

Pen pictures of our worship places and praise group

1. Bassenthwaite



Bassenthwaite Methodist chapel is situated in the centre of the village. As a Mission community the chapel members enjoy sharing worship with the Anglicans at services held alternately. The Chapel provides modern comfortable surroundings with non permanent seating that enables the room to be used for a variety of services, such as Cafe Worship, Quiet days, Children's activity days and Taize worship. We hope to encourage more members into the Chapel, particularly families and children. Working together as a village with the Anglicans provides us with many strengths for taking our vision forwards.



2. Brigham



Brigham Chapel was built in 1856 and was renovated in 2012. Our Sunday Service is at 10am, congregations' number between 12 and 25, with an age range of 12-80+. Our organist is a professional musician and young people are encouraged to take part in the services. Brigham Bunnies, Noah's Circle, Iona Worship and Craft and Chat are held in the building regularly and the Chapel is also a popular meeting place for other groups. Brigham has an Anglican Church, a Church of England School and a village hall.



3. Cleator Moor



Largest building in the circuit having a central position in the town hosting Civic and Ecumenical events. In the community for the community. The church hosts a weekly coffee morning and “Good as New” shop. Beavers and Cubs are affiliated to the church.

The church hosts and staffs a Tea & Chat group and a Friday fellowship Bible study which has enabled members to grow spiritually. 7 Community rooms are let to a Dancing school; Age Uk Day centre; Scouts; Autism Group hosted by the circuit Child and family worker A small membership who are very hard working.



4. Cockermouth



Lorton Street Methodist Church, centrally placed in Cockermouth, hosts a variety of worship from All Age, Testimony, Christingle, Cafe style worship as well as more traditional styles. As an active partner of Grassmoor Mission community, it works collaboratively with its Anglican, URC, and other partners to host and participate in outreach to the community, such as ecumenical Advent, Pentecost, the town’s Remembrance service, and Children’s Mission, Pre-school and Foodbank. There is support from a small, but

strong core of members who are keen to help demonstrate what being a disciple of Christ means, so that church is seen as not just doing but also being for all. It would benefit from strong encouragement to help develop further the gifts all members possess, regardless of age, skill, deference to traditional or more progressive styles of worship.

5. Egremont



Egremont Methodist Church is a market-town church, with a welcoming, outward-looking, missional emphasis. We have an active Mission Group which has recently revised our mission priorities. We are planning to employ an outreach worker to further God's mission in our community. Our attractive, recently-refurbished multi-purpose building 'The Meeting Place', located on Egremont's Main Street, is being well used by community groups. We have five active local preachers in our church. We are fully involved in the Egremont & District Churches Together group. Find us on Facebook or at egremontmethodist.org.uk



6. Frizington



13 members, 7 worshippers meet in a 60's modern flexible building that is well-situated on the Main Street that runs through Frizington. We are near schools, shops and local

services. Frizington is one long street with small estates leading off it. It is an area of deprivation with a strong community spirit. The village churches meet together occasionally for events and worship. We enjoy joint services with the Anglican Crosslacon benefice each 5th Sunday. Regular children's holiday club, led by family worker with church members volunteering, and quarterly all age services. Fortnightly tea, craft & prayer group.



7.

Gosforth



We are a small but outward-looking church which has always aimed to punch well above its weight. Our special interests include social justice, children's work and wide-ranging styles of worship. Though our weekly congregation (meeting at 6.30pm) is seldom large, we have regular visitors from other churches, and often hold joint services with St Mary's Anglican Church in the village. We run soup lunches and 'tea-and-chat' meetings to reach out to our local community, and several community groups use our schoolroom. We have a thriving Sunday School (All Stars), and an all-age worship band (Phoenix Praise).



8. Hensingham



17 members and an average of 15 worshippers. The highest proportion of worshippers to members in the circuit. A traditional Methodist church open to all forms of worship.

Mainly an elderly congregation which puts most of its energy into the Whitehaven Mission Community. The church and schoolroom with Kitchen and toilets are disabled friendly and are used by a variety of community groups including the town brass band. We have 2 active Worship Leaders and a weekly reader's rota and fully support circuit activities, the local Foodbank and Operation Christmas Child.



9. Keswick



We are a welcoming congregation of 46 members, no children, but many visitors. After recent redevelopment, we have a modern church and hall, providing flexibility of worship and community use. A well-fitted kitchen is a key area for

hospitality, together with new accessible toilets. We are mainly traditional in worship, but happy to experiment

with different styles. Our monthly evening service is currently a rotation of reflective, healing and Taize services. We aim to be a loving and serving Christian presence at the heart of the community and to be part of the wider mission of the Church in Keswick.



10. Lamplugh, Kirkland and Ennerdale



Saint Michael's Lamplugh, Saint Mary's Ennerdale and Kirkland Mission Church are the three



Anglican buildings in a sparsely populated rural parish. In 1995 when Kirkland Methodist Chapel closed they became Lamplugh Kirkland and Ennerdale Local Ecumenical Partnership. The LEP sends representatives to the circuit meeting while the Superintendent is ex officio on the church council. One service a month is taken by a preacher from the Methodist plan. Currently the parish is staffed by the Anglicans on a 'house for duty' basis and the incumbent is a Methodist supernumerary minister.

11. Seascale



We are a small, warm, welcoming & enthusiastic congregation open to new ideas. We have strong ties with St Cuthbert's Anglican church with whom we share buildings, worship and resources. We reach out to all ages of the community via many activities on our premises:- Messy Church & Messy Men (Haverigg Prison); Women's Outlook; Tea & Chat; Memories Group; Children's Craft Club; Mother & Baby Group; Weekly Prayer Group and Saturday Coffee. We are an active member of Churches Together in Seascale & District. We support Shackles Off Youth Project. All are welcome at our church.



12. Shackles Off



Shackles Off Youth Project is an innovative and developing youth provision and fresh expression of church, situated in the Seascale area of West Cumbria. It was started by Lyn Edwards following a dream. Lyn came from Pembroke and with the help of volunteers from Seascale Methodist church, 10 years ago, Shackles Off was born. The main aim is to help young people foster their personal,



social and spiritual development and to empower them to make a positive and fuller contribution to the local community and to society. There are 169 Children and young people who access the services. This project is currently led by Mandy Taylor.

13. St Bees



St Bees is a small congregation of mixed ages who open the building virtually every day for anyone who wants some quiet



time. We have leaflets to help people, a prayer walk over the cliffs and a view to the Isle of Man to contemplate. There is a regular craft group and occasional school use and for many years we have sold Traidcraft products and collected for the foodbank. We work sometimes with St Bees Priory and the developing Central Copeland mission community and share some activities with the Meeting Place.

14. Whitehaven Café Church



Whitehaven cafechurch is an ecumenical FX, meeting monthly in Costa on a Sunday. It takes contemporary issues (e.g. debt, mental health, poverty) and explores them so that everyone

(Christian or not) can engage. This involves a quiz, guest speaker and time spent discussing the issue around tables, led by table hosts. The congregation varies from 15 to 30. Our aim is to provide a culturally relevant alternative form of church for people who find traditional church to be a foreign experience, and to connect with those on the edge of church life, the de-churched and unchurched. Find us on Facebook.



15. Phoenix Praise



Phoenix Praise is an all-age Christian worship band based at Gosforth Methodist Church. We meet on Friday evenings and welcome singers and instrumentalists of all backgrounds and abilities. Most of our members belong to local churches (of various denominations) but anyone can join. We sing both contemporary and traditional songs/hymns, in 2- or 3-part harmony, usually accompanied by keyboards, guitars, bass and drums, often with other instruments too. We don't give concerts; we lead worship, and have provided music for every church in Gosforth, Seascale and Drigg. You can find out more from our website: www.phoenixpraise.org.uk

