BRIDGE October 2018

United Reformed Church

The North Cumbria Pastorate of United Reformed Churches

Bewcastle Brampton Carlisle

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When there is a fifth Sunday in the month the Service is for the whole Pastorate Usually at 11.00am at St George's (Check the North Cumbria Pastorate Services list)

From the Minister

Dear Friends,

Looking back over the years I write the letter at this time of the year it has more often than not coincided with something to do with Harvest festival. This year it seems appropriate to do something slightly different because our world is changing especially our climate. In the farming world the harvest we celebrate in our churches has long finished and farmers have used the strange weather conditions to work towards a second harvest so that there will be enough to feed the animals in the depths of winter.

It is often the case that folk do see harvest as the point in time when joy comes to an end for preparations for the bleak winter whereas that is actually very much the opposite in our three churches where I felt guided to the famous passage in Ezekiel 37 about the dry bones coming to life. All three churches are coming to life with projects to reach out and grow. St George's with its decision to make contact with the people moving into the new estates springing up in and around Carlisle. Brampton not just with the Youth Project but with the plans to open the Church daily. Finally Bewcastle with a combined approach of providing a Prayer tree in church and the new Remembrance Garden beginning to take shape.

Our Area Meeting which takes place just after the deadline for material for this issue will focus on how all the URC Churches in Cumbria aim to work together in one common concept namely to work on Mission together. How can it be possible you might wonder that it is any use linking up with a URC miles away on Mission. The reasoning is sharing experiences and even training where required. Facing the future has been difficult for churches over a long period. The fact is now people are realising that if we are to reach the huge community outside our own close families we need to make the approaches because people will not come to us of their own volition any longer.

The Missional Partnership for Cumbria will also help us in the work for each of our churches in their part in either being part of a mission community or in forming a mission community. Mission communities are only going to happen if congregations link up with other congregations it cannot just be left to either Elders or Minister to make all the contacts. Sometimes we worry about our size or age of congregation but often when we talk to our contemporaries in other local congregations they have exactly the same issues as us. So working together can give greater confidence and greater ability to achieve things.

If you study a little more of Chapter 37 of the Prophet Ezekiel you come to that interesting passage in verses 15 onwards talking about two pieces of wood representing different peoples joining. Here is something where history is repeating itself and we are being invited to work with others but naturally find it hard to change our customs. It is necessary that we through our prayers see how the Holy Spirit is guiding us.

With every Blessing
Nick Mark

Churches Together in Carlisle

Report on the Meeting at 7.30pm on 5th September at St John the Baptist Church, Manor Road, Upperby

- 1. Attendance was a great deal better than the previous meeting with about 20 folk present.
- Minutes of the last meeting approved subject to inclusion of Christian Aid Service at 7.30pm at the Cathedral on 13th November.
- 3. **The Flood Response** project is now complete and the grant received has been used up. The project advisor Paul will continue to advise those still in need of help
- 4. **Refugees:** David Pitkeathly spoke about the work of CRAG and all is going well with more refugees having arrived and

- volunteers still going to Calais to cope with numbers. The Support group is no longer required.
- 5. **Passion Play:** Isaac had little to report as the next meeting is not till the 26th of this month
- 6. **Dementia Questionnaire.** This stirred up great debate and rather like Brampton Ministers meeting terror among the ministers! There are 32 homes in the Carlisle region to contact and the new Methodist Superintendent David Newlove made the wise observation that we shouldn't rush in without being sure we could actually produce the lay and ordained folk needed to meet the demand. As a first step all CTIC Churches to be contacted to see whether they already do services in any of the homes as there is no point in duplicating where good work is being done. Louise reported Rosalind had approved the draft questionnaire.
- 7. **Finance:** We have a balance after payment of all demands of circa £1900. It was agreed that we spend the £150 held over from last year for Fischy music on buying their resources to provide a library to help lay and ordained folk lead assemblies and holiday clubs.

8. Future Events:

- a) **St John's Hostel:** Barbeque on Friday 7th. Tony presented our cheque for £20 which was gratefully received. There are 17 residents 3 staff and this was seen as a mission opportunity as currently there is no church input.
- b) **Interfaith Meal:** Tony has a poster for this event on 16th November at 6.00pm at Harraby Community centre. All welcome. We were advised not to bring any pork as many of the guests are Muslim
- c) Carol Parade and Hog Roast 13th December. Commencing at St Cuthbert's at 6.15pm. Objections were again raised at the number of stops but the organiser

- feels these are needed and the super sound system from the Cathedral will make all the difference! Further negotiations to take place!!
- d) Christmas Market stall: This year it is all change with only local producers and Sustainable Carlisle have invited CTIC to run a stall with mulled wine which would give the opportunity to CTIC to also market what Christmas is. Dates 28th November to 2nd December 2018 Committee set up to explore this. 50% of proceeds to CTIC and 50% to organisers.
- 9. **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019:** Great debate and discussion here. Eventually a formula was found that we need to do something later in the year after the Passion Play has happened and maybe at Pentecost.
- 10. **Representative to Street Pastors:** Following Major Mark's departure no CTIC rep. There was an underwhelming response. Churches are asked to think prayerfully. Next meeting of the Pastors Committee is on 27th November 2018.
- 11. **Reports:** None received.

12. Any Other Business:

- a) Louise Dias reported her thanks to all the Churches who had agreed to the residue of monies from the Moving Mountains day paying for the breakfasts for the homeless. This was much appreciated.
- b) David Pitkeathly put in a plea about City Centre Parking charges. It appears all churches have written to oppose the changes. David was concerned about how he could conduct funerals or weddings in Chapel Street with the new one hour rule and his Salvation Army counterparts had a similar problem in AbbeyStreet
- c) David Pitkeathly raised the subject of the churches having to close for the races and was wondering how we

could deal with this diplomatically. Superintendent David Newlove suggested we should not protest but see it as an opportunity for outreach. David Pitkeathly then agreed as he was impressed with the way Rosalind's nephew had led the Vineyard Church not just to close but to work on the day handing out water to the participants. Deacon Mel had done something similar in Wetheral with Jelly Babies rather than water. Exec to consider this.

 d) Clare Driffield made the annual plea for customers and drivers for the Christmas day meal at Wigton road.
 Please contact her on 529506.
 Helpers to cook or serve are not required.

13. Closing Prayer

14. Next Meeting Thursday 8th November at st George's URC at 7.30pm. Elders need to organise a team to make tea and coffee to be available from 7pm.

Nick Mark

From the Churches

Bewcastle

On behalf of our Church Secretary Doreen Telford a thank you is in order to all our friends at St George's and Brampton URC who attended the Harvest service on Sunday 16th September and the

tea. As usual friends of the Church really decorated it beautifully. The ladies from the Knowe Church and friends put on a splendid tea and it was a really enjoyable afternoon. Thank you to everyone who contributed tinned goods and dry goods which were delivered to the Foodbank for distribution in the wide area covered by the City of Carlisle.



Next month our October service on Sunday the seventh will be preceded by a Church Meeting in Church starting at 1.50pm to discuss a number of important issues.

Work has started on the new Remembrance Garden and this will make quite a difference to the environs of the church and we hope will attract more people to visit our beautiful place of worship and to find a peaceful place for thought and reflection.

The Reiver Arts Group have now started the necessary work on the new Prayer Tree which again we hope will provide a link with the local community.

Last but not least we will be saying goodbye to two loyal church attenders, Alan and Beryl Williams, as they leave the area to downsize and be nearer to important services.

Nick Mark

Brampton

Services at Brampton URC in October

Sunday 14th - Harvest Thanksgiving (see below). Sunday 28th - 9.30am Service led by the Rev Nick Mark.

Harvest Celebrations at Brampton URC

There will be a Harvest Thanksgiving Service on Sunday 14th October at 9.30am led by our Minister.

In the evening of Monday 15th 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 £5 includes Refreshments and Raffle. All very welcome. Would anyone who would like to donate flowers for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service please contact Barbara. Thank you.

The Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Operation Christmas Child 2018: The Methodist Ladies are bringing the leaflets over for us. Could you please bring your shoeboxes along to church by or on Sunday 11th November.

A special Shoebox Dedication Service will be held at the Methodist Church on Sunday 18th November at 10.30am. Everyone welcome.

Fundraising

The coffee morning held in church in August raised £96. Many thanks to all who contributed and helped in any way.

News of the Fellowship

We were very sad to hear of the death of a former member and dear friend, Mrs Mary Hooper. She passed away peacefully on 31st July,

at the age of 92 following a fall. She had been living with her niece Jess in Muirhead for a few years. Our sympathies go to Jess and family and to Mary's nephews.

Florence Scott has been in hospital in Carlisle then Newcastle in August with a fractured spine, and is



making a little progress. She requires X-rays every 3 weeks. She is also in need of a shoulder operation.

Isobel Hill is recovering following a knee replacement in August. Don and Isobel are staying presently with their daughter Elizabeth. We hope Florence and Isobel will continue to make a little progress.

Some good news from the family of Florence Scott and John Salton. Our Congratulations go to their daughter Agnes who married her partner Colin in Canada in August. Also to Agnes's elder son Frazer and wife Emma who welcomed a baby girl on 2nd September Maisie, Millie, Florence a sister for Alfie; also to Agnes's younger son Ewan and partner Phillipa, who now live in Beckside Gardens, Brampton who flew to San Francisco on 5th September and are getting married whilst there. They will have a reception at Wetherall Village Hall on their return.

Brampton Duty Rotas for October

Stewarding: Barbara Laird

Flowers 14th and 28th: Barbara Laird

Shirley Brown

Carlisle

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St George's Services					
Oct	7th		At the Tithe Barn		
Oct	14th	11.00am	Harvest (NM)		
Oct	21st	11.00am	(Worship Group)		
Oct	28th	11.00am	Communion (NM)		
Nov	4th	11.00am	Shoe Box Service (1	Betty Jagger)	
Read	<u>ers</u>				
Oct	7th		Vacant		
Oct	14th		Trevor Irwin		
Oct	21st		Olive Cronie		
Oct	28th		Maureen Bewley		
Nov	4th		John Salton		
<u>Duty</u>	Rota		<u>Elder</u>	<u>Steward</u>	
Oct	7th		Ian Moonie	Pamela Martin	
Oct	14th		George Murrin	Jessie Overs	
Oct	21st		Tony Wiseman	Deborah Usher	
Oct	28th		Trevor Irwin	Kathleen Harris	
Nov	4th		Moira Wales	Valerie Barlow	
Com	munio	n Duty	<u>Preparation</u>	<u>Serving</u>	
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				Ian Moonie	
Flow	ers				
Oct	 7th		At the Tithe Barn		
Oct	14th		Lorna Scott		
Oct	21st		Elizabeth & Iain M	ackenzie	
Oct	28th		Olive Cronie		
Nov	4th		Marjorie Lawson &	Tan Moonie	
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Saturday Coffee Morning					
Oct	6th	Elizabeth & Iain Mackenzie			
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Oct 13th Jessie & Michael Overs
Oct 20th Rosalind Fearon & Mavis Hall
Oct 27th Valerie Barlow & Pamela Martin

Nov 3rd Jessie & Michael Overs

November Edition Magazine Photocopying and Collation

Week commencing Monday 22nd October Kathleen & John Harris

From St George's Secretary

News of Members

The swallows have left, the leaves will soon be falling and already our group of churches has had one Harvest Festival. Our thanks go to our Bewcastle friends who welcomed us and provided such a delicious tea. Some members have returned from their summer holidays and others are just about to go, but the life of St George's goes on. We keep in our thoughts and prayers those who are unable to attend church at the moment, Ron and Betty Anderson, Alan and Jennifer Burgess, Kathleen Wiseman, Brian Walker, Margaret Graham and Jean Frizell. Some of the elders had a chat with Alan and Jennifer when they parked at St George's for a trip around Carlisle. It was good to see them, though we couldn't persuade Alan to come to the elders' meeting! Jean Frizell has been in hospital but is now home, determined to regain her strength and return to church. She was unable to attend her grandson's graduation in Kent but the family have taken lots of photos of the happy event. It was lovely to see Irene Paterson at the Women's Guild again. We are also pleased that Peter is on the mend.

Meeting with our Area President

The elders of all four churches met with Sarah Moore in August to discuss preparations for changes in ministerial deployment when Nick leaves at the end of February 2020. The plan is that Cumbria will have 4 ministers to oversee the 16 churches, with more responsibilities falling on the elderships. Training courses will be available to help us. It is not easy to recruit ministers to the north of England; one reason frequently given is that they have family ties in the south. Once again it was brought home to us how important it is for us to engage in outreach and mission.

Dementia Friendly Churches

This is a Churches-together-in-Cumbria (CTIC) initiative. The aim is to make every church dementia friendly by 2020. Cumbria is leading the country in this, and David Richardson, who started the ball rolling, has been invited to speak at many national events.

Vivien Davidson from Penrith and I represent the URC in Cumbria on the Dementia Reference Group which is a sub-committee of the social responsibility forum of CTIC. We have just appointed a Dementia Project Officer, Yvonne Povey, who will progress the work already started. This year Cumbria churches will again be asked if they would like to hold a retiring collection to help to fund the project. We have received various grants but also need help from the churches.

In order to become a Dementia enabler it is necessary to attend a very brief training course. In 3 years we have recruited 117 dementia enablers representing nearly 100 churches of all denominations. I have trained as a dementia enabler and, together with Elizabeth Mackenzie, we run Tea Services on the third Tuesday of every month at 2pm. The Border Kirk takes alternate services, and the Catholics have also come on board. If you know of anyone who would enjoy coming to a brief informal service please do invite them to come. There was a really good turn-out for the September service. Our next one on 16th October will have a harvest theme and we hope some of our members will come along. I also have a comprehensive list of activities and support available in the Carlisle area for those with dementia and their carers.

Welcome Cards

The new cards, so well designed by Tony, have arrived and we will be delivering them to people living on some of the new housing estates around Carlisle. If someone new moves into a house near you and you would like to do so, please take a card to them. We are also planning to take them to local guest houses. How about taking one to your hairdressers or barbers?

Rosalind Fearon

Junior Church/Sunday School/Jesus People

In former days we delighted to hear of our young people's doings after they had moved on from regular attendance.

To mark the Advent Season, I would love to hear news of any of them and I will be pleased to edit it for the Christmas edition of Bridge. Please let me know of your children, grandchildren before November 10th, in time for passing to the Editor.

Olive Cronie

The Food Bank

In midsummer a special appeal went out on television, radio and in the local press. As well as the normal donations of food, Churches, groups and individuals responded generously and the local supermarkets and shops have held special drives in turn, all of which has resulted in building up stores for the coming months.

The amount of work this entails is pretty staggering: the goods have to be collected by volunteers and brought to Nisi Prius and then the really time-consuming work begins. Every item has to be checked for sell-by-date and stored according to the month or, if long term, by year, in the appropriate area. This work is in addition to preparing the bags of supplies for each individual person or family and serving them when they call.

The request for donations of money has met with a wonderful response from our members in addition to our weekly contribution of food. In July we sent £145 in total and in August £85. It has enabled members to help when they cannot bring shopping.

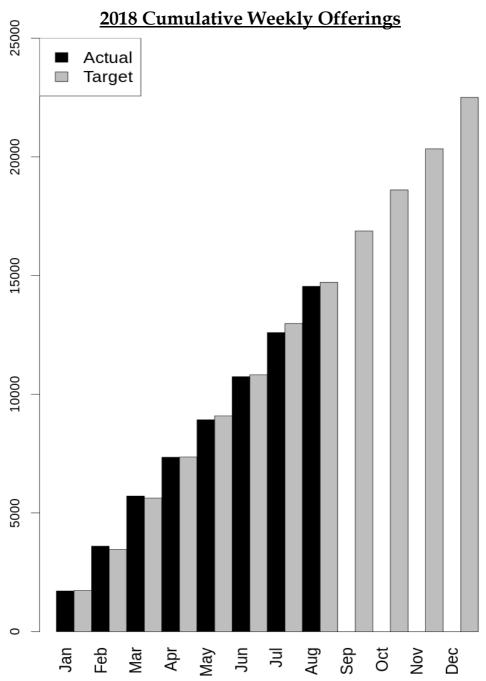
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St George's Winter Fair - Advance Notice

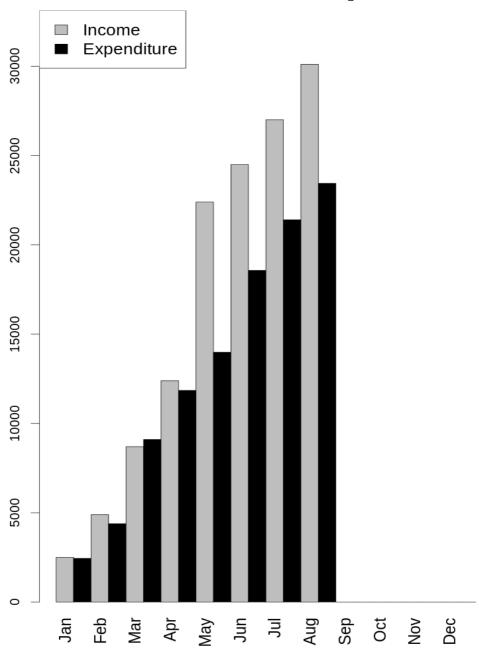
The Fair will open at 10.30am on Saturday 24th November. Setting up on Friday 23rd November

Valerie Barlow

St George's URC Carlisle



<u>St George's URC Carlisle</u> <u>2018 Cumulative Total Income/Expenditure</u>



Christian Aid

Many thanks to all the members of St George's and friends who supported the annual Carlisle Christian Aid Group Quiz night on Friday 14th September at Tithe Barn. A total of £481 was raised after payment of expenses and Christian Aid nationally will use the monies for the Peas Project being nationally advertised.

Nick Mark

Finance and Property Committee

Following his decision to relinquish the chairmanship of the Finance and Property committee, we would like to thank Trevor for all his hard work and the efficient and competent manner in which he carried out his duties. We are very pleased that he is to remain a member of this committee.

Also following the decision to transfer the cleaning to a contractor and the cessation of the rotas, many thanks to Jessie for her hard work in compiling the rotas.

Michael Overs

St George's Women's Guild Programme

1st October

Fiona Hodgson 'Colour Analysis'

Tuesday 6th November

Capt. Mel. Scoulding of the Salvation Army 'My time in the Treasury'

3rd December at 2.00pm

Christmas Concert by Steve Laydon followed by refreshments Everyone is welcome to join us and to bring a friend

Elizabeth Mackenzie

Cake Quiz for Samaritan's Purse

The Cake Quiz raised £107 for Samaritan's Purse and I am delighted with this result. There were 10 correct entries from the 27 received and the lucky winner was Rosalind Fearon. Thank you to all for your support. The answers were:

1.	Third Bay disturbance	Birthday Cake
2.	Held in a cage no animal occupies	Genoa Cake
3.	Old testament book cut short	Eccles Cake
4.	Two companies take on head	Coconut Cake
5.	Its charms can create this	Christmas Cake
6.	Greyish-brown river	Dundee Cake
7.	Sebastian takes in very loud note	Coffee Cake
8.	Wing holds three notes	Wedding Cake
9.	Fish cake?	Angel Cake
10.	Tool cache in a mess	Chocolate Cake
11.	Yellow rain	Lemon Drizzle Cake
12.	Fat Insect	Butterfly Cake
13.	Crazy age I am in	Madeira Cake
14.	Quiet chimney	Plum Cake
15.	Australian view	Upside Down Cake
16.	An egg birder addled	Gingerbread Cake
17.	In Hesse perhaps	Battenburg Cake
18.	Prohibit interment	Banbury Cake
19.	Copper quietly creates this	Cup Cake

and Outing To Lindisfarne

A group of 18 from St George's, St Cuthbert's, the Tithe Barn and the Salvation Army had an outing to Lindisfarne on 22nd August. Heavy rain as we approached the Island soon cleared and everyone had a most enjoyable afternoon exploring Lindisfarne. Leaving the Island to miss the incoming tide, we headed for Seahouses, where we all had fish and chips before setting off back home. Many thanks to Nick for arranging our lovely day out.

Elizabeth Mackenzie

Men's Group Programme 2018/2019

17th October

Ashley Kendall
"Carlisle's Lanes"

14th November

Capt. Stephen Scoulding, Salvation Army
"My Early Life"

12th December

Iain Parsons "Brampton Railway"

16th January

John Huggon
"A Postcard From Carlisle"

13th February

Rev David Newlove TBA

13th March

Eddy Leteve
"Not Many People Know This"**10th April**Gill Smith
"A Family Business"

Outdoor Visit in May

Meetings commence at 7.30pm £1.00 per meeting to cover refreshments and expenses

Methodist Church

Local History Talks

Following a highly successful series of illustrated talks last winter by John Huggon, a further programme of talks will again be held in Wigton Road Methodist Church Hall on Mondays at 7.30pm.

Admission £3 including refreshments.

17th September 'Rickergate'

15th October

'Marriages to Munitions' H.M. Factory Gretna

12th November'Newtown and Belle Vue'

10th December 'Denton Holme'

14th January'Down the Line to Silloth'

11th February 'Caldewgate'

11th March 'Carrs' of Carlisle'

8th April 'Along the Solway Shore'

Bridge

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

Sunday 14th October

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Commitment for Life

Prayer Partners October

Rejoice, people of God!
Celebrate the life within you,
And Christ's presence in your midst.
Our eyes shall be opened!
The present shall have new meaning,
And the future
Will be bright with hope.
Rejoice people of God!
Bow your heads before the One
Who is our wisdom and our strength.
We place ourselves before our God,
That we may be touched and cleansed
by the power of God's spirit.

Amen

A prayer from Guatemala



'Life-giving faith, defiant hope, generous love'

On the mud wall of a small field office in Rwanda, I noticed the remains of a poster. It was faded and weathered as it flapped in the hot breeze. It read: "A candle in the darkness is a nonconformist: it says to the dark, 'I beg to differ." Those words have challenged and inspired me ever since.

We have all experienced times when, metaphorically or actually, the lights have gone out, leaving us momentarily lost and bewildered. Deep down, many of us are afraid of the dark.

It only takes someone to light one candle for two important things to happen. Firstly, every eye will turn to the flame, because where there is light there is hope. Secondly, after only a few moments our eyes will adjust and we will be able to see around us - not in great detail, but enough to make out the obstacles, the people around us, and the safe way out.. Hope and illumination from just one small flame.

I have seen, with my own eyes, nights of despair, hopelessness and pain transformed by the light of love. I have stood with Christian Aid partners in some of the poorest communities on the planet as they have wept and danced and sung with celebration because their hard work, courageous campaigning and heartfelt prayers have been joined by ours - a future of hope and healing has been unveiled for them and their families.

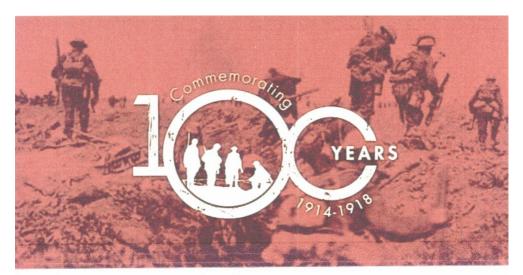
In a world in which we are warned against the threat of others, encouraged to be suspicious of them, and told that we should look after number one, such love that embraces the poorest is seen as non-conformist. It screams at our selfishness and fear: "I beg to differ."

Following Jesus today demands such life-giving faith, defiant hope and generous love. It always has.

Commitment for Life gives us the tools to do just that - to live as though the Kingdom of God is here. Because when we do, it is.

Martin John Nicholls

Chaplain to Point in View Chapel, Exmouth, Devon



THE BORDER REGIMENT AND WORLD WAR 1

Stuart Eastwood, Curator of Cumbria's Museum of Military Life at Carlisle Castle will be giving a special talk about The Border Regiment & World War One

at St James Church, St James Road
Carlisle, CA2 5PD
on Friday 2 November at 7.30pm

FREE ENTRY - retiring collection to support Cumbria's Museum of Military Life Contact 01228 810616 for more information









Dates for your Diary

1st	2.00pm	St George's Women's Guild (pg 16)
7th	1.50am	Church Meeting before Service at Bewcastle
14th	9.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving Sevice at Brampton URC
14th	11.00am	Harvest Service at St George's URC
15th	6.00pm	St George's Harvest Supper
15th	7.00pm	Harvest Entertainment at Brampton URC
16th	2.00pm	Dementia Tea Service at St George's URC
22nd	2.30pm	Croftfield Service
24th	2.30pm	St George's Church Meeting
31st	9.30am	Coffee Morning in Brampton URC

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2nd	7.30pm	Border Regiment & WW1 at St James Church
6th	2.00pm	St George's Women's Guild (pg 16)
8th	7.30pm	CTIC Meeting at St George's
13th	7.30pm	Christian Aid Service at the Cathedral
16th	6.00pm	Interfaith Meal (pg 5)
18th	10.30am	Shoe Box Service at Brampton Methodist Church
24th	10.30am	St George's Winter Fair (10.30am to 12.30pm)

North Cumbria Pastorate Services

The Knowe Church, Bewcastle

Oct	7th	2.15pm	(NM)
Nov	4th	2.15pm	(NM)

Brampton URC, Main Street, Brampton

Oct	14th	9.30am	Harvest (NM)
Oct	28th	9.30am	(NM)

St George's URC, West Walls, Carlisle

Oct	7th	10.45am	At the Tithe Barn
Oct	14th	11.00am	Harvest (NM)
Oct	21st	11.00am	(Worship Group)
Oct	28th	11.00am	Communion (NM)
Nov	4th	11 00am	Shoe Box Service (Betty Jagge

