

THE PARISH CHURCH OF KESWICK ST JOHN

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Revd Charles writes:

Moving Mountains March 2018

Plans for the Diocesan Mission move ahead rapidly. A team led by Bishop David Hawkins will be joining us in Keswick. Bishop David was the Bishop of Barking in Chelmsford and the East End of London. He was with us in October for a day to talk about the Mission with representatives of the Mission Community.

In helping us think about what we can do, part of his advice was to think of the networks that reach out beyond the Church into the wider Community of which we are members. Then think if there is any sort of event / activity our 'network' could do that could have a 'God' / 'Jesus' dimension to it. Another bit of his advice is 'don't overdo things'; fewer good and well planned events are better than lots of 'bits'. We also discussed the value of follow up.

This means that at the Mission Community social for Church Councils on Wed Nov 15th, 7-9pm, we will be thinking about Moving Mountains in Keswick. We will also be thinking about follow-up events, some form of enquirers group / 'what's the Christian faith about' group – it could be Alpha, it could be something else.

Please think about what 'networks' you are part of and how they could play a part in the Moving Mountains Mission – and share your thoughts with me or anyone else on the PCC.

Mission Community

We hear a lot about Mission Communities in Cumbria and the Diocese. We are going to keep on hearing about them!

What are they? They are groups of Churches and Parishes in a geographical areas that work together – in particular the Anglican, Methodist, URC and Salvation Army Churches; but ideally

in partnership with the local Churches Together and so with the other Christian denominations too. We are all different; different legal entities; but also having different characters, skills, people and financial resources. But we do have a common faith and share a common mission.

Our Mission Community is Keswick, covering Threlkeld, St John in the Vale, Borrowdale, Brathwaite, Newlands, Thornthwaite, and Keswick (both Anglican Churches) and so has those Anglican parishes and Keswick Methodist Church as constituent members.

We are then a diverse group of churches. But by working together we can help each other in our different places be better at ‘mission’ – that is intentionally engaging with the life of diverse communities in such a way that furthers the work of God’s Kingdom.

On November 15th we are holding a second ‘social’ – a working event for Church Council members and others who are interested. The main topic is what we are doing for the Moving Mountains Mission – as a Mission Community; as separate Churches; and in ways that support each other.

If you would like to join us on the 15th or have ideas for the Mission, please let me or anyone on the PCC know!

Charles

PARISH DIARY NOVEMBER

Wed 1st 7.30 pm Julian Prayer Group – Rev Charles Hope

Thurs 2nd 10.45 Eucharist

6.30 pm Stuffing Envelopes in Church for Gift Day!

Fri 3rd 3.45 Youth Choir

7.30 Choir practice

Sun 5th Nov Fourth before Advent

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm All Souls Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday 7th 10am Parent and Toddler Group

7-8.15 pm Intercessory Prayer Home Group at Copper Beeches, Ambleside Rd

Wed 8th 9.30 Friends of Keswick St John’s

7.30 pm CAMEO Bishops House Blood Bykes

Thurs 9th 10.45 Eucharist

12 noon Derwent Deanery Chapter

Fri 10th Interviews planned for Vicar of Crosthwaite

3.45 Youth Choir

7.30 Choir practice

Saturday 11th 11 Armistice Day

Sun 12th Nov Third before Advent / Remembrance Sunday

8 am Eucharist

9.45 Civic Service for Remembrance Sunday followed by Procession to War Memorial

~~10 am Sung Eucharist: service cancelled~~

6 pm Eucharist

6 pm Meditative Service at Methodist Church

Mon 13th 5 pm St Herbert's Curriculum Committee

7.30 Keswick St John's Finance Committee

Tuesday 14th 1 pm Borrowdale Community Trust

7-8.15 pm Prayer Home Group at Copper Beeches, Ambleside Rd.

Wednesday 15th

7-9 pm Mission Community Social & planning event for Church Councils.

7.30 Julian Prayer Group – Doreen Hodder

Thursday 16th 10.45 Eucharist

Deanery Synod at St John's Keswick

Friday 17th 3.45 Youth Choir

7.30pm Choir Practice

Sat 18th 10-12 noon Gift Day

Sun 19th Nov Second Sunday Before Advent

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Healing Eucharist

Mon 20th 5.45 pm St Herbert's Governing Body

Tues 21th Mothers Unions – Cllr Susan Leighton

7-8.15 pm Intercessory Prayer Home Group, Copper Beaches, Ambleside Road

7.30 pm PCC

Wed 22nd 2 ppm Keswick St John's Ministry and Mission Community

Thurs 23rd 10.45 Eucharist

Fri 24th 2 – 4 pm Knit and Natter Val's Cottage

3.45 Youth Choir

7.30 Choir practice

Sun 26th Nov Christ the King

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Evening Reflection – Taize service

Tuesday 28th

7-8.15 pm Intercessory Prayer Home Group at Copper Beeches, Ambleside Rd

Thurs 30th 10.45 Eucharist