



Churches Together in Cumbria

April 2024 Newsletter

Actively Promoting God's Love for Everyone



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CTiC Annual Gathering & AGM

Saturday, 15 June 2024



The CTIC ANNUAL GATHERING (including AGM) will be held on Saturday, 15 June 2024, at Newbiggin Village Hall (CA11 0HT) from 10.30am to 3.00pm.

There will be input from the Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group in the form of workshops, taking the theme: PRAYER - COMING HOME.

Please do book a place if you would like to attend, as we need to know numbers in advance and any dietary requirements.

PLEASE BOOK HERE

The Bereavement Journey



Are you grieving the death of a loved one or struggling with the long-term effects of loss?

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY is a 7-session course for anyone bereaved at any time.

Facilitated by Churches in Carlisle, a course will run on Thursday evenings **starting on 9th May 2024 6.30pm- 8.45pm at Cornerstone Café, Denton Street, CA2 5EH.**

THE BEREAVEMENT JOURNEY is a space to learn more about how bereavement affects us, listen to others in their grief, and make connections with our own.

We aim to feel comfortable with people who have their own experience of grief, and can support you in yours. The initial 6 sessions are set out for all faiths and none, with a 7th optional session exploring a Christian response to bereavement.

Please book your place in advance.

To request a booking form and for more information, please contact

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Anna Chaplaincy Cumbria News

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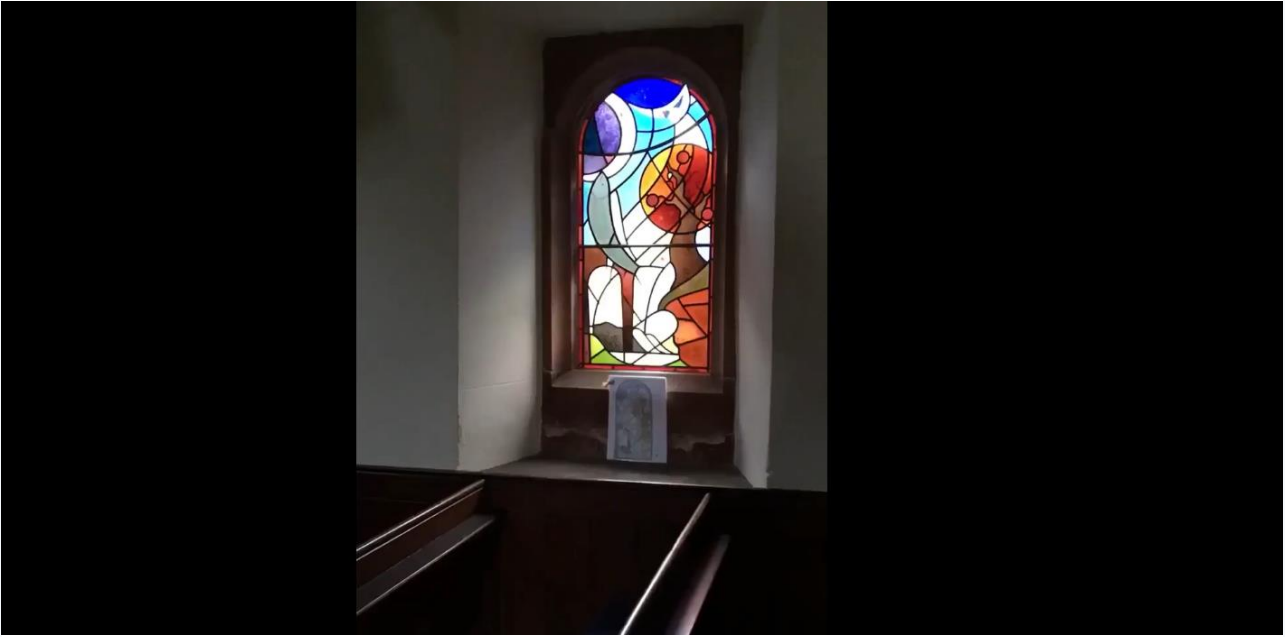
Anna Chaplaincy welcomes two new Anna Friends



Congratulations to our two new Anna Friends, Rachel and Phoebe on their Commissioning.

We thank God for their gifts of service - Phoebe for her beautiful gifts of singing and Rachel for her talents in administration. We welcome you into Anna Chaplaincy for Cumbria.

A lovely Commissioning Service was held at Abbey Road Baptist Church in Barrow-in-Furness on the 17th of March. Thank you to everyone who came and made the day a special one.



A lovely reflective piece for all of the Anna Chaplains in Cumbria. Well done for all of the wonderful work you are doing in your communities.

A Bible reflection from Isaiah 43:19

'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'

Take a moment to meditate on the beautiful stained glass windows at Armathwaite Church. Thank you for everyone's support at the Commissioning Service.

I am very excited for all of the new things we have developing for Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria. Many blessings,

Sam Pester

Anna Chaplaincy Lead for Cumbria



For any enquiries about Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria do get in touch
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Anna Chaplaincy Cumbria Facebook Page

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CUMBRIA CONDUCTS IMPACT ASSESSMENT



Churches and faith groups across the Westmorland and Furness Council area are being asked to contribute to a social action audit during the month of April this year. In 2015 a national social action audit found that 4400 churches and faith groups were mobilising nearly 140,000 volunteers across the UK and reaching 3.5 million beneficiaries. These results were staggering with a networth to the UK economy of £3 billion a year.

Fast forward 9 years and Churches Together in Cumbria, Westmorland & Furness Council and Cinnamon Network are working together to discover the impact in our area today.

We know that churches and other faith communities are providing weekly warm hubs, mental health cafe's, dementia support groups, bereavement support, parent & toddlers groups, luncheon groups, and the list goes on. We are keen to understand what is going on and where so that overlapping activities, gaps in provision and opportunities for new partnerships can be identified.

We would therefore like to encourage churches and other faith groups in the Westmorland & Furness to register for the audit as soon as possible. Registration is a commitment by each church or faith community to spend no more than 30 minutes submitting information on what they are doing, how many volunteers are involved and how many people benefit.

Derek Lacey, Churches Together in Cumbria, Social Responsibility Forum Chair commented "This is a great opportunity to understand what churches and other faith communities are doing now, and might do in future, to benefit our area." So far, we've had over 90 churches and faith groups register. Many of their projects are alleviating poverty, supporting safer and stronger families, building safer stronger resilient communities and enabling people to flourish.

Jonny Gios, the Co-ordinator for the project commented "the more contributions we have the better picture we will develop. So, if you've not yet registered, we would love for you to be part of this project and to celebrate what is being achieved. Please don't be modest.

Your activity is part of a bigger picture of what is being done across the Westmorland and Furness area".

The results from across the Westmorland & Furness area will be published in the summer and will provide a valuable picture of what is happening and where. Insights generated by the audit will identify how churches and other faith communities can make a more effective contribution to the vision for Westmorland and Furness to be 'a great place to live, work and thrive'.

More details and registration is found here

<https://cinnamonaudit.co.uk/audit-registration/>

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Spiritual Accompaniment



You, Me and God - journeying together

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Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group



William Byrd

From Tudor darkness to Elizabethan splendour, Byrd's life and times in words and music, with Brampton Consort and Maks Loth-Hill.

Sunday 14th April
3 pm Dacre Hall
Lanercost CA8 2HQ
£10 on the door
Students/under 16s free

www.bramptonchamberchoir.co.uk

Curlew Call



The sound evokes another place and time.

I am transported with delight.

I remember when engines took their time to start.

We'd stand and hold our breaths on frosty days
as Father turned the handle, muttering darkly.

There followed a series of long, ascending notes;
then at last a tremulous, throbbing sound
accompanied by the family exhaling.

And so the cry, or call, or song of my friend curlew;
at first uncertain – should he fly or no?

Then the miracle of flight begins to grip him;
he allows the wind to take him where he wants to go.

The exultation as he soars his purlieu
rises in his throat as would a hymn.

Alleluia, curlew! Alleluia!

By Chrissie Greaves – used by permission

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