



# Churches Together in Cumbria August 2020

**Welcome to this month's Newsletter.** Here you will find information about a bereavement course, the recruitment of emergency planning coordinators, our Dementia Conference, grants available to churches, a child-centred policing initiative in South Cumbria, a survey on life in lockdown, a new app against modern slavery, the project manager post at North Lakes Foodbank, and we end with 'prayer in the time of Covid'.

## The Bereavement Journey, Cumbria.

Supporting people who are bereaved, even if a long time ago, is something our culture doesn't do well. Sadly, the number of bereaved people has risen significantly in recent months, and we wish to offer some support.

Holy Trinity church in Brompton developed a course called The Bereavement Journey which has been delivered to small groups very successfully over the past 25 years. Recently, this course has been delivered online, and feedback has been very positive. Further details can be found on their website: <https://thebereavementjourney.org/>

CTiC is now offering this course in Cumbria using Zoom. The first course will be delivered on Thursday evenings, beginning on 17th September at 7.30pm - 9.30pm. The course runs for six weeks, so will end on Thursday 22nd October.

We will have two groups of eight guests. If you are interested in booking a place, or would like more information, please email [shelagh.goldie@gmail.com](mailto:shelagh.goldie@gmail.com).

There is also further details and a booking form on the CTiC Website (address below).

The course has been very popular, so we are offering a second course beginning Thursday 5th November 7.30pm for six weeks, ending Thursday 10th December. Thereafter we hope more people will run courses to keep waiting lists at a minimum.

We welcome guests of any age who have been bereaved at any time.

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## **Recruiting Churches Together in Cumbria Emergency Response Coordinators**

Emergencies can take many forms and CTiC is reviewing its Emergency Response plan in the light of the pandemic and because of this we are seeking Emergency Coordinators at Local community, District Council and County Council levels. Please contact Revd Nicola Reynolds on 01697 508465 or email [nicola.reynolds2@talktalk.net](mailto:nicola.reynolds2@talktalk.net)



### **Person Specification:**

#### **Useful skills**

- Ability to stay calm in an emergency
- Ability to think logically, to assess the situation, plan a response and put it into action in a timely fashion.
- Ability to communicate with others through various media.
- Ability to implement the Emergency Plan but also able to think “outside the box” at times.
- To be prepared to remain available as a point of contact throughout the emergency and into the recovery phase.
- People with experience in support services such as Police, Fire and Rescue, the Military or Logistics in industry or business for example may have skills to offer but not exclusively.
- Be the Churches and Faith groups representative at meetings organised by the County Council and communicate information to the Churches and to Faith Groups if not represented.
- To assess the Churches response and review the Emergency Plan in the light of new situations.
- To be a point of contact with agencies or businesses offering support to those affected by the emergency such as food stuffs offered to the churches providing rescue centres and/or community support.
- To receive queries or requests for help from the churches who are organising and running support for their communities.

#### **The CTiC plan is to have as a minimum of:**

- Two Emergency Response Coordinator at County level to be the first point of contact with the County Council Resilience Unit or the Emergency Services
- Two Coordinators in each District to be the point of contact for the CTiC County Coordinators in the event of an emergency, to liaise with their District Council Emergency Group and to communicate what is needed to the local Churches Together Groups and or Mission Communities.
- Two people in each CT group and Mission Community who are the link with the CTiC District Coordinator in the event of an emergency.

## Churches Together in Cumbria Fifth Annual Dementia Conference

The fifth annual Churches Together in Cumbria Dementia Conference will take place via Zoom on Saturday 19th September 10.30-12.30. The Conference marks the end of the current Dementia Project and the launch of Anna Chaplaincy as we look to see this introduced and established as a distinct ministry of the Church in Cumbria. We warmly invite you to join us! Please look out for the Zoom link in the September Churches Together Newsletter.

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## National Churches Trust

Now that churches, chapels and meeting houses are once again able to be open for worship and visitors, we'd like to remind you of the availability of grant funding for essential maintenance work and small repairs through our [Foundation grant programme](#), in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust.

Through the Foundation grant programme we can fund small works to your church building that cost up to £10,000 (excluding VAT) with grants of up to 50% of the cost (up to £5,000). Works would need to have 2 quotes in place and permissions if required. Decisions are made on a monthly basis. Our final deadline for 2020 funding through this programme will be 30 October 2020, but as maintenance is so important to the condition of your building **we urge you not to delay!** As an idea of what we fund - the majority of our grantees require funds to repair rainwater goods, drainage repairs, to carry out small repointing and stone repairs, and small roof repairs. Please follow [the link](#) for the full guidance and access to the online application form.

If you have any questions at all, please contact us: [grants@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:grants@nationalchurchestrust.org) and we would be very happy to help.



## **Do you work with Children and Young People? Barrow Police need your help**

As you likely know I am developing a Child Centred Trauma informed approach and creating a new team in South Cumbria, teams are also being created across the force.

Part of this work requires getting contact sheet of all agencies especially the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector that work with children and young people within the Barrow Borough area – it will also be done for South Lakes

What I need is a short description about what services you provide and contact details for referrals. It may well be that I already know about your group but it would be better to the description in your own words. I also know that there may be groups that I am not aware of so please provide me contact details of anyone you think may be able to help. Don't worry about me getting the same information several times as I would sooner have it than miss it.

The Child Centred Policing Team for South Cumbria will launch on 17<sup>th</sup> August (soft launch whilst we get some training sorted in first couple of weeks). This is part of a change that we are under taking in terms of our approach as the whole force starts to shift in the same direction and become Child Centred. It fits in really well to other work going on in the area and I want us to become a key partner in early intervention and helping to achieve better outcomes for our children and young people by working much more closely with our partners than we have previously.

I have lots of reading and planning to do. If anyone has any advice or sources of information then please feel free to share with me.

I'm really excited about the prospect of changes being made in Barrow that can be replicated across the county and nationally.

Together we can make a real difference #TeamBarrow

Many thanks ☺

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## Hope Beyond Grants—All Churches Trust



Allchurches Trust has launched a new grants programme, Hope Beyond, aimed to enable churches and Christian charities to meet changing needs within their communities as the longer term impacts of Covid-19 become clearer.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to fund projects that will enable people, organisations and communities to flourish in life after lockdown. Further information can be found [here](#), with guidance and resources to support your application [here](#).

## Saltley Trust—Lockdown Survey

Would you like to take part in a survey that will help understanding of the experience of life as a Christian during the lockdown? #LockdownDisciples



**What's it all about?** We want to learn more about people's experiences of living as a Christian during the coronavirus crisis and lockdown. The survey results will help us understand more about how to support people in their development as disciples as we emerge from the current crisis.

**What's involved?** Short answers to 10 questions, plus a few tick box questions about you. Give your gut response - a sentence or a phrase will do (though you can write more if you wish). It should take you 10-15 minutes, perhaps less.

Survey creator: Ian Jones of St Peter's Saltley Trust, a Christian educational charity supporting religious education and Christian discipleship ([www.saltleytrust.org.uk](http://www.saltleytrust.org.uk)).

**Who can take part?** Anyone aged 18 or over. We particularly want to hear from UK adults who identify themselves as Christians, but anyone else may take part if they wish.

The full survey link to send out is: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/R13JHJ/>

Thank you in advance for anywhere you're able to disseminate it!

## A new app to tackle Modern Slavery in Rural Areas

The Clewer Initiative have launched the Farm Work Welfare App (FWWA) ready in time for summer. The next few months are critical in terms of the recruitment of seasonal workers. What's more, when demand for workers outweighs supply, criminal labour exploitation often flourishes.

Summer 2020 has seen the usual supply of workers significantly hampered by restrictions on movement due to the coronavirus pandemic and also because of the impending impact of Brexit. To add fuel to the fire, industry shut-downs which have come into effect to help fight COVID-19 have led to a surge in the number of vulnerable people looking for work in rural areas and has pushed exploiters to move away from some of the industries they usually operate in. Combine these factors and it's easy to see why criminal gangs are becoming increasingly active within the agricultural sector.

Further information can be found [here](#).

[www.theclewerinitiative.org](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org)



## **POST OF PROJECT MANAGER - based in Cockermouth**



Having celebrated its 10 Year Anniversary last year and adapted to continue serving those in need throughout the global pandemic, the North Lakes Foodbank charity is looking to recruit a new Project Manager to oversee the operation of the Foodbank as it enters the next chapter of its service to the local community.

25 hours pw and to include some weekend and evening working.

Initially a 12 month contract subject to review thereafter.

Reporting to the Charity's Management Group, the role is to manage the day to day activities of the Charity to fulfil the vision of providing support to people in crisis across the whole of the North Lakes area. This includes managing a small team of staff and a large pool of volunteers.

We are looking for someone supportive of the Christian values of the Foodbank, of compassion, love and hope, with the ability to work independently and unsupervised and with strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with people from disadvantaged, marginalised or socially excluded backgrounds.

It is a genuine occupational requirement for the post holder to be a committed Christian. The post is subject to an Enhanced DBS Check.

For further information and application details please contact Andrew at [androb7@aol.com](mailto:androb7@aol.com)

Closing date Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

## **Prayer in the time of Covid**

Lord, we come to you in prayer. We still can't quite credit what is going on. We have no frame of reference: never before has the whole world – your whole world – suffered the same plague at the same time. Your world is united as never before – admittedly not in common resolve but in common fear. We find our mood swinging between the pessimism of 'it'll never end' and the optimism of 'it's bound to have ended by [fill in date of own birthday or whenever]', tempered sometimes by the realism of the wait for a vaccine.

Lord, help us never to lose sight of your love for us. You didn't will this plague on your world, your heart is broken, you are as distressed by suffering as we are. We know that in this time of darkness yours is the hand that we can grasp, yours is the light that we can glimpse.

Lord, we pray again, as we pray so often, that your will may be done. Lord, we know that it is your will that those who are ill may be healed, that a cure may be found and that all who carry responsibility among the nations may learn from this pandemic how better to combat the next one and to stop it in its tracks.

Lord, we pray again, as we pray so often, that your kingdom may come. Lord, may we discern with clearer vision and greater purpose how we may serve our neighbours – the people we know and the people unseen beyond the horizon, but still our neighbours in your sight. Lord, Scripture tells us that we are your daughters and sons by adoption and co-heirs with Christ. May these words challenge us, encourage us and empower us to work for you in your world.

Lord, in this time of Covid, we pray with fervency and expectation that a day may dawn when humankind need no longer be afraid of the pestilence that walketh in darkness. And, Lord, a miracle breakthrough in research would really help right now. All this we pray in the name of your Son who lived as one of us, died for all of us and calls each one of us into his service. Amen.

**David Richardson**

**Treasurer and Chair of Anna Chaplaincy Advisory Committee, Churches Together in Cumbria**

### **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 information before 15th August for our newsletter: [ebctic@outlook.com](mailto:ebctic@outlook.com)

Find out more about the work of CTiC in our overview paper, available on the website: [https://www.churchestogethercumbria.co.uk/Groups/318434/About\\_Us.aspx](https://www.churchestogethercumbria.co.uk/Groups/318434/About_Us.aspx)

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