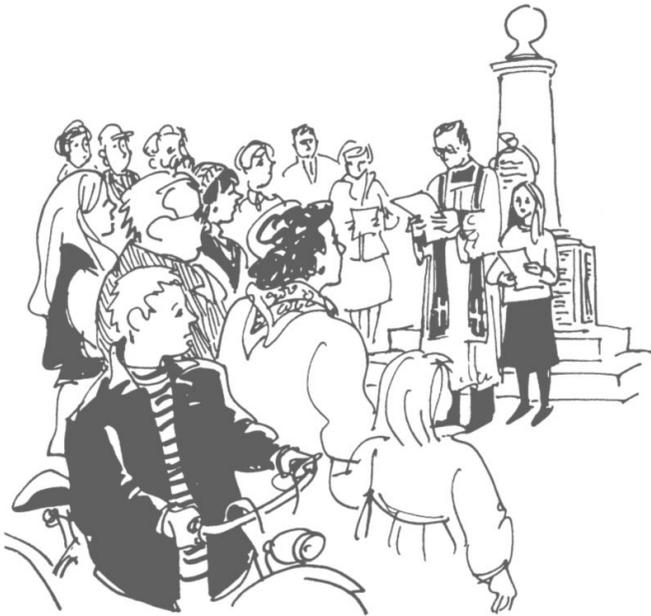


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November 2019



*For the United Reformed Churches in
Bewcastle, Brampton, Carlisle*

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Usually at 11.00am at St George's

(Check our Three Churches Services list)

From Revd Sarah Moore

What is the new Missional Partnership and should I (or our church) care?

From the 1st September the existing URC pastoral groupings in Cumbria were dissolved and replaced by the new Cumbria Missional Partnership. An exception to this is South West Cumbria United Area which because it is a formally constituted united area with the Methodist Church belongs to the Missional Partnership as a United Area.

Why has this happened?

Our former groupings worked just fine for us.

Several years ago the North Western Synod Executive Committee received a forecast for projected numbers of stipendiary ministers of word and sacrament that would be available for deployment within the Synod. The forecast came as a surprise as while we were aware that the number of available ministers was diminishing the actual anticipated reduction was more than the Executive Committee and the Synod Pastoral Committee had expected to be the case.

Alongside this the United Reformed Church, and our ecumenical partners, were becoming interested in the idea of Missional Discipleship and were looking to see how we might emphasise this in our church life and in the personal faith of God's people. We realised that all our churches were being challenged by God to look anew at our relationship with Jesus. We discerned that we, and the whole Church, are being called to be more like Jesus and to shift our church culture from one of survival to intentionally striving being more like Jesus.

In response to these matters, the full North Western Synod meeting passed resolutions accepting twin strategies concerning Missional Discipleship and Missional Partnerships as Synod policies. Every minister in active service is a member of the Synod meeting, and every congregation is entitled to send a representative, normally

an elder, to the Synod meeting on its behalf. This decision committed the North Western Synod to Missional Partnerships as the mechanism it would use in the deployment of stipendiary ministry.

What is a Missional Partnership?

A Missional Partnership is a grouping of local United Reformed Church congregations who are working together in mission and ministry. These groupings are larger than the joint and group pastorates that are familiar to most congregations. In Cumbria the Area Pastoral Committee looked at several different ways of reorganising the Cumbria Area in the light of the Missional Partnership strategy; in the end it came to the view that a single Missional Partnership coterminous with the Area was the most appropriate way forward.

Missional Partnerships are led by a Missional Partnership Steering Group. In Cumbria the membership of this group will be identical to the Area Pastoral Committee. All ordained ministers of word and sacrament in the county are members of this group. Each of the areas covered by the old pastoral groupings are invited to nominate one elder to represent all of the congregations in that area on this committee.

Why is this being implemented in this way in Cumbria?

In Cumbria the Area Pastoral Committee decided to implement the strategy by creating a single Missional Partnership. This is in response to several factors which are: our commitment to the God for All strategy which we share with our ecumenical partners; the number of United Reformed Church congregations in Cumbria; and the number of ministers available to the Cumbria Area. The size of the county and the geographical realities of living and working here were also taken into consideration.

In contrast to other parts of the Synod, in many ways for Cumbria the Missional Partnership is an administrative entity only. Members and attenders of local churches are more likely to notice

changes in the life of their fellowship as a result of membership of their local ecumenical Mission Community than they are as a result of the Missional Partnership.

Does this mean that we are no longer participating in ecumenical Mission Communities?

No!

The United Reformed Church's commitment to the ecumenical county and the God for All strategy which we share with our friends in the Church of England, Methodist Church, the Salvation Army and supported by the Companion Churches continues to be front and centre of our strategic planning here in Cumbria.

Congregations continue to be encouraged by the Synod to prioritise developing relationships and plans for mission with ecumenical partner churches in their local Mission Community. Should a situation arise where a choice needs to be made between a Missional Partnership or Mission Community event, URC people in Cumbria are urged to pick the local commitment.

The Synod holds the view that God for All is an exciting development for all the churches in Cumbria, and that this is the best and most appropriate strategy for United Reformed Church congregations and people here to place our energy.

What difference will this make for ministers?

Stipendiary ministers will now be called to the Cumbria Missional Partnership as a whole rather than to a particular congregation or smaller pastoral grouping. This means that they may from time to time be asked to support a URC congregation in a different part of the county to where they are based.

However within this the Synod is mindful of the geographical reality of the county and that it does not make sense for ministers to routinely be travelling long distances. Therefore most of the time ministers work will be based in the part of the county where they live and indeed this is very likely to be indistinguishable from the current working pattern of the current ministerial team.

What about county and wider roles?

The Cumbria Area continues to send representation to various bodies within God for All and the wider North Western Synod. Both lay and ordained people are needed to fulfil these obligations. Within the county more lay people are urgently needed to represent their areas on the Area Pastoral Committee/Missional Partnership Steering Group. Each congregation will continue to be entitled to be represented at meetings of the North Western Synod.

And finally

The creation of the Cumbria Missional Partnership is nothing to be concerned about. The Synod and Area hope that this will make our local participation in God for All easier and free people up to participate more fully in their local Mission Community.

Please do not hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions about Missional Partnerships.

Revd Sarah Moore

Cumbria Area President

From the Minister

Dear Friends,

Apart from the onset of winter recognised by the clocks having gone back on the 27th of October by an hour November can easily be seen as depressing with the Annual services of Remembrance on the 10th and this year is poignant with the 24th of November marking the closure of Brampton URC.

I have been fortunate in my ministry that this will be only the second church in which I have served closing. All our thoughts go out to the Members at Brampton as they seek other places of Worship. Fortunately in Brampton there is a wide choice of churches despite us following the closure of the Roman Catholic Church in Brampton. Brampton's closure is a reflection of how our denomination is being sharply reminded to rethink its attitude altogether about mission. I come from a background of being

brought up as a Presbyterian and one of the top features of Presbyterian churches was that they were very much gathered churches often serving a vast area. It is more than a few years ago that our Area President Sarah addressed what were then the Churches of the North Cumbria Pastorate about Mission Communities and there was a huge feeling in the congregations in favour of this process. When such a decision is made, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it takes time for each Church to adapt to the changed circumstances that the churches are being invited to serve far more a local area rather than the really wide area they had previously served. It will be interesting to see how the Brampton congregation disperse and whether or not thoughts of Mission Community will guide the decision they make.

Apart from Remembrance Sunday our readings come from The Second letter of Paul to the Thessalonians and they continue the October themes of Service and Mission. With the key committees in the Ecumenical County during the Vision Refresh listening period thinking about how we can build upon what has been achieved already the crux of any Mission community is inviting each component part and each member to be an example of God's love in the wider community and being a Christian in that wider community. These are important opportunities for each of us to begin the process of reflecting on how we might individually and collectively support the mission community in which we find ourselves.

I pose that challenge because just like everyone else ministers need to think how they are going to make a contribution when they find themselves serving in more than one Mission community. This topic came up in one of the question and answer sessions led by Church leaders at Rheged a while ago and the Church leaders gave a very positive steer on this by saying that for ministry to be effective hard choices have to be made. These mean that each church has to appoint effective representation from amongst its congregation because the minister of the future cannot be at every meeting unless she or he wishes to damage their health and become less useful to their congregations as a whole.

During November we also need to pray for the gently forming Bewcastle / Longtown Mission Community and the Heart of The City Mission Community which launches on Advent Sunday with the traditional Advent service at the Cathedral followed by tea in the Tithe barn.

With every blessing

Nick Mark

Brampton United Reformed Church

You will note in the News from Brampton the announcement of the closure of Brampton URC with a final service on 24th November at 3.00pm. The Church can trace its origins back to the turbulent early 1660s' when following the Act of Uniformity in 1662 the Reverend Nathaniel Burnand was ejected from his living at St Martin's Parish Church. This was because for reasons of conscience he could not conform to the principles of the Uniformity Act. He was not alone in that 23 other priests in Cumberland were similarly ejected from their livings.

Thus was born Presbyterian nonconformity. Over 2000 priests were ejected over the whole country. Nathaniel became the first Presbyterian Minister in Brampton and it was not until 1672 that Nathaniel and his followers were allowed to meet in Public. Meetings then were in local houses. Persecution was great with further Acts against nonconformists being passed like the conventicler, test and Five Mile Acts. To the right of the worship area is a replica of the Royal Coat of Arms. These were put up in churches by order of the Privy Council in the late Seventeenth Century. It does seem to us strange now being in an Ecumenical County to think of the animosity between the churchwardens at the Parish Church and our then congregation. By 1703 there was a Meeting House in the yard of the Scotch Arms Inn (now a well known local guest house).

The halls of our current Church currently used by the Green Door Project were the original permanent Meeting House built after the

appointment of Robert Wight as minister in 1725. He had according to a religious census in 1730 a much larger congregation than today with 101 families under his spiritual care. The halls were totally remodelled in 1852 so only the outer walls remain as part of the original building.

As a former Presbyterian Church Communion has been celebrated quarterly and Members originally received sacramental tokens which were square pieces of pewter or lead inscribed "B.M" for Brampton Meeting. These were replaced with communion cards in 1891.

The actual church building in use today was relatively modern in Church terms having been erected in 1854 thanks to the work of the Reverend P.R Cole and the generosity of Robert Barbour and members of the congregation. There are some fine stained glass windows which distinguish this Church from many other URC churches.

Does closure mean failure? Far from it. The URC when it became a denomination in 1972 with Congregationalists and Presbyterians joining together to be later joined by Churches of Christ never envisaged a long term existence and saw itself as "The Church born to die". Brampton URC has run its course because things have gone full circle in the sense that we are now happily in an Ecumenical county partnering with Anglican, Methodist and Salvation Army friends and there is far more emphasis now on being a Christian as opposed to focus on a particular denomination. The closure of Brampton URC means there is still a wide choice of Christian worship available with a strong Anglican, Bethesda Baptist and Methodist presence in the town and at nearby Warwick Bridge a flourishing Roman Catholic Congregation.

The other major factor in the closure of the church is changing patterns in society. The URC in Brampton historically has been very much a gathered church as opposed to a local church and increasingly now people look to attend Church more locally where they live as long as they can find a style of worship that suits them.

For me as the final serving minister in a long line of ministers at Brampton URC I would want to give thanks for the privilege of serving the congregation and to thank them for their support. I rejoice as an Ecumenist in the fact that the original reasons for the setting up of the Church have long gone as the URC and Anglican Churches now work closely together not just in Brampton but all over the County and that my colleagues in the three remaining churches in Brampton have worked closely together with me as we should to bring the love of God to everyone. I would also want to record my personal thanks to the other churches in Brampton for the support they have given during my time as Minister.

Nick Mark

Synod Report

On Saturday 12th October Synod was held at Carver Uniting Church Windermere and sadly attendance from a number of the larger Cumbria churches was poor especially with the day focussing very much on the developments in Ecumenical working in Cumbria. This was balanced by some Cumbria Churches sending a rep who had not done so before like Bewcastle. We had present from the Diocese of Carlisle Reverend Jane Maycock and from the Methodist District the new Chair Rev Dr James Tebbutt and the Deputy Chair Rev Jennet Mcleod.

Our Moderator for the day was the new National Treasurer of the URC Rev John Piper a retired minister from our own Synod. He led the opening worship. We had a fascinating Bible study on Luke 17 v11-19 led by Revd Dr Adam Scott an NHS Psychologist. He homed in on the theme of thankfulness to God. He left us with two challenging questions for the churches we represented. The first was: What role do you think gratitude has in the life of the local churches within the Synod? The second was: Think of some ways to encourage your church to practise gratitude for God's work in their lives.

In the morning we had two good News Stories. The first was From St Anne's URC on how a divided Church had become united in purpose when they took on the immense task of hosting the local Foodbank and how the congregation had interacted with this and realised how thankful they should be to God in comparison with the Foodbank users. The second came from closer to home and it was the exciting plans for Kendal URC. This was presented by Elder Nick Andrews and the new person they have employed an Anglican Pioneer and development worker. The plans will enable this fellowship to really react well to the changes happening in our Church and society itself. The new worker had already reached out to many non church people.

In the news of Ministers comings and goings the Moderator was able to greet and present Certificates to 3 ministers for either 50 or 60 years faithful service. Two other ministers who had served 60 years each will receive their certificates on another occasion. One of those recipients of a 50 year certificate was of course our own Iain Mackenzie and it was a real privilege to witness this moving occasion. The name of the new Moderator elect for our Synod was announced. It is the current Synod clerk Brian Jolly. He takes up his new post on 1st January 2020. The Moderator gave thanks to both our Area President and myself for our service to the NW Synod with Sarah moving onto a new post in the Synod of Scotland and me retiring in February. It was also announced that for a period of 6 months beginning on 1st January Rev Martyn Coe from the South lakes Group will be carrying out many of Area President Sarah Moore's current duties. Pam Noonan the NSM at Kendal has retired and my colleague Alistair Smeaton has decided to become a part-time minister.

Synod approved three resolutions to close 3 URC churches in the Synod, Bolton Road Darwen (where our Area President had served), Brampton and Union Road Offerton, Stockport. I had the sad task of reading out a brief history of Brampton URC.

A useful presentation was made on the developments in Youth work and the Pilot organisation. These may be of use if any of the churches I serve decide to enter into this important area of mission.

The good news story for the afternoon session was the story of the Ecumenical County and was not just of use to Missional Partnerships in the Synod but of real use to lay reps in mission communities and to Church Secretaries because it set out how the county is now operating and the key personnel involved. Sarah Moore presented this jointly with Jane Maycock and James Tebbutt with Martyn Coe, Jennet and myself talking appositively about the Mission Community areas we each serve. Sarah talked about the Vision refresh process and the presentation ended with the new Prayer.

The Synod now has a Green Apostle in the form of Rev Kate Gray who talked about how she will be on the one hand offering help to churches to become greener by the way they operate. On the other hand she talked about her involvement in the Climate Action demonstrations and provided material from the Anglican Church on how Christians could react to climate change. If we want to know more we can contact Kate by email: kate.gray@nwsynod.org.uk

On the business side of things there were serious worries expressed about Self Assessment questionnaires. Many of our churches had failed to return these and we were pressed to do this. In addition Cumbria has a number of outstanding Quinquennial Surveys. One of the big problem areas is West Cumbria. SRC are asking the APC to deal with this.

The Safeguarding officer for the Synod Julie Rafferty is organising more training sessions but is pleased in the huge increase in registrations of people over the past year although there is a long way to go.

The Finance reports were approved without any questions but unhappiness was expressed by a minority of churches over sharing ministerial expenses. Synod having taken over all this estimates the cost to be £30 per member per year.

2020 will see each minister eligible for a £250 grant for wellbeing. This reflects a real concern about sickness and fatigue among ministers. The Synod payment of Summer School costs will also make it easier for ministers to attend as a number of churches this year felt unable to support their minister attending summer school.

There is much more provision now for lay preachers and grants are available to enable them to attend conferences and the like. Of particular interest to our Lay Preachers and Leaders of worship will be the day in Preston on 7th march 2020 where the headline leader is Alison Adam and Kate Gray will be there to help bring climate change issues into our Worship.

On the positive side two new ministerial opportunities in Cumbria have been created one in the North and one in the South. A third one is in the offing for West Cumbria. The exciting new post in Dent was mentioned which is open to URC ministers as well as other denominations and is an exciting opportunity to see how money from the closure of Sedburgh URC is being redeployed along with Anglican and Methodist funding.

On the negative side it looks like Harrington URC is heading for closure.

There was much more to report on but these were the highlights.

Nick Mark

From the Churches

Brampton

Services at Brampton URC

On 10th November at 9.30am the service will be led by Rev. Nick Mark.

The final service on 24th November will be led by Rev. Sarah Moore and Rev. Nick mark at 3.00pm.



The Harvest Service

The Harvest service at the Knowe Church was enjoyed by all. We wish to thank the ladies for a lovely afternoon tea in Roadhead Hall.

Fund Raising

The coffee morning on the 25th September with raffle, made £120.00.

News of the Fellowship

We remember those not able to be with us for worship.

Mable's leg is healing nicely. Nanette is home from hospital and we wish her well for a speedy recovery. Sorry to hear Shirley is in hospital, our thoughts and prayers are with her also, hoping she is better soon.

Brampton November Duty Rota

Stewarding: Barbara Laird

Flowers: Harvest.

Barbara Laird

Carlisle

St George's Services

Nov	3rd	11.00am	Shoe Box Service (Revd Nicola Reynolds)
Nov	10th	10.50am	Remembrance Service (NM)
Nov	17th	11.00am	(Revd Iain Mackenzie)
Nov	24th	11.00am	Communion (NM)
Dec	1st	10.45am	At the Tithe Barn

Readers

Nov	3rd	Will Lindsay
Nov	10th	Peter Day
Nov	17th	Elizabeth Mackenzie
Nov	24th	Olive Cronie
Dec	1st	Moira Wales

Communion Duty

Nov 24th

Preparation

Olive Cronie

Serving

Rosalind Fearon
Olive Cronie

Duty Rota

Nov 3rd
Nov 10th
Nov 17th
Nov 24th
Dec 1st

Elder

Ian Moonie
Will Lindsay
Tony Wiseman
Trevor Irwin
Moira Wales

Steward

Jessie Overs
Deborah Usher
Kathleen Harris
Pamela Martin
Pamela Martin

Flowers

Nov 3rd
Nov 10th
Nov 17th
Nov 24th
Dec 1st

Marjorie Lawson & Ian Moonie
Pamela Martin
Vacant
Moira Wales
at the Tithe Barn

Saturday Coffee Morning

Nov 2nd
Nov 9th
Nov 16th
Nov 23rd
Nov 30th
Dec 7th

Jessie & Michael Overs
Kathleen Harris & Moira Wales
WINTER FARE
Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie
Rosalind Fearon & Kathy Craig
Pamela Martin & Jessie Overs

From St George's Secretary

News of Members and friends

We regret to announce the death of Connie Humphrey in the Cumberland Infirmary on 14th October. Until relatively recently Connie was a regular attender at worship and the coffee morning and we will miss her. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

Please remember in your prayers Alan and Jennifer, Betty, Val, Irene, Caireen, Kathleen, Margaret and Jean.

From the October Church Meeting

Hot off the press! I am writing this before Ian has produced the official minutes which will be put in the Minutes book in church.

We discussed at length 3 suggestions for worship time, 10am, 10.30am and 11am. The majority were in favour of changing the time to 10.30am, the reason being that the planned changes in parking in the

city centre will make it considerably more difficult to find a parking space in the future. This will be exacerbated by the recent closure of the southern access to West Walls due to the unsafe condition of the Central Plaza Hotel. The new worship time of 10.30am will take effect from Sunday 5th January 2020.

Harvest Lunch

A big 'Thank You' to all those who provided our delicious soup and sandwich lunch which raised £100 for church funds! We also donated harvest gifts to the Carlisle Food Bank, the Carlisle Homeless Refuge and WERS in Newcastle.

Remembrance Day Service

Please arrive early (10.50am) for this service on 10th November.

St George's Elders Meeting

Monday 11th November at 9.30am

Date for your diary

On Sunday 23rd February at 2.30pm we will be holding a farewell service for our Minister Revd Nick Mark conducted by Revd Sarah Moore, followed by a tea in the Tithe Barn. There will be no morning service.

Margaret Dowell Penny Jars

If you haven't already done so, please bring your jars so that John can start counting them.

Special Christmas Dementia Tea Service

On 17th December at 2.00pm children from Kingmoor School will be coming to sing carols for our guests. If you know someone who would enjoy this, please do bring them along.

Flowers

Kathleen Murrin writes to say many thanks to the Flower Group for the beautiful flowers received on her 85th birthday. They were very much appreciated and gave her great pleasure.

I (*Peter*) add my thanks for the flowers received for my 80th birthday. Sue and I enjoyed them greatly.

Rosalind Fearon

Autumn Gift Day

Grateful thanks are extended to Members of St George's for their generous contributions towards the Autumn Gift Day, held on Sunday 29th September, when the magnificent total of £2,435.00 was raised. The continued support by Members is very much appreciated.

Pamela Martin (*Gift Aid Secretary*)

St. George's Winter Fair

Saturday 16th November 10.00am - 12 Noon

Jewellery, Home produce and Baking, Books, Christmas cards, Bottle stall, Raffles, Hamper, Chocolate Tombola, Refreshments

Items for the stalls would be greatly appreciated.

Please give jewellery items directly to Kathleen Murrin.

The Chocolate Tombola stall will include anything at all made of chocolate eg. bar of chocolate, chocolate drops, biscuits.

Please come and support this event with family and friends.

We will be setting up for the Fair on Friday 15th November at 10.00am and will be grateful for help in moving furniture and arranging the stalls.

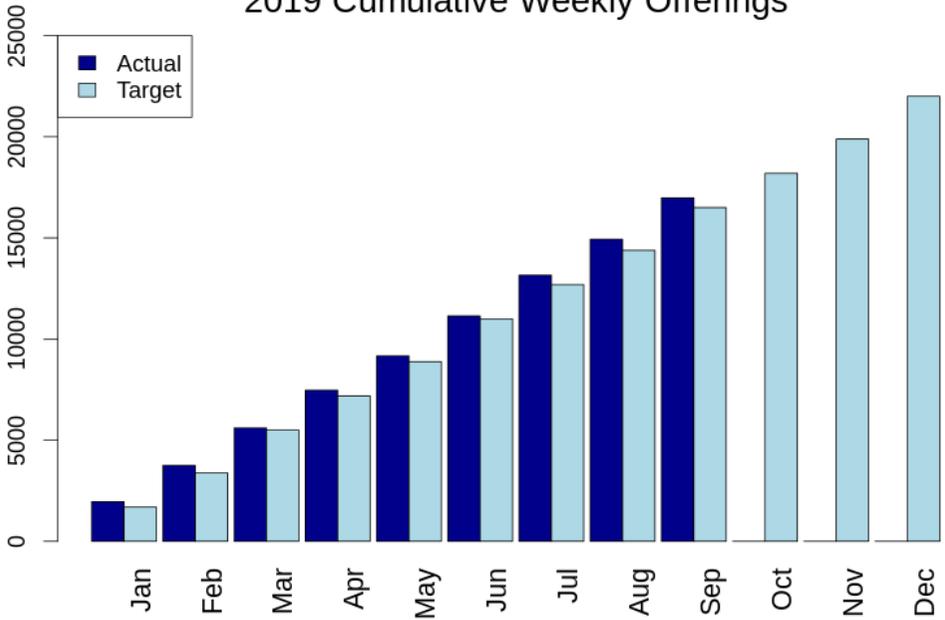
Valerie Barlow

Christmas Card Post Box

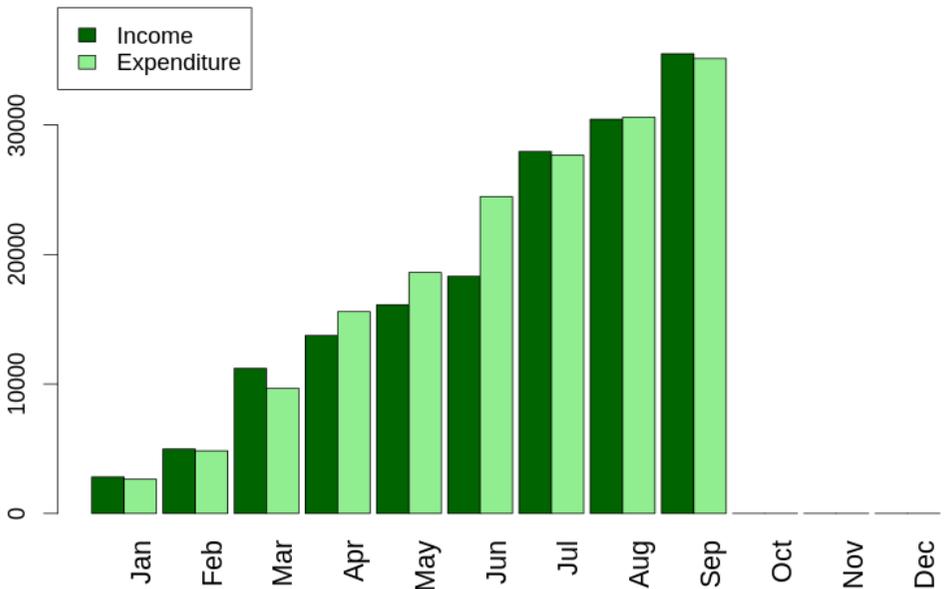
The post box will be in place from 1st December and the requested "postage" is 5p per card, please. Remember only to post cards which you know can be collected.

Valerie Barlow

St. George's URC Carlisle 2019 Cumulative Weekly Offerings



2019 Cumulative Total Income / Expenditure



December 'Bridge' Preparation

Claiming date for Articles: Sunday 10th November

Contact editor or email to: *deeptray@btinternet.com*

Printing in week from: Monday 18th November

By: Pamela Martin & Jessie Overs

The Guild

Autumn Meetings

4th November at 2.00 pm

Andy Auld (Citizens' Advice Bureau). A talk on SCAMS"

9th December at 2.00 pm

A Christmas Concert by the U3A Choir

all are welcome.

A small charge will be made and the proceeds will go to
the Great North Air Ambulance

Elizabeth Mackenzie

North Cumbria Pastorate Council

The final meeting of the North Cumbrian Pastorate Council took place last month with representatives from Brampton, Bewcastle and St. George's. We have been meeting for over 20 years starting with five Churches and finishing with three. There have been many changes over the years and from September we ceased to exist now becoming Mission Communities. Sadly Brampton church will be closing but Bewcastle still want to be invited to joint activities with us and us with them.

There are many changes happening and we have had many happy times together.

Thank you to all who have served over the years especially Ian Moonie as minute secretary turning minutes out in record time. God bless you all in the future.

Moira Wales

Twelve Faces of Hope

Half a century has passed since the six-day war when Israel occupied East Jerusalem, the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. Despite stalled peace processes and the sufferings entailed by the occupation, people still hope for a better future. Here, in the first of twelve short articles, we meet twelve people with different backgrounds sharing their hopes for justice and peace in the Holy Land.

Help promote #JusticeAnd Peace by sharing their stories.

Love and peace will prevail

My hope is that love will prevail. There is no life without love - only waste, strife, madness and destruction. We must find the way of truth, understanding, justice, and peace; otherwise, we will destroy others and ourselves. With love comes peace.



Peace is a state of respect, cooperation and well-being. It's the presence of social justice and the absence of war, poverty, hunger and oppression.

Peace is having enough to eat and the freedom from sickness and diseases. It is employment and health.

Peace is hope for our future and the future of all God's children and God's world. It is when we have no fear to assemble, to worship, to work, to publish, and to say the truth, even to power.

Peace is Salam, well-being for all, equality and respect for human rights.

Peace is where everybody feels at home and accepted, no barriers of age, class, sex, race, religion or nationality.

Peace is action that is dynamic and positive. It is when we break down the seen and unseen walls that separate people, nations, religions, and races.

Peace is that fragile harmony that carries with it the experience of the struggle, the endurance of suffering and the strength of love.

May we all be strengthened to work for this kind of peace by creating justice, equality and a world without seen and unseen walls. That is my hope.

Walls were built by people and people can pull them down, by creating enough breaches, enough openings, while digging deeper to understand and undermine their foundation.

My hope is that the walls that separate us will be broken down and that we will be united in a single body.

My hope is that in the end, love and peace will prevail.

Jean Zaru

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) and

Palestinian Christian peace and non-violence activist



West End Refugee Service

WERS is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its founding and we have been regular supporters for most of the time. In the early days many of us were down-sizing and almost weekly I delivered bags of clothing, household goods and kitchen ware, towels and toiletries and bedding.

Nowadays we do not have so many contributions but still support at Harvest and Christmas with generous donations of food and confectionery, which are much appreciated.



West End Refugee Service
strength through support

The AGM was held on 15th October and I would like to suggest that as a token of our good wishes to the service, we might have a collection of

1. some of the kitchen or household items we buy from time to time but seldom if ever use.
2. ornaments that we have put away in a cupboard or pictures that we don't display any longer
3. any items that might be useful to those who live with the bare essentials.

I am willing to collect these and deliver to Newcastle.

Olive Cronie

350,000 children are suffering from life-threatening malnutrition in Yemen

Yemen is facing a major humanitarian crisis. A devastating conflict has left children and families in urgent need of food, water and medical supplies. Currently, 8 out of 10 children require emergency aid.

Malnutrition in Yemen is at an all-time high. 1.8 million children are acutely malnourished and nearly 350,000 are suffering from severe malnutrition and urgently need life-saving food to survive. Millions more children lack access to clean water and sanitation facilities and are in desperate need of basic health care.

This crisis is having a devastating effect on children's lives in Yemen, and in countries around the world. We must act now to protect children from danger.

Unicef is asking for donations to help them to provide life-saving aid for children in Yemen and around the world. Can we help?



Services in the Three Churches

The Knowe Church, Bewcastle

Nov 3rd 1.45pm Communion (NM)
Dec 1st 1.45pm (NM)

Brampton URC, Main Street, Brampton

Nov 10th 9.30am (NM)
Nov 24th 3.00pm FINAL SERVICE (Revd Sarah Moore & NM)

St George's URC, West Walls, Carlisle

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Dates for your Diary

November

3rd 11.00am St George's Shoebox Service
4th 2.00pm St George's 'The Guild' - Talk on 'Scams'
by Andy Auld (CAB) - page 19
4th 2.30pm Service at Croftfield Care Home
10th **10.50am** St George's Remembrance Service
11th 9.30am St George's Elders Meeting
15th 10.00am Setting up for St George's Winter Fare
15th 7.30pm Bewcastle Neet - see back cover
16th 10.00am St George's Winter Fare - page 17
19th 2.00pm Dementia Tea Service at St George's
24th 3.00pm Closure Service at Brampton URC - pages 8 & 13

December

2nd 2.30pm Service at Croftfield Care Home
8th 11.00am St George's Toy Service (NM)
9th 2.00pm St George's 'The Guild'
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15th 11.00am St George's Carol Service
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Bewcastle Heritage Society

presents a

Bewcastle Neet

concert

Friday 15th November

Roadhead Hall 7.30pm

with entertainment

A Border Country Cabaret

and including a

2-course knife and fork supper

bring your own alcohol

Admission £10 - under 14's £6

To help with catering please, by Monday 11th November

Book tickets from 016977-48212 / 01461-337624

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