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Minister's Letter

Revd Martyn Coe writes

Over the last few years we have been blessed with Pam's ministry among us. On 21 July, we celebrated her ministry and thanked her for her work, and she retired. So that's it, now Pam can sit back with a cuppa and never have to lift a finger again. Well, I suppose she could if she wanted, but that does not sound much like Pam, does it?



Now that she has reached the end of this phase of her ministry, Pam will indeed take a break, but it won't be permanent. No longer will she be tied by the agreement to do certain things and to lead worship so many hours, and so Pam and Dave will take the chance to do things differently, but serving Christ in the Church is not something we retire from, although our service is reshaped from time to time.

Pam came to KURC to be a committed member: what she does and the arrangements for her doing it will change but she remains a committed member of the church doing the things which we hope will be useful – because she wants to.

From the autumn Pam's service will be reshaped. No longer one of our Ministers, Pam will continue to use the gifts she has been given to serve God in Kendal and as part of Kendal URC. Pam and the elders have thought about what Pam might do once she has had her break (and, yes, if you see her round town she is happy to talk to you: she just won't be doing 'public ministry' for a few months). From October, Pam will be offering to be one of those who lead the afternoon communion service; working with the Elders she will offer to take home communions; she will lead worship once in most months; and she will be a part of our redevelopment group.

As Pam has stepped aside from her ministry, we have welcomed Lucy as a part of our team. Lucy will be working with the church, the elders and Martyn in a different way from Pam. Lucy as our Pioneer Worker will encourage us to think about how we can grow what we already do and find new ways of sharing our faith with friends and neighbours in Kendal. Lucy will also work alongside the elders to provide the pastoral care which is such an important part of our church life.

So thank you Pam for all you have done, have a great summer; and, when you return refreshed in the autumn, we look forward to you being a member of Kendal URC rather than one of its ministers.

Martyn

A Thank You Letter

Revd Pam Noonan writes

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for a very memorable “last service” celebration lunch, for the kind words that were spoken and for your generous tangible gifts. Your presence there contributed to making it a very special time. Thank you also to those who were tasked with the arrangements and to those who played any part on the day. Without your efforts, it would not have been as successful and enjoyable.



It has been a privilege to serve God as your non-stipendiary minister and I was deeply moved that so many of you made the effort to come to mark my “last service”. When Sheila had told me how many were coming, I was deeply humbled. Thank you for your support then and throughout my time with you.

As you know I have been asked to take a three month “sabbatical”. I shall be back on Shoe Box Sunday as an ordinary church member, hoping to play my part along with you all as we seek to help build God’s Kingdom in Kendal. I am delighted that the congregation has Lucy to help lead us forward into the future and I am sure that you will support her also.

Again, thank you each and every one of you for Sunday 21 July. It will always have a special place in my memory as each one of you have in my heart.

Your friend (retired non-stipendiary minister)

Pam

Secretary's Ramblings

About 28 people attended our drop-in session back in June to talk about our redevelopment plans for 106 and the lecture hall. Following on from this the church meeting on 14 July was asked "Do you agree that we should enter into negotiations with Market Place Books with a view to their renting space in 106 for their bookshop?" Market Place books will need to be out of their current location next May. This of course all depends on the sale of the church going through this time. At the time of writing everything is going OK and we hope to complete the sale in September. However, until we all sign on the dotted line, nothing is set in stone.



The church meeting on 14 July also was asked "Do you agree in principle to the proposal to rent the former caretaker's flat to Milne Moser for business purposes". This was also unanimously agreed.

We had a wonderful attendance at Pam's retirement service. It was so lovely to see the hall packed out. Pam, of course, will not be completely disappearing, just taking a well-earned three-month sabbatical. She will then be back to serve the church as one of our two retired ministers. We are very grateful that Lucy Foster has started her Pioneer and Development Worker ministry with us, and she will be taking on some of Pam's work, alongside developing other initiatives.

The congregational lunches that have been held at Carus Green have been very well supported and people have enjoyed them immensely. There will not be one in August but as you will see from the diary there will be two in September. Do let Brenda Walling know if you wish to come and whether you will need transport, which can all be sorted out.

Elders nomination papers will be coming out early in September. If you are a church member please consider prayerfully if you could help the church by becoming an Elder. Just speak to any serving elder, Martyn or me. We are going to be short of elders and there is a lot going on during the next year!

Do try and support our Coffee Mornings. They are an excellent outreach. If you are able to make cakes, biscuits or other items, just bring them along with you.

Sheila Andrews

Thank You

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make Pam's farewell such a success. So many people helped behind the scenes to make the event run so smoothly and enjoyably. It's great to see the whole church coming together on such an occasion.

Sheila Andrews

Lucy Foster writes

Having been so warmly greeted by everyone since I started at the beginning of June, I'd like to start by saying thank you for making me feel so welcome before sharing a little about myself. Since 2000 I've lived at the north end of Kendal with my husband Jonathan who is autistic. We have two cats and spend our spare time eating vegetarian food, watching the Sopranos, and holidaying in Italy. Before moving to Cumbria, I grew up in Kent, studied in Reading and worked in London. Although my academic background is in film and cultural studies and I once planned a career as a film archivist, I've spent the last 14 years working for a public sector nature conservation organisation in a variety of roles, latterly volunteer management.

I grew up in the choir of my local Anglican church and am currently a Reader at Kendal Parish Church. From September I will be training for ordination in the Church of England. As well as my faith in Jesus Christ, I share with many in the URC a heart for social justice, especially creation care and environmentalism. I'm looking forward to discovering alongside everyone at KURC what plans God has for us and to learning from each other. I pray that together we will maintain and nourish our existing worship and activities so the current congregation is strongly supported in their faith. Likewise, I pray that we will together try the new things that God needs us to do to help more people in Kendal know something of Christ in their lives.

Lucy

Church Diary

August

Sunday	4	10.30 am	Worship, including Communion, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Sarah Moore
Tuesday	6	10.00 am	Prayer Shawl Group at Abbot Hall Social Centre
Wednesday	7	9.30 am	Coffee Morning at Abbot Hall Social Centre, in aid of Tools for Self Reliance
Thursday	8	2.00 pm	Afternoon Communion in the Parish Church, followed by tea/coffee and chat
Sunday	11	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by John Costello
Sunday	18	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Pam Carpenter
Sunday	25	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Martyn Coe

Our Coffee Morning Charities for August and September

Tools for Self Reliance is a UK based charity working to help relieve poverty in Africa. The charity works with local African organisations to deliver a



programme of tools and training to bring about effective and sustainable change to trades people and their communities.



WaterAid changes millions of lives every year, working in 28 countries to provide clean water, decent toilets and good hygiene.

September

Sunday	1	10.30 am	Worship, including Communion, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Pam Dent
		12.00 noon	Congregational Lunch at Carus Green Golf Club (Book with Brenda Walling)
Tuesday	3	10.00 am	Prayer Shawl Group at Abbot Hall Social Centre
Wednesday	4	9.30 am	Coffee Morning at Abbot Hall Social Centre, in aid of Water Aid
Sunday	8	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Douglas Rathbone
Thursday	12	2.00 pm	Afternoon Communion in the Parish Church, followed by tea/coffee and chat
Sunday	15	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Martyn Coe
Sunday	22	10.30 am	Harvest Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Lucy Foster
Sunday	29	10.30 am	Worship, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Brian Stabler
		12.00 noon	Congregational Lunch at Carus Green Golf Club (Book with Brenda Walling)

October

Tuesday	1	10.00 am	Prayer Shawl Group at Abbot Hall Social Centre
Sunday	6	10.30 am	Worship, including Communion, at Abbot Hall Social Centre, led by Revd Martyn Coe

From Revd Sarah Moore

I have some news to share. I have been exploring the possibility of a call to serve the URC Synod of Scotland as their Transition Champion. This came about following an invitation from the moderators' meeting to look at this post. After many months of prayer and reflection, I attended an interview in Glasgow last week and was invited by unanimous call from the appointing panel to serve in this role. I have contacted Revd David Pickering, Moderator for the National Synod of Scotland to accept this call. I will end my current role at the end of December and move in January 2020.

Needless to say, while I had always known that my current call is time limited, I had not envisaged concluding my call in Cumbria quite yet. Personally speaking I am very 'settled' in Kendal and in the county. I had thought that I would likely move at some stage in 2021, however it would seem that the Holy Spirit didn't get that memo. At this stage, I ask you for your prayers; and be assured that the Cumbria churches and those who serve them, URC and beyond, will always be in my prayers. I have learned a lot here and owe you and all the churches so much.

Sarah

Two forthcoming events at Carver: a reminder

We have two events later in the year at Carver We hope that you will want to plan to be around for them. (Take that trip another day!)

Revd Nigel Uden is the ministerial Moderator of General Assembly and he will be with us for the final weekend in September. On Saturday evening 28 September we will have supper and time for a conversation with the moderator. Those who would like to hear from the moderator but do not wish to be away from their own church on Sunday morning might wish to come to this

Nigel will lead our worship on Sunday 29 September, which will be followed by lunch. Everyone is welcome and the church secretary will be asking for names for supper or lunch during September.

Carver has been asked to host the URC North Western Synod Meeting on 12 October. On the Saturday we will need stewards for parking, welcoming people and serving refreshments. If you can, please put these events in your diary so that you can support them by attending or being a helper.

Revd Martyn Coe

Revd Dorothee Bùürma writes

Dear Friends

Change is on the horizon! After six years of serving the Heath and Havering Group of URCs in Greater London and Essex, I have been called to move on. Our next adventure is taking us to Austria. With Jonathan and the children, we are all preparing for a new start in a different country.



I have been appointed to serve the United Methodist Congregation in Salzburg as its minister. We are moving at the end of July and I start working there on 1 September.

We will carry with us treasured memories of the years in Havering and also of our time in the Lake District and in Manchester. I have lived in the UK for 13 years and have met many wonderful people. Thanks for all your support and friendship over the years.

As a family, we are excited about new opportunities and a change in our lifestyle. Do keep us all in your prayers, please.

Elijah will hopefully start school in Salzburg in September and Jeremiah will have some days at a preschool and some time at home.

With our love and prayers for the South Lakes churches.

Dorothee & family

KURC DE-Fib Unit

Our Defibrillator Unit is mounted in a yellow De-Fib cabinet on the outside wall of 106 Highgate, facing the pavement. The cabinet is provided with an electrical supply which powers an internal light and a thermostatically controlled heater. The heater is to ensure that in very cold weather the DE-Fib battery does not get too cold to operate properly.

Also, within the cabinet are spare pads and a spare battery in addition to the pads and battery with the unit. These pads and batteries have an expiry date, in our case 15-12-20.

Prior to that date they will have to be replaced.

The unit is registered with the North-West Ambulance Service (NWAS) as a Community Public Access Defibrillator (CPAD) and is identified on the cabinet as CPAD876.

In compliance with NWAS requirements the unit must be inspected every week and once per month an online questionnaire report completed and submitted to NWAS.

The combination to access the cabinet is C159X.

There is (in my possession) a DVD showing how to use the unit and if any group, or person, wishes to re-acquaint themselves with its correct use, please let me know.

John L. Hindle

Thank you

Revd Lis Mullen writes

Thanks to the generous support of members from both Carver and Kendal URC the coffee morning and afternoon tea at John and Lis Mullen's home in aid of Tools for Self Reliance raised £330! Many thanks to all who came and all who couldn't come but made donations. T f S R were amazed and extremely grateful for the large cheque they received on Tuesday morning. Kendal URC are holding a coffee morning on 7 August for the same charity.

Lis

Boxes of Hope 2019

Ann Hindle writes

Hello to you all. What do you need for your shoebox?



I have checked our stocks from last year and some prepared this year and we have:–

9 hats and scarves

13 more hats plus more in 106.

4 scarves

12 soft toys

3 notebooks

9 small cars

18 filled pencil cases

24 pencil sharpeners

5 ballpoint pens

30 pencils

50 rubbers

I suggest that perhaps on 28 July these items could be brought to worship so that you can take any that you need. Also, others could bring anything over from their box. It does seem early to be thinking about Christmas but this time last year we had actually packed 150 boxes.

Remember, if you want to support “Boxes of Hope” but do not feel able to fill your own box, small donations will help towards us filling one more. Every box filled helps another child to smile.

Thank you so much for your support.

Ann Hindle

Rainbow Roundabout 2019

Rainbow Roundabout 2019 took place between 24 and 28 June. We had nearly 200 year 4 children from five local primary schools.

The Salvation Army was an excellent venue and we'd like to record our thanks to Hilary and the members of the Salvation Army for having us; and to Hilary for running the nature activity which involved talking about bees and planting sunflower seeds to take home.

The groups also made bracelets which illustrated the story of creation and built water towers from straws to reflect the injustice in the world. Some had enough building materials and some didn't and sometimes they realised they should share and sometimes they didn't.

They played a water game which raised awareness of the problems some communities have in getting water at all, never mind water which is drinkable. And they listened to music from different parts of the world and tried to guess where it came from and then learned and sang a song from India accompanying themselves on percussion instruments, which is why the music always has to be in a separate room.

The session ended with a retelling of the story of Noah and the flood and the children made a rainbow in the sky using a multicoloured parachute.

A good time was had by all. The staff and children were very appreciative. It couldn't happen without a lot of helpers from here.

Someone counted 15. Many thanks to all of them.

Anne Morrison

Thank you to all who have contributed material for this magazine. All contributions are welcome, including articles, reports on church activities, news of forthcoming events and photographs. Please let me have any items for the next issue by Monday 16 September.

John Costello

A Prayer Diary for August and September

(contributed by Joan Ratcliffe)

Week beginning 4 August

We welcome Lucy Foster and pray God's blessing on her as she begins her work as Pioneer and Development Worker.

11 August

We think of so many young people who will receive exam results during the next two weeks and have important decisions to make.

18 August

Think of *all* the people involved in the smooth running of our weekly Sunday morning services, from the person who puts out the first chair to the one who puts the last coffee cup in the cupboard. We give thanks for them *all*.

25 August

We pray for all who will start a new school, college, university or job in the coming weeks.

1 September

Our coffee morning this week is for Water Aid. We pray for people who work for this charity and those who benefit from it.

8 September

Pray for all involved with "Open the Book", taking Bible stories into schools every week, all over the country. Pray for the volunteers who present the stories, and for the children and teachers who hear them.

15 September

International Day of Peace will be observed around the world on 21 September. We pray for peace in so many parts of the world.

22 September

As we celebrate Harvest, thank God for all his provision and goodness to us, and pray that we will be willing to share what we have.

29 September

We pray for our friends.





Coffee Morning
Wed 7th August
9.30-11.30am

Please come and join us at Abbot Hall Social Centre, Kendal, on Wednesday 7th August from 9.30am for a coffee morning in aid of *Tools for Self Reliance*.

Tools for Self Reliance gather and refurbish tools to send to tradespeople in some of the poorest parts of the world. They also offer the vocational skills and business training rural people need to earn a livelihood.

If you have any old tools, please bring them along to help support their work. www.tfsr.org

