



## EVENTS

Alongside our normal weekly and monthly activities, we join in with as many town wide events as we can, both with the local churches, and alongside other agencies.

### **Churches Together in the Cockermouth Area**

**(CTICA):** We currently support CTICA in as many ways as possible, and see this as a great vehicle for speaking to the town together. We love working alongside other churches, with our different strengths and opportunities.

**Cockermouth Light Switch On:** Each year in November, the town has its big Light Switch on Celebration. We share with other churches in the URG car park offering lots of activities, puppets and carols for the town.

**Lorton Half Marathon:** We have supported this venture from the beginning in 2018, and we help marshal the course. The race is run in the memory of one of our church members.

**Good Friday:** The churches have a walk of witness in the town, which is using drama to tell the Easter story and people from King's are involved in this. King's is taking more of a role in this along with other churches.

**Climate Change Group:** King's is becoming more aware of climate change issues, and we are making changes to reflect our concern for our community, and the wider world around us. MealShare is a great example as we work with FareShare to use food that would normally go to land fill. We have hosted various youth events, creation Sunday, and a pop up COP 26 cafe using food destined for landfill.



## ANYTHING ELSE

**Fist of all - thank you for all you do to change other peoples lives, whether that is with King's or the other agencies and churches we love to work alongside.**

**Food Bank:** We actively supplier Food Bank in the town. We need to continue to grow as it supports those in real emergency need, and we support it through 'Fill a Van' and the supermarket bins.

**Northern Inter School Christian Union (NISCU):** is a charity that we resource through people and money. There are 2 local expressions of NISCU – the puppet teams go in to the local primary schools, and another team to the Secondary Schools.

**Linking Lives;** We support the local Linking Lives group (<https://linkinglives.uk>) which aims to support vulnerable and older residents through community links. We have volunteers who work with Linking Lives, visiting those who need home visits.

**Cockermouth Emergency Response Group (C.E.R.G.):** During the 2009 and 2015 floods, King's, along with other churches and organisations, was heavily involved in flood recovery around the time. 'CERG was born out of these emergencies.

**Safe Families:** is a national charity with a strong local presence whose aim is to keep children safe and families together, We support through volunteers supporting local families as well as equipment and prayer.

## WHAT NEXT?

We want to continue to look for ways to reach out in new and innovative ideas. Many of the things we do have started with one person with a passion or vision to help in specific areas. If you have a burning passion to help groups of people, we'd love to support you.



# IMPACT

## WORSHIP

## VALUE

## ROOTS

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## OUR VISION

The Vision of King's Church Cockermouth is to Love Jesus and Make Him Known – we do this by:

Loving Jesus (**WORSHIP**)

Being secure in Christ (**ROOTS**)

Knowing who we are individually (**VALUE**)

Church in the Community (**IMPACT**)

This leaflet focuses on how we impact our local community together, and is to introduce you to the many ways we currently serve the town and surrounding areas. These are activities you can get involved in through giving time, giving financially and praying.

Ultimately, we want all our activities to lead people to Jesus and His Kingdom. We can do this through demonstrations of God's love and power, giving us the opportunity to bring God's truth into peoples lives.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13 v 31-22) shows how His kingdom grows from small beginnings, but through them, many people in the community find security and rest – what we want to do is provide places of safety for many, even if they don't find faith in Jesus. But our prayer is that through clear demonstrations of the love and power of Jesus, many will find themselves in the Kingdom, being part of the adventure of life with Jesus.



## CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

As a family church, we love having children and young people in our community. And we love working with them at various events we put on or attend, to meet as many as possible.

**Here are some of the ways we do this currently:**

**Amplify:** Amplify is a youth drop in aimed at **11-16 year olds**, and takes place every **Friday (3.30pm - 8pm)** during term times. Young people can come straight from school or later in the evening. They can play computer games, do crafts, play board games and loads of other things, or simply just sit and chat. We also provide an evening snack like Pizza's or Hot dogs each evening. Amplify takes place at the Hub.

**Mobilise and Move:** Mobilise (**year 6 - year 9**) and Move (**Years 9 - 11**) take place throughout term time on **Mondays (7pm - 8.30pm)** at the Hub. We start our time together with loads of fun and activities, then split into groups for age appropriate teaching. At least once per term, we offer a weekend residential for anyone who comes to either group (as well as Amplify).

**Mobilise on Sunday:** Each Sunday, we provide a 30 minute teaching time for years 7-10.

**Newday:** Newday is an event aimed at years 7-13, and is a week camping event hosted by Newfrontiers. Around 6000 young people gather for a week of fun, teaching, worship and friendship. We support the event with a strong youth team and through providing accommodation and food on site.



## COMMUNITY

Cockermouth and its surrounding areas has many social issues that we can and do get involved with. The three biggest areas of social concern in our area are **Older People** (loneliness; dementia; illness etc); **Young Families** (housing, employment; debt and poverty); **Young People** (lack of resources; drugs; Internet and gaming addictions).

**Bridge Cafe:** The Bridge Cafe was born out of the 2015 flood and now meets every Tuesday 11am - 1pm and Friday at 10am - 1pm at the Cockermouth Cricket Club. It's a regular drop in for anyone, but specifically meets the needs of those flooded on the North side of Cockermouth.

**MealShare:** working with Fareshare, MealShare both creates meals and distributes food to those who need it. It's a free service to anyone in need, and works alongside Foodbank to relieve poverty and need in the community.

**English Café:** We are delighted to have Ukrainian refugees in our community, and the English Cafe supports them and others as they learn conversational English. We reach out to them in other ways through special events.

**Sunday Lunch:** We regularly host Sunday lunches for our community, especially the lonely, vulnerable and those in food poverty.

**Warm Spots:** We have registered all the above as warm spots with Cumbria County Council - anyone is free to come and keep warm, have refreshments and enjoy the craik. Our warm spots are funded by the Church Urban Fund, Cumbria County Council, The Cumbria Community Foundation and King's Church Cockermouth.

King's is a Dementia Friendly Church.

You can call the church office on **01900 821100** for details of any of these groups.