

The 2nd Sunday of Christmas

2nd January 2022

NOTICESHEET

for the

Two Valleys Mission Community



St. Thomas'



All Saints'



St. Anthony's



St John's



Holy Trinity

Welcome

Welcome to our Service of Worship

Please do stay and chat following the service.

Prayer is always available; please see the Minister at the end of the service.

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th - 9.15am Holy Communion at St. Mary's Crosthwaite

Sunday 9th January – 7pm at St Thomas Church

We are invited to **the launch of the Kendal and District Debt**

Centre and the commissioning of Samantha Vyner-Brooks as the centre manager. During this time we will hear from a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) leader, and something of the history and the vision of the project. We will be sharing how individuals can support us financially and how lives have been changed through the work of CAP.

The debt centre has been established by Churches in Kendal in partnership with the charity 'Christians Against Poverty'. It is a much-needed resource for our community and a sign of God's Kingdom at work.

Two Valleys Mission Community House Groups

What is a house group? Well, it's a group of people, perhaps 8-10 individuals, who meet together regularly (possibly every fortnight or once a month) in someone's home to study and discuss aspects of the Christian faith. This could be anything from a Bible passage or a character in the Bible to a current issue that affects us personally – it can be wide-ranging. The crucial thing is that those who meet develop friendship and trust so that we can support each other in a meaningful way through honest discussion. The plan is to set up as many groups as required, across the whole Two Valleys Mission Community. There will be a leader for each group to coordinate its meetings, but not necessarily to lead or host the meetings – this could be a shared role.



St. Mary's



St Paul's



St. Catherine's

Each group will decide itself how frequently to meet, and where and what time of day, depending on where people live and availability during the day or evening.

If you would like to be in a house group, or would just like more information, please contact either

Pat Howarth (howarth8hr@btinternet.com),

Dorothy Grace (dorothygrace01@btinternet.com) or

Rev. Michael Woodcock (015395 68276, mich@elwoodcock.com).

Living in Love and Faith

'Living in Love and Faith' is a set of resources from the Church of England produced to help inspire people to think more deeply both about what it means to be human, and to live in love and faith with one another. 'Living in Love and Faith' tackles the tough questions and the divisions among Christians about what it means to be holy in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality and marriage continue to change. It is also an invitation to be part of a national conversation that will feed into the General Synod debate on these issues in the summer. www.churchofengland.org/resources/living-love-and-faith

To that end Kendal Deanery is running a **5 week course beginning on Thursday 13th January 2022 from 7.30pm-9pm at Holy Trinity Kendal Parish Church**. If you would like to book a place, please contact Angela Whittaker ang.whitt68@googlemail.com : 015395 60355.

The course will be repeated in the summer, but that will be after the deadline for submitting responses to the national church..

Our **Two Valleys Lent Course** this year will be using another study guide from Living in Love and Faith called '**Pastoral Principles for living and learning well together**'. This can be a good 'warm up' before attending the LLF course.

Two Valleys Website

www.crosthwaiteandlyth.co.uk/churches.php

General Enquires, weddings and baptisms for churches served by Rev. Michael Woodcock please contact: mich@elwoodcock.com or 015395 68276