

Church events next week

Monday 5th October

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Becket Chapel
- 9.30am Baby & Toddler Group, Parish Hall
- 10.30am Pastoral Visit to Heron Hill Care Home
- 11.00am Funeral (Joyce Denney)
- 2.30pm Pastoral Visit to Heron Hill Care Home

Tuesday 6th October

- 12.00pm Connect Café, Salvation Army on Gillinggate
- 5.30pm Twilight Communion
- 7.00pm Alpha, Vestry

Wednesday 7th October

- 9.15am Morning Prayer via Zoom
(please email office@kendalparishchurch.co.uk for link)
- 10.00am Coffee and Cake, Kitchenette Area
- 2.30pm Care Home Service at Stonecross
- 6.00pm Baptism Preparation Session
- 7.30pm Bell Ringing Practice

Thursday 8th October

- 9.00am Morning Prayer, Becket Chapel
- 10.30am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 6.45pm Scripture Union Meeting, Vestry

Friday 9th October

- 12.00pm Turning of the Leaves, Bellingham Chapel
- 1.30pm Funeral (Sheila Barrow)
- 3.45pm Kendal Choristers
- 5.00pm Evensong
- 5.30pm Youth Group
- 7.15pm Choir Practice

Saturday 10th October

- 9.00am Keep the Paths Clear at KPC Group
- 9.00am Messy Church
- 1.00pm Lakeland Sinfonia setting up for Concert
- 7.30pm Lakeland Sinfonia Concert

Sunday 11th October

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 9.30am Parish Communion (CW)
- 11.15am The Gathering, with Baptism

A welcoming Christian community serving the people of Kendal

Sunday 4th October 2026



Welcome to our Services today

If you are new to Kendal Parish Church you are most welcome and we look forward to getting to know you. Please pick up a Welcome Pack from the table at the back of the church. This contains information about activities and volunteering at KPC along with forms to sign up our contact list and Electoral Role. Please join us for refreshments and make yourself known to the Clergy or Wardens.

A Loop System is in operation for hearing aid users with a 'T' switch.

Gluten free wafers and alcohol free wine are available at all our services. Please speak to a welcomer so they can let the priest know what you require.

During the service you may be invited to stand. If you prefer to remain seated please do so.

If you need any information or assistance, please ask the Duty Warden.

This week we pray for:

The sick - Sheila Brooks & Sheila Smith.

The departed & their families - Canon Ron Metcalfe, Joyce Denney, Sheila Barrow, Bradley Mares & Joan Huggonson.

TODAY'S SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

(Collect, Epistle and Gospel can be found on page 185)

9.30am Parish Communion (CW)

Setting Mass of St. Francis *Bielby*

Hymns 525 Name of all majesty
Psalm 43 *Michael Thistlewood*
432 From heaven you came
277 All for Jesus

During Communion All creatures of our God and King (Hymn 250)
(800th anniversary of the death of St Francis)

Final Voluntary Introduction and Toccata on 'Lasst uns erfreuen' - Nicholas Choveaux

10.45am Coffee and Chat

11.15am The Gathering, Café Style

4.00pm Evensong for St. Francis

Helping Elsewhere - Revd. Dr. Michael Hunter is preaching at Holy Trinity Anglican cathedral in Bujumbura, Burundi.

Heritage Lottery Fund Award - we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded £3.1 million from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to support the £4.3m conservation and improvement project at KPC. The project will deliver the urgently needed restoration of the Tower and the Bellingham Chapel roof and create flexible spaces in the outer aisles for community use and heritage interpretation. This work will enable us to be removed from Historic England's Heritage at Risk Register; create a new family-friendly heritage exhibition; provide a major reworking of the heating system to cut carbon emissions, and improve physical access, along with a structured engagement programme for local people and the recruitment and support of new volunteers. We will be applying to other grant making bids for further funding and will be launching a congregational giving campaign on **Sunday 4th October** which we hope you will be able to support. Please continue to pray for the project and those most closely involved.

Prayer Calendar - the October edition is now available in print at the back of church and on the website.

Interfaith Silent Climate Vigils - the next one is on **Monday 5th October** at 10.30am at the Birdcage, Finkle Street, Kendal. The vigil will last 45 minutes. Vigils are held on the first Monday of each month & are organised by Kendal and Sedbergh Friends Sustainability Group.

The Bereavement Journey - most of us will have been bereaved and sometimes we can feel that we have not come to terms with our loss. The Bereavement Journey can help. It is a series of 7 sessions with a group and facilitators who watch short films and have discussions to guide us through the varied ways grief and bereavement can impact, enabling us to process the implications for ourselves and discern next steps. We are planning to run this course at KPC, mainly for KPC members and their contacts from 2.00pm-4.00pm starting on **Monday 12th October**. Shanthi and Marjorie Arnold will be leading the course with other helpers from church, If you would like any more information or to join the course please let either of them know or you can book online via this QR code.



Parish Life - items for inclusion in the next edition should be sent to the editors by **Thursday 15th October**: magazine@kendalparishchurch.co.uk, thanks.

Kendal Deanery Synod - the next meeting will be on **Tuesday 20th October** and it will be held at St Thomas' Church, Crosscrake. The Spotlight speaker will be the Bishop of Penrith. The meeting is open to non-members of Synod if anyone would like to attend.

Kendal Food Bank - this month they need UHT milk, microwave rice, tinned ravioli, soup and vegetables, muesli, cup-a-soup, sweets, tea & coffee. These can be left in the box at the back of church - thanks.

Home wanted from November: 1 or 2 bed self contained flat/house or Granny Annex or independent space in shared house. Long term rent ideally but other terms considered for single local non-smoker lady & pet. Iro £650 pcm - £900 excluding bills (depending on size). Please contact: Steve Rowlinson at sjrowlinson1@gmail.com in the first instance, or find me at church (at the Gathering or coffee time just beforehand most weeks).

Dipping Your Toe in the Old Testament - the next chance to 'dip your toe' into the Old Testament will be held on **Saturday 7th November**. As usual we shall meet in KPC vestry: 9.30am for 9.45am – finishing by 12noon. Many Christians find themselves struggling with parts of the Old Testament, so this time our theme will be Tricky Texts. How do we cope with the violence in the OT? Aren't there some contradictions? Should we see everything we are told in the OT as accurate history? How should we understand God working in the world? We probably won't end up with answers to all these (or other) questions, but it will give us the chance to do some thinking about them. If you hope to come and there is a particular issue or text you would like to be included, please let me know in advance. As usual, you can just roll up, but if we know you are coming (email to michaeljh45@aol.co.uk) we'll make sure there are refreshments for you! Don't forget to bring a Bible! Michael Hunter

Christmas Tree Festival - well it's September now and the nights are drawing in. A perfect time to start preparing to make items to be sold on the Craft stall at our Christmas Tree Festival which opens on **Friday 27th November**. Last year we raised nearly £2,000 so it would be great if we could match or even increase the amount raised this year. If you are not a crafty person but would like to help by manning the stall for some of the time I would much appreciate your help. Ian Fishwick.

Sermons - if you would like a copy of any sermons please let the office know and we can email you a copy if you are on email or provide a hard copy if not. We can't guarantee being able to do this every week but will try to meet any requests as and when we receive them. Some sermon texts may be available in advance of a service but we anticipate the majority will be afterwards.

Manna House is experiencing financial difficulties as their funding has been drastically cut. If you would like to help by becoming a "Friend of Manna House", there are some application forms at the back of church. Thank you

Bookstall - If you wish to order any Christian Resources, please contact Lynne Magee: slchristian_resources@outlook.com