**Sands Methodist Church**

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29 03 24 GOOD FRIDAY

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31 03 24 EASTER SUNDAY

During the Month of March, our Theme at Sands is ‘Noticing God’

*If you are unable to join us in person, please log in just before the service using the link below.* ( be patient , it can take a little while )

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| **Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."**Romans 8:34 |

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**Our Good Friday service is at 10 30 am and is taken by Rev Andrew Sterling.**

**Easter Sunday 31 03 24**

**Christ is Risen – He is Risen Indeed, Hallelujah !!**

**Don’t forget the clocks change this weekend, so make sure you get to everything at the new time on Sunday morning !!**

**And also: Please bring a few flowers to decorate the Easter Cross**

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**Easter Sunday morning.** at 6.45 a.m. Wrap up warm, and come out to Raise Howe on the east side of Orton Scar (just above the cattle grid on the B6260, on the way down to Appleby). Appleby Town Band will be there to accompany the hymns; the speaker will be an Anglican, the Rev. Ken Boullier, who is a retired priest who recently moved to Appleby; and the service is to be led by Rev. Stephen Radford.

(There will also be an Easter Morning Sunrise Service on Kirkby Hill (the hill near the cricket ground in Kirkby Stephen) at 6.45am on 31st March.)

**The Easter Day, morning service at Sands, will be at 10 30 am and will be taken by Rev’s Lesley and John Riley and will include Holy Communion.**

**and Just like that, it’s April !**

**Sorry, but there will not be a Mid Week Communion, or Prayer Meeting this month and**

**as it is the school holidays, there will be no Noah’s Boat or Youth Club.**

Each week;

Heart of Westmorland online prayer meeting – everyone is welcome to attend this weekly online prayer meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Zoom each Monday. The link to join the prayer meeting by zoom is [https://zoom.us/j/94655258138?pwd=bHkwWWlZdEhWblNvUUp4c1hnSFMrQT09](https://zoom.us/j/94655258138?pwd=bHkwWWlZdEhWblNvUUp4c1hnSFMrQT09" \t "_blank) Meeting ID: 946 5525 8138 Passcode: 199764

Every Tuesday at St Lawrence’s 1pm to 3 pm, **The Welcome Inn!** for coffee, companionship and connection. Every Friday at the Cricket Club **Renew Wellbeing** cafe 9.30am – 2pm.Soup and sandwiches are available at lunch time.

**There are Easter Offering envelopes in the foyer, if you would like to contribute to the Methodist Women in Britain’s appeal for the World Mission Fund to support mission partners overseas.**

For a long time, [Methodist Women in Britain](https://methodist-news.org.uk/c/AQieeBDO5O4GGPXXhm0gx4qJnAHF831X2UkG559XNQj71TCNKNlOh_Y0n5ri7aAjk8uaeg) have arranged an Easter Offering collection, which in recent years has raised funds for the World Mission Fund. The Easter Offering tradition began in 1883, when women in Manchester collected £32 for missionary work overseas from ‘Christmas pennies’ at family gatherings on Christmas Day. The Women’s Work Committee of the World Methodist Missionary Society thought that Easter would be a more appropriate time and asked women to raise ‘a penny a head’ which would be dedicated in a circuit service. In 1884, the London Districts distributed Easter envelopes and collecting bags asking for a penny a head, and collected around £100. The Easter offering collection has continued ever since.

**The Ceilidh. Wow ! what a good night it was.** Thank you to those who helped in any way at all, by helping before the event, during the event or simply by being there. We raised £570 for church renovations, which is wonderful, but I have to say I think the most important part was the lovely evening everyone had. And I am reminded of a line from one of the books my Grandchildren like, ‘When can we do it again?”

**Carlisle Refuge collection**

Rebecca Frost (Grandaughter of the late Keith Scott) is organising the appeals now and this one is in memory of her late Grandfather.

They would appreciate; Small household items, washing up products, long life food and clothing No appliances. Think of what you might need when moving to a new flat with little or nothing. IMPORTANT Please only donate clean items (with some life left in them) which you would be happy passing on to a friend:)  **It is essential that clothing and bedding are clean and in good condition, placed in a bag and labelled.  I**f you can help out there will be a collection on **Sunday's 7th and 14th April**. Any queries please contact Hazel Mullen [hazelemullen@gmail.com](mailto:hazelemullen@gmail.com) or Linda Taylor [**ljtaylor900@gmail.com**](mailto:ljtaylor900@gmail.com)

## Tanzania ...and Hope Home orphanage.

A huge thank you again to everyone who supported, in any way,  my visit to Tanzania last month. I think I have summed it up simply by saying it was a huge privilege to go, it was humbling, I was out of my comfort zone but I wouldn't have missed it.  It is good to be home though!!

If anyone would like to get a flavour of what actually happened out there, I am working on a power point which I am happy to show anyone who'd like to see it.

There will be a coffee morning in the Eden room on **Thursday 18th April at 10.30am** to which you are very welcome to come.

I will also offer (in the Eden Room) **Monday 15th April at 7.30pm** in case anyone would prefer that time. Any further details just get in touch with me.  Thanks.  Wendy Walker

Please continue to pray for the whole of Appleby and the surrounding villages with special thought this week for those who work at, or attend, the primary school or live or work in the areas of, Thanet Terrace, Rivington Park and Appleby Railway Station.

**The Sands has a confidential Prayer Line, for anyone & everyone**. When you ask us to pray for someone or something, we email it to the group for prayer.  We do not discuss the matter either with each other, anyone else, or with yourself, unless you want to.  If you want to discuss it with us, that is up to you, but we will not approach you.  Please contact Linda Taylor 017683 53448 [ljtaylor900@gmail.com](about:blank)

**Next Week, Sunday 7th April will be a 45 minute ‘All age worship’ Service.**

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Items for notices to Hazel Mullen, by Thursday evening please – 017683 53607 [hazelemullen@gmail.com](about:blank)