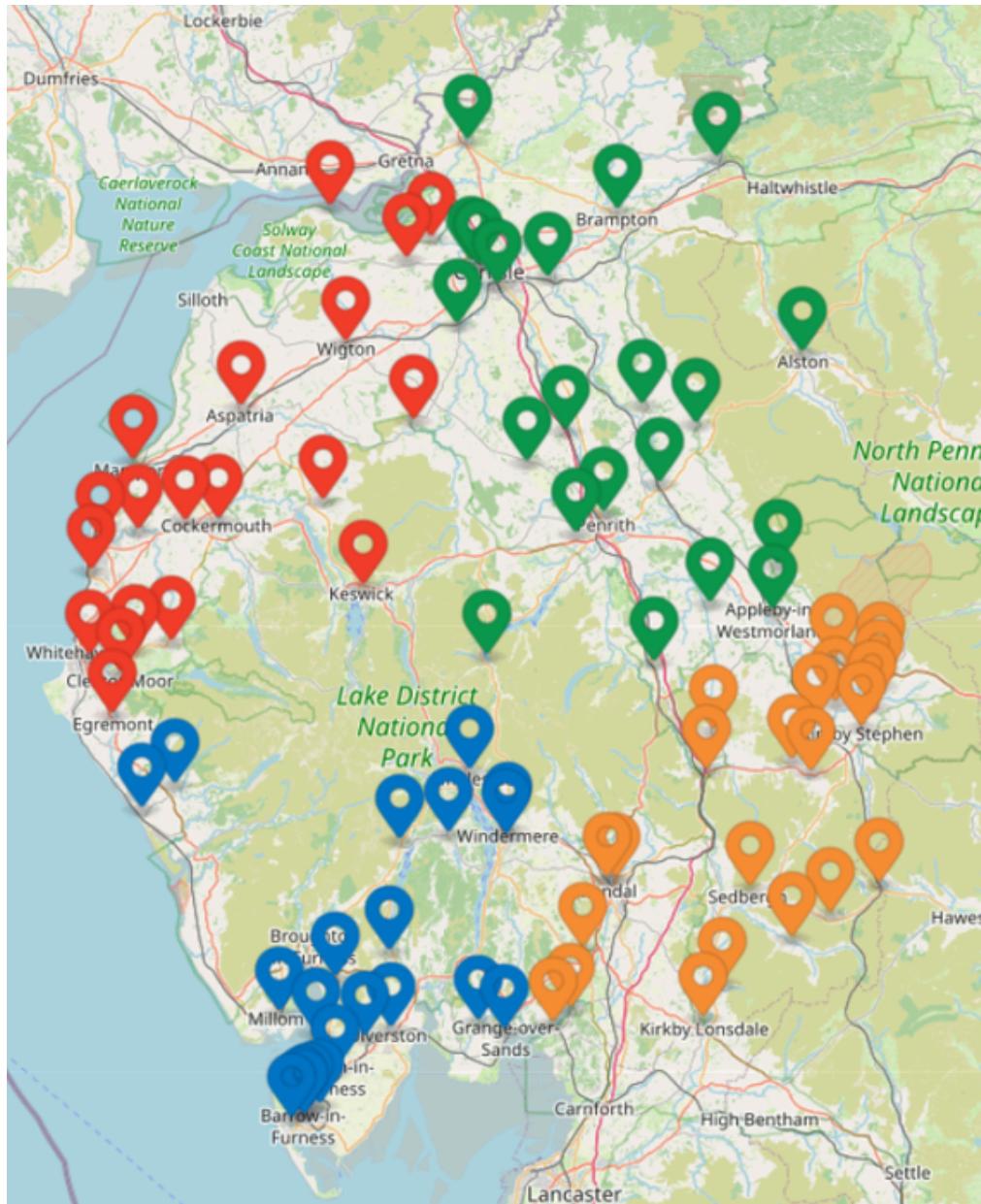
Here are the key meeting dates for your diaries for the new Connexional Year. The venues for the meetings will be confirmed in due course:

- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting - Wednesday 2nd December at 7pm
- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting - Monday 1st March 2027 at 7pm
- NWED Presbyteral Synod - Wednesday 17th March 2027
- Cumbria Methodist Circuit Meeting - Saturday 20th March 2027
- NWED Representative Synod - Saturday 24th April 2027
- Presidential Visit to the North West England District - 29th April - 2nd May 2027
- Cumbria Circuit Gathering - Saturday 15th May 2027
- Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting - Thursday 3rd June 2027 at 7pm
- Cumbria Methodist Circuit Meeting - Saturday 19th June 2027



Please Pray for the people and the churches of the Cumbria Methodist Circuit

How many of our circuit's churches have you visited?



Please pray for:

Our people trying to maintain and run our churches;

For all our office holders and staff;

For the communities around our church buildings that through our work they may experience the love of God;

For our ecumenical partners in this ecumenical county;

For wisdom in growing and building our Circuit.

Cumbria Compass Prayer

Loving God,

We pray for the Cumbria Methodist Circuit.

May we feel your presence in our lives and follow your direction.

May all who worship here feel valued and listened to.

May we demonstrate how to live in harmony with each other, even when we disagree.

Empower us to speak of and spread your love.

Strengthen our connection to each other and to you.

Deepen our faith.

Enable us to speak out against injustice.

Help us to care for your world.

Unite us as we work for you.

Lead us in your way and give us the drive and commitment to develop the Cumbria Circuit so that it flourishes in your name.

Amen

