



Churches
Together in
Cumbria
October
2017



Keynote Speaker:

Rev Terrie Robinson

Director for Women in
Church and Society,
the Anglican Communion



CELEBRATING TOGETHER 2017

Made in God's Image: exploring gender and discipleship

Be My Guest: Cumbria Church Leader interviews including:

- Bishop James Newcome in conversation with Venerable Penny Driver, formerly an Archdeacon in Carlisle Diocese
- Major Drew McCombe in conversation with Captains Stephen and Melanie Scoulding about couples ministry in the Salvation Army
- Bill Bewley (Quaker) in conversation with Jo Alberti, peace and justice campaigner

Workshops on: Domestic abuse, Gender justice, Gender and the local church, Expectations in maleness, Trans* and the Church (see overleaf)

Saturday 7 October 2017;

10am—4pm:

**St Mary's Church and Ambleside
Church Centre, LA22 9DH**

Cost: £12 (reduced rate available)

**Book by email lkctic@yahoo.com or call
Helen on 07503 931196**

Cumbria Churches Dementia Conference

25 November: 9.30am-3.30pm; Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith, CA11 7QW

As CTiC's project 'Making every church in Cumbria dementia-friendly by 2020' goes from strength to strength, with more than 100 Dementia Enablers now appointed in our local churches, the 2nd Cumbria Churches Dementia Conference provides the chance to learn more about this vital issue and ministry. Keynote speakers will be Jeremy Hughes, Chief Executive of Alzheimer's Society, Hilary Doxford of the World Dementia Council, the Revd Gaynor Hammond and the Bishop of Penrith.

Attendance is free. Tea and coffee will be provided; participants are asked to bring their own lunch. To reserve a place please contact Margaret Irving: dfc43@btinternet.com; 07540 920829.



South Asia Flood Appeal

Over 40 million people across South Asia have been affected by relentless flooding. An estimated 1,200 lives have been lost, while survivors' homes and livelihoods have been destroyed. Two months of persistent monsoon rains have caused widespread flooding. Hundreds of thousands of people have been evacuated from the worst hit areas and are living in temporary shelters.

Christian Aid's partners in India, Nepal and Bangladesh are helping people whose homes and crops have been lost. Our immediate priorities are clean water, shelter and prevention of disease. We are providing safe drinking water, hygiene materials, tarpaulin and ground sheeting for shelters, and mosquito nets. We are also educating survivors on good hygiene practices to limit the spread of water-borne diseases, such as cholera.

We need your support so we can scale up our response and help those affected to rebuild their lives. Churches can respond in a number of ways:

- **Pray with us.** A prayer for personal use or in services is below.
- **Hold a collection during a service.** Donation envelopes can be ordered by phoning 0870 078 7788, or if you have envelopes left over from previous collections they can be used. The envelopes help us to claim an extra 25% through gift aid.
- **Share the appeal on social media.** Find Facebook posts to share [here](#) and Twitter [here](#).
- Organise a quick and simple fundraiser such as a **coffee morning or supermarket collection**.

Laura Jones, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator, Cumbria



Prayer from Cumbria for flooding in South Asia

*O God, our refuge and strength,
We ask you to look with loving mercy on all who are victims of floods,
both near and far away.
Be with them in their loss of home, livelihood, even of loved ones.
Save them from despair and hopelessness.
Give them patience and determination to rebuild their lives.
Bless all who bring relief with gifts of aid, food, shelter, and friendship.
And as the dove brought news of new creation to Noah, so may we,
your church bring hope of a new beginning to those who need our help.
Through Jesus Christ, who stilled the storm, our Lord and Saviour.
Amen.*

Poverty in Cumbria – information needed for pending report

Cumbria Leaders Board members have asked for a report on poverty in Cumbria for their October meeting. Cumbria Third Sector Network believes that local Third Sector organisations, including our churches and church-based organisations, will have a lot of information on this topic, and be able to make an important contribution to the report. It would be good to know what evidence you have that poverty is a significant problem for some people in Cumbria - and to hear about the different groups of people who are affected in different ways (for example, child poverty, fuel poverty, and other vulnerable groups). It would be useful to hear about the ways that you are supporting people locally, and your ideas about the actions that would help address poverty locally and nationally. Please provide your ideas by completing a short survey, before the end of September, by following this [link](#).

[Carolyn Otley](#) *Third Sector Network Co-ordinator*

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking: what to do if you see suspicious signs

You probably wouldn't think that there are people being trafficked and held in slavery in Cumbria in 2017 but there are. In the past few months Cumbria Police have had to deal with suspected cases of forced labour, sex slavery and domestic slavery. If you have any suspicions at all that someone you have come across has been trafficked or is being held against their will please phone the national **Modern Slavery Helpline: 0800 0121 700**. You can find information on how to spot the signs in [Indicators of Modern Slavery](#), produced by [The Clewer Initiative](#), a national church project.

Bridging the Gap Project monthly drop-ins for those with hearing loss

Caritas Care's [Bridging the Gap project](#) is offering monthly outreach or 'drop in' clinics at a number of venues across Cumbria until the end of the year to advise on the use and maintenance of hearing aids and other equipment; asking for a small donation of £3 per person at each visit to help fund the service. Details of where you can access the drop-in service in your area are found at the foot of the [Bridging the Gap webpage](#).



Urgent: please can your church collect toys for Syrian refugee families before the end of September?

The first Syrian refugee families to come to Cumbria last spring hugely appreciated toys given to their children that had been collected by churches and others. The next Syrian refugee families are expected to arrive in Cumbria in the autumn and it would be great to again welcome the children with some toys.

We hope that churches all over the south and west of the county can get together a box or so of toys and arrange to drop the boxes off.

Children are likely to range in age from babies to mid-teens so a range of toys would be helpful. Clean, good quality second hand toys are fine. Please don't include any guns, tanks or military items and nothing culturally inappropriate – e.g. no Barbie dolls in skimpy clothes.

The toys need to be delivered **by 28 September** to either:

Barrow CVS, Lesser King's Hall, Hartington Street, Barrow in Furness, LA14 5SR. (The office is open 9am to 4pm Monday to Thursday. Please phone or email Julie beforehand to ensure that there is someone there to receive them: 01768 800350; juliesh@cumbriacvs.org.uk)

Workington Town Hall, Oxford St, Workington CA14 2RS. (Drop off: 9am-5pm Monday to Thursday, 9am-4.30pm on Fridays—reception is manned by Citizens Advice; please mark that the box is for the attention of Cumbria Youth Alliance.)

Discover Cumbria's beautiful churches with ExploreChurches website

Residents and visitors can now find 80 of Cumbria's most beautiful churches, chapels and meeting houses on ExploreChurches, the new church tourism website run by the [National Churches Trust](http://NationalChurchesTrust). The trustees of the [Churches Trust for Cumbria](http://ChurchesTrustforCumbria) have chosen eleven less well-known places of worship that hold the most resonance for Cumbria and their local communities [for a special website feature](#).

HOPE

[HOPE 2018](#) will provide opportunities within the Christian calendar to make Jesus known, starting with a 7 session course which will be issued in January enabling, equipping and empowering people to be able to share their faith. [Order the HOPE 2018 brochure](#) now. The website contains [simple guidelines about using the logo](#). The 2017 [Christmas HOPE](#) magazine, will be available in the autumn.

Reformation! 1 October: 3pm; Rose Castle, CA5 7BZ

The story of the English Reformation with music from 14th-17th centuries. £10. All proceeds to Rose Castle Foundation. Please reserve your seat: helen@eichler.plus.com; 07780 682373. [More information online](#)

Women's World Day of Prayer

Women's World Day of Prayer for 2018 WWDP has been prepared by the women of Suriname.

Cumbria will host a preparation day, led by Muriel Stonehewer of the northern region for WWDP.

You will:

- be talked through the Order of Service
- hear briefly about WWDP and the wider WDP movement.
- take part in a Bible study on the theme of the service.
- have an illustrated background presentation about Suriname

Langwathby Village Hall, Langwathby, Penrith, CA10 1LW

Wednesday 25 October; 10am-3pm

Expect to receive an invitation letter if you and your committee are usually responsible for hosting the service in your area. If you have not heard from us by early October, please contact [Rev Mary Elliot](mailto:RevMaryElliot): 01434 381350 or [Hazel Bowes](mailto:HazelBowes): 01768 881222.

Please register if you wish to attend.

£5 includes tea and coffee, but please bring your own packed lunch.

Volunteering Fairs

Cumbria CVS are organising two fairs to bring together volunteers and organisations. Find out about a range of opportunities:

- Barrow: 4 October; noon to 1.30pm; The Forum, Duke St
- Whitehaven: 23 November; noon to 1.30pm; Harbour Youth Project

Reminder

Please remember to keep looking at the CTiC [events page](#) which is regularly updated with ALL the events we are notified about.

Please note that our November newsletter will be published in mid-October and send us copy accordingly.

Telling Stories – Lent Course 2018

Stories are immensely powerful – they can charm, beguile, motivate, challenge, encourage....so it is no surprise that so much of Jesus' teaching is based around stories.

Next March, across Cumbria, we will be encouraging people to discover the story of Jesus through [Moving Mountains](#). As it takes place during Lent, it offers us a great opportunity through the ecumenical Lent groups that many churches run to look at some of the stories that shape how we help others discover more of God. Seen through some of the stories of Moses, we will be looking at My Story (what has God done in my life?), God's Story (what is the good news that we celebrate?), The Story (praying for all that is happening during Moving Mountains) and Our Story (what is happening in our own communities?) as well as having an opportunity to hear some of the stories of what has been happening during Moving Mountains.

The course will be available from early January to download, in good time for the beginning of Lent – any questions, do get in touch:

mike.talbot@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

Mike Talbot - Evangelism Enabler

Mission Focussed Youthwork: 14 October

Keynote Workshop by Richard Passmore looking at missional youthwork, what we can learn from missionaries who have been before us and how we can apply this to Cumbria in 2017. Many other workshops too. 1.45-5pm; Penrith Methodist Church. [Tickets £6](#) including scones with jam and cream and beverages. More information [online](#) or from richard.passmore@carlisle-diocese.org.uk

Mission Shaped Ministry Course: 30 September 2017 - 18 March 2018

If you would like a place on this [new course](#), which runs mostly on weeknight evenings but also includes a Saturday and a residential, please [book](#) as a matter of urgency.

Fresh Expressions Conference

Fresh Expressions is seeing some of the strongest growth across the church in Cumbria, and now is a great time to explore how Fresh Expressions can help you impact your local community. For those interested in finding out more we are hosting a day conference on Saturday 18th November in Kendal. With keynote addresses from Jonny Baker; leader of pioneer training at Church Mission Society, Steve Collins; architect and author, looking at how to use buildings creatively, and Charis Robertson; youth worker at innovative project Hot Chocolate Trust Dundee, exploring the power of stories. Alongside these we have a whole host of workshops run by local people in Cumbria on: outdoor fresh expressions, child spirituality, yoga, food and more. Come and be inspired, enthused and find simple ways you can start a Fresh Expression in your area. Book your place by following the [link](#).

Richard Passmore - Fresh Expressions Enabler



Hidden Wounds in Our Midst: How might we preach prophetically, facing the challenges of domestic abuse from a faith perspective?

20 January 2018

It has been great that CTiC's domestic abuse awareness training days in 2017 have been fully booked. We strongly encourage all those concerned about the issue of domestic abuse to attend this [event in early 2018](#), which is provided by Cumbria Christian Learning. It aims to equip those involved in pastoral care and anyone who preaches, teaches or speaks into the issue of domestic abuse - through preaching, worship, prayer, listening and learning. Keynote speakers are Kathy Galloway and Elaine Storkey. 9.30am-3.30pm; St Thomas, Kendal. More information and bookings [online](#) or by phoning 01768 807765.



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