

Spring 2011

A Whole lot of Shaking!

“Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.
Hebrews 12:26-27

It seems that there is never a time when, in our media hungry world, we are not assailed by news of trouble somewhere in the world. This year has begun with headline news of popular uprisings in North Africa and the Arabian peninsula as well as natural disasters in New Zealand and Australia and even as I write a major earthquake in Japan.

It seems that, as the writer to the Hebrews declares, everything is subject to being shaken both in the natural, visible world and in the spiritual realm. Not only natural disasters but, as we saw in the 1980's with the collapse of communism, we now see the shaking of totalitarian and dynastic regimes in another part of the globe.

The scriptures encourage us to be alert to what is happening in the world around us and to “understand the times”, not to cause fear or discouragement but so that we can be ready to play our part in advancing the work of the Kingdom. Let's remember who is LORD, and because of His love and compassion He is at work in all that's happening “to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.” (Ephesians 1:9-10)

And that of course translates into our own lives and into the situations we face in our own part of the world here in Cumbria. Jesus taught us to pray “your kingdom come, your will be done **on earth** as it is in heaven”. What is going on in the world around us, locally or internationally, will not ultimately create hell on earth. Rather, as the writer points out, it is the removal of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

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Cumbria Prayer Net

Prayer Teams 2011

We are planning new prayer missions this year in Cumbria and again will be supported by World Prayer Centre (Birmingham) and the Chateau Blanc Prayer House (Lille, France). The first team will be in Cumbria early in May.

If you would like to discuss the possibility of a team coming to stand alongside you in prayer for your area, please contact us - wherever you are in the county.

Contact details above or from website.

New - Prayer Room for Kendal

CPN in partnership with the New Life (Kendal) Trust are opening a dedicated prayer room at the Shakespeare Centre in Kendal.

“A House of Prayer for all Nations” - the objective is 24/7 prayer for the nations and is being launched on the 21st March with 40 hours of prayer over 5 days. See over for launch week details

The Prayer Room will initially be available at programmed times and **details will be available on the CPN website** or by email or telephone to Cumbria Prayer Net.

Prayer Rooms are increasing in number across the UK and worldwide. They may be the spare room in someone's home or a dedicated room in a church building or community space.

There are already other dedicated prayer rooms in Cumbria and there may be more that we've not heard of. If you know of one or are responsible for a prayer room of this sort send us the details and if you wish we can signpost them on our website.

New Website for Cumbria Prayer Net

Our new website is now online at
<http://www.cumbriaprayernet.net>

Strategic Prayer #7

Heads or Tails?

Are we reactive or proactive in our praying? Much prayer is rightly in response to things that have happened. When Jesus taught us to pray he made it clear that the work of the Kingdom begins with what is in his heart for us. So the direction of our prayer starts with "on earth **as it is** in heaven!"

However it's interesting to note that when the children of Israel were entering the promised land they were given an amazing promise "the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth" ... "The LORD will make you the head, not the tail. If you pay attention to the commands of the LORD your God that I give you this day and carefully follow them, you will always be at the top, never at the bottom." Deut 28:1,13

How much more is this true for those who are described as "in Christ", and "seated with him in heavenly places" where he continually intercedes for us? (Ephesians ch1 & 2)

As you pray over the coming weeks, especially with others, check the direction or source of your prayers and ask how much of our praying is head praying.... and how much are

Prayer Pointers

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New Staff Worker for Cumbria

The first UCCF staff worker in Cumbria, Adam Beattie is moving on and will be replaced in August by **Nick Warner** who will also be working part-time for his local church, St James in Carlisle.

Please pray for Nick as he prepares for this new role and that the funding for this post will be made available.

Discipleship Diocese

Carlisle Diocese is taking forward a strategy based on these five marks of Discipleship:

- maturity in faith
- lively prayer and worship
- community engagement
- evangelism
- quality of relationships

Pray that the church in every community (whatever its affiliation) will be characterised by a strong commitment to growing as disciples of Jesus.

More information at:

www.carlislediocese.org.uk/discipleship

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Kendal Prayer Room

Launch Week

(Mon 21st- Fri 25th March)

We will pray for 40 hours, daily from 10am – 4pm and 7pm-9pm

Sign up to pray.

Follow the link on our website at:

www.cumbriaprayernet/prayerroom.html

Easter 24/1 Prayer Day

Easter Saturday, 23rd April 6.00am until Easter Sunday 6.00am finishing at the Sunrise Prayer Gathering on Kendal Castle. A full English Breakfast will be served back at the Shakespeare Centre.

Global Day of Prayer

Sunday 12th June will once again see prayer gatherings in every nation of the world. The Prayer Room will be open with a prayer concert during the afternoon.

<http://www.prayerforum.org/gdop-uk/>



24th -26th June 2011

The Shakespeare Centre, Kendal

A unique weekend of **Worship Without Walls** - worship which transcends boundaries. Musicians from the Czech Republic will join us as we worship and pray.

Information from:

Cumbria Prayer Net website

or www.angelmountain.net

email: john@angelmountain.net

**"What is impossible with men ...
... is possible with God."**

Luke 18:27

Email Addresses

May we remind our readers again that if you are able to receive this Bulletin electronically**, it would cut our costs considerably and we can keep you informed if we feel there is a need to send out emergency prayer requests for our region.

**send an email to info@cumbriaprayernet.net also noting your postal address and we'll transfer you to the email list.