



Churches
Together in
Cumbria
November
2017

**Cumbria Churches Dementia Conference: 25 November:
Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith, CA11 7QW**

- 9.30am Registration and coffee
- 10.00am Introduction: David Richardson, Dementia Coordinator and Chair of Dementia Reference Group,
- 10.10am Welcome: Mrs Claire Hensman, Lord Lieutenant for Cumbria
- 10.15am Dementia & Faith: Robert Freeman, Bishop of Penrith
- 10.30am Developing a dementia-friendly church 1: Revd Gaynor Hammond, author
- 11.10am Coffee
- 11.25am Developing a dementia-friendly church 2: Revd Gaynor Hammond
- 12.05pm Living with dementia: Hilary Doxford, member of the World Dementia Council
- 12.50pm Lunch—please bring your own
- 1.45pm ‘United against dementia’- how are we doing? Jeremy Hughes, CEO of Alzheimer’s Society
- 2.35pm ‘Go tell it on the mountain’ report from dementia enablers
- 3.15pm Service of dementia friendly worship: Robert Freeman, Bishop of Penrith
- 3.30pm Close

Attendance is free. To reserve a place please contact Margaret Irving dfc43@btinternet.com; 07540 920829.

Celebrating Together 2017: Made in God’s Image; exploring gender and discipleship

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Revd Terrie Robinson spoke on *Discipleship through a Gender Justice Lens*

*Accomplished speaker;
held interest*



Irene McKay’s workshop on Gender and the Local Church

Excellent, both in content and in presentation



Church Leader Interviews: Major Drew McCombe and Captains Steve and Mel Scoulding

Always interesting and helpful to hear something of the lives of others

Hidden Wounds in Our Midst: How might we preach prophetically, facing the challenges of domestic abuse from a faith perspective?
20 January 2018; 9.30am-3.30pm; St Thomas, Kendal



**CUMBRIA
 CHRISTIAN
 LEARNING**



A day to explore how through preaching, worship, prayer, listening and learning, we begin to discern the challenge the Gospel poses for our relationships, calling us to repentance, and enabling restoration and healing. Keynote speakers: Kathy Galloway, a practical theologian, campaigner and writer on issues of peace, social justice, liturgy and spirituality; and Elaine Storkey, author of *Scars Across Humanity*, which addresses the global incidence of violence against women. £20 per person, but reduced rate available. More information and booking form [online](#) or by phoning 01768 807765.

Advent Course: Welcoming Christ, the Stranger: 29 November, 6, 13, 20 December Biblical perspectives on a Christian approach to hospitality and the stories and poetry of those who have come to us for shelter and sanctuary. Led by Karl Möller of Cumbria Christian Learning. 7-9pm; Church House, Friargate, Penrith, CA11 7XR. Bookings: admin@cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk



Rohingya Crisis Appeal – please respond as churches and individuals

We ask every church and supporter to join us in responding to the situation if they are able, in this period of joint action within the DEC appeal. Christian Aid has a strong presence in both Bangladesh and Rakhine State and we are uniquely positioned to scale up our response in both countries. Prayers, collection envelopes and short video clips are available to help your church on the [Rohingya Appeal page](#).

Visit our projects in Malawi in March 2018 – need to book by end of October

An exciting opportunity for Christian Aid supporters in Cumbria to join a supporter trip to Malawi from 7 to 15 March 2018. This is a rare chance to visit our projects overseas, and see first-hand what a difference you are making. It is organised in connection to the Carlisle Diocese Bishop's Harvest Appeal which, for this year and the following 2 years, will connect with a pigeon peas project in Malawi. Approx. £1800 including flights and accommodation; £300 deposit required by 31 October. For more information and to book: 01925 582 827; lkjones@christian-aid.org



Pigeon pea farmer Frank Zulu and family

Enough for Everyone this Christmas

The [Christmas Appeal](#) this year will focus on hunger and malnutrition in sub-Saharan Africa, and encourages us to reflect on the injustice of hunger in a world of plenty. There are great [resources on the website](#). With UK Aid match funding every donation has twice the impact - the UK Government will give an extra £1 to our work in South Sudan for every £1 donated.

Laura Jones, Christian Aid Regional Coordinator, Cumbria

Urgent need for foster carers

Right now across Cumbria there is an **urgent need for more foster carers** to provide supportive, safe and happy homes for children who, for whatever reason, can't live with their birth families. Cumbria County Council already support over 200 foster families, but with more than 600 children needing foster families they are always looking for more people to join in. If you have room to spare in your home and a lifestyle that has room for a child, then why not become part of Cumbria's biggest family? From short-term fostering to offering a permanent home to a child, there are many ways in which you could make a difference to the lives of children in your local area.



Foster carer Rosemary Glassbrook said: *"In our 15 years of fostering we've looked after children from babies up to teenagers; to see the difference fostering makes even in just a short while is truly rewarding. Fostering is more than a job, it's something you must be committed to and do from the heart."*

Without more foster families coming forward some children may find themselves living a long way from school and friends or being split up from brothers and sisters.

If you think you have what it takes, find out more at www.cumbria.gov.uk/fostering, call 0303 333 1216, or come to an [information event](#) and meet the team and existing foster carers.

If you would be happy to display an A4 poster in your church contact Claire.crisp@cumbria.gov.uk.

Growing Through Conflict Foundation Day:

25 January 2018

9.30am-4pm; Kendal St George, Castle St, LA9 7AS

CTiC training with [Place for Hope](#). Consider your 'conflict style' and how you respond in difficult or tense situations. Explore how conflict escalates in a church context and consider some tools for de-escalation. For any in leadership (lay, ordained, stipendiary, paid or voluntary) in our churches. £10 per person; your denomination or local church may be able to support you in paying. Book with Helen Boothroyd (hbctic@tiscali.co.uk; 07503 931196) before December or Brec Seaton (seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk; 07799 900469).

Op Shop Development Project Manager – application deadline 31 October

To help [Op Shops](#) develop to the next level as a sustainable and flourishing network of local outlets providing Christian evangelism and community support, as a key part of God for All. [More information online](#).

Fresh Expressions Conference:

18 November; Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

There's [still time to book](#) for this [day conference](#), with keynote addresses from Jonny Baker; leader of pioneer training at Church Mission Society, Steve Collins; architect and author, and Charis Robertson; youth worker at [Hot Chocolate Trust Dundee](#).

Cumbria Victims Charitable Trust (CVCT)

CVCT exists to support initiatives to assist victims of crime to cope and recover, and to prevent victims being targeted and/or repeat victims of crime. Applications need to be supported by an independent person with knowledge of the individual and the circumstances. Grants will be targeted at cases where no other funds are available to the victim. [Further details online](#). Applications through [Cumbria Community Foundation](#).

Junk food marketing to children – help needed from parents for online survey

[Food Active](#) has launched [research on parents' perspectives of junk food marketing to children](#) to inform policymakers and is looking for parents in NW England with children aged 2-17 living at home to [complete the online survey](#). This will take 5-10 minutes, with the chance to win one of five £50 shopping vouchers. Please contact [Jenny Bakkali](#), Research Project Officer, with any questions: 0151 237 2686.

A Discipling Presence

A [new booklet](#) for rural churches which want to focus on mission and making disciples. It contains stories to inspire, exercises and Bible passages to help reflection and practical suggestions to move forward, with thinking about worship, evangelism, children and young people, and making the best use of church buildings. It has been written by an ecumenical group, including Rev Richard Teal, Chair of Cumbria Methodist District

Still time to complete church survey on domestic abuse – before end of November

We still need more people to complete the Church Responses to Domestic Abuse survey, being undertaken with CTiC by the Universities of Coventry and Leicester and [Restored](#). This is the first major UK study of how churches respond to domestic abuse and is collecting vital data that will inform the training provided to churches. We invite everyone who attends a church in Cumbria to take part in the research, which has received ethical approval. Participants' confidentiality and anonymity is assured: the church won't be named and we don't require your name or contact details. [Please complete online](#) as soon as you can – absolute deadline is end of November.

Elder Abuse:

information and help available

AgeUK West Cumbria has produced [excellent information and signposting on the issue of elder abuse](#). To order printed leaflets with this information for display in your church, please contact [Jacqui Rogan](#): 01946 66669; 07714 247971.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18-25 January 2018

Resources are now available on the [CTBI website](#). Material for 2018 was produced in the Caribbean and uses Exodus 15, a song of triumph over oppression.

Looking after one another –

The safety and security of our communities

This [publication from the InterFaith Network](#) contains practical suggestions on: responding jointly to an attack linked to racial or religious hatred; responding calmly in times of tension; building on and strengthening existing good inter faith relations; and strengthening security.

Publication of Theos report on Churches Together in England

This [report from Christian think tank Theos](#) is called *That they all may be one: Insights into Churches Together in England and contemporary ecumenism* and is now available to [download](#). If you prefer a printed copy send a SAE to Lorraine Shannon, Churches Together in England, 27 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9HH. The SAE should be an A5 envelope (23x16cm) with a 'Large' stamp and your own address already printed on it. Write 'Theos Report' in the top left corner of the envelope. There is no need to enclose a letter.

Church Urban Fund

- CUF has published [new research on food poverty](#) which shows that 1 in 50 British adults used a food bank in 2016 and that 5% of British adults missed meals last year because they could not afford to eat, and is calling for a response from all sections of society: Government, businesses, and [individuals](#).
- CUF is also inviting people to participate in the [Advent Sleepout Challenge](#) to help bring fullness of life to homeless and marginalised people across England.

Reminder

Please remember to keep looking at the CTiC [events page](#) which is regularly updated with **ALL** the events we are notified about. Please send copy before mid November for our December / January newsletter: hbctic@tiscali.co.uk

Think Global Act Local: 28 October

[More information online](#)

Bible Sunday: 29 October

[More information online](#)

How Our Story is Perceived: 6 November: Windermere

[More information online](#)

Living with the Mystics: 7 November: Keswick

[More information online](#)

Christ is Risen— so what?: 8 November: Kendal

[More information online](#)

National Interfaith Week: 12-19 November

[More information online](#)

Cumbria Prayer Conference—Time to Turn:

18 November: Carlisle

[More information online](#)

Fresh Expressions Conference: 18 November: Kendal

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W Cumbria Volunteer Fair: 23 November: Whitehaven

[More information online](#)

Black Tie & Tiara Ball: 24 November: Carlisle

[More information online](#)

Cumbria Churches Dementia Conference:

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Light up a Life Services: 26 November

[More information online](#)

Staff news

Both CTiC's staff will be leaving before the end of 2017. This is the last newsletter to be produced by Lucinda - a big thank you to her for the wonderful job she has done in producing the newsletter over the last few years and for all her other work for CTiC. Please don't email Lucinda from now on; her email address will cease to operate shortly. I will say my farewell in the next newsletter, and will start a new job as the Business Development Manager for [Place for Hope](#) in January.

There will be no immediate replacement for either staff posts; CTiC is using the opportunity to conduct a review and plan for the future. Regular newsletters will continue, produced in the interim by our freelance website administrator Lynne Skellern. Please send items for the December/January newsletter to me. Contact details for those who will carry various areas of CTiC's work on an interim basis will be found in that newsletter.

Helen Boothroyd, Development Officer

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