

# Spring Mount Newsletter January 2012

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*Spring Mount Christian  
Fellowship  
Abbey Road  
Barrow-in-Furness*

Spring Mount Christian Fellowship exists to  
Reach others for Christ;  
Teach about Christ;  
Grow in Christ;  
Send for Christ.

*Spring Mount Walney  
Amphitrite Street  
Walney Island*

Please email all notices for February to [donna@springmountcf.co.uk](mailto:donna@springmountcf.co.uk) by **Monday 23rd January**

**Happy New Year**



## Message from the Leadership Team

Well another year has begun and looking back over the last one we can see the blessings and the challenges that we have faced as a church and as individuals. However we need to look forward. We need to look to what God is going to do and is wanting us to do. As a Leadership Team we have decided to change our Evening Service format. After the Youth Service in November, our young people were challenged to be committed to leading a similar service once a month and they agreed to do just that. After launching the family meals on Walney, we have decided to continue to step towards the vision of Spring Mount as different worshipping communities. So once a month our Evening Services will be on Walney. One month will be a meal, the next month will be a cafe style church with worship, interviews and a short talk. The other evenings at Spring Mount Abbey Road, will be in a more informal setting and with more opportunities for us to share together as God's family and community. All of these things will require support and commitment (as does every aspect of church life) but let's live generously, let's be a church that is stirred to reach out. Let's grow more like Jesus the servant King. Let's be a church that makes a difference to our town. Let's focus on the mountain mover and not the mountains that obstruct. Most of all let's start the year with love for one another, so that all men may know that we are His!!!!

*Jonny Harrison*

## Birthdays

January 21st  
Joseph Docker



1.30pm 10th January 2012  
Spring Mount Abbey Road  
RNLI Talk



There is a loop system in all our services. Please remember to switch



Sunday Services	Speakers	Bible Readings 11am & 6.15pm
January 8th	Roy Skeates	am: New Year –New Life pm: What legacy are we leaving for those who follow?
January 15th	Jonny Harrison	am: TBC pm: Meeting at Walney
January 22nd	Crawford McIntyre	am: TBC pm: TBC
January 29th	Eddie Ainsworth	am: TBC pm: TBC

There are a number of calendars available for sale to benefit Blessed Hill School, Uganda. Please see Alan or Hilly if you would like to buy one.



~~first~~ The church has recently received £7,160.54 from HM Revenue and Customs which is the benefit of Gift Aided giving during the tax year 2010-2011. This is a sizeable sum of money, and we as a church are grateful to the government for providing this facility, and grateful to all those in the fellowship who take up the offer - it really does make a difference. Please note that some of this value has already been passed on to others (eg within the 2010 Christmas card appeal for Godronah school).

If anyone wants to know more, including how to join in (and it is so easy on the part of the giver), please see me. Note that although the treasurer has to log gifts in order that gifts can benefit from Gift Aid, no one else in the church (including the Leadership Team), know who uses the Gift Aid scheme, the value of gifts given under the scheme, or the regularity (or otherwise) of gifts given. *Paul Hardingham*



**Ladies Breakfast**

Ruth Hogg invites you to join her at 2 Windsor Street on Saturday 21st January from 8am - 9.30am. Share in a snapshot on Education, Education, Education with 3 of the Docker girls, Hilly, Rachel and Hannah. Relax & enjoy time with other ladies. Can I tempt you with croissants, pineapple, yoghurt, cereal, coffee/tea etc. See you there. Ruth (01229 820200)

The church has recently received the following from the Keswick2Barrow walk held back in May 2011:

- Direct grant: £850.00
- Gift Aid to claim: £207.50

Total: £1,057.50

Well done to all the walkers, support team, organiser Steve Lee, and also to Shirley for making the application on behalf of SMCF. SMCF were one of 243 charities benefitting a total of over £255,000 from the occasion.

Steve is already thinking about this year and is keen to hear from anyone interested in walking or helping out in any way on Saturday 12 May 2012. Team entry registration opens on 16 January and competition for team places is strong so please let Steve know ASAP if you would like to enjoy a springtime stroll through the lakes!



**Christmas Card Appeal**

SMCF is supporting a new vehicle fund for Ruth Wallis in lieu of sending each other lots of Christmas cards this year. The vehicle is used as an ambulance. At the time of writing (22 December), the appeal fund stands at £433.25 (including Gift Aid). Last year, SMCF were able to forward £1,200 to Godronah school. Can we top £1,000 again this year? The appeal will stay open into the start of the New Year, but don't delay to make your gift (it is not necessary to send a Christmas card in order to make a contribution!).

**DO YOU CARE?**

Some folks from SMCF participated in a pastoral care course last summer and found it so beneficial that they have persuaded the organisers to bring the course to Barrow. The Leadership Team are fully behind this. The course is pencilled in to start 3<sup>th</sup> March and will run for 10 weeks. BUT do not commit to, or dismiss, the idea yet! A Taster is being organised for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30 pm. The Leadership Team are encouraging anybody who cares about people to join in the Taster session. This includes all who express care, or would like to express care, for those within the Fellowship, or for that matter, anyone who cares about anyone at all – so that should include everybody! Listen out for further details IF YOU CARE.