

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF KESWICK ST JOHN

## JANUARY 2018



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Revd Charles writes:

Thank you! Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas, well Advent and Christmas such a wonderful time in the life of our church, in the welcome we extended to all who came, in the worship, the decoration, atmosphere of Church. It was great!

To that ethos of welcome, there was also the business of risk taking – different things tried, would they ‘work’, how would people respond to something traditional or something different. But risk taking is part of life, part of our mission.

Welcome and Risk taking also reflect aspects of the character of God. God welcomes us into a relationship with him. God desires us to be in relation with him. God opens the door and provides us with the means of entry, faith in Jesus, God gives us the courage to enter through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

But as God welcomes, he also takes the risk. The risk of rejection, for that is what they did to Jesus. The risk of failure, for that is what it looked like with Jesus. But also the risk of success, for that is what the church is – that she has survived and grown over the centuries is a sign of God’s power succeeding in his purposes.

For us as a Church, risk is something we are often not good at! Let’s keep it this way, we know it works, why risk is not working. But God encourages us to be bold. To take risks for the sake of the gospel. The Church is called to proclaim afresh the good news of Jesus (from the church’s ‘declaration of assent to the 39 Articles’). Proclaiming afresh is about doing new and different things, it is about risk.

Does it matter if things don’t quite work our right? No. Does it matter if it doesn’t always look ‘slick’ and ‘polished’? No. If they are its great. And that should be celebrated and people encouraged. And if they are not, well let’s encourage one another and build on things for the future.

What does matter? The motive for doing what we do – that we seek to serve God to the best of our abilities. As we serve God, we seek to share in his mission and ministry, to the best of our abilities seeking God’s grace, presence and enabling power.

What a wonderful time it has been. Let’s go on welcoming and taking risks as we make church together here in Keswick!

Charles

## PARISH DIARY JANUARY 2018

Morning Prayer is said in church most Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at 8:15am and on Wednesdays at 8.30 in the Crosthwaite Parish Room

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 pm Julian Prayer

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

### Sun 7<sup>th</sup> as the Covenant Sunday

8 am Eucharist

10 am Methodist Covenant Service with Holy Communion, joint service (Methodist service with Anglican preacher, at St John’s due to building works at the Chapel.)

6 pm Epiphany Carols & Readings

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 10am Parent and Toddler Group

12 for 12.30 MU Lunch at Greta Gardens

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

Road

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Julian Group Helen Marshall

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> 7.30 Choir practice

### Sun 14<sup>th</sup> as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany (!)

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Reflective service at Methodist Church

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 2 pm MU AGM

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

7.30 PCC

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Julian Prayer

7.30pm Cameo

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Choir Practice

### Sun 21<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany:

#### START OF WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Ecumenical Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity at ST JOHN’S

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> 12 noon Christian Unity Prayer, CTiK, AT ST JOHN’S

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> 12 noon Christian Unity Prayer, CTiK, AT ST JOHN’S

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

7.30 pm PCC

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 Friends of Keswick St John’s

12 noon Christian Unity Prayer, CTiK, AT ST JOHN’S

7.30 Julian Prayer Group

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

12 noon Christian Unity Prayer, CTiK, AT ST JOHN’S

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Christian Unity Prayer, CTiK, AT ST JOHN’S

7.30 Choir practice

### Sun 28<sup>th</sup> as Candlemas

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Evening Worship

Tues 29<sup>th</sup> 7-8.15 pm Intercessory Prayer Home Group, Copper Beaches, Ambleside Road

Wed 31<sup>st</sup> 9-10.30 Mission Community Starting Group

## FEBRUARY

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> 10.45 Eucharist

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.30 Choir practice

### Sun 4<sup>th</sup> as 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent (Volunteering Sunday)

8 am Eucharist

10 am Sung Eucharist

6 pm Evensong

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> 10am Parent and Toddler Group

2 MU

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

Road