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If you have a key to the church or main hall, please could you return it to Pam or Sheila or your elder.

**From the editor:**

Thank you again to all who have contributed to this magazine. All contributions are welcome—news of events, reflections on current concerns, prayers, photographs or any items which might be of interest to church members. Please let me have any material for the next issue by Monday 18 March.

## **Minister's Letter**

If 2018 was to be the year of the sale, 2019 will surely be the year of change.

When you read this, we will have already begun worshipping in Abbot Hall Social Centre. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who have worked hard over the last few weeks and months to ensure as smooth a move as possible. Our midweek Communion Service has moved to the Parish Church and we thank them for accommodating us. We have planned for this moment in our history and faith journey. If, however, everything is not as it should be, patience and an offer to help are very welcome remedies.



During last December, the post of Community Pastor and Development Worker was advertised. Sadly, it did not draw much interest and so it will be re-advertised as two different posts – ours focussing on developing our outreach from 106. Hopefully, this will attract more interest.

Some people feel totally daunted by change, while others see it as an opportunity. For us, the time we spend away from our premises must be seen as an opportunity to reach out to others.

I do hope that you will make every effort to come to worship there. If you need transport, let your elder or Jenny, our administrator know.

I do hope you have used your “Welcome” cards and asked others to join with you in worship at Abbot Hall.

I do hope that you will support every activity that we arrange to keep us together and to grow us as a fellowship.

I do hope that you are continually praying for us that we will take hold of every opportunity this challenging period of development gives us.

I am challenged by the thought that we are not in a lay-by or on holiday for a year, but starting on a new and exciting road with God as we follow his leading into the future.

We give thanks to God that we are privileged to be his co-workers in Kendal and part of his divine plan for Kendal.

**Pam**

### **Car Parking near Abbot Hall Social Centre**

I have done some research to clarify the parking situation near our new temporary meeting place.

I have spoken to the owner of **The Kirkland Centre**, Tracy Dixon, about parking beside her detached building on a Sunday morning. The Kirkland Centre is the former school which is the next but last building before Nether Bridge on the side of Kirkland near the river. She is agreeable to up to five cars being parked by her building. (There is no charge in this location)

Online it is indicated that **the Parish Church car park** has no restrictions on Sundays, but this car park may well be full of cars belonging to worshippers at the Parish Church as the morning service is earlier than ours. You may just find a space or two. Note that in March the car park may be out of action because of resurfacing which will also affect access to The Kirkland Centre.

Possibly the nearest car park to the Social Centre is at **Peppercorn Lane** where the car park leads to the Museum and Art Gallery. Charges apply on a Sunday. (up to 2 hours is £2.20) However, Blue Badge holders get an additional hour free, so need only pay for up to one hour, £1.20)

The charges across the road from the Social Centre in the long stay car park (the rear of the former 'Bowman' pub) are the same as Peppercorn Lane, with the same payment concession for Blue Badge holders.

Finally, **on-street parking**. Dowker's Lane has 12 spaces on the left as one enters the street, which are unrestricted on Sundays. Other unrestricted spaces are to be found on Gillinggate, half way up on the left after the Gateway Centre, before the junction with Anchorite Fields. There are also unrestricted spaces on the right after the junction with Anchorite Fields and half a dozen round the corner on the right in Anchorite Fields which leads to Kirkbarrow.

It may be as well to get to church a little earlier than before to track down a satisfactory space which will not give rise to worries during the service.

***Pauline Goodridge***

## **Church Diary**

**Please note that the dates for Coffee Mornings and the Prayer Shawl Group vary a little, because Abbot Hall Social Centre is not always available on the usual dates.**

### **February**

Sunday	3	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Moira Rose, with Communion led by Peter Farrand
Sunday	10	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Pam Noonan
Tuesday	12	10.00 am	Prayer Shawl Group at Abbot Hall Social Centre
Wednesday	13	9.30 am	Coffee Morning at Abbot Hall Social Centre, in aid of Smile Train
Thursday	14	2.30 pm	Afternoon Communion in the Parish Church, followed by tea/coffee and chat
Sunday	17	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Martyn Coe
Monday	18	10.30 am	Friendship Group meeting, for coffee and chat, at the Wakefield Arms
Wednesday	20	7.00 pm	Discussion Group at 6 Swallow Close (Please park in Valley Drive)
Sunday	24	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Pam Noonan

**March**

Sunday	3	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Martyn Coe
Sunday	10	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Lis Mullen
Tuesday	12	10.00 am	Prayer Shawl Group at Abbot Hall Social Centre
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Sunday	24	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Pam Noonan
Sunday	31	10.30 am	Joint Worship, at Stricklandgate Methodist Church, led by Revd Pam Noonan and Pastor Marc Jackson



**Coffee Mornings and Prayer Shawl Group**

Please note that for our Coffee Mornings and Prayer Shawl Group Meetings in Abbot Hall Social Centre we are not always able to have our usual dates because of previous bookings at Abbot Hall. These are going to be flexible. However we will still be having Coffee Mornings on Wednesdays and Prayer Shawl on Tuesdays.

**Prayer Shawl Dates in Abbot Hall Social Centre (Tuesdays)**

15 January, 12 February, 12 March, 9 April, 7 May, 4 June, 9 July, 6 August, 3 September, 15 October, 12 November and 10 December

**Coffee Morning Dates in Abbot Hall Social Centre  
(Wednesdays)**

13 February	Smile Train
13 March	Children's Society
10 April	St Mary's Hospice, Ulverston
8 May	Christian Aid
12 June	Sight Advice
10 July	Bible Society
7 August	Charity to be confirmed (organised by the men)
4 September	Wateraid
9 October	Papyrus (a national charity dedicated to preventing youth suicide)
13 November	Action Aid
11 December	Coffee and chat



## Charity Coffee Mornings in February and March

### In February, we support Smile Train.

Give Every Child the Chance to Smile.

Many children with clefts around the world live in isolation, but more importantly, have difficulty eating, breathing, hearing, and speaking. Cleft



repair surgery is simple, and the transformation is immediate. Smile Train is an international children's charity that supports 100%-free cleft repair surgery and comprehensive cleft care for children globally. Our sustainable model empowers local medical professionals to provide cleft care in their own communities.

### Our Coffee Morning in March is in aid of the Children's Society.

Right now in Britain there are children and young people who feel scared, unloved and unable to cope. The Children's Society works with these young people, step by step, for as long as it takes.

We listen. We support. We act.

There are no simple answers so we work with others to tackle complex problems. Only together can we make a difference to the lives of children now and in the future.

Because no child should feel alone.

Our supporters around the country fund our services and join our campaigns to show children and young people they are on their side.



## Food Bank

Whilst we are at Abbot Hall it would be helpful if instead of bringing food to church for the Food Bank, any donations could be left at the collection points in stores, such as Asda, Booths or Morrisons. You can, of course, make a monetary donation if you so wish.

Thank you.

**Anne Handley**

**A Prayer Diary for February and March** (contributed by Joan Ratcliffe)

**Week beginning 3 February**

February is National Heart Month. Whilst we would all like to have a medically and physically fit heart, let us concentrate this week on the spiritual fitness of our hearts.



**10 February**

We pray for Nick and Sheila Andrews, that God will continue to bless, guide and strengthen them, as they work tirelessly for the future of our church.

**17 February**

Thinking Day falls this week, on 22 February. We remember leaders of all uniformed organisations, thanking God for the work they do and praying for the young people they influence each week.

**24 February**

The (Women's) World Day of Prayer falls on Friday of this week. This year's service has been prepared by women of Slovenia, and takes as its theme "Everything is Ready".

**3 March**

We pray for Christians throughout the world who are persecuted for their faith. We remember in particular the work of SAT7, a Christian TV channel broadcasting in the Middle East, which we heard about recently in church.

**10 March**

We pray for all who lead and attend the Discussion Group from our church, meeting on the third Wednesday of every month.

**17 March**

World Water Day falls on 22 March. Let us give thanks that we have clean running water, and be mindful of those in other countries who do not have this luxury.

**24 March**

As we are now officially in springtime, we give thanks for signs of new life springing up around us.

**31 March Mothering Sunday**

Give thanks for a mother's love, pray for mothers who struggle to meet ends meet, and ask God's blessing on mothers who mourn..

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

### **(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)**

#### **Come – Everything is Ready**

Everything is ready and the invitation is for everyone - men, women and children of all ages to join this Day of Prayer.\* Women of Slovenia, one of the smallest and youngest countries in Europe, have prepared this year's service and they encourage us to reflect on the barriers they have faced since the end of the Second World War when their country was a part of Yugoslavia, a Marxist socialist republic. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future.



World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday 1 March 2019, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Slovenia.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

\* For further information and resources, see the WDP website:  
[www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

#### **World Day of Prayer**

**COME—EVERYTHING IS READY**

**Service at Kendal Parish Church**

**Friday 1 March at 2.00 pm**

