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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

A big **thank you** to all who sent cards, presents and their good wishes on the occasion of my retirement, they were appreciated very much.

Blessings. Pauline Headford

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.

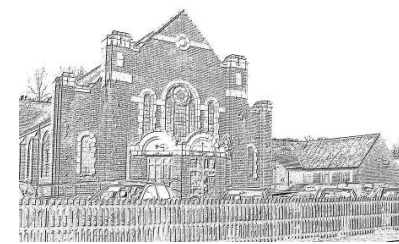
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“Give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time.”

14th March 2010

Fourth Sunday in Lent – Mothering Sunday

Welcome to Family Service led by Rev Sue Edwards

- Hymns:** **425, 329, 514, 168 & 72 (All SoF)**
- Reading:** **Isaiah 42 v 5 - 9 (p704)**
1 John 4 v 9 - 11 (p305)
- Readers:** **Janice Westley & Elaine Leighton**
- Organ:** **Fiona Jayatilaka**
- Sound:** **Kevin Farish**
- Flowers:** **Arranged by Janice Westley**
Donated
- Stewards:** **Church: Pauline Headford & Paul Allen**
Porch: Malcolm Jordan & Tony Naylor

Please join us for fellowship and coffee in the hall after the service. Coffee will be served by Kate Jenkins & Andrea Lucas.

Next Sunday: Morning Worship led by Harry Stephenson

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

This week at Lorton Street

Today: 4:30pm Service at Cottage Hospital

Tuesday: 11:30am Communion Service

Wednesday: 2pm Women's fellowship meets in the Garden Room. Speaker is Rev Keith Rushton.

Thursday: 9:15am Toddlers.

Saturday: Soup & Sandwich

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.

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.

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"

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.

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.

There are 2 lists for those wishing to attend Sue's Ordination Testimony Service at Penrith on June 12th and/or Sue's Ordination Service on June 27th in Winchester in the church foyer.

Shared cars are a possibility or coaches to these events are being considered if there is a demand. The coach to Winchester could come back in the evening if that is what people want. That would keep the cost down. It would be great to support Sue at both these services. If you are planning on going by car please also put your names on the appropriate list if you can offer transport to either event. We need to order tickets for the Ordination service too! Tony Naylor is the person to contact.

Can you help?

At the General Church meeting in May we shall be electing the church stewards for September/ 2010 to August 2011. If you know of someone who would be willing to be a **steward** please fill in a form which you will find in the Foyer after asking their permission. A proposer and seconder are needed.

We would also like someone to look after the Church family **photo album**.

Lastly, can anyone help with refreshments (tea and biscuits - provided) for the **Simeon Wood** concert? Any questions please have a word with Heather.

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.

Reading Rota April-June 2010 these are now in the pigeon holes awaiting collection. If normally receive your copy by email & haven't this time then I apologise. I would appreciate it if you would send me your email address again. If anyone would consider having an email copy rather than a paper copy, this would save on time, paper, ink etc just let me have your address, my email address on the rota. Blessings Pam.

BURMA - Christian Solidarity Worldwide has sent the following re the human rights situation in Burma, which has continued to deteriorate in recent months, following the trial of the democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi in which she was sentenced to a further 18 months of house arrest. Saturday March 13th was the Global Day of Prayer for Burma, when Christians around the world prayed that Christians and other religious believers in Burma could enjoy real religious freedom, and that all the people in Burma would be able to live in peace.

Church Walk (TODAY) - The walk will be by St Begas's and Mirehouse Bassenthwaite. Please meet at church car park at 1.30pm. We could even have a cup of tea at The Sawmill en route if it is open!

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