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Church Council – Finance Report March 2010 I reported at the meeting that we could expect a deficit in income over expenditure for the current year in the order of £6000. This is the second year that we have such a trend and I fear it is set to continue. This is not sustainable in the long run – we have reserves but these will run out in 5/6 years time if the present trend continues. Our single biggest expenditure is the contribution to the Circuit and in the next Church year commencing in September this will be £44880. This figure alone amounts to £6.50 per week per member and our current collections, together with Gift Aid come to about £5.50 per week.

Whilst the Stewardship Campaign last year resulted in an increase in our giving, this did not cover the increase to the Circuit for the year (£4000). This is not a welcome scenario, and I am afraid there is no easy way of sharing the news.

I ask all members to please reconsider their personal situation re giving and the church finances. Can you find a further £1 a week??

I am happy to discuss any aspect of the finances with anyone wishing to have further information but will be away until the 15th March.

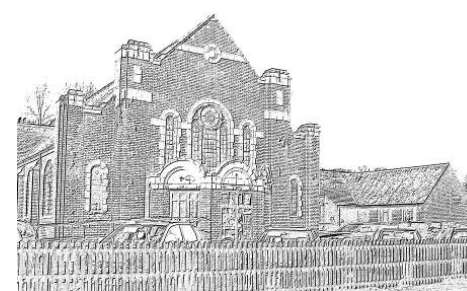
David Collins, Church Treasurer

It is lovely to welcome you to our fellowship. If you are new amongst us please fill in your details below to pass to one of the stewards after the service.

Many Thanks

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Cockermouth Methodist & URC Churches



“Defend us from all adversities.”

7th March 2010

Third Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Communion Service led by Revs Jennet McLeod & Alistair Smeaton

Hymns: 33, 412, 27(SF), 607 & 797

**Readings: Luke 13 v 1 – 9 (p96)
Isaiah 55 v 1 – 9 (p719)**

Next Sunday: Mothering Sunday Family Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the hall after the service.

Thank you to everyone who has prepared and participated in this morning's worship and fellowship.

Church is open each day with coffee available each morning 10-12.

This week at Lorton Street

Monday: 7:30pm Local Preacher's meeting

Wednesday: 2pm Women's fellowship meets in the Garden Room. Speaker is Jean Graham.

Thursday: 9:15am Toddlers.

7:15 pm Friends of Chernobyl Children committee meeting.

Sunday: 10am Prayers in the Garden Room

Prayer: Please remember to include in your prayers this week all those who are known to you in the fellowship of this church who are sick, grieving, lonely or anxious. Have a look at the prayer board.

Please respect other's wishes for quiet during **Communion** and during any meditative music that is being played.

Communion Bread. There is gluten free, wheat free and dairy free bread available. Please ask a steward or ask at the rail.

Lent Lunches will be held every Friday, 11:30 – 13:15, February 19th to Good Friday, April 2nd, inclusive, at Christ Church Rooms, South Street. Minimum donation is £2-50 with all proceeds / profits going to Christian Aid.

We wish **Pauline** a happy retirement.

The **Moor Housegroup** meets on Thursday, 2.00pm at The Coach House, Vicarage Lane studying the York Course "When I Survey ...Christ's cross and ours"

CTIC Lenten Groups: February 18 – March 25. Meeting in Christ Church every Thursday at 7:30 pm and covering themes of forgiveness, temptation, compassion among others. Based on the film called 'The Terminal'. All welcome. Martyn

There is a **Circuit Meeting** on Wednesday, 7:30pm, at Brigham.

Cockermouth Bible Society Action Group invite you to their **Daffodil Evening**, with the Allerdale Fiddlers, on Friday 26th March here at Lorton Street, starting at 7:30 pm. Entrance is £5 (including supper), tickets on the door.

Rotary Club of Cockermouth. Since the 18th January 2010 the Club has distributed over £50,000 directly to families affected by the floods. If you know of anyone who has been affected and who has not made a claim, please encourage them to do so. There is £150 waiting for them. If any one knows of any Community projects or groups in the CA13 postcode area that need assistance as a result of the floods, please speak to David Collins, who is heading up the Rotary Club's Appeal programme. Phone 01900 829948

Anyone wishing to go to **Sue's ordination** on June 27th at Winchester Cathedral need to order a ticket from The Methodist Conference website (visitors section) or by telephone 02074865502 from March 8th. No more than 4 tickets per person can be ordered.

URC Tuesday Afternoon Group meets this Tuesday in the Garden Room at 2:30pm. Speaker is the Rev Sue Edwards.

In the lead-up to the **General Election** would you like to be involved in organising a hustings meeting, where local people can meet candidates face-to-face and question them on issues of local and national concerns. For more information about holding such an event CARE have website:

www.makethecrosscount2010.net.

Please contact Gillian Hackney on 823445 or gill.hackney@talktalk.net for more details.

At the request of Church Council, the **Notice Sheet** next week will be returning to the previous format. Due to time constraints I have not been able to do it this week. Stephen

Coming up

Next Fairtrade Meeting: Tues 23rd March 2010, 7.30p.m at Castle Bar, Market Place, Cockermouth

Concert on Saturday 27th March with Simeon Wood the Flautist.

Ceilidh on May 8th for Nepal Leprosy Trust