COCKERMOUTH METHODIST CHURCH



'Kindle we pray, in every heart the true love of peace.'

15th November 2026

Thirty third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to: Morning Worship led by Mrs Mary Skinner

Hymns: **59, 424, 526, 481 & 76**

Readings: **Genesis 3 v 1 - 13**
Genesis 6 v 9 – 22
Psalm 139 v 1 – 18, 23 & 24
Mark 10 v 13 – 16
Luke 15 v 1 - 7

Flowers: **Donated by Jan & Andie in memory of their mum, Pat**

Next Sunday: Café Worship led by Nancy Powell-Davies

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments in the hall after the service.

There is a loop system in operation - please turn your hearing aid to T.

We do not yet support Bluetooth hearing aids; sorry.

An offering plate is in the church entrance.

No collection is taken during the service.

CTIC Prayer meeting to be held in the foyer on the first Saturday of the month, 8.30 to 9.15am.

Church Away Day
This has been pencilled in for Saturday, February 27th next year and we hope it will take place in Bassenthwaite Methodist Church, starting at 10:30. Its purpose is to consider the future of Methodism here in Cockermouth.
Everybody should be interested in this issue. Please save the date.

The Wordsworth Singers Concert: includes 'A German Requiem'
The chamber choir are giving a concert at Lorton Street on Saturday 21st November, at 4:00pm. It includes 'A German Requiem' by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897). Watch out for posters around the town and notices on their website.

Church Website
I am in the process of building webpages for the Church attached to the Circuit Website. You can follow my progress by going to https://www.cumbriamethodists.org.uk/cockermouth.html

We are planning to decorate our church for the **Away in a Manger Nativity Festival** again. This is just a reminder to people who have lent us nativity scenes in the past that we'd be very grateful for them again.
We're planning to have the church decorated and open, alongside other activities on Cockermouth Lights Switch On on November 22nd, so we'd be glad if people brought their artefacts as soon as possible. If people are willing to help decorate the church on Wednesday 18th November, at about 9.30 onwards , please could they let Heather or Alison know. It's a lovely time to get together and everyone is welcome. We'll have seasonal refreshments. Thank you. Alison.

Building renovations
The leadership team met this week and we have written to all building users about the renovation plans for our church. To summarise, we want to change the worship space into a multipurpose partitionable community space , improve the layout of preschool, provide better toilet facilities and work towards being carbon zero.

Predevelopment work
Firstly we need to complete more investigative work, apply for planning permission and be clear of our costs and fundraising opportunities - we are calling this the 'predevelopment stage' . We plan to zone off our heating system to enable the gas boiler to heat the building more efficiently. We want to make some alterations to the car park to help keep people safe and share some light.
We are moving on with grant applications and can report we have received a small district grant of £1500 to support the predevelopment work. We are applying for a TMCP discretionary grant, a Large District Grant, and a medium National Churches Trust grant. We also have small grant applications to Cockermouth Town Council and the Cockermouth Metalcraft fund. We

have asked our building users to help with fundraising. If you are part of any group using the hall please do encourage your group to have an event or activity to help raise funds for the project.
In addition to the work on grant applications we have plans for fundraising activities in the first half of 2027, including a repeat of the successful **Arts and Crafts exhibition**, as well as an A**fternoon Tea event**. The fundraising activities are lead by Alison Grainer Kay and Heather Cox. Please chat to them if you can help in any way.

Bird Food

Due to water ingress into the birdfood store, I have had to dispose of much of our birdfood stocks. We are in need of peanuts and niger seed. We also need weather and vermin proof storage. If you are able to help, please contact me. Helen

Future Events

Wednesday 18th November from 9.30am - Decorate church with nativity sets. All welcome to share in this fun activity

Sunday November 22nd AFTERNOON -**Cockermouth town lights switch on.** First responders in hall, offering CPR training.
Open church for Away in Manger - time to be confirmed. Please see Alison Grainger Kay for more details

Save the Date

Church Away Day 10:30 Saturday, 27th February 2027

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