



# Churches Together in Cumbria June 2021 Newsletter

## Actively Promoting God's Love for Everyone

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Welcome to the June edition of Churches Together in Cumbria's Newsletter.



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## A Thought on God's Presence

Over the past year, we have had to get used to praying and worshipping at home on our own or with our families, in spirit together. In this way we are able to feel God's presence more clearly than before, perhaps because in church we can become so distracted by the

delivery of the worship or those around us. But by sitting in a quiet space at home or in the garden, reading, saying or listening to prayers and reflections, and singing along with the hymns, it almost feels as if there is a little altar set up there, and God meets us there. And in these unsettling times, this little altar provides a divine presence, it is truly comforting, welcoming and sustaining.

As we worshipped together in church, it was all too easy to forget that God's presence was not only found in that church building alone, but God's home is everywhere in the world. Perhaps the closure of the church buildings during this pandemic has made us more aware than ever that God is very much present with us wherever we are.

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## **IMPORTANT UPDATE!**

The main contact email for Churches Together in Cumbria is changing and our old one will soon be out of use. Our new email address is:

**[admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk)**

Please update your records.

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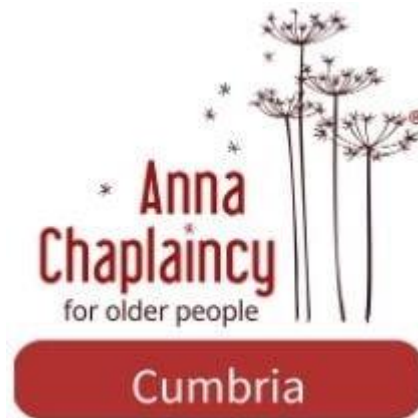


## **Please give a warm welcome to Jo Phillips**

Jo has joined the Churches Together in Cumbria Team as our new Ecumenical Social Responsibility Officer (ESRO for short). We wish her a huge warm welcome to the team and look forward to working with her. Her role officially starts today (1st June), and you can contact her on [jo@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:jo@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk)

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## **Anna Chaplaincy Cumbria Update**



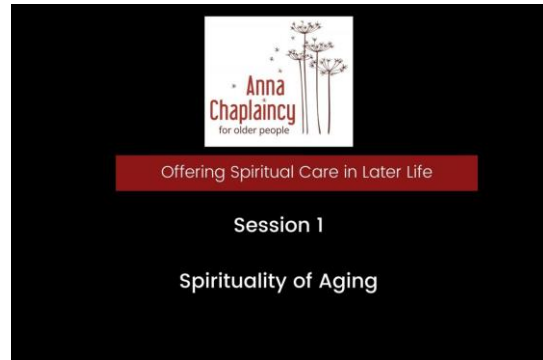
The Anna Chaplaincy ministry in Cumbria continues to support older people on their spiritual journeys due to the hard work of our Chaplains, Dementia Enablers and volunteers who support them.

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## Exploring Anna Chaplaincy

The **Exploring Anne Chaplaincy** courses ran over April and May with 18 participants attending the course. We looked at the following topics: Anna Chaplaincy for Older People, Living in the Second Half of Life, Spirituality of Ageing, Spirituality and Worship for People Living with Dementia, Chaplaincy Skills for Anna Chaplaincy. The course provided an opportunity for participants to meet from across the county and learn about the Anna Chaplaincy ministry and how this might be undertaken in their local churches and communities.



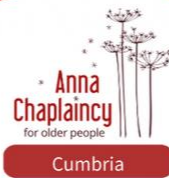
Tuesday, 6th July 2021

### Dementia Enablers Gathering

An opportunity to come together from across the county online and share experiences and challenges recently experienced.

We welcome **Diane Smilie** from **Dignity in Dementia** who will come and talk about the work they have been doing during Lockdown to support people with dementia and their family members.

To attend you will need a zoom link, please e-mail the CTiC Administrator: Gwen Backhouse on [admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk) to be sent this.



# Breathing in Hope: Working with Stories of Change

2021 Cumbria Anna Chaplaincy & Dementia Conference

18th September 2021

10 am - 3.20 pm

Speakers this year include:



*Rev. Keith Albans  
Methodist Minister*



*Jeanette Main  
Lyrics & Lunch*



*Kathryn Lord  
Stories for the Soul*

Do join us to meet with others offering spiritual care in  
later life in Cumbria and nationally

**Book your place here:**

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For information call: 01433 445010 or email  
[admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk)



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For any enquiries about Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria do contact Katherine Froggatt (Anna Chaplaincy Lead) on [acctic@outlook.com](mailto:acctic@outlook.com)

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Tuesday, 8 June from 2pm – 4pm

## **Celebrating together in our AGM . Every Dawn is Different**



As we constantly seek to strengthen the bonds between our different traditions and to enjoy the rich variety that is among us, we are particularly delighted that Bishop Paul, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Lancaster, will be our speaker. He will take the theme: Every Dawn is Different.

The Gathering will take place on zoom and will include our AGM, sharing around the County, and a time of worship. Please encourage as many as possible to share in this once a year opportunity to gather.

Everyone is welcome, please join the meeting on Zoom via the joining details below.

**To book and to receive joining details please email Gwen  
at [admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk)**



**Deeper than Wastwater**

On the surface, a flock of greylags honk noisily while a rude wind from the north whips the  
pewter into frothy white.

Children play skimmers on the western shore as engineer parents gaze at the sheer slope  
across the lake and try to calculate just how deep it goes.

In the stillness at the bottom, nothing stirs and as for inky blackness – don't even go there.

Though the June heavens present their brightest day there is no impression here.

And it is quiet. Were a tempest raging overhead with thunderclaps and lightning cracks in  
the deep, deep darkness it would not be known.

The heart of man has such depths, unfathomable.

Even in the glorious dawn of love, when two souls unite, reaching the heights of intimacy  
there are still deeper waters, uncharted territory.

And when under the surgeon's knife, all is laid bare think not that he sees into the human  
soul.

*Chrissie Greaves*



*For God alone, O my soul, wait in  
silence, for my hope is from him. He  
only is my rock and my salvation, my  
fortress; I shall not be shaken. On  
God rests my salvation and my glory;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.*

*Psalms 62 v.5-7*

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Please remember to keep looking at the CTiC events page which is regularly  
updated with all the events we are notified about.

**Please send information before 25th June for our July  
newsletter: [admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk](mailto:admin@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk)**