



Churches
Together in
Cumbria

April

2017

Cinnamon Network & Cumbria Police Partnership Launch:

25 May: 11am-1pm; Police HQ, Carleton Hall, Penrith, CA10 2AU

Would your church(es) like to set up a local social action project to meet a need in your community? CTiC is supporting this new partnership to help churches around Cumbria do just that. You will be able to apply for a **£2,000 Cinnamon Micro-Grant** to help kick start one of 35 Cinnamon Recognised Projects. Access one-to-one support from a Cinnamon Advisor, who can assist your church(es) in better understanding the needs of your community, the resources you have and what project best brings those needs and resources together. [Book now](#) for the launch event to learn more about this exciting opportunity for the churches in your area to make a real difference in the community in new ways.



CTiC Events: Save the Dates!

Where is God in Dementia? 17 May; 10am-3.30pm; Keswick Friends Meeting House

A day of reflection and discussion on spirituality and dementia co-sponsored by CTiC's Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group and Dementia Reference Group. £10 (bursary available). [More information online](#) or phone Cameron Butland: 01768 773430 (ext 3).

Domestic Abuse Awareness Training for Churches: 13 June; 9.45am-3.30pm; Penrith Methodist Church

Run by CTiC, in partnership with [LetGo domestic violence service](#), to help clergy and all involved in pastoral care be better able to support victims and survivors. Free of charge. [More information online](#) or phone Helen Boothroyd: 07503 931196.

Exploring Spirituality, Scripture and Conflict: 4 July; 9.30am-4pm; Penrith Quaker Meeting House

Run by CTiC's Growing Through Conflict Network in conjunction with [Place for Hope](#). £10. [More information online](#) or phone Brec Seaton: 07799 900469.

Growing Through Conflict Foundation Day: 26 September; 9.30am-4pm; Keswick Quaker Meeting House

Run by CTiC's Growing Through Conflict Network, in conjunction with [Place for Hope](#). Suitable for anyone in leadership in the local church. Consider your conflict style and how you respond in difficult or tense situations. Explore how conflict escalates in a church context and learn some tools to de-escalate it. £10. [More information online](#) or phone Brec Seaton: 07799 900469.

Celebrating Together 2017: Made in God's Image - Exploring Gender; Celebrating God for All: 7 October; 10am-4pm; Ambleside St Mary's Church & Church Centre

Celebrating Together is CTiC's major annual event. This year our keynote speaker is Revd Terrie Robinson, Director for Women in Church and Society at the Anglican Communion. To express interest in attending email [Lucinda Kirby](#) or phone Helen Boothroyd: 07503 931196.

CTiC Annual General Meeting and Churches Together Groups Annual Gathering:

16 May; Upper Eden Baptist Church, Victoria Square, Kirkby Stephen, CA17 4QA

Please join us for our AGM on Tuesday 16 May at 1.30pm at Upper Eden Baptist Church in Kirkby Stephen. This is an opportunity for everyone from CTiC's member denominations and Churches Together groups to meet staff, officers and members of our Executive and to learn more about CTiC's work. We are again holding the AGM within our annual gathering for Churches Together groups (11.45am-4pm) and we hope that lots of people from these groups will come to the whole day - please notify [Helen Boothroyd](mailto:Helen.Boothroyd@ctic.org.uk) if you plan to do so: 07503 931196; and please bring a packed lunch.

Guide Dogs

New Service in Carlisle and Request for Volunteers

Claire Devine from Guide Dogs writes:

My Guide

There are approximately 5000 people in the Carlisle area living with sight loss and My Guide aims to support more of them to do the activities and hobbies they need to and want to. My Guide service users do things as simple as having a cuppa and cake through to going to the gym, attending concerts, doing knit and natter and even blind archery. Our My Guide partnerships meet up for the equivalent of 2/3 hours a week to do an agreed activity. Our My Guide volunteers are given thorough training and ongoing support and advice. They will have the satisfaction of knowing that they are making a real difference to someone's life.

The launch of the new My Guide Service is at Carlisle Ex-Services Men's Club, 1 Albert Street, CA1 1HZ on Tuesday 11 April. Potential volunteers are invited to a taster session from 10am to noon where they will be able to hear the experiences of existing volunteers, try being guided and have a go at guiding. There will also be a cuppa and a cake available! If anyone can't make the launch and would like to find out more contact Mike Dooley or Catherine Parry on 03451 430220 or Catherine.parry@guidedogs.org.uk

Other volunteer roles

- Collecting Box Co-ordinators are needed across Cumbria to place and service our collecting boxes. This involves regularly emptying boxes, issuing receipts and banking the money, and keeping an accurate record of what has been collected and where. The role is flexible and will make a big difference to our fundraising.
- A volunteer driver is needed to assist the Guide Dog Owner who runs our fundraising group in Barrow.

Full training and ongoing support is given for both roles.

Churches Together in England statement on Westminster attack

The six [CTE Presidents](#) issued this joint statement on 23 March:

"The Presidents of Churches Together in England express sincere condolences to the bereaved families and friends of those who lost their lives in the terrorist attack that was perpetrated in Westminster yesterday, Wednesday 22 March 2017.

The Presidents pray for the healing of those injured, and for the wellbeing of our society in which all seek after and promote the common good in a spirit of love for our fellow human beings.

They pray too for Parliament, the police and the emergency services who responded with such bravery, professionalism and compassion, and who continue to support all those affected by this terrible attack."

Mining for God: 21 & 28 July; 4 August; 2pm; Honister Mine

[A mine tour with a difference](#). Honister Slate Mine and the Methodist Church in Keswick have worked together to make this opportunity to experience God in creation during the Keswick Convention. [Book online](#) or phone David Hasson on 017687 75818.

Fresh Expressions Day Conference: 18 November: 9.30am-4.30pm; Castle Green Hotel, Kendal

Organised by Richard Passmore, Fresh Expressions Enabler in the Reach Team. [More information online](#). Even though the event is a long way off, Richard has received a significant number of requests for tickets from outside the county. As this event is aimed first and foremost at members of the churches in Cumbria, we want to make sure that everyone who lives/works/worships in the county who wants a ticket gets one. So if you are interested in this event, [please apply for a place soon](#).

Moving Mountains booklets

There is still a limited stock of the first of three guide booklets to be produced ahead of the Moving Mountains mission from 8 to 11 March 2018, which will help church groupings plan and prepare. If your church has not received a copy of the booklet please make contact [here](#).



Diary dates

Ecumenical Spirituality: 6 April;
Rydal. 9.30am-4pm.

[More information online](#)

One World Book Club: 6 April;
Carlisle. 7pm-9pm.

[More information online](#)

Big Silence: 8 April; Mungrisdale.
10.30am-3.30pm.

[More information online](#)

Prayer Labyrinth: 13 April;
Kendal. 7pm-9pm.

[More information online](#)

Fair Trade Way Walk: 15 April;
Pooley Bridge to Grasmere.

[More information online](#)

Press Red Conference: 29 April;
Manchester. 9.45am-4.30pm.

[More information online](#)

New Wine Landmark Conference:
29 April—1 May; Lancaster.

[More information online](#)

Godparents Sunday: 30 April.

[More information online](#)

Living with the Mystics: 2 May;
Keswick. 10am-3pm.

[Bob Morley](#): 01697 472644

The Lord's Prayer: 4 May;
Rydal. 9.30am-4pm.

[Rydal Hall](#): 01539 432050

Eden Funding Event: 4 May;
Penrith. 10am-3pm.

[More information online](#)

Sharing Hope in Crisis: 6 May;
Kendal. 9.30am-5pm.

[More information online](#)

Christian Aid Concert: 11 May;
Carlisle. 7.30pm.

Doug Scott: 01697 473556

Barrow Easter Pilgrimage:
10-13 April

Quakers in Kendal and Sedbergh Area Meeting invite others to join them on a pilgrimage arising from concern that recent changes to the welfare state are deeply wounding to the fabric of our community and are hitting those who are the most vulnerable in our society. The pilgrimage will start in Sedbergh and end outside Barrow Town Hall with a period of silent witness. To join all or part of the walk, or if you can offer space to sleep, refreshments, or transport for those less able to walk, phone Sally 07939 569559 or Andy 07815 547292 or email justsally1961@gmail.com

Launch of Centre for Theology and Justice: 10 May;
Manchester

Set up jointly by Christian Aid, Church Action on Poverty, Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, and Luther King House, [the new Centre will be launched](#) with the inaugural David Goodbourn Lecture 'Is justice enough? A radical Christian response to the current humanitarian and ecological crisis' by Fr Augusto Zampini, an Argentine Roman Catholic priest, currently the theological adviser for CAFOD. 4.30-6pm, with a light afternoon tea from 3.45; Luther King House, Rusholme, Manchester M14 5JP. Free but ticketed; available from [EventBrite](#) until 30 April.

New ecumenical vision and web page for The Salvation Army



The Salvation Army, one of the Covenant Partners in Cumbria Ecumenical County, has launched a Territorial Ecumenical Vision and Strategy at national level, supported by a [new ecumenical and interfaith web page](#).

Cinnamon Project Lab 2017

Cinnamon Network has launched Project Lab 2017; a national competition to find local, church-based social action projects that have a vision to develop their model so other churches can use it to make a positive difference in their local area. Project Lab 2017 is specifically looking for projects that are led by young people (between 16-25 years of age) or benefit young people within their community. The winner will receive a development grant of £30,000. [More information and applications online](#).

'How to Help Homeless People' booklet launched to help churches

Christian homelessness organisations Church Housing Trust, Housing Justice, and Word on the Streets have created this information booklet to provide advice for clergy and laypeople on how to help homeless callers and what further action they might take, especially if they do not run any services themselves. It includes practical advice and a poster that can be filled in with local shelters, hotlines and other emergency contacts. [Download](#) or contact 020 7269 1630 to request hard copies.

Organist Wanted: Border Kirk, Carlisle

Please contact Rev David Pitkeathly: 01228 593243; david.pitkeathly@btinternet.com

Free Suicide Training by Cumbria Eden Mind: for more information contact [Juliet](#) on 01228 543354

Suicide is Everyone's Business - a basic awareness session open to anyone who is interested in finding out more: 3 and 9 May; Penrith Library. 1:30pm - 2:45pm.

Self Harm and Suicide Alertness Workshops -for those in direct contact with young people and would like to feel more confident in talking about support:

26 April; Carlisle West Fire Station. 9.30am-1pm; 22 May; Penrith Fire Station. 1.30pm-5pm

Living Matters - Suicide Alertness - a half day training session exploring in more detail why suicide is a community wide public health issue, picking up on signs of suicidal thoughts and what to do: 8 May; Penrith Community Fire Station. 9:30am - 12:30pm. More information contact [Amy](#).



When disaster strikes

Thank you for responding so swiftly to the [DEC Appeal](#) for the 16m people affected by famine in East Africa. Churches across Cumbria have held collections and fundraised quickly to respond to the humanitarian crisis in Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia. Some have asked "what about... Nigeria...Malawi...?" - where people are also in urgent and dire need. Christian Aid also has appeals open for [Malawi](#), [Nigeria](#), [Yemen](#) and [South Sudan](#) if your church wants to support those.

Join thousands of churches holding a service for Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2017

Show solidarity for refugees and those who don't have a safe place to call home. We know that the conflict that drives refugee crises is not what God wants for the world. From the Israelites fleeing Egypt to Jesus fleeing Herod, the Bible is full of stories of people seeking sanctuary. Again and again, we're told of God's concern for the stranger in the land. By holding a church service and listening to stories of refugees like Nejebar and Noor we all play our part in answering God's call to love our neighbours. Christian Aid can provide orders of service, prayers, collection envelopes and daily devotionals via the [website](#) or phone: 08080 005005.

Be the host with the toast

We are inviting you to join this tradition by bringing your community together over a [Big Brekkie](#) this May. Whether you are planning on feeding the 5 or 5000, our pack – including free balloons, stickers, quiz and prayer guide – make it easy and fun to host a Big Brekkie! Order a pack [online](#) or by phoning 08080 005005.



Growing Spirituality

A new book about the Ecumenical County of Cumbria

published 25th March

Growing Spirituality is a personal reflection on the spirituality of Cumbria. This book briefly tells the story of the faith from the first Christians to those denominations that signed the covenant partnership and supported it in Carlisle Cathedral on 27th November 2016.

In telling the story of faith **Growing Spirituality** reflects on the spiritual styles that have played an important part in shaping the churches of the county. It is a story of the dynamism of Christ's disciples over the last sixteen centuries, rooted in prayer, community and mission. Finally **Growing Spirituality** asks where the spirituality of the ecumenical county may be taking us in the future?

Growing Spirituality is published by *Open Spirituality Publishing*, 150 pages and costs £10.

It is available from Cameron Butland, to order copies please email your postal address to cdsa03@gmail.com

Safeguarding training offered by Diocese of Carlisle

All from any denomination are welcome to book onto the [latest programme of safeguarding training](#) offered by the Diocese of Carlisle. However, as it is a Church of England programme, other prospective participants do need to check whether it will be recognised by your own denomination.

Offer of talks on mental health issues

Sally Dalglish, co-author of [Identity Crisis: one family's experience of manic depression](#), has asked CTiC to make churches aware that she is happy to give free talks on depression and mental health issues. If your church would like to discuss with Sally what she can offer please email her at sally.e.dalglish@gmail.com

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