



Churches  
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CELEBRATING TOGETHER 2017

# Made in God's Image: exploring gender and discipleship

**A day to learn and question, explore perception and share stories, support and challenge**

Workshops on: Domestic abuse, Gender justice, Gender and the local church, Expectations in maleness, Trans and the Church

Be My Guest: Cumbria Church Leaders in conversation

**Saturday 7 October 2017; 10am—4pm: St Mary's Church and Ambleside Church Centre, LA22 9DH**

**Cost: £12 (notify us if reduced rate needed). Book by email [lkctic@yahoo.com](mailto:lkctic@yahoo.com) or call Helen on 07503 931196**



### New Building Share

Longtown Methodist and Church of Scotland congregations have entered into a Building Sharing Agreement; the first of its kind between these denominations in England. A special act of worship marking the transition began in the Church of Scotland building, which is closing and where memories were shared, before moving to the Methodist Church for the rest of the service, signing ceremony and a shared meal.

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## Social Responsibility Forum discussion day on education

CTiC's Social Responsibility Forum holds an annual discussion day which looks at a single issue in more depth than our business meetings allow. This year the SRF and our guests explored education, helped by 3 excellent inputs from:

- Michael Mill, Director of Education at the Diocese of Carlisle on current issues in education
- Willie Slavin, Chair of West Cumbria Poverty Forum on raising the attainment of disadvantaged children
- Jane Yates, Chair of [Cumbria SACRE](#) on religious education

As a result of our discussions we will be writing to Cumbria's MPs about some of the concerns raised.

We are keen to encourage churches across Cumbria to support their local schools. Many ideas of how to do this can be found on the [Scripture Union website](#).

## Cumbria Bible Challenge

The Reach Team has just published a new resource which your church can support your local school to use; the [Cumbria Bible Challenge](#). The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to explore and respond to the Gospel of Luke and is designed to be used as part of a monthly RE lesson. It is being offered to Year 3 pupils and will run through the first two terms of the academic year 2017/18.

## Is isolation and loneliness an issue for older people in your community?

### Your church can apply for a Cinnamon micro-grant to meet this or other local needs

Thanks to Cinnamon Network and funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner, **micro-grants of £2000** and support from a Cinnamon Adviser are available now to help Cumbria churches start one of a number of Cinnamon-Recognised projects to meet key needs in their local community.

[Linking Lives](#) is likely to be relevant to communities across Cumbria. This project helps local churches run a befriending service to combat loneliness and social isolation among older people. Their website details [how a church can set up a Linking Lives project](#). If your church would like to do this, a micro-grant would resource you to get it started.

Details of how to apply for the micro-grant are found on the [Cinnamon website](#).

Other projects for which the micro-grants are available are: [TLG Early Intervention](#), which helps churches support children who struggle in school for all kinds of reasons; [Hope into Action](#), where churches provide houses and community for the homeless; [Street Angels](#), [Street Pastors](#) and [Word 4 Weapons](#), making towns and communities safer; [Reflex](#), working with young offenders and [CAP Release Groups](#), which offer support for recovering addicts.

## Can your church help with an important church survey on domestic abuse?

CTiC has partnered with the Universities of Coventry and Leicester and [Restored](#) to undertake the *Church Responses to Domestic Abuse* research project in Cumbria; the first major UK study of this issue. Churches volunteer to take part and congregation members can anonymously complete the survey either online or on a paper copy. The survey is optional so there is no requirement for anyone in the church to complete it if they do not want to. Everyone who completes the survey has complete anonymity and most questions are 'tick box'. The name of your church will not be revealed in any published document or talk.

If your church has not already taken part in the survey and would be willing to do so, please distribute the survey link among your congregation in early August when it will go live : <https://coventry.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/cumbria>. If you would also like paper copies and reply envelopes and/or a piece for your church newsletter, please contact the research team on [churchresearch.tpsr@coventry.ac.uk](mailto:churchresearch.tpsr@coventry.ac.uk) or telephone Dr Rebecca Barnes on 0116 252 5707. This research will provide a valuable resource to help churches better understand and address the problem of domestic abuse so we very much hope that many Cumbria churches will get in touch with the research team and volunteer to take part.

## Domestic abuse awareness training: 21 September; Kendal

CTiC is offering a further awareness training day and we are particularly keen that churches who have not yet sent anyone on this training book a delegate in this time. But all are welcome and the training is particularly suitable for anyone, lay or ordained, involved in pastoral care or safeguarding. The training is free and has received very positive evaluation from previous participants. To book a place contact [Helen](#): 07503 931196.

**Mining for God: 21, 28 July and****4 August: Honister; 2pm**

Experience a tour of Honister Slate Mine with a difference.

[More information online](#)**Living with the Mystics:****1 August: Keswick; 10am-3pm**

Christian Meditation in Cumbria event on Helen Waddell. £5. Drinks provided. Please bring your own lunch.

For more information:

[Bob Morley](#): 01697 472644**Repair Café: 26 August:****Penrith; 10am-1pm**

Bring along anything that needs fixing to the Old Fire Station. Volunteers will try to help.

**Refresh: 2 September:****Braithwaite; 10am-3.30pm**

A day for women of all ages to take time to rest, receive and be renewed by God's love, with speaker Dianne Tidball, President of the Baptist Union of Great Britain.

£10 including lunch and drinks.

[More Information online](#)**Cathedral Big Day Out:****10 September: Carlisle;****12noon onwards**

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**Made in God's Image:****exploring gender and discipleship: 7 October:****Ambleside; 10am-4pm**

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**Further Skills in Growing Through Conflict: 7 October:****Keswick; 9.30am-4pm**

Open to those who have attended a Foundation Day. £10. Please bring lunch.

[More information online](#)**Fresh Expressions Day****Conference: 18 November:****Kendal; 9.30am-4.30pm**

A creative collision of all things Fresh Expressions.

[More information online](#)**Cumbria Churches Dementia****Conference: 25 November:****Penrith; 10am-3.30pm**

2nd annual conference.

[More information online](#)**Growing Through Conflict Foundation Day:****26 September: Quaker Meeting House, Keswick;****9.30am-4pm**

Consider your 'conflict style' and how you respond in difficult or tense situations. Explore how conflict escalates in a church context and begin to consider some tools to de-escalate conflict. The day is designed for any in leadership (lay, ordained, paid, stipendiary or voluntary) in our churches and will be facilitated by CTiC's Growing Through Conflict Network in conjunction with Place for Hope.

Cost £10 per person. Your denomination or local church may be able to support you in paying. You are asked to bring your own lunch, a Bible and paper. Tea, coffee, cake and fruit will be provided throughout the day.

For more information please contact Brec Seaton:

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To book and pay please contact Helen Boothroyd:

[hbctic@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hbctic@tiscali.co.uk)For information about further training days in the Growing Through Conflict programme please click [here](#)**Environment Group blog**CTiC's Environment Group has a [new blog](#) with lots of varied and interesting posts.**Mustard Seed Appeal**The Archbishop of Canterbury's [Mustard Seed Appeal](#) is supporting the new Just Finance Foundation to work for a fairer financial system, help people in financial crisis and create a new generation who can manage money wisely.**Send a postcard to your new MP**The [Joint Public](#)[Issues Team](#) of

the Baptist,

Church of

Scotland,

Methodist and United Reformed Churches

suggest sending MPs a postcard to say 'welcome', and 'we're praying for you'.

To order specially-designed and free postcards email [Lucy](#) with how many you'd like and your address.**ACT (ACTION with Communities in Cumbria) seeks supporters**[ACT](#) champions community and rural issues. You can show your support by joining up for free; you simply agree that you support ACT's aim to 'champion community and rural issues'. Call 01228 817224 or complete the [online form](#)**Autumn Encounters - with the Iona Community**A [short programme of quiet reflective weeks](#) run by the Iona Community at the St Columba Hotel on Iona this autumn.**Reminders**Please remember to keep looking at the CTiC [events page](#) which is regularly updated with ALL the events we are notified about.

Please note that our September newsletter will be published in mid-August and send us copy accordingly.



### Cathedral Big Day Out: 10 September

Everyone is invited to this special event at Carlisle Cathedral to pray for God for All and the forthcoming Moving Mountains mission. Starting at 12 noon with a Big Picnic and activities including Samba Band workshops and a bucking bronco! From 3pm join county Church Leaders for a Big Sing Songs of Praise, interviews and a scratch choir. Bring a stone or cobble along with the name of your church on it and help to build a prayer cairn for local mission. From 5.30pm there will be Big Praise and Prayer, featuring a worship band and Gareth Robinson of New Wine. More information from [Rev'd Canon Michael Manley](#), Canon Missioner at the Cathedral.

### Moving Mountains resources

A wide range of resources for the Moving Mountains mission 8-11 March 2018 is available [online](#). The essence of Moving Mountains is local churches planning and doing local mission. It is suggested that a small group of volunteers make an early start by identifying existing events that might form part of the mission and thinking about one or two possible new events. Your area Champion will work with you to co-ordinate how the visiting team get involved in individual events. If you are not sure who your Champion is get in touch with Evangelism Enabler [Mike Talbot](#): 07767 763715.

### Cumbria Christian Learning website launched

Go to [www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk](http://www.cumbriachristianlearning.org.uk) to find a wide range of training opportunities and resources.

### Would you like to help the chaplaincy team at Cumberland Infirmary?

Rev Annie Gray, Chaplain at Cumberland Infirmary, is looking for the following new team members:

- 1) Ward visiting volunteers who can commit to coming once a week for about two hours to offer a listening ear and if appropriate a prayer.
- 2) People who can commit to coming about once a month on Sunday 9:30am-12:30pm to help get people from ward to chapel. Each patient needs two volunteers - one to open doors and one to push the wheelchair. Lots of people are needed to enable a service to take place every Sunday.
- 3) Ordained bank chaplains to cover days off and holidays. These paid positions can be once per month or more to suit. May include overnight or day time on-call which is paid per hour and extra if actually called out plus car mileage. Must be able to get to the hospital in an hour. Would suit a non-stipendiary or retired person.

Once hospital checks are completed volunteers receive training, parking permit, identity badge and uniform. This can be such rewarding work, with lots of support and training.

If you can help, [contact Annie](#): 01228 814090



### Open church? Free Christian Aid exhibition available

Christian Aid has a new travelling



photo exhibition *Inherit the Earth*, focused around its work in Bolivia. Through this exhibition we are challenged to think deeply about our part in building a better future for all. Perfect for open churches, it's a great reason for tourists to pop in. Get in touch with Laura Jones to find out about hosting *Inherit the Earth*.

### Do you go to church meetings?

#### You could help end poverty

This month our first 6 Christian Aid Advocates will begin representing Christian Aid at church meetings. This trial involves people who already attend meetings (such as circuit, deanery, CT, PCC etc) taking Christian Aid news and resources. Contact Laura Jones to become an Advocate, a new and easy way to love and give hope to our global neighbours.

Email [Laura Jones](#) or phone 01925 573769

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