

Contact

Chester-le-Street Methodist Church
June 2026



OUR VISION

The Chester-le-Street Methodist Church is a people in whom Christ's love is celebrated through Worship, expressed through Service and shared through Mission.

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From the Minister

Why Mosaic?

For several months now we have been holding services on Sunday mornings that we describe as Mosaic but why are we doing them? Here are some answers to those questions.

1. Do I have to go out? - No, the point of these services is to give everyone options. We are all different and so some people might try a different option every time we do Mosaic services, some will choose a particular option like the discussion group and use it regularly, others will always opt for the sermon and aloof this is fine.

2. Do you mind if I don't stay for the sermon? - Absolutely not, it's more important to me that you connect with God in a way that works for you. If I wanted everyone to stay for the sermon, I wouldn't do Mosaic in the first place.

3. I don't like walking out during the service. No problem! The groups are always set up, with instructions about half an hour before the service so if you want to try something different without moving during the service, go straight to a group when you arrive.

4. Why Mosaic? - We hold these services to create an environment where families can come with their children and worship with us again. We also hold them so that adults who need to worship in other ways beside a sermon can do so. If the witness of our church is to continue in future years, we need to encourage the next generation into worship and if we are truly sharing the love of God, we need to provide worship that everyone can access and feel comfortable with.

Our church AGM is on July 1st at 7pm and we will be discussing our Mission Plans for the future including Mosaic Services. Please come and be part of the conversation.

Thank you for all that you do,

Rev Jenny Porterpryde

North East Women

formerly Newcastle District of the Methodist
Church Younger Women

Invite ALL women of ALL ages and walking ability to their

**Summer Fellowship Walk and Meal on
Wednesday 24th June 2026**

at The Bridge End Inn

West Road Ovingham NE42 6BN

(Please note the walk starts outside the Bridge End Inn – there is no car park but lots of unallocated parking up behind the pub facing the green)

All walkers to meet ready to begin a gentle pace village exploration short walk led by Helen Taylor at 6.p.m. to include time to appreciate and look at Ovingham's landmarks like St Mary's Anglo -Saxon Church and Thomas Bewick memorial stone slab, the Vicarage, Reading Room, and bridge over the River Tyne, the stepping stones or pack-horse bridge over the Whittle Burn, the Ovingham Community Orchard, the site of the Goose Fair, and a bit local knowledge.

All who wish to dine only, please meet a The Bridge End Inn in the pleasant lounge to the right of the bar ready to be joined by the walkers and go to the upstairs dining room for 7 p.m.

The Bridge End Inn requires pre-orders (to Jane Dixon please 07508363165 or email catherinejanedixon@hotmail.com by Monday 15th June and requests everyone settles their food order on arrival – menu and all details of this event are displayed on the notice board in the Walter Best Hall. (menu also available on The Bridge Inn website).

Please do join us for this purely social and fun evening of getting together and catching up.



SUMMER SING-A-LONG



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God in the Arts

Editor: Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? The Revd Michael Burgess continues his procession through a church building, this month pausing to consider the significance of the church monuments.

‘e gave us eyes to see them’ – Church Monuments

This month as we continue our walk through the church building, we focus on monuments. George Herbert has a poem on this theme which contrasts the body we see represented in marble, but now consigned to dust, with the soul released to perform its eternal devotions. Such monuments are often a reminder of the frailty of life and the certainty of death, symbolised by an hourglass or a skull or classical urns.

In St Cuby’s Church, Duloe in Cornwall there is a fine slate memorial of an Elizabethan lady, Anna Coffyn, depicted in a richly embroidered dress with gloves and a prayer book, ready for church. Underneath are the skull and crossbones, a *memento mori*, a reminder that death has visited even this elegant lady. That sign of death can come as a shock to us when we are committed so much to living and getting the most out of life today. Death intrudes violently into the world we would like.

But in St Bartholomew’s Church, Much Marcle in Herefordshire, there is a monument that tells us something of the serenity of death. It is the effigy of Blanche Mortimer, who died in 1347. The church is filled with superb monuments, but this one has its own distinct and moving beauty. The carving of her dress shows buttoned sleeves and a wimple, while



one hand holds a rosary. She impresses us with her loveliness, even in the midst of her death.

Leonardo da Vinci wrote, 'While I thought that I was learning how to live, I have been learning how to die.' As we dedicate ourselves to God in this life, we can trust with Blanche Mortimer in the 14th century that His will is for us to be with Him forever. This life is not just our preparation for death: it is our schooling for heaven, and life in heaven means life with God.



Prayer for June 2026

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By Daphne Kitching

Save the Date

JUNE

Afternoon Tea & Musical Entertainment - 13th June

JULY

Trip to Keswick - 9th July

SEPTEMBER

Book Sale - 12th September

OCTOBER

Complete Clothing Fashion Show - 27th October



A lesson in lies

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."



Flower Rota

July

5th

12th Doreen Hume

19th

26th

August

2nd

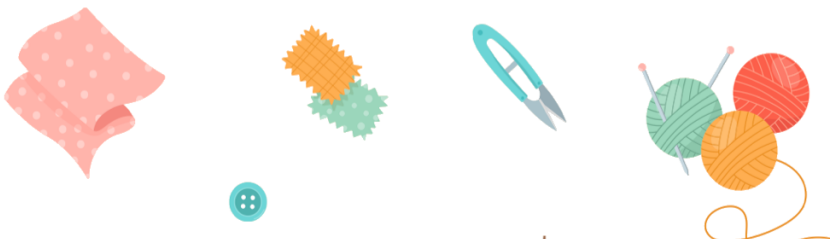
9th Dorothy Carr

16th

23rd

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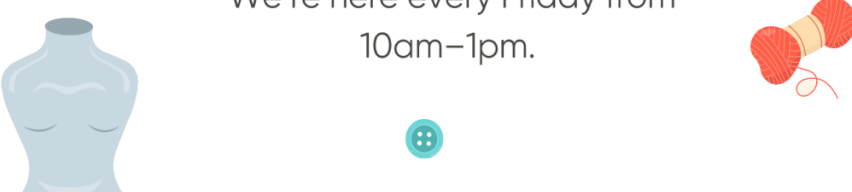




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**Chester-le-Street
Methodist Church**



Afternoon Tea

&

musical entertainment with Derick
(aka Miserable Les)

Saturday 13th June 3p.m.

in the Upper Room

Tickets priced £10 from Fundraising
Team or Church Office 0191 388 1313

King's Badge

We are pleased to announce that our first Boys' Brigade King's Badge Awards will be presented to the recipients at the evening service on 14th June. The recipients are



Luke Bunn

Samuel Hindmarsh

As the Company was first formed in early 1952, it means that all previous top awards have been Queen's Badges which is why these will be our first King's Badges. The awards will be presented by someone from the Durham Lord Lieutenant's office.

We will also be presenting two President's Badges, the penultimate BB awards.

We are also holding our annual Awards night on Tuesday 9th June at 6:30pm, during which all the other awards our members have been working towards will be presented. All family, friends and church members are welcome to attend this event.

Derick Lawson (Captain)



Trooping the Colour

A National occasion in crimson and black
No button misplaced; no harness is slack.
The rhythmic precision of mass marching feet –
The pulse of the nation and heritage meet!

The beat of the drums, the sound of the band
The parade is exquisitely, perfectly planned.
The long months of training, hard effort applied
Build up to this moment of national pride!

The horses and soldiers all form up in ranks
The audience watching can't help but gives thanks!
For those standing tall out there on the sand
Prepared to give all for our King and our land.

By Nigel Beeton

The **Methodist** Church
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Chester-le-Street Methodist Church, North Burns,

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Chester-le-Street Methodist Church Fundraising Group
have organised a

Coach Trip to

Keswick



on

Thursday 9th July 2026

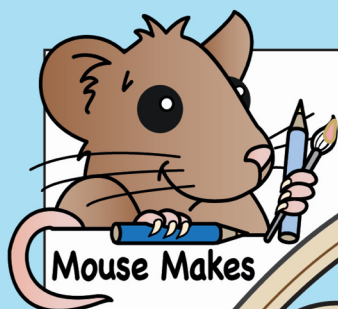
Cost £25

To book a seat please purchase a 'bus ticket' from Jennifer Patterson (3884248) or Denise Holmes (3852857)

Depart from outside the Red Lion at 9.00 am.

There will be a short stop on the way to Keswick

Keswick is a market town in northwest England's Lake District National Park, surrounded by mountains like Skiddaw. In town, The Cumberland Pencil Museum documents the history of pencils, and the Keswick Museum & Art Gallery displays local artefacts. On a hilltop east of town, Castlerigg Stone Circle dates back to the Neolithic era. Vast Derwent Water Lake is south of town, with boat tours and the Theatre by the Lake.



"May the grace of the Lord
JESUS CHRIST and the
love of **GOD** and the
fellowship of the
HOLY SPIRIT be
with you all."

2 Corinthians
13:14



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Circuit Children and Families Work

Hi all!

Here's an update about our work with children and families:

- At the end of April three families joined us for **Mosaic Church**. We found out what the early church was like through code breaking, balloon popping and baking delicious bread. We're hoping for Mosaic worship services in the future so more opportunities to invite families (and others!) to worship on Sunday mornings.

- It was wonderful to be joined by 17 children with their families for



Jigsaw Church in May. We found out how Jesus' friends told people about Jesus after He had gone to be with God. We also thought how



we could tell people this amazing news! We made scrolls and magaphones to help.

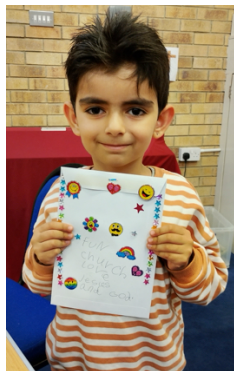
- Thank you to everyone who came and contributed to the **coffee morning** in May which raised money for children and families work in the circuit. Thanks especially to Elizabeth, Alison and Karen who were in the kitchen on the day. £111.50 was raised!

Activities coming up:

- Our next **Jigsaw Church** is on **Sunday 7th June at 2pm**. We'll think about how God created everything around us and how we are called to help the world around us flourish. We'll be planting seeds and decorating pots.
- The next **Mosaic Church** will be on **Sunday 12th July at**

10:30am. We've got a baptism to celebrate!

- We're hoping **Make Lunch** will return for two sessions this summer. Do pray that the Council award us funding for these. Make Lunch offers food and activities to families who particularly benefit. As we re-launch these sessions, we'd love to hear from anyone interested in being part of our volunteer team.



If you've got an idea about work with children and families or would like to get involved, do speak to or email one of us. Thank you to everyone who supports our work both practically and by prayer. Do use all the above to inform your prayers!

Blessings, Neil (07855 386292;
neilg.clsmethodistcircuit@gmail.com)



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CORNERSTONES MISSION STATEMENT

A permanent commitment by the whole Church to reach out
and become more involved in the life of the community of
Chester-le-Street and for the community to be supported
by the wider Church family.

Items for "Contact" to be handed in by the 20th of the month to:
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