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Invitation to Explore Becoming a Dementia Enabler

We were delighted with the growth of Churches Together in Cumbria's [dementia-friendly churches project](#) in its first full year of operation in 2016. The first 65 Dementia Enablers are now active in making their churches dementia-friendly. Our first Cumbria Churches Dementia Conference in November attracted 75 participants.

CTiC seeks to recruit Dementia Enablers in those churches that do not yet have one. With that in mind, our Dementia Reference Group has organised a programme of Saturday morning half-day events around the county in March, to be followed by a one-day workshop in Penrith in June.

The March events will run from **9.30am to 1pm** at the following venues:

- 4 March Kendal Parish Church;
- 11 March Sands Methodist Church, Appleby and Barrow St Aidans
- 18 March Carlisle Border Kirk
- 25 March Crosthwaite Parish Room, Keswick.

The programme will include a Dementia Friends session and information on the role of a Dementia Enabler. More information [online](#) or from Dementia Coordinator David Richardson: dardesk@aol.com; 07917 668235.

If you would like to come and learn more about being a Dementia Enabler, **please book** with Margaret Irving: dfc43@btinternet.com; 07540 920829, specifying the name of the church and which event you plan to attend.

Big Shift Banks—Christian Aid Training: 27 February

6.30-8.30pm; Holy Trinity and St George, 33 Blackhall Road, Kendal, LA9 4BW

Through our Environment Group, CTiC is supporting Christian Aid in bringing information about the next phase of the Big Shift campaign to Cumbria. Christian Aid is asking people to engage with their banks to [bring about change in policies on fossil fuels](#). This training event will explain why the banks hold the key to stopping climate change – and what we need to do to make it a reality.

Book a place on this free training evening through [Eventbrite](#).



Great Commission: new evangelism website

Greatcommission.co.uk is offered by the Evangelical Alliance to empower churches and individuals to be talking about Jesus in their communities.

Ways to Support Church Action on Poverty

- [Buy high-quality ground Fairtrade coffee](#): £24 for six bags; £9 of this will support work to close the gap between rich and poor in the UK.
- Fundraise on Church Action on Poverty Sunday: 26 February. [Free resource pack](#).
- [Email your MP](#) to ask for a rethink on benefit sanctions. A recent [report from the National Audit Office](#) showed that the DWP has no evidence for its frequent claim that sanctions encourage people to find work and has refused to share data.

Church Urban Fund Big Pancake Party

[Fundraiser](#) for [Together Network](#); addressing hunger through foodbanks and holiday clubs.

Cumbria Elections: campaigning and hustings

There are a number of elections pending in Cumbria: a parliamentary by-election for the Copeland constituency on 23 February, and elections for Cumbria County Council and a number of District Councils on 4 May.

[Cumbria CVS](#) advises charities to check [government guidance](#) on **campaigning**, particularly that with regard to [elections](#).

Hopefully your churches will plan to run **hustings** to help their local community

engage with the elections. [Electoral](#)

[Commission guidance](#) is useful in this regard and [CTBI guidance](#) will also be helpful for running by-election hustings.

UK arms sales to Saudi Arabia

After the Government rejected the recommendation of 2 Parliamentary Committees for an immediate suspension of arms sales to Saudi Arabia pending an independent UN-led investigation into the targeting of civilians in Yemen, national church leaders have written to the Foreign Secretary. JPIT (Joint Public Issues Team) offers you a [draft letter to MPs](#).

Churches Together in England leaflet 2017

The 2017 leaflet about Churches Together in England is now available. Download a [pdf version](#) or request printed copies from [Lorraine Shannon](#).



[Moving Mountains 2018](#) is an opportunity for churches working together across Cumbria to unite in locally organised mission, outreach and evangelism. From 8 to 11 March 2018 Cumbria churches will be joined by teams led by Methodist District Chairs, URC Moderators, Bishops (drawn together by Archbishop Sentamu from the Northern Province) and Salvation Army District Commanders. We anticipate having about 30-35 such teams visiting the county composed of a mix of lay people, youth workers, ordinands and clergy. The essence of Moving Mountains is local churches planning and doing local mission. The events and style of the mission are decided at local church and area level, with the visiting mission team supporting what has been decided by churches.

A series of **launch evenings are underway now**. All have a 7pm for 7.30pm start:

- 1 February – St James' Church, St James Road, Carlisle, CA2 5PD.
- 6 February – Trinity Barrow, Abbey Road, Barrow-in-Furness, LA14 5HT.
- 6 February – Carver Uniting Church, Lake Road, Windermere, LA23 2BY.
- 16 February – Penrith Methodist Church, 10 Wordsworth Street, Penrith, CA11 7QW.
- 16 February – St Andrew's Mirehouse, Meadow Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8ER.

It's really important that congregations get involved at this early stage - **those who are yet to make contact are urged to do so as soon as possible** in order that numbers can be confirmed for the different venues: To sign up email [Carolyn Dykes](#), giving details of the number of attendees, the venue you will go to and your place of worship.

Volunteer Prayer Enablers are sought to work as part of a team helping churches strengthen or develop prayer strategies for their community ahead of Moving Mountains. Download the [Prayer Enabler Profile](#) for more information. To attend a Prayer Enabler Taster day on 11 March (in South Cumbria) or 1 April (in North Cumbria) please contact [Mike Talbot](#); 07767 763715.

Diary dates

Moving Mountains Launch Events.

- 1 February—Carlisle
- 6 February—Barrow
- 6 February—Windermere
- 16 February—Penrith
- 16 February—Whitehaven

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Towards a Contemplative View of Life: 2 Feb; Rydal. 9.30-4pm.

[More information online](#)

Green Communion: 5 February.

[More information online](#)

Living with the Mystics: 7 Feb; Keswick. 10am-3pm.

[More information online](#)

Imagine Church: 10am-4pm.

- 4 February—Whitehaven
- 11 February—Wigton
- 4 March—Carlisle

[More information online](#)

Self Harm & Suicide Awareness Workshops: 9.30am-1pm.

- 6 February—Carlisle
- 10 February—Barrow
- 15 February—Workington
- 20 February—Penrith

[More information online](#)

Racial Justice Sunday: 12 Feb.

[More information online](#)

Before the Flood: 13 February; Kendal. 7.30pm.

[More information online](#)

Barrow Volunteering Fair: 15 February; Furness College. 11am-2pm.

Cumbria CVS event to publicise local volunteering opportunities.

[More information online](#)

Student Sunday: 19 February.

[More information online](#)

Happiness Course Training: 24 February; Liverpool. 9.30am-4.30pm.

[More information online](#)

Church Action on Poverty Sunday: 26 February.

[More information online](#)

Big Shift Banks: Christian Aid Training: 27 February; Kendal.

6.30pm-8.30pm.

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Me, Myself and I: Multiple Identities and Post Colonial Christianity in Britain: 28 February; Lancaster. 7.30pm.

[More information online](#)

Longing for God: learning from the wisdom of the Carmelites: 2 March; Rydal. 9.30am-4pm.

[More information online](#)

Barrow Funding event: 2 March; The Forum. 10am-12pm or 1-3pm.

[More information online](#)

Women's World Day of Prayer: 3 March.

[More information online](#)

Dementia Enabler Events.

- 4 March—Kendal
- 11 March—Appleby
- 11 March—Barrow
- 18 March—Carlisle
- 25 March—Keswick

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Dignity and Respect: 9.30am-4pm.

- 9 March—Knutsford
- 10 March—Wigan

Understanding of bullying and harassment behaviour and ways to respond. For church leaders lay and ordained.

Email for more information

seatonb@methodistchurch.org.uk

National Conference in Pregnancy and Infant Loss: 10 March; London.

[More information online](#)

The Hying Retreat: 10-12 March; Carnforth. £130 (concession £100).

[More information online](#)

Preparing to Welcome Syrian Refugees
Carlisle Refugee Action Group (CRAG) and Carlisle One World Centre (COWC) invite you to attend an **Information Morning** to help prepare for the arrival of Syrian Refugees to Cumbria from April 2017: [11 February; 10am-1pm; Calva Lecture Theatre, University of Cumbria, Fusehill Street, Carlisle.](#)

See CTiC's [leaflet](#) and resources for refugee support [webpage](#) for ideas of what your church might do. **Offers of support** from churches or individuals should be sent to: refugee.support@cumbria.gov.uk

Government Consultation on supporting people with disabilities or health conditions

The consultation on the Green Paper [‘Improving Lives’](#) runs until 17 February.



Launch Event:

18 February; Carnforth. 2pm-4pm.

Guest Speaker: Mr Roy Crowne,
Executive Director of Hope

[More information and bookings online](#)

Fairtrade Fortnight

27 February— 12 March

[More information online](#)

Fairtrade Fortnight Coffee Morning:

11 March; 10am-12noon.

Church of Scotland, Chapel St, Carlisle.

Roof Protection Scheme Grants

Allchurches Trust has £1000 grants for churches to guard against metal theft by installing a roof alarm system. Funds limited; [applications](#) close on 31 March.

Lent Resources

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland's (CTBI) Lent course, *Returning Home: Christian Faith in Encounter with Other Faiths*, is now [available for download](#). A variety of other Lent resources, including from CAFOD, the Church Urban Fund, Embrace the Middle East and USPG, can also be found on a [new CTiC webpage](#).



Did you know...

about the informal conversations between the Church of England and the United Reformed Church?

The conversations took place over three years between 2013-16 and were co-chaired by the Rt Revd James Newcome (CoE) and the Revd Nicola Furley-Smith (URC). Among other issues, the conversations group discussed:

- Divine and Human Relations
- Old and New styles of ecumenism
- How decisions might be made together
- The sharing of ministries and ministers
- Unity, memory and identity

Come to an informal gathering with the Revd Nicola Furley-Smith, URC Co-Chair of the dialogue to learn more about the discussions, and how the outcome of this work helps us in Cumbria as we move forward together in God for All.

This event is open to all, although a particular invitation is extended to members and elders of the United Reformed Church in Cumbria and to our ecumenical partner colleagues, churches, circuits, cores, parishes and benefices who expect to be working with URC fellowships in their Mission Community.

When? Monday 27th February 2017 at 7.30pm (refreshments from 7pm)
Where? Carver Uniting Church, Lake Road, Windermere, LA23 2BY
Booking Please email the Revd Sarah Moore if you wish to attend revsarahmoore@me.com
Cost Free - donations gratefully received towards the cost of this event

The report can be accessed online at <http://tinyurl.com/zj2radu>



The **Methodist Church**



The Upper Room

Budget Retreat Accommodation is available at Hawkshead Hill Baptist Chapel in the heart of the Lake District. This self-catering unit consists of an upstairs double bedroom with comfortable seating, while downstairs there is a fully equipped kitchen, plus toilet and shower. The extensive grounds offer a variety of seated spaces, including poushtinia, summerhouse, graveyard. There are easy walks from the chapel, and Tarn Hows is nearby. The Upper Room is ideal for short retreats/breaks. The suggested donation is £20 pppn. Bookings via Kath Dodd: kath.dodd@btinternet.com; 015394 36451. www.hawksheadhillbaptistchurch.org.uk

Welcoming New Archdeacons

Carlisle Diocese's Archdeacons have a key role in supporting the ongoing development of ecumenical mission communities across the county. It will be great to welcome two new Archdeacons to Cumbria in February: Rev Lee Townend as Archdeacon of Carlisle and Rev Vernon Ross as Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, replacing the Ven Penny Driver who is retiring. We would like to thank Penny for all her support.

Rev Lee Townend



Rev Vernon Ross and his wife, Francesca

Commemorating the Reformation

2017 is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther posting his 95 theses; an event that has become known as the starting point of the Reformation. Resources to help churches commemorate this sensitively together are found on [Churches Together in England's website](#). The [Archbishops of Canterbury and York](#) issued a joint statement in January.

Mindline Helpline

MindLine Cumbria is an independent mental health support line for people in Cumbria. MindLine Cumbria is open weekdays 12pm-9pm and Saturdays from 5pm – 9pm. Call 0300 561 0000 or visit www.mindlinecumbria.org for information about mental health and how to make contact via webchat, text and email.

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