

The North Cumbria Pastorate of United Reformed Churches

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October 2017

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the Service is for the whole Pastorate

Usually at 10.45am at St George's

(Check the North Cumbria Pastorate Services list)

From the Minister

Dear Friends,

We are reaching that time of celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and it is not just a historical celebration but a reminder of how important it is to reflect that Luther's aim was to get the Christian Church back on the right road. He wanted to reclaim holiness and follow God's law not our misguided interpretation of God's law.

Our Lectionary in October helps us in this direction because it looks at sections of Chapter 21 and 22 of Matthew's Gospel. Matthew really gets us to think about what our faith really means to us and how it aims to transform us far more into faithful servants of God. In so doing we are continuing the work Luther and other contemporaries like Calvin started.

On the 1st of October we look at verses 21 to 32 of Chapter 21 where the theme is on whether or not we are being faithful to God in the daily lives we lead.

The 9th of October sees us looking at verses 33 to 46 of Chapter 21 and a very familiar image, the Vineyard. We are asked to question ourselves as to how far we portray the image God wants us to do or in contrast how far do we allow our own desires to override those that God has for us.

The 15th of October sees us looking at the first 14 verses of chapter 22 and another familiar scene, a wedding banquet. The invited guests find other attractions and don't come. Others are invited and attend but one of the substitutes is turfed out because he is not dressed properly. We are being tested here to see if we want to be changed in the presence of God or whether we see Church attendance as something we just do without thinking. Jesus wanted to test his listeners to see how their faith moved them.

The 22nd of October brings us to verses 15 to 22 of Chapter 22 where Jesus draws a clear distinction between earthly power in the form of the emperor and Godly Power.

This has been a fundamental tenet of our denomination, that we see God as the head of the Church. In past centuries it has led to persecution of Nonconformists

Our final October Gospel Lectionary reading, verses 24 to 36 of Chapter 22, is one of my favourites having been a Solicitor. Here Jesus is tested by a lawyer. Jesus responds to the effect that the law and the Covenant are all about right relationships with both God and Creation.

Our October readings really highlight the challenges for a practising Christian in the Twenty First Century. We live in a country that is desperate to plough its own furrow in the big wide world and to overturn centuries of being known as the Country where everyone was welcome from any part of the world particularly if they were refugees from persecution in their own home country. Our Christian Faith clearly clashes with that viewpoint because Jesus emphasises loving God is an essential Commandment but equally so is loving thy neighbour. Some neighbours are very hard to love as we see in what is happening every day somewhere in the Created world. We live in troubled times when one considers how much our country set the norm to the world in reaching out all across the world to share the God given values that we cherish so much. Why are we one of the Security Council Members at the United Nations? It is because of our deep understanding of people from all over the world and our acknowledgement of how people from all over the world have enriched our society with culture, science and customs. The Christian faith has a huge part to play in making sure that whatever political settlement is made with Europe we continue to ensure that we follow God's guidance to love our neighbour as ourself whatever colour, creed or nation that neighbour comes from.

The Reformation was not a finite period of time but something that is ongoing and is always challenging us as we try to stay true to the Gospels.

With every blessing
Nick Mark

From the Churches

Brampton

Services at Brampton URC in October

Sunday 8th - Harvest Thanksgiving (see below).

Sunday 22nd - 9.15am Service led by the Rev Nick Mark.

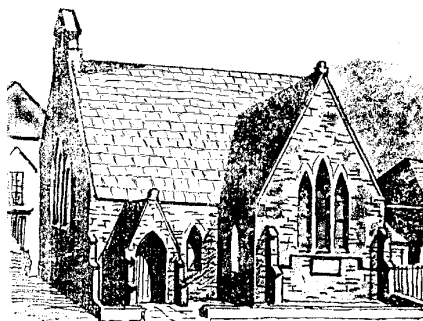
Harvest Celebrations at Brampton URC

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 8th October at 9.15am led by our Minister.

In the evening of Monday 9th there will be Harvest Entertainment by the Brampton and District Choir in the church, at 7pm. Refreshments will be served and lastly there will be the sale of Harvest produce. Admission £3 includes Refreshments and Raffle. All very welcome.

Pastorate Service - October 29th

Being held at St George's beginning at 10.45am and led by Revd John Millard. Please talk to Barbara about any transport arrangements required.



Fundraising

The coffee morning held in church in August raised £106. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped in any way.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Operation Christmas Child 2017. Nanette Brown is obtaining the leaflets for us. Could you please bring your shoeboxes along to church by or on Sunday 12th November. A special Shoebox Dedication Service will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday 19th November at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

News of the Fellowship

It is good to hear that Kate Holland continues to improve after suffering a slight stroke whilst on holiday with her Uncle and Aunt

in America. Kate is now back in London and is in our thoughts and prayers as we wish her well for a full recovery.

Good news too that Ken, Nanette's husband, is home again from hospital and that they were able to celebrate with their Granddaughter Jenny on her wedding day for a short time. Kate and Jenny both attended the 'URChins' for many years when youngsters.

Our belated Congratulations go to David and Pat Ruddick who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in July.

Brampton Duty Rotas for October

Stewarding: Barbara Laird

Flowers: 8th Harvest Thanksgiving

Barbara Laird, Florence Scott and Isobel Hill

22nd Barbara Laird

October Dates for your Diary

8th 9.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Service (Brampton URC)

9th 7pm Harvest Entertainment (Brampton URC)

25th 9.30am Coffee Morning in Church (Brampton URC)

Shirley Brown

Carlisle

St George's Services

Oct 1st 10.45am (Revd Iain Mackenzie)

Oct 8th 10.45am (NM)

Oct 15th 10.45am Join with Methodists at the Tithe Barn

Oct 22nd 10.45am Communion (NM)

Oct 29th 10.45am Pastorate Service (Revd John Millard)

Nov 5th 10.45am (Revd Iain Mackenzie)

Readers

Oct 1st Elizabeth Mackenzie

Oct 8th John Ware

Oct 15th Peter Day (Tithe Barn)

Oct 22nd Tony Wiseman

Oct 29th Barbara Laird

Nov 5th Elizabeth Mackenzie

Communion Duty

Oct 22nd

Preparation

Olive Cronie

Serving

Trevor Irwin
Marjorie Lawson

Duty Rota

Oct 1st

Oct 8th

Oct 15th

Oct 22nd

Oct 29th

Nov 5th

Elder

Tony Wiseman

Trevor Irwin

Moira Wales

Marjorie Lawson

Ian Moonie

George Murrin

Steward

Valerie Barlow

Kathleen Harris

Valerie Barlow

Pamela Martin

Jessie Overs

Jessie Overs

Flowers

Oct 1st

Oct 8th

Oct 15th

Oct 22nd

Oct 29th

Nov 5th

Jean Frizell & Deborah Usher

Michael & Jessie Overs

Tithe Barn

Vacant

Vacant

Marjorie Lawson & Ian Moonie

Saturday Coffee Morning

Oct 7th

Oct 14th

Oct 21st

Oct 28th

Nov 4th

Jessie & Michael Overs

Operation Christmas Child

Kathleen Harris & Moira Wales

Mavis Hall & Rosalind Fearon

Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie

Cleaning - Week Commencing Dates

Oct 6th

Oct 13th

Oct 20th

Oct 27th

Nov 3rd

Jessie & Michael Overs

Valerie Barlow & Pamela Martin

Mavis Hall & Maureen Bewley

Jessie & Michael Overs

Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie

November Edition Magazine Photocopying and Collation

Week commencing

Monday 23rd October

Pamela Martin & Jessie Overs

From St George's Secretary

News of members

Unfortunately Alan Burgess has had to return to hospital for treatment for a chest infection. Jennifer has written to say a big thank you from them both after Alan's long stay in hospital and to say how much they appreciated the cards, visits and phone calls. We hope he will soon be home again to continue with his rehabilitation. Jennifer continues 'I think we need an extension to the house to keep all Alan's equipment. Thank you all once again for your support, and we look forward to seeing you all sometime.'

Betty Anderson is gradually recovering from a fall, Jean Graham has shingles and Muriel Drinkall's legs are healing well. We remember all of these people and their families and carers in our thoughts and prayers.

Some of you will remember Jack Hood who died on 17th August, just a few months after his wife, Jean. Neither of them had been able to come to church for some years but they were always pleased to see their elder.

Cathedral Big Day Out

Thank you to everyone who baked and helped with refreshments. We raised £70 for the British Red Cross Floods Appeal. During the afternoon Big Sing in the Cathedral, Richard Corrie interviewed Olive Cronie and invited her to read her favourite poem:

The Lake Isle of Innisfree by William Butler Yeats

*I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.*

*And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,
And evening full of the linnet's wings.*

*I will arise and go now, for always night and day
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,
I hear it in the deep heart's core.*

Some of us joined the choir to sing 'For God so loved the world' from Stainer's crucifixion, and there were praise songs from the Salvation Army and other musicians, so everyone did indeed have a 'good sing'.

Women's Guild (*Elizabeth Mackenzie*)

The speaker at our meeting on 4th September was Sarah Wilson, a volunteer at the One World Centre. She spoke of her time spent with the refugees in the camps in Calais and Dunkirk, and how the volunteers there had used their individual skills and experience to bring back some sort of normality to the lives of these unfortunate people. This was a most interesting and thought provoking talk by a special kind of person, doing a very unselfish act in a most humane way, in what could only have been very difficult circumstances. With members' subscriptions and donations, we were able to give Sarah £100 towards work in the camps. Thanks to Rosalind and the menfolk of the Church for joining us on the day.

Sarah replied 'Thank you so much for the generous donation (of £100) for Carlisle Refugee Action Group to use to support refugees across Europe. We are in touch with a number of respected grass root groups working with refugees living on the streets in Northern France around Dunkirk and Calais and on the streets of Paris and we also support a reputable project that gives phone credit for people to stay in touch with their families. It was a most enjoyable afternoon; please pass on my thanks to everyone who came and Elizabeth Mackenzie for organising it.'

Sarah has sent us the Quiz which you will find on page 13 with answers on the next two pages. You may find some of the answers surprising. It is a pity that the press seldom publish these facts!

Croftfield Afternoon Service

We are now visiting Croftfield Care Home on a regular basis and we do now have our own portable keyboard instrument to accompany the hymn singing.

Church Meeting

The next Church Meeting will be on Wednesday 18th October at 2.30pm.

Rosalind Fearon

Carlisle Refugee Action Group (CRAG)

Marking CRAG's 2nd Birthday on 3rd September

Cumbria's efforts to support refugees started in August 2015, when Hazel and Gramo first headed to The Jungle in Calais with a van full of supplies. In early September, the tragic death of yet another child in the Mediterranean forced people all over Europe to say Enough is Enough! This cannot keep happening on our shores....

The Calais Action Carlisle Facebook group formed at 7pm on 3rd September 2015 to see if we could garner another half a vanload for another trip. By midnight, messages were flying between 100 new members, all keen to help our near-neighbours in Calais.

In the two years since then we have achieved the following through Calais Action Carlisle which is now the Carlisle Refugee Action Group (CRAG) with support from Sustainable Carlisle and Carlisle One World Centre (COWC):

- In excess of 15 tonnes of supplies have been sent to France and some to Greece.
- CRAG volunteers have worked on distribution and shelter projects in Calais, Dunkirk, Paris and Turkey.
- Caravans have been procured, kitted out and delivered to provide homes for families in the old camp in Calais.
- CRAG has supported the Dunkirk Adult Learning Centre <https://www.dunkirkadultlearning.org/> which offered a safe space to develop understanding and language skills from January 2016 to March 2017 when the camp was closed following a fire.

Not to mention the many dedicated volunteers from all over Cumbria who have sorted, packed, repaired, fundraised, taught and campaigned. Or the team who have supported our newly-arrived refugee families with friendship, advice and language skills. All of this has come through your efforts, and a coalition of other local refugee support groups we have worked with in the past two years.

Your money has been spent on transporting goods to where they are needed. It has also been used to support some incredible projects supporting refugees around the world. As it's a birthday, it should be a time of giving. Your generous donations mean that £350 each has been sent to four groups that we have worked with and whose work we support:

Since the fire in the Dunkirk camp, Mobile Refugee Support <https://www.facebook.com/MobileRefugeeSupport/> volunteers have been supporting those now forced to take cover in woodlands, helping with shelter, food and crucially phone-charging to allow people to keep in touch with their families, or to seek advice about their situation.

Paris Refugee Ground Support <https://www.facebook.com/PRGS.team/> are there for those not able to access the official camp in Paris. Long-term PRGS volunteers are passionate in their practical support of those on the streets, waiting for a chance to seek asylum in France.

Phone Credit for Refugees

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Credit4Refugees/> help refugees all over the world keep in contact with their loved ones. They have rigorous checks in place to ensure they are helping the right people and ensure they prioritise the most vulnerable, such as minors stuck in Calais.

The Tribe Turkey <https://www.facebook.com/thetribeturkey/> work to improve the conditions of the hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees settling in Turkey, with a unique approach trying to bring

a semblance of normal life to displaced people as well as helping them meet their most basic needs such as firewood and sanitation.

We would encourage you to “like” these groups, follow their work and maybe add an extra birthday donation on their pages.

Or donate to CRAG through COWC’s Mydonate page <https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/carlisleoneworldcentre> and we will ensure your support goes to those most in need.

If you would like to join our mailing list or volunteer with us in any capacity, send us an email to cragcontact@gmail.com.

We are currently looking for a volunteer who can help with financial management as well as other committee roles. We can put you in touch with key organisations working in France and Greece if you would like to work on the frontline and we have various roles supporting refugees locally. You can also find out more about CRAG’s work at

<https://www.carlislerefugeeactiongroup.org.uk/>

Two years ago there were about 2,500 refugees stuck in Northern France. Over the past two years the population swelled, reaching 10,000 at one point. Now, there are approximately 1,000 people stuck in Northern France and a further 1,500 in Paris. The need in France is as great as it was when that incredible energy, borne out of compassion and a determination to support those our government told us must not be helped, first materialised. Whether you have volunteered, organised or donated, thank you all for being part of Cumbria’s efforts to support refugees, but we’re not done yet.

St George’s Mr & Mrs with pie’n’pea supper



Saturday 7th October at 5.30pm

Tickets £5 from Deborah



Refugee and Asylum-Seekers Q&A

Questions

- Which of these statements best defines refugees?
 - people escaping danger and persecution
 - people looking for jobs in the UK
 - people looking for an easy life and welfare benefits
- Approximately how many Syrian refugees are there?
 - 5 million
 - 3 million
 - 50 million
- How many Syrians have been resettled in the UK so far?
 - 187
 - 4,414
 - 11,700
- What percentage of the UK population is made up of refugees and asylum seekers?
 - 25%
 - 2%
 - 10%
 - 0.19%
- Are asylum-seekers allowed to work and pay taxes in the UK?
 - Yes
 - No
- How much in benefits do asylum-seekers receive (excluding accommodation) per day?
 - £27.95
 - £10.23
 - £5.27
- Are refugees allowed to work and pay taxes in the UK?
 - Yes
 - No
- What percentage of asylum applications in the European Union were to the UK?
 - 3%
 - 13%
 - 24%
- How many refugees will the UK settle under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme?
 - 200,000
 - 20,000
 - 50,000
- What proportion of Lebanon's population is made up of refugees?
 - 20%
 - 4%
 - 9%
- How many British people live overseas?
 - 20,000
 - 5.5 million
 - 1 million
 - About 800,000
- If you went to live and work in America you would you be:
 - An asylum seeker
 - An economic migrant
 - A refugee

Answers

1. a) A refugee is defined as someone who has fled from their country and cannot return to their country due to a well founded fear of persecution and danger

2. a) According to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), 4.8 million have fled their country mainly to Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Egypt and Iraq. In addition, 6.6 million are internally displaced within Syria. Meanwhile about one million have requested asylum to Europe. (www.syrianrefugees.eu)

3. b) There are 4,414 Syrian refugees accepted in the UK. (September 2016 Parliamentary briefing)

4. d) 0.19% of the UK population are refugees.

5. b) No

6. c) £5.27. From 10th August 2015 every asylum seeker will receive £36.95 per week despite personal circumstances. Asylum seekers cannot claim mainstream benefits. In comparison a single unemployed UK citizen would receive between £59.70 and £73.10 plus other benefits they may be eligible for. Asylum seekers do not qualify for council housing tenancy or housing benefit but are provided a basic place to live usually in a hostel.

7. a) Yes. Refugees including the Syrians coming under the Governments Vulnerable Persons Scheme are eligible to work, pay taxes and can receive benefits and mainstream services like the NHS and schools for children.

For the Syrians coming under the Vulnerable Persons Scheme there is support for their housing and settling in which is provided by Cumbria County Council and funded by central Government. Refugees who reach the UK independently and claim asylum receive no additional support to settle into the UK once they get their formal refugee status. They must find their own housing and learn how to live in the UK. Many have little or no English language. Some cities have volunteer groups helping to welcome refugees. Syrians under the Vulnerable Persons Scheme must pay foreign fees to attend University and this is currently being challenged.

8. c) 3%. In 2016 Britain received around 3% of all asylum claims made in the EU. Here (opposite) is how we compared to other countries in the year ending September 2016.

9. b) Under the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Scheme the UK will accept 20,000 refugees by 2020.

10. a) 20%. Most refugees flee to their neighbouring country whilst only a small proportion travel to developed countries in Europe and elsewhere. Turkey currently hosts the highest number of refugees in Europe amounting to 1.59 million people. 86% of the world's Refugees are hosted by developing countries.

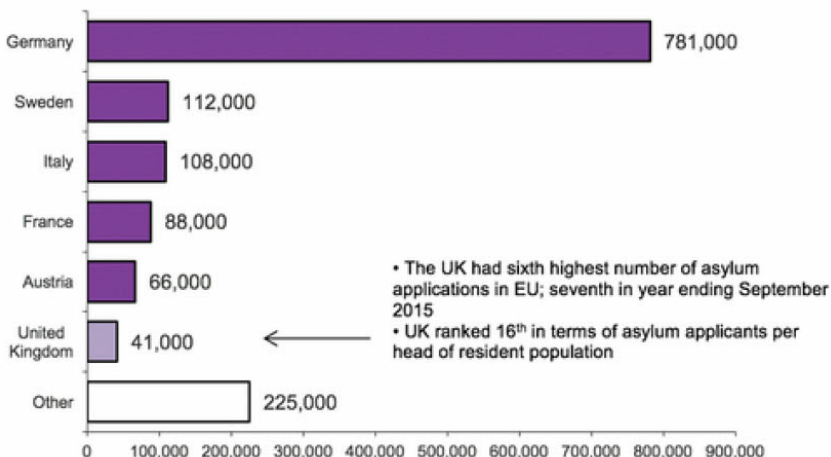
11. b) 5.5 million British people live abroad, 761,000 live in Spain alone! Britain hosts approximately 140,000 refugees and asylum seekers. In 2016 there were approximately 650,000 migrants into the UK and of these 7% were seeking refuge.

12. b) You would be an economic migrant.

If you want to learn more about refugees there is plenty to read. Two organisations providing reliable and readable up to date information are the Refugee Council (www.refugeecouncil.org) and the UNHCR (www.unhcr.org).

For a good read, combining information with the stories of people who have travelled across Europe try *The New Odyssey* by Patrick Kingsley published 2016. He spent 2015 travelling the migrant routes as the Guardian correspondent on migrants.

After Tomorrow by Gillian Cross is a children's book but most adults will enjoy this as well. It's a story that captures the tough choices made by refugees.



John (Jack) Ferguson Hood Obituary

Jack was born on the 7th of March 1928 at quaintly named village near Dumfries Netherfield Beeswing in the Parish of New Abbey. Farming was, so to speak in his blood as his Father was a farmer. Jack leaves one brother Roy surviving him. He had the typical upbringing of a child of the time attending the local School and leaving at 14 or 15 years of age to work for his Father initially.

It was while working at Crook Farm Roweltown that Jack was to meet the love of his life Jean Mee Livingstone a lass from High Tae near Lockerbie who had worked as a maid at a farm and as a member of the Land Army. They married on the 21st of November 1953 at High Tae Manse. A marriage that was to last for some 64 years only ended by Jean's death earlier this year. It was a truly happy marriage and I am not being in the least disrespectful to say that Jack knew who was boss namely Jean. I have only known Jack and Jean for about 5 years but they were a truly devoted couple and the care Jack gave Jean in the latter years of her life was exemplary. The only real difference of opinion I came across was that Jack couldn't quite show the kind of interest that Jean had in the music of Daniel O'Donnell.

Although the last 29 years of life were in retirement here in Carlisle Jack and Jean moved about with Jack's work as a farm manager. This included Hillhead, the Bailey, Lynehamford to the Croft at Roweltown. Another move involved working on a farm owned by Brampton Vets. Jack and Jean also went to the South of Cumbria for a time working on the Muncaster estate. Jack and Jean's final move was to work for Stan Robson at Border Transport. Jack's time with Stan lasted some 16 years and was only terminated when Stan sadly died.

Jack and Jean were blessed with one daughter Mary and as time passed Mary married and the family expanded with four grandchildren Richard, Kim, John and Alan. To that list has now been added two great grandchildren Cameron and Mirren. It almost goes without saying that Jack and Jean were proud parents, grandparents and great grandparents.

That care has been reciprocated for the family have cared for Jack and Jean in their twilight years and without their grandson John living at their Carlisle home and providing care I am sure Jack and Jean would not have been living so independently for almost all their lives.

When I talked with John last week about Jack and I asked about his interests outside his devotion to family and farming John said there were two highlights. First Jack was proud of his garden here in Carlisle and the other interest was that of a true Scotsman namely the appreciation of a wee dram.

Jack's faith meant a great deal to him. He became a member of the Knowe Church at Bewcastle at the age of 21 and transferred that Membership to St George's Carlisle when he retired. Jack and Jean were both keen supporters of the Church and much appreciated in their latter years Elders visits and home Communion.

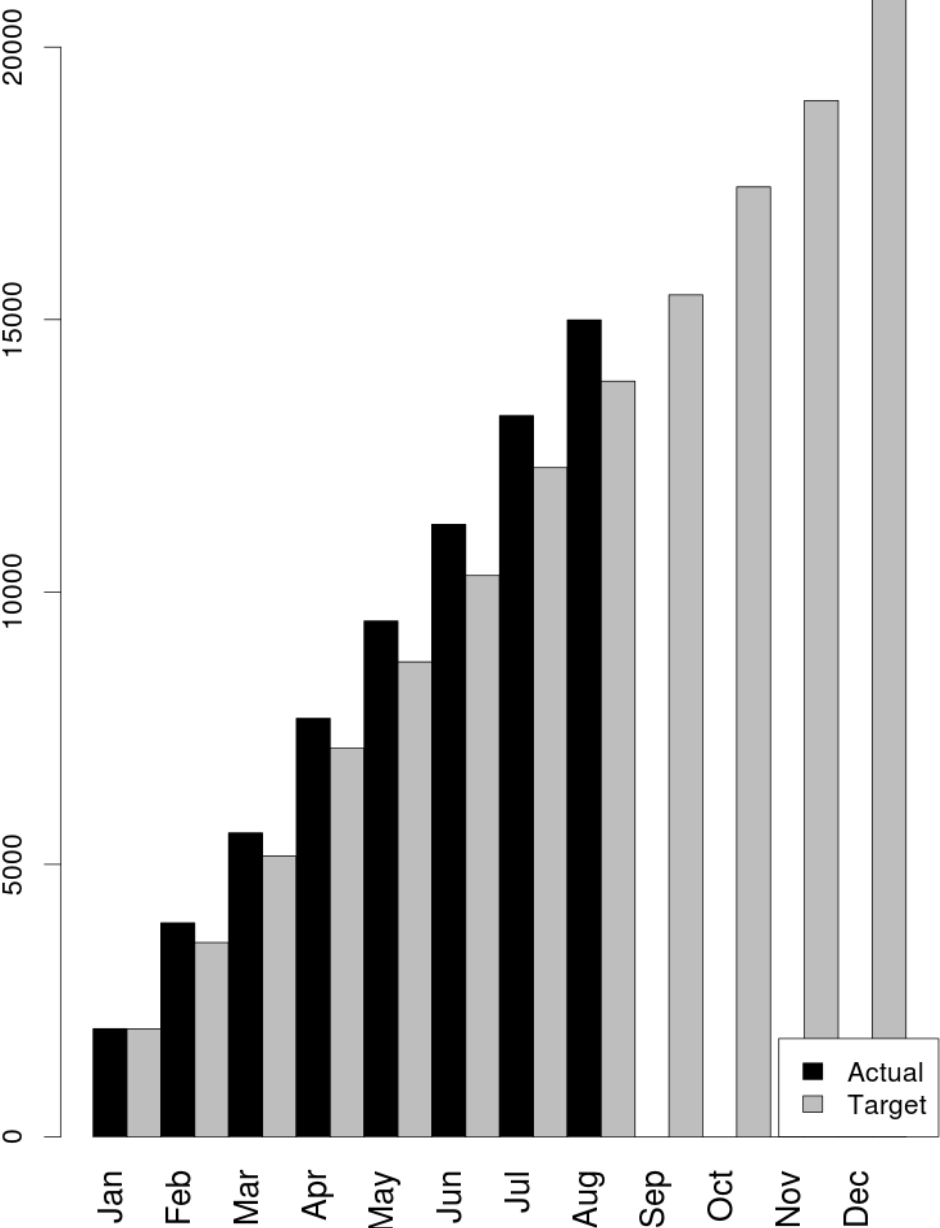
Jack led the life of a true Christian with proper values. His life working on the land was one of service to humanity in helping produce the food we eat. He had strong values which both he and Jean passed down to the younger generations and they can look down and be proud of what they have achieved.

The hymn at his funeral 'All things bright and beautiful' captures very much the fact that we earthly mortals are caretakers of God's creation and Jack certainly did his bit because much of his working life was spent on farms that required a lot of hard graft to improve and produce good results because he didn't choose the easy farms to work on and was ready for a challenge.

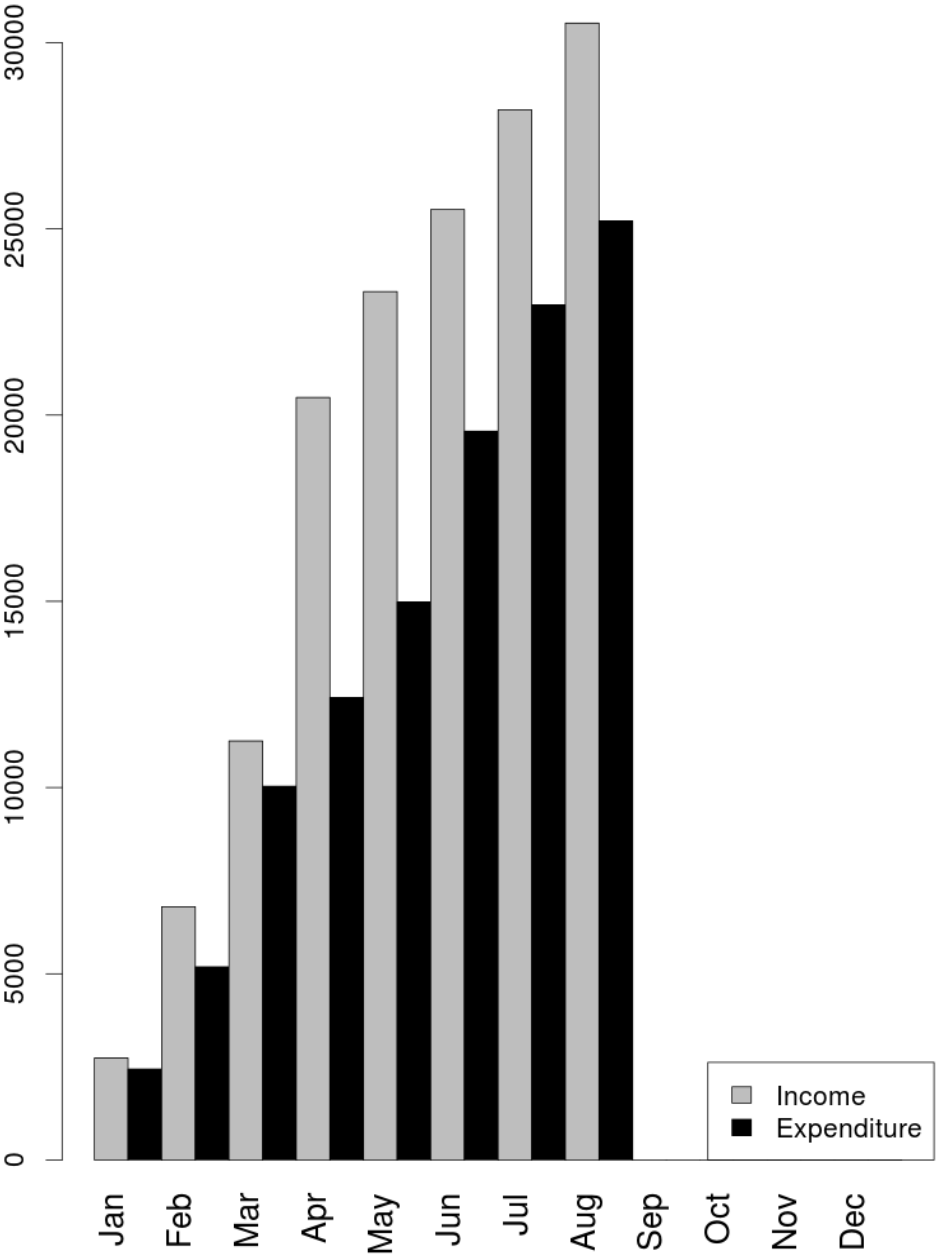
The reading from The Book of Revelation seemed to me a fitting tribute to Jack because his working life was about protecting and improving creation and most important of all I believe that Jack and Jean are reunited in that place we know as heaven where there is no suffering. Jack's was a life to be truly celebrated.

The Retiring collection was for The British heart Foundation and the reason for that choice is to do with the simple fact that Jack had every reason to be grateful for the advances in heart treatment. It is some 29 years since Jack had a triple heart bypass.

St George's URC Carlisle
2017 Cumulative Weekly Offerings



St George's URC Carlisle
2017 Cumulative Total Income/Expenditure



Churches Together in Cumbria

The NHS organisations in Cumbria are looking for buddies in the community to support key workers.

To enable us to integrate and support our new colleagues into their communities we are looking for 'buddys' who could help us with this process and be a friendly figure from the community to our new staff.

Although Cumbria is renowned for its friendly population, some staff who already relocated have struggled to make friends, and can find it quite an isolating experience. We have evidence that if we can socially integrate people into their local communities they are much more likely to remain in the county, and this is an important aspect if we are to retain our much needed key healthcare workers.

Not all of our new colleagues will be seeking a link to the church communities, but for those that are, we are hoping to find people who could help us with the following aspects:

- Be willing to meet up with the new person or swap phone numbers / social media.
- Introduce the individual to the rest of the church community.
- Advice on church services, bible study times etc.
- Make them aware of church or local community social activities.
- Be a friend

The areas we need buddies in are Workington, Maryport, Wigton, Aspatria, Whitehaven, Cleator Moor, Egremont and Carlisle.

If this is something you would like to get involved with please email Amanda.kerr@choc.nhs.uk

Amanda Kerr
Project Coordinator



Commitment for Life

Thank you so much for your most welcome contribution of £81.50 to Commitment for Life. This brings your total for the year to £141.50. Both Christian Aid and Global Justice Now really appreciate your support for their work, as does Commitment for Life for its ongoing programme of raising awareness of justice by resourcing churches.

2017 brings with it many challenges. All our partner countries face difficult times so we are especially grateful that you have remembered Commitment for Life as we celebrate 25 years as a programme of the United Reformed Church.

Rev Dr Susan Durber says "The United Reformed Church is a small church. But we have much to celebrate. And one thing we must celebrate is our commitment to overcoming poverty. We have been brave, over twenty-five years, in giving and campaigning in a sustained, reliable and counter-cultural way, for the life of the world. Jesus promised to be with us 'to the end of the age'. Our promise to the poor is that we will be with you, and we will be committed to transforming the world, until the end of our days. What else?"



Linda Mead

Commitment for Life Programme Coordinator

Bridge

Please note that material for the November issue of Bridge should be in the hands of the editor by

Sunday 15th October

Articles may be handed or sent by post,
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Dalston Male Voice Choir

Conductor: Michael Deakin

Accompanist: Lorraine Gash



Chepstow Male Voice Choir

Conductor: Richard Fry

Accompanists: Rosemarie Lewis and
Kirsten Watson

jointly present

Brothers in one Voice Brodyr yn un Llais

A wealth of male-voice choral music

Sunday 1st October 2017, 2.30pm
Wigton Road Methodist Church,
Carlisle

Tickets £8.00, concessions £7.00, including refreshments

Children under 16 free

Available from [Phil Miley](#), 01228 710504 and Church members

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Dates for your Diary

October

1st St George's Autumn Gift Day
2nd 2.00pm St George's Ladies Guild
Steve Layden - My year as Mayor of Carlisle
7th 5.30pm Mr & Mrs with Pie'n'Pea supper (see page 12)
8th 9.15am Harvest Thanksgiving Service at Brampton URC
9th 7.00pm Harvest Entertainment at Brampton URC
15th 10.00am St George's Coffee Morning in aid of
Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse)
18th 2.30pm St George's Church Meeting
22nd Start of One World Week
25th 9.30am Coffee Morning at Brampton URC

November

6th 2.00pm St George's Ladies Guild
Kathleen Carr & Friends - Perpetual Fun

December

2nd 'Cinderella with a Twist' at the Greenroom

A Reminder

Please remember that the old round pound coins cease to be legal tender on 15th October.



We understand that you will still be able to exchange them at the bank at least for a while



St George's Women's Guild

2nd October at 2.00pm

Steve Layden - My year as Mayor of Carlisle

6th November at 2.00pm

Kathleen Carr & Friends - Perpetual Fun

If any Church members and friends would like to join us for any one or more of these talks, we would be more than happy to see you.

Elizabeth Mackenzie

Front cover picture

Martin Luther's Church in Wittenberg, Germany.
Already under wraps in June 2014 undergoing restoration in preparation for this year's celebrations of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.