

Report for St Thomas Annual Report for the calendar year 2019

Christians Together in Milnthorpe and Heversham

During the year the Steering Committee met three times with representatives of the Anglican, Methodist and Catholic churches; also Christians who worship elsewhere.

The Milnthorpe area foodbank which comes under the aegis of CTiMH has proved an essential resource for many families when they are struggling with managing their finances. Occasional excess food was passed on to the Morecambe Food Bank.

A lunch-time meeting for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place in January 2019, and there was a joint Lent Course.

Songs of Praise with Kirby Lonsdale Brass Band was held on a rainy evening in July, inside St Thomas' for only the second time in 20 years. The theme was 'New Beginnings' with short talks from people from all the Kent Estuary parishes, including the two new Anglican KE priests, the Revd Bryan Kerr and the Revd Andrew Norman.

A highlight of the CTiMH year was the well attended concert in October by the Lakes Gospel Choir held in St Thomas' church.

The usual Remembrance parade and services took place in November.

Our annual Carol Singing was arranged in the three Milnthorpe pubs in December but, as the Saturday before Christmas was chosen this year, there were fewer people in the pubs than on the Friday. However those we met enjoyed the now traditional gift of a chocolate from CTiMH!

Discussions were underway about the possibility of re-introducing Café Church and plans were being made to join in the village VE Day celebrations on May 8th 2020 – but next year's report will deal with the very different year it became.

We are fortunate to have good coverage of our activities in the Westmorland Gazette as Peter McCabe, the Milnthorpe correspondent, represents the local Methodists on the CTiMH committee.

From the CTiMH Chair: Linda Baverstock until September, then the Revd. Annette Miller