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## The Minister writes....

Dear Christian co-workers,

Within the consultation process about the possibility of extending my time in this Circuit, a few questions arose about what I did as a Minister. However, these questions relate not only to how I use my time but also to other issues of ministry and mission which are important as we consider the future staffing of the Circuit.

Part of my time is employed fulfilling fairly traditional Ministerial roles: leading worship and preaching, with its associated preparation; administering the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion; responding to requests for marriages and funerals; preparing people for and carrying out confirmation; pastorally caring in times of sickness and personal crisis; leading Bible studies, fellowship groups and the like.

Then, in this Circuit, I have found myself heavily involved in work amongst children and young people in schools. Each half-term, I go into five primary schools (Gosforth, Orgill, St. Bees, Seascale and Thornhill) to conduct collective worship. In doing so I seek to fit in with themes with which the schools are engaged, and so it is not a matter of being able to

prepare and deliver the same material in each context. I have also sought to be available to Gosforth for their work with schools, centred around interactive exhibitions (normally linked with One World Week and Fairtrade Fortnight) and Passover/Last Supper celebrations. Further, at the end of each term, I have been going into Whitehaven Secondary School (alongside others from other denominations) to do lessons with year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. I have focused on Christmas in the first term, Easter in the second and Life (e.g. hopes, values, faith) in the third.

Alongside this, there are also administrative tasks to perform, some related to being the Superintendent Minister. These include preparing for and chairing Pastoral Committees, Church Councils, General Church Meetings, Leaders of Worship & Preachers' Meetings, Circuit Staff & Stewards' Meetings and Circuit Meetings; attending Churches Together meetings and events; carrying out Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) checks and other matters related to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults; making the preaching plan; passing on communications and writing newsletter articles; helping sort out legal and property matters; dealing with authorisations for lay people to preside at communion services and for non-Methodist Ministers being authorised to serve within our denomination; arranging Ministerial cover when one or both Ministers are unavailable.

Over recent years, some fresh expressions of church have arisen in the Circuit; the *Shackles Off* youth project, the Whitehaven cafechurch and Messy Churches in Seascale and Gosforth. I have been involved in all of these, to a greater or lesser extent, and they still need considerable input if they are to develop and grow. I have also been a part of the Egremont Fair Trade Town (now Egremont Fair Trade & Local) Steering Group since its beginnings and am particularly involved linking with the local schools in and around Egremont promoting the *Fairtrade* cause.

There are other demands upon time which come from outside the Circuit. Each year, I am expected to go through some form of appraisal which is meant to assist my own spiritual and professional development. Each Minister should take three study days per quarter, and a three-month sabbatical, after ten and then after each subsequent seven years, for reading, reflection, experiencing and learning. Then there are Ecumenical and Cumbria Methodist District Meetings to attend and, occasionally, Connexional (national) ones.

So, you might say that my role involves me being lots of different things: a traditional Minister, a Children's & Youth Worker, an Administrator, a Pioneer Minister, a Student or Learner.

Employing a part time lay-worker of some kind could cover some of the roles that I or a subsequent Superintendent Minister might fulfil, but this would be necessary to liberate time for some of the Ministerial tasks that Gerry currently does. Employing a part-time Supernumerary or shared Minister would mean that less adjustment would be necessary, but there would still have to be some. One danger with any of this is that the Superintendent Minister becomes more devoted to the traditional tasks and administration that I have outlined and is less free to be active in mission work outside of the church and representing the Christian faith in the wider community.

However, we must not lose sight of the fact that there are not just two active ministers within the Whitehaven Circuit; there are many. Every Christian associated with our churches should see herself/himself as a minister, as we are all called to use our time, money and abilities in God's service. Some of the work done by Gerry or myself could be passed on to some of those ministers, that unpaid work being an expression of their Christian commitment. Already there are a few who have said that they will help with administration. Perhaps there is something that you could offer to do too.

Your multi-role Minister,

Philip.

### **Advent**

Come with your love  
to make us whole,  
come with your light to lead us on,  
driving the darkness far from our  
souls:

O come, Lord Jesus, come.

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### **Christmas**

Son of poverty,  
shame us till we see  
self-concerned, how we deny you,  
by our greed we crucify you  
on a Christmas tree,  
Son of poverty.

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## Lake District Evening

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October saw another of Egremont's big fund raising events. This time it was a meal followed by a slide show of Copeland's fells and lakes given by Bill and Pat Stainton. The evening was a great success financially and socially and we made £600 for the Renovation Fund.



The work for these events starts weeks before the actual day when the spare freezer in the Bounds' cellar is switched on and gradually begins to fill with food for the night. With a week to go plates, bowls and cutlery are counted and washed and begin to accumulate on the snooker table in the hall together with serving dishes.

The day before the activity begins to escalate as dishes which can't be frozen are prepared and frantic phone calls connect the McDevitte and Bounds households confirming tickets sold, who has the napkins and how many cruets we have! Oh and the de-frosting begins too!

The two families gather at the hall at 12.30 on D-day and the pace picks up again. Extra kettles, hot plates and pans appear from the cars. The tables are arranged and set for 76 people. The crockery is moved to the kitchen, the boiler is filled. Tables are set aside for the sweets, raffle and cards, and cups and saucers set out in an appropriate place – although we have yet to perfect the serving of tea and coffee.

Then home to start the baked potatoes cooking and decorate the sweets or prepare the white sauce for the chicken and mushroom filling. Back to church again at 4 pm with the sweets and fillings to start the slow and careful re-heating of everything. Time to dish up the coleslaw and make the salads too. Linda has all the ingredients washed and prepared so they just have to go in bowls and onto the tables.

5.20 pm and the first people start to arrive. Luke and Paul take up their positions ready to receive tickets or money and the buzz of conversation begins. Soon Alec and Douglas are dispatched to bring the baked potatoes and Christine appears with those she has cooked. 6 pm and after grace the kitchen team start plating up while the waiters begin service. Those in the kitchen decide service is the easiest yet as they slice potatoes and ladle on fillings.

Suddenly everyone is served and as if a signal had been given the team of washer ups appear. After three events we seem to have mastered a sufficient supply of hot water and the volunteers – all unmasked – take up dish cloths and tea towels. Luke, Paul and Alec having been permitted time off for a hasty meal begin to hand round tea and coffee as people help themselves to the mouth-watering array of sweets.

The washing up continues with our guests helpfully clearing the tables before they are put away and the chairs arranged for the slide show. Just about on time the kitchen quietens down and the entertainment begins. The slides are wonderful with splendid views and some great atmospheric shots. A great end to another evening full of food, fellowship and a superb glimpse of God's wonderful creation at its best.

Thank you so much to everyone who supports Egremont in these events, regularly buying tickets and encouraging us to keep going with them. They are so popular now that tickets are beginning to sell out and we feel we are catering at capacity. So, buy your ticket in good time for the spring quiz in order not to be disappointed!

Alec Bounds

### **New year**

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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## Informal Worship Giving

When Informal Worship services are planned much thought is given to the offering as we see it as an important part of the way in which we respond to God. Over the last year we have given to a wide variety of charities and groups:

In January we simply had a prayer and sharing time as numbers were down and we did not take an offering. Then in February for our Valentine's service we all received instead of giving. As the plate went round everyone in the congregation took a Love Heart sweet with a message on it to show how special we all are to God.

In March we thought about the church reaching out into the community and supported Breathing Space an anxiety group which meets in Egremont Church Hall. In May our service was the commissioning service for a mission team working in the Moresby Parks, Hensingham and Mirehouse areas and the collection went to Through Faith Missions who were running the mission.

June saw us concentrating on peace and we chose to support Parents' Circle a charity helping Israeli and Palestinian reconciliation. In July our theme was summer holidays and we thought of various types of holiday Jesus might take people on to "The Kingdom". The offering went to "Wish upon a Star", a charity which helps provide holidays for sick and disadvantaged children and their families.

When we met again in September it was to look at the Year of the Bible with our gifts going to the Bible Society work in Burkina Faso. October's service was called Freedom's Coming and included clips from the Great Escape and Braveheart. Our response on that occasion was to support the work of Amnesty International. The service at the end of November is looking at the second coming and the offering will be for a charity supporting the recently bereaved, possibly Cruse.

Thank you to everyone who gives so generously to support these different groups.

Gillian Bounds

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**WHITEHAVEN CIRCUIT PLAN 9/4**  
**JANUARY-MARCH 2012**

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2012		Jan 1st	Jan 8th	Jan 15th	Jan 22nd	Jan 29th	Feb 5th
CHURCH Minister/Members 260	Time	1 of Christmas	1 in Ordinary Time	2 in Ordinary Time	3 in Ordinary Time	4 in Ordinary Time	5 in Ordinary Time
CLEATOR MOOR GW 46	11.00	G Wilson	Bradshaw	Pryde	A Bounds	G Wilson C	Moore
FRIZINGTON GW 18	9.45	G Wilson	Bradshaw	Nicholson	A Bounds	G Wilson C US	Davies
KIRKLAND JM/GW 3	11.00	Anglican HC	Anglican HC	Anglican HC	Anglican HC	Peacock C US at Lamplugh	Anglican HC
HENSINGHAM GW 48	11.00	Moore	Andrews	Peacock	G Wilson C	Pryde	G Wilson
MORESBY PARKS GW 15	9.30	Moore	Griffiths	Peacock	G Wilson C	Millie	G Wilson
EGREMONT PP 54	11.00 6.00	Peacock C	McDevitte	A Bounds	Bradshaw	Hudson	Peacock HC Youth Bite
ST BEES PP 14	11.00	Andrews	G Bounds AAW	Hunter T	Peacock C	Moore	McDevitte
GOSFORTH PP 15	10am 6.30	Andrews	Peacock/Falkner C	A Bounds	H Wilson/WL	G Bounds/WL	McDevitte/WL
SEASCALE PP 47	10.00 6.30	Millie Woolcock M	Hudson McDevitte M	Moore Woolcock M	C Fishing Stone Peacock CM	Andrews US at Drigg	G Bounds/WL Woolcock A

<b>COSTA COFFEE</b> FX King Street, Whitehaven <b>Sunday – 4.30-6pm</b>	<b>January 8<sup>th</sup></b> When the cupboard is bare: how much do we care?
<b>MORESBY PARKS</b> <b>Wednesday – 1pm</b>	<b>January 18<sup>th</sup></b> Griffiths
<b>SEASCALE</b> <b>Wednesday – 2pm</b>	<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b> Amey
<b>INFORMAL WORSHIP</b> <b>Saturday – 7.30pm</b>	<b>January 21<sup>st</sup></b> Cleator Moor

AAW	All Age Worship	FX	Fresh Expressions
C	Covenant	HC	Holy Communion
CDI	Celebration of Signing of 'Declaration of Intent'	LA	Local Arrangement

Feb 12th		Feb 19th		Feb 26th		4 <sup>th</sup> Mar		11 <sup>th</sup> Mar		18 <sup>th</sup> Mar		25 <sup>th</sup> Mar	
6 in Ordinary Time		Sunday before Lent		1 in Lent		2 in Lent		3 in Lent		Mothering Sunday		5 in Lent	
G Wilson	HC	Andrews		G Wilson		<i>Fishing Stone</i>		G Wilson	HC	McDevitte		G Wilson	
G Wilson	HC	Andrews		G Wilson		Rushton		G Wilson	HC	McDevitte		G Wilson	
Anglican	HC	Anglican	HC	Moore		Anglican	HC	Anglican	HC	Anglican	HC	Andrews	
Hunter	T	G Wilson	HC	Bradshaw		G Wilson	HC	WL		Millie		A Bounds	
Carter		G Wilson	HC	Bradshaw		G Wilson	CDI	Griffiths	HC	G	Wilson	A Bounds	
Nicholson		Pryde		LA		Peacock	HC	Brennand		G Bounds		Hunter	
Andrews	AAW	Millie		Peacock	HC	Teal		Peacock	AAW	Amey		Pryde	HC
WL		Bradshaw/WL		Peacock	HC	Hudson		Marshall		Peacock/Falkner AAW		Peacock	HC
Peacock H	HC Wilson <sup>A</sup>	Bradshaw/WL Woolcock	A	A Bounds Marshall	A	Nicholson Woolcock	M	McDevitte Bradshaw	M	LA Woolcock	M	Peacock Andrews	HC M

<b>February 12<sup>th</sup></b> Songs@Costa: Malcolm Dowler	<b>March 11<sup>th</sup></b> Christians on the street: is it safe?
<b>February 15<sup>th</sup></b> G Wilson	<b>March 21<sup>th</sup></b> H Wilson
<b>February 29<sup>th</sup></b> Peacock HC	<b>March 28<sup>th</sup></b> Moore
<b>February 25<sup>th</sup></b> Egremont	<b>March 24<sup>th</sup></b> St. John's, Frizington

T	Transport required both ways	<sup>A</sup>	United Service Anglican Church
tbc	To be confirmed	<sup>M</sup>	United Service Methodist Church
US	United Service	<b>WL</b>	Worship Leader(s)

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### CIRCUIT DIARY

#### February

14<sup>th</sup> Responses from Churches to Circuit Stewards due regarding future staffing of the Circuit

17<sup>th</sup> All details for next plan from Preachers, Worship Leaders and Churches to Rev Philip Peacock

21<sup>st</sup> or 7.30pm *Safeguarding* training – Rev David Edmondson  
28<sup>th</sup> date and venue to be confirmed

#### March

6<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Leaders of Worship and Preachers' Meeting – Hensingham Methodist Church

14<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Circuit Meeting – Gosforth Methodist Church

17<sup>th</sup> 9.30am- District *Going for Growth* day with the President & Vice-President  
3.00pm of Conference – Penrith Methodist Church

## Synod Report

On September 10th Synod took place at Wigton Road Methodist church, Carlisle. A long but interesting day. After refreshments we were warmly welcomed and then led in worship and communion by Rev Richard Teal.

There were many different topics discussed with people who spoke on issues that affect the Methodist church in our community and further afield. We heard a brief account on what conference had discussed, debated and concluded! The usual property and safeguarding issues that are part and parcel of Methodism were aired. As was Fresh Expressions of church and what is happening throughout the whole of Cumbria. The Salvation Army is as always doing splendid work 'at the coal face' with street Pastors working in Carlisle out late evening and early morning to help revelers after a night out on the town! There are some very positive signs of encouragement and growth in some areas.

However the most important and widely debated subject as far as I am concerned was that of Ecumenicalism. The 'Declaration of Intent' to work more closely with Anglicans, the URC, and one day perhaps all denominations! This subject took up a fair amount of time as Rev Richard Teal opened it up to the forum! One dissenter particularly raised his concerns about losing what is valuable to Methodists but on the whole it was regarded as a good albeit slow move forward.

This subject was also mentioned at the Circuit meeting on Wednesday 14th as the Circuit continues to decide which is the best way forward! It seems to me personally that there is little choice in this as the circuit is not in good health financially nor will be ministerially in a few years. Changes are imperative if the Circuit style of Methodism is to move forward as a whole.

Having moved church and denomination in my Christian life I ponder, why if there is more than one church in a village all with very small congregations, do they not join together? Surely this would be beneficial both from the aspect of the upkeep of properties and land plus a learning to grow as Christians together? A personal point of view you understand!

I am a Christian first, not a Methodist by tradition, I come from a Pentecostal background. The church is the church of God and it is my desire that we all try to move forward as the church of God in unity with

each other, being good steward's of all the Lord has loan us. With God's help, we can!

Quoted from an article in the Mail on line/CoE:

There are, in fact, many more important matters than homosexual priests or women bishops, both of which issues have preoccupied our Established Church over recent years. I wish we had an Archbishop of Canterbury who, rather than accepting the Church of England as a self-satisfied little sect, stood up to the mounting tide of militant atheism and secularism, which constitute the real dangers to Christianity.

Let Methodists not fall into the same trap in this day, other Christian groups are members of the same family of God, let us remember that and move forward in His name, for His glory.

Read more: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-2037501/STEPHEN-GLOVER-Will-Church-strong-leader.html#ixzz1Y1Bxlxs>

Jean Millie  
Egremont

### **Epiphany**

O Christ, the bright and morning Star  
whose radiance does not fade,  
whose glory filled the universe  
before the planets played:  
come, heal our hearts of blinding doubt  
till faith shall end in sight.  
Shine down upon our darkened earth  
and conquer sin's long night.

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## **Copeland Community Fund's Position Re: Places of Worship**

I reproduce below the text of a communication sent out to a variety of church groups by Rev Philip Peacock on behalf of Members of the Egremont Renovation Task Group. The text goes as far as the address of the Copeland Community Fund, and then I add a few extra comments at the bottom of this article:

“Copeland Community Fund (CCF) has an income of £1.5 million per year that has to be spent on community projects in Copeland. Egremont Methodist Church applied to it for some funding with respect to converting the Church into a multi-use community space. The intention was to use that space for public worship as necessary, as part of its community use (an estimated 5-10% on average per week), but to have it there primarily for other community groups and activities. The application was accepted as the funding criteria stated that the CCF could not fund ‘places of worship unless for wider community benefit’. However, the initial application was turned down because two weaknesses in the bid were identified. These two weaknesses were addressed and, in consultation with one of the CCF’s development workers, a request was made for the application to be reconsidered but for a reduced amount of money. However, the CCF Board then changed the above criterion to exclude funding for ‘fabric appeals or improvements to places of worship’, making Egremont Methodist Church’s bid ineligible. Hence, the position now is that the CCF will not fund any improvement to a place of worship, irrespective of what wider community benefit there may be. Further, the CCF Board seems to be of the opinion that the religious use of a building is not community use.

We are writing this to draw people’s attention to this decision, especially churches who might have considered applying to this fund. Should you feel strongly about this matter, either because you assumed you would be able to apply for a project of your own, or because you wish to support us, and want to challenge this restrictive use of the CCF you could write to:

Cllr. Elaine Woodburn  
Chair, Copeland Community Fund  
c/o The Copeland Centre  
Catherine Street  
Whitehaven CA28 7SJ

or send an e-mail to: [info@copelandcommunityfund.co.uk](mailto:info@copelandcommunityfund.co.uk) ”

It appears from the article in The Whitehaven News about CCF that they have accepted 98% of all applications, so we must be in the 2% (or we might even be the only application they have rejected)!

We have also learnt, thanks to making Freedom of Information requests, that our application was supported by an independent assessor when it was first made. In addition, when a request was made to re-submit the application, the CCF development worker recommended that permission be given, and her report even addressed the criterion that excludes funding for 'fabric appeals or improvements to places of worship', effectively saying that the community benefit of this project was more important. This request was also refused.

The attitude of CCF to our project feels like a slap in the face for Egremont Methodist Church, and also for all churches and other places of worship. I hope that you would consider writing or emailing in support. If you feel strongly, go on, do it now!

Alec Bounds

### **Christian unity**

Let us bring the gifts that differ  
and, in splendid, varied ways,  
sing a new Church into being  
one in faith and love and praise.

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## Safeguarding Awareness Training

Rev David Edmondson will be coming to the Circuit on February 21<sup>st</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> to do some Safeguarding training. (The date and venue will be decided at the December Circuit Meeting.) This is a new training package and besides it being for those who work with children and young people and/or vulnerable adults, it is also for Ministers, Worship Leaders and Local Preachers, Lay Employees, Circuit and Church Stewards and Safeguarding Representatives, and Pastoral Visitors. If you fall into any of those categories it is expected that you should have some awareness training. So please try to attend this first training session (full details will be circulated nearer the time) or, if you are not able or if it is more convenient, come to the Leaders of Worship and Preachers Meeting at Hensingham Methodist Church on March 6<sup>th</sup> for 7.30pm when Rev David Edmondson will be doing the same training package.

### Fairtrade Fortnight 2012

Fairtrade Fortnight 2012 will run from 27<sup>th</sup> February to the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

The theme this year is "Take a step for Fairtrade".

It can be a simple step, like swapping your tea to Fairtrade, or a bigger step, like asking everyone in your office or workplace to do it too. You'll be joining thousands of others all over the UK when you take a step for Fairtrade. Make it as inventive, daring, funny or messy as you like. Every step counts for millions of farmers, workers and their communities in developing countries who urgently need a better deal from trade.

Traidcraft will be asking everyone to put on the kettle and stage a 'Traidcraft Big Brew' to help families and communities to flourish.



