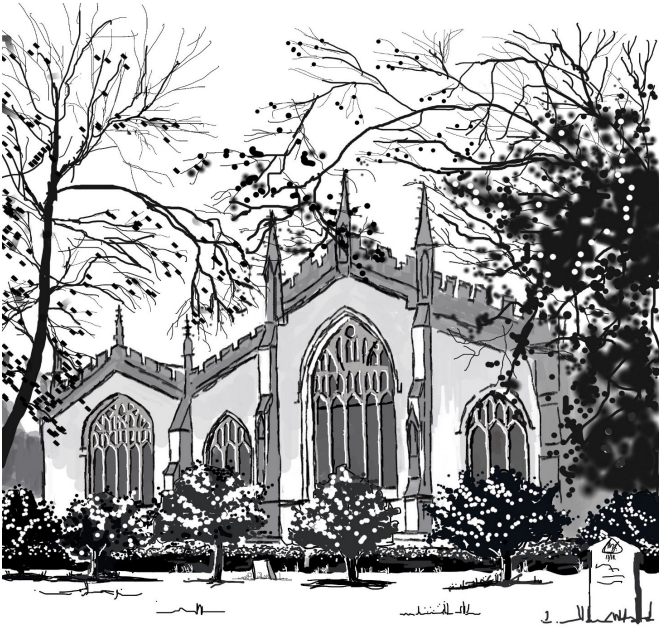
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Gone but not forgotten

We have all become very familiar with the service of Remembrance here in Kendal and the one we watch at the Cenotaph in London, but in many places the name of those who have died are read out. In small villages and communities, the surnames of the fallen can be painfully familiar and it can be hard to stand and hear the names of several men with the same surname and imagining father and sons all failing to return to the village after the war and the devastation that the arrival of the telegrams again and again would wreak on the women, left behind to raise the children.

While in KPC we don't read the names out at the service, as there are so many, we have, in the past, had them played on a loop during the afternoon, because there is something very powerful about hearing the names read out loud.

This is the thought behind the Turning of the Leaves ceremony that we conduct on the second Friday of each month at 12noon. In collaboration with Kendal Branch of The Royal British Legion and local Veterans we gather in the Bellingham Chapel with the Regimental Book of Remembrance and with an introduction and prayer Veterans read out the names of Veterans who have recently died and about 20 names from the book each month. The record in the book includes rank and age and so far the fallen have ranged from 17 to 41. In a world where we have become more focussed on self and what is happening in the world now it is good to remember the past, acknowledge what has gone before and what others have given up to enable us to live now.

However we remember the service men and women who have died in conflict we can rest assured that God will never forget us. Isaiah 49 tells us that God has inscribed our names on the palms of his hands. Our names and stories will not fade or be worn away from the mind of the God who created and loves us. As we stand on 11th November and on Remembrance Sunday let us learn from God's example and remember with love and let us give thanks for those who died so others might live.

Revd Shanthi Peiris

Update on Kendal Parish Church's major conservation and improvement project

We are delighted to share the exciting news that Kendal Parish Church has recently been awarded a grant of £3.1 million from The National Lottery Heritage Fund to support a £4.3m conservation and improvement project.

The project will deliver the urgently needed restoration of the church's fifteenth-century Tower and the Bellingham Chapel roof, taking us off the Heritage at Risk Register. It will enable us to create flexible spaces in the outer aisles for community use, concerts, exhibitions and events. We will also be able to invest in a family-friendly heritage display. There will be a major reworking of the heating system to cut our carbon emissions, and improved physical access with new automatic glass doors at the porch entrance and a ramp at the main West door.

We will be able to develop a wide range of learning and volunteering activities for local people around events, programmes and exhibitions made possible with the additional support of two new members of staff. The project will help strengthen links with our partners including local primary schools, Lakeland Arts, and Kendal College, giving local people and visitors more opportunities to engage with our church and its rich heritage.

The building work will get underway next summer and is expected to take about 12 months. The good news is that the church will remain open for worship and other events during the project, although there will be restricted access to the Bellingham Chapel and the outer aisles.

Our match-funding target for the project is £821,000 and so far we have raised £651,000 from grants, legacies and our own reserves. We still need to raise £170,000 for the work to go ahead. We are applying to grant funders for part of this. We are also asking our church family and supporter to help raise £35,000 through a special, time-limited appeal.

We launched our congregational giving campaign at services on Sunday 4th October and by writing to every member of our church and our wider network of supporters with information about the project. Those making a donation can do so via one payment or by spreading it over 12 months. Every gift will make a difference. For example, you might give:

Per month	Total	Plus Gift Aid
£10	£120	£150
£20	£240	£300
£50	£600	£750
£100	£1,200	£1,500

One member of our church has already pledged a wonderfully generous £10,000 to launch the appeal. Please give only what is right and affordable for you. For more information, please come into church to pick up a pledge form or email Helen Platts, KPC Treasurer: treasurerkendalpc@gmail.com



St John's Hospice

LIGHT UP A Life 2026

YOUR local hospice, supporting you this season.

Kendal Remembrance & Celebration Service

Monday 30th Nov - 6:30pm
Kendal Parish Church,
Kirkland, Kendal

Everyone is welcome at this free event

Featuring Windermere & Bowness Community Choir & Burneside Brass Band

Dedicate a Hospice light to honour and remember someone special this season:

SJHOSPICE.ORG.UK/LIGHTUPALIFE



New 40th Anniversary ornaments.
Available with dedications, on our website, at the Hospice or at our Christmas events.

Light Up a Life events are also taking place at:

Mon 23rd Nov 6:30pm - **St. Martin's Church, Bowness-on-Windermere**
Thurs 26th Nov 6:30pm - **Garstang Free Methodist Church, Garstang**
Fri 4th Dec 6:30pm - **St Joseph's Catholic Church, Lancaster**

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

St John's Hospice North Lancashire and South Lakes is a charitable incorporated organisation registered in England with charity number 1157000

Christmas events at CancerCare



Santa Dash Lancaster

1 Mile Fun Run

Festive 5k & 10K

Sunday 29th November

From 1:30pm





CancerCare Christmas Fair

at Leighton Hall, Carnforth

Wednesday 2nd December

From 10am





The Cosy Christmas Grotto

Saturday 12th &

Sunday 13th December

Slynedales, Lancaster



GET INVOLVED!

CancerCare

Registered Charity Number: 1120048

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Kendal Community Resilience Groups & Kendal Prepared week.

Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the news? I do.







Wars, Climate Change, the appalling standards of some of the World's leaders. Genocide in Gaza, ethnic cleansing of the West Bank. The brutal invasion of Ukraine with the president of the USA siding with Putin. More than 65 armed conflicts currently being waged in the world each causing immense suffering. Pete Hegsgeth announcing the broadcasting of a death by firing squad. Pass the popcorn. Where will it end?

But, as a Christian and following Christ's example of loving your neighbour as yourself, you and I will be driven to look after our community. **I believe all life is sacred; non-negotiable.**

In September last year I attended a Spiritual Adaptation to Climate Change course in Grasmere. A fellow participant on the course is one of the leading brains working on the National Risk Register. I had a very intense conversation about the need to build Resilience into Communities. I came away inspired by this conversation.

Coincidentally, just one month later, I came across an invitation to a drop in at the old Westmorland Gazette office, where I met Tom Rumsey, Kendal Town Council's Community Resilience Officer.

Tom was initiating Kendal's Community Resilience Group. This was the opportunity I was looking for and so I had to go no further than be committed to this group as a perfect answer to my quest.

Tom has devised a great ongoing training programme which you can join at anytime because the subjects will be repeated.

He has also organised different community hubs for use in the event of an emergency, e.g. Salvation Army, St Thomas' Church, Friends Meeting House in Kendal, Hallgarth Community Centre, Sandylands Church, Eddington Centre, Castle Street Centre, The Beck Centre, Queen Katharine School. I understand that Kendal Parish Hall and/or Kendal Parish Church may become a hub too.



The inquiries into the Grenfell Tower fire and Covid 19 demonstrated we were not as prepared as we should have been. Communities responded admirably, but the response would have been more immediate and the outcome much better if the supporting groups had been set up in advance of the disasters.

Resilience groups may have roles during an emergency and are extremely likely to be essential during the recovery stage.

We will also be helping other small communities develop resilience, because we are a pilot; and you'll find you are working with like minded people, some who you may know from other community groups.

How to become a volunteer for the group?

Search for Kendal Town Council Resilience and you will find the Volunteer registration form on the website. Register and Tom will contact you.

John Hall

Burundi Calling

I'm writing this near the end of my month teaching here but by the time you read it I shall already have been back in the UK for two weeks. I finished teaching my second course yesterday; the students take the exam tomorrow, so there is only the marking for that now left to do.

Burundi has been really hot (that's not just what I think, my Barundi colleagues have been complaining how hot it is!) and I have consciously had to pace myself to walk very deliberately and slowly. But having the place where I'm staying (and where I get a very nice evening meal) only 10 minutes gentle walk from the university means that everything I need is on hand and really convenient. It doesn't cool down very much in the evening but quite often, before it gets dark by about 6.30pm, I go for a 15-20 minute walk just to stretch my legs a bit (otherwise I'll be very out of practice when going out with Pippin on my return!).

It's been a very worthwhile month and I have had some good times with my two classes (even though, as those who read my blog will know, the start with the second class was really hard work.) It's encouraging to see some of those who are going to be church leaders thinking and asking some of the big questions about faith and about how we can apply the Bible in today's world.

I've also enjoyed one weekend upcountry with a former student, going to his village parish on the Sunday morning. Like all big cities, Bujumbura draws a lot of people, but it's also very different from where most of the people in Burundi live, so it's good to be somewhere that's much more typical of many people's lives.

The generosity of many KPC members in contributing something towards the cost of my visit means that I've been able to pass on a bit of financial help at this end. Part of this will enable the University to get some Kirundi Prayer Books (they're currently being reprinted): these are used in most church services here and so there's a need to give the students practice in taking services in the main language and not just in English. The other part will be a small drop in a very big ocean, and will go towards the refurbishing of some buildings upcountry where, for good reasons, they have decided to re-site the theological faculty of the University.

Thank you for your prayers during my time here (and for those for Linda too.) Although I've felt quite tired some of the time it's been good to be here and I'm very grateful to have stayed fit and healthy. When you see me, do ask me anything you like about it: I shall be very happy to talk about it all.

Michael Hunter

Church Picture Quiz



The October magazine featured a picture of what many people in church may not ever have noticed. It can be seen high up between the two arches facing south above the kitchenette.

It is of what appears to be the word "Roman" painted on to the wall, which has at some point in the past, been preserved by simply painting around it.

During the 17th century the church was in a state of disrepair so, in order to make the building look more decorative, the walls were painted with numerous texts, cherubs, serpents and dragons.

It is not known if this lettering could be a lasting legacy of this period of church life.

This months picture



Our Church Choir isn't persecuted but…….

Open Doors

A persecuted choir of Christians in Nigeria have recorded a powerful group rendition of the worship song "Come Jesus Come" (originally by CeCe Winans) and the lament "How long until you wipe away our tears?" amidst ongoing regional violence and persecution.

The choir comprises a group of Christian believers from various local churches in Nigeria and came together to sing and record the music as an expression of faith, hope, and lament.

The recording took place shortly after violent attacks against Christian communities around Easter time when curfews were still active in the area.

Violent persecution continues to spread across sub-Saharan Africa. Christians and Christian communities are particularly targeted by groups of radicalised Islamists. When they come to a Christian village, they kill as many men and boys as they can, they often kidnap and assault women and girls, and they destroy homes and livelihoods so that whole communities are devastated. Every day, on average, 12 Christians are killed for their faith in sub-Saharan Africa.

Open Doors the international ministry supporting persecuted Christians is sharing this video to highlight the resilience, suffering, and calls for prayer of believers in Nigeria and across sub-Saharan Africa.

Transcript *How long, Lord, will you forget me forever? How long, oh Lord, will you hide yourself from me? How long, oh Lord, will I wrestle with my thoughts and everyday have sorrow in my heart? How long, oh Lord, will my enemy triumph over me? Look on me and answer, oh, Lord, my God. Yesu, Yesu. Yesu, Yesu. Yesu, Yesu, shwari mana hawaye.*

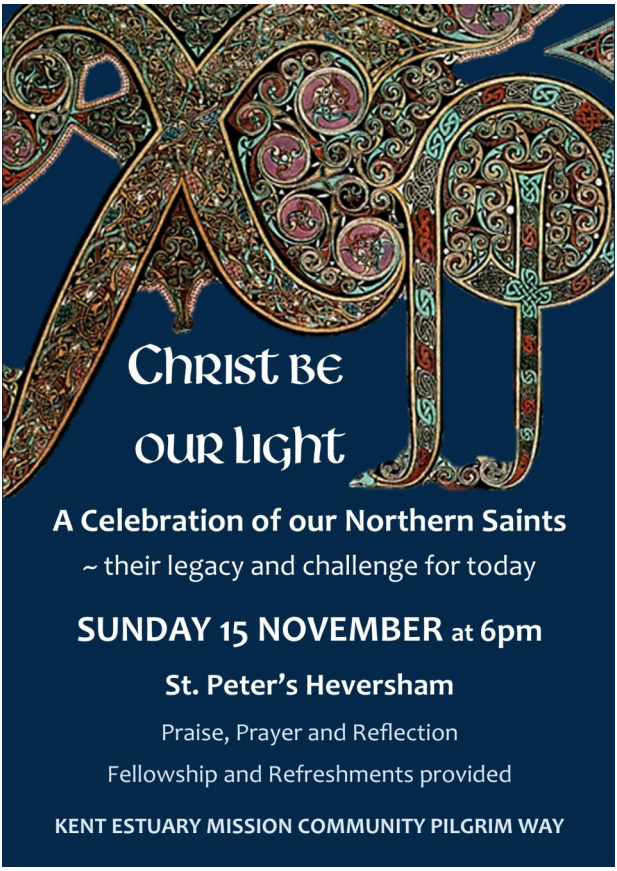
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Nigeria continues to be the most violent place to live in for believers and much of this comes from Islamist militant groups, such as Boko Haram and Islamic State West Africa Province (ISWAP).

They target Christians and church buildings through intense attacks and converts from Islam are especially mistreated. In northern Nigeria, 12 states have implemented Sharia (Islamic law) which creates a system where Christians are treated as second-class citizens.

Communities fall victim to militant members of the Fulani people group who hide out in forested areas and launch attacks on schools and churches, kidnapping believers and holding them for ransom. Others are killed and entire communities thrown into deep fear and uncertainty.





From the Registers

Baptisms

September 27th	Acer Brett & Sonny Murt
October 11th	Reo Hartley
October 25th	Florence Skill & Jaxon Roberts

Weddings

October 24th	George Hoyle & Briony Knowles

Funerals

October 5th	Joyce Denney
October 9th	Sheila Barrow
October 13th	Bradley Mares
October 19th	Rowland Jenkins
October 29th	Joan Huggonson & Mike Holderness



Sunday Services in November

Sunday 1st	**All Saints**
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
11.15am	The Gathering, Café Style
4.00pm	All Souls Service
Sunday 8th	**Remembrance**
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Civic Service of Remembrance
Sunday 15th	**Second Sunday before Advent**
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
11.15am	The Gathering
Sunday 22nd	**Christ the King**
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Morning Prayer, with Baptism
11.15am	The Gathering, with Communion
Sunday 29th	**Advent Sunday**
8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9.30am	Parish Communion (CW)
11.15am	The Gathering (New Songs Sunday)
4.00pm	Darkness to Light

Thank you very much to all who have contributed to this magazine. We would love to include your articles, notices, funny stories etc in future magazines. Do let us know if you would like any help or advice with articles.
Please email items to magazine@kendalparishchurch.co.uk - we need to receive them by 15th of the month before publication.
Stephen Lockwood and Susan Heyes



Kendal's oldest building, one of England's widest churches.

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