



# THE PARISH CHURCH OF KESWICK ST JOHN JANURAY 2019

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## **Rev Charles writes:**

First of all a huge Thank You to everyone who helped make Christmas so special. It has been wonderful to be able to worship God and reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation, the Word made flesh, in so many diverse services. Thank you for the flowers, the candles, the decorations, the singing, the music, the reading, the support and participation of so many. It has been wonderful.

We now move into the season of Epiphany – The Glory of God being revealed for all. The arrival of the kings marks the start of this season – the outsiders who glimpse the glory of God and who desire to worship at the manger throne. It continues with readings that are about how people encounter Jesus, through his Baptism, the miracle at Cana in Galilee and who are transformed by the experience. It ends with the feast of Candlemas – the Light of Christ seen in the child presented in the temple.

What links these seasons is the desire of God for the other, for us, to enter into a new relationship with him and so receive his gift of life, forgiveness and love. But this desire is not just for us as individuals it is for us as a society, as a race, for all humanity and the created order too. God's desire is life giving and all encompassing.

In February we are co-hosting a conference at Keswick School called 'Caring for our Common Home' a chance for us all to reflect on how we care for world – in terms of our faith and in practical terms. There are some great speakers and workshops. I would encourage you all to come. Tickets cost £10 for the day. You can get them on-line (<https://caringforourcommonhome.org>) or from me.

In February also a Bible Study group will be happening on Wednesdays 8-9.15pm in the Vicarage. 2019 is starting to look like a busy but fun year to come. I hope through that we can all in different ways meet with and experience that God of desire and life!

Charles

### **PARISH DIARY January 2019**

Morning Prayer is said in church most Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am and on Wednesdays at 8.30 in the Crosthwaite Parish Room

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 Julian Prayer Group Leader Val Molly

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.45 am Eucharist

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany**

8am Eucharist

10.30am Covenant Service at Keswick Methodist Church

No 10am service

6pm Festival of Lessons, Carols and Poems for Epiphany

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm Eucharist at Homethwaite House

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> 12 for 12.30 Mothers' Union lunch Skiddaw Hotel

7pm Intercessory Prayer Home group at Copper Beeches Ambleside Rd

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> 7.00 for 7.30pm CAMEO Meet in the Bishops House. Bring something special that means something to you and share it with us.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> 10.45am Eucharist

7 pm 'Resolve Course', introduction to the Christian Faith, Rev Mike

Talbot, at Methodist Church

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 Churchyard Working Group

### **Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ**

8am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

6 pm ???

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> 3.30pm Eucharist at Millfield Care Home

7.30pm PCC

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm Mothers' Union AGM in church

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> 12-2 Deanery Chapter

7.30 Julian Prayer Group Leader Doreen Hodder

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

7 pm 'Resolve Course', introduction to the Christian Faith at Methodist Church

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> 9.30 Keswick School – Opening of new Foreign Languages Centre

7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>

### **Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

8am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Eucharist for healing

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Intercessory Prayer Group for venue contact Susan Leighton 75195

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Borrowdale Governors

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

7 pm 'Resolve Course', introduction to the Christian Faith at Methodist Church

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Conversion of St Paul 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Ladies Prayer Breakfast' at The Crosthwaite Sunday School Rooms.

### **Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

8am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

6 pm CTiK Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> St Herbert's School – Governors Day

12 noon Midday Prayer for Christian Unity, at Methodist Church

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Midday Prayer for Christian Unity, at Methodist Church

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Midday Prayer for Christian Unity, at Methodist Church

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

12 noon Midday Prayer for Christian Unity, at Methodist Church

7 pm 'Resolve Course', introduction to the Christian Faith at Methodist Church

### **February**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> 7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 'Caring for our Common Home' Conference at Keswick School

Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> as Candlemas

8am Eucharist

10am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Evening Prayer