



# The Way

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## MOVING MOUNTAINS

■ Church leaders and members come together for hundreds of special events

MORE than 500 events across the county, an estimated 25,000 people, 33 senior church leaders and their teams from four denominations, tired but excited and hugely encouraged church members – all this was and is Moving Mountains: God loves you more than you will ever know.

Moving Mountains was launched at Penrith Auction Mart with a short service attended by five national church leaders: the Archbishop of York (the Most Rev John Sentamu), the President of the Methodist Conference (the Rev Loraine Mellor), the Moderator of the United Reformed Church General Assembly (Alan Yates), the Vice President of the Methodist Conference (Jill Baker) and the North West Divisional Commander of the Salvation Army (Major Drew McCombe).

Then the 33 teams set off with their hosts to local churches.

Each evening there were events ranging from talks given by people such as Warren Furman (formerly Ace of *Gladiators*) and Christian illusionist Todd Alexander to pub quizzes, ceilidhs and youth events.

On the Friday, many teams went into schools – about 90 in total – for collective worship, Open the Book (dramatic presentations of Bible stories) and question and answer sessions.

Saturday saw breakfast events, and then the teams in town and village centres handing out gifts for Mothering Sunday, face painting, Christian yoga sessions, prayer couches, litter picks and guided walks.

There were services for Mothering Sunday, and then there was Cumbria's biggest ever Messy Church at Rheged, attended by more than 2,000 people.

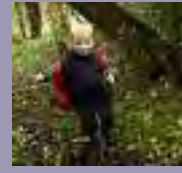
One event typified Moving Mountains. In Orton, 'Lost and Found' involved 50 clay figures being hidden all over the village. The children searched for and found all of them and brought them to church on the Sunday morning, where they were told the parable of the lost sheep. Fran Parkinson, who helped organise the event, said: "It proves people are not disconnected from God, and the weekend opened new opportunities for the Church to meet them where they are."



We 'heart' church in Cumbria: Attendees at the Moving Mountain launch at Penrith Auction Mart  
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Around the ring: Clergy and church-goers gather for the launch of Moving Mountains at Penrith Auction Mart...



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# Teams gather for very special mission



**United:** From left, Loraine Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference; Jill Baker, Vice President of the Methodist Conference; John Sentamu, Archbishop of York; James Newcome, Bishop of Carlisle; and Alan Yates, Moderator of the United Reformed Church General Assembly

## Church leaders send message of thanks to all involved

MOVING Mountains has provided us with a kaleidoscope of memories and encouragements.

From the opening event in Penrith Auction Mart on the Thursday, as visiting teams gathered to worship God, to set what was about to happen in the context of the outreach that was already taking place across Cumbria, and to be commissioned to share the good news; across the 500 or so events spread around the county, reaching about 25,000 people; to Cumbria's largest ever Messy Church at Rheged on the Sunday, we saw God at work in a myriad different ways.

Conversations in pubs and on park benches, at Messy Church events, tea parties, men's breakfasts and school visits, on walks and rambles; all offered opportunities for people to discover more of God and his purpose for their lives, and so discover more of Jesus. And across the pages of this special edition of *The Way* you can see pictures of many of the events that happened during Moving Mountains.

It has been amazing to see the committed, creative way in which so many people were willing to step out and take the risk of having a go at sharing their faith story and inviting others to discover a faith story of their own.

Rooted as it was in prayer (with some 17,000 prayer bookmarks in use across the county), we are very grateful to everyone who worked



**Say cheesel** Participants pose for the drone photograph shown on the front page of this edition of *The Way*



**Service:** From left, John Sentamu, Loraine Mellor, Alan Yates and Drew McCombe



**Preparations:** The URC's Sarah Moore with Moving Mountains co-ordinator Mike Talbot

to have had the impact that it did. Each one of them worked hard to ensure that everything came together ready for the start, and we are very grateful for that.

One minister commented that none of the events that were happening in their area needed Moving Mountains for them to take place – but that, without the impetus of the mission, they probably wouldn't have happened. That sums up the purpose of the mission very effectively – acting as a catalyst to enable us to engage in outreach in an intentional way.

Moving Mountains is not an event that will fade into history – nor the beginning of a new emphasis – but part of the ongoing work and life of the church in Cumbria. It picks up on the many ways in which we have already been seeking to fulfil the vision that shapes what we seek to do and encourages us to go on helping others to discover more of Jesus and so become his followers within a Christian community. What might that look like in your local area?

With many thanks for all that you are doing to serve Christ in this wonderful county.

**Rt Rev James Newcome,**  
Bishop of Carlisle;  
**Rev Richard Teal,**  
Methodist District Chair;  
**Rev Sarah Moore,**  
Area President, URC;  
**Major Drew McCombe,**  
Divisional Commander,  
Salvation Army

so hard to build on that and ensure that Moving Mountains had the impact it did both in the churches and also in the communities they serve. While it is always dangerous to

pick out any one group, we are very conscious that without the work of the local champions in each church grouping, it would not have been possible for the mission

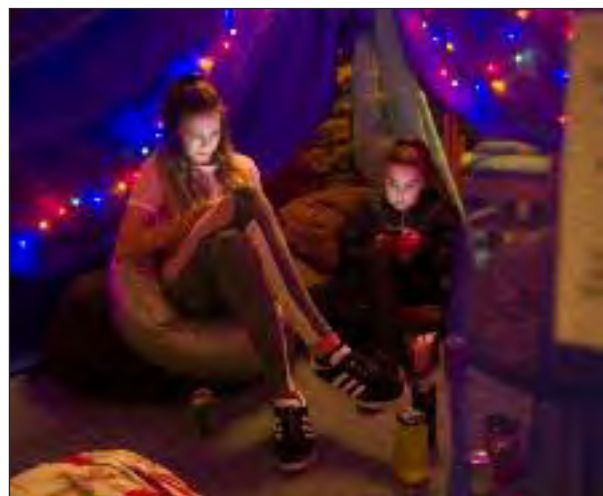
There are centres of energy and spirituality and this energy rippled across the community over the weekend. Some good conversations were held, some important encounters took place and church members were encouraged

# Young gain inspiration

Children and teenagers join dozens of Moving Mountains events in county



**Battle of the bulge:** Left, Kofi Robson-Peart, 13, playing at sumo wrestling with Josh Bailey, 12, at Big Night In at Penrith Methodist Church



**Chilling:** Left, Olivia Brass, 15, and Adele Taylor, 14, in the quiet area at Big Night In at Penrith Methodist Church



**Sitting comfortably:** Children listening to a story during after-school activities at St Nicholas Church, Lazonby



**Engaged:** John Sentamu, Archbishop of York talks to students at Sedbergh School



**Building blocks:** Children taking part in after-school activities as part of the Moving Mountains mission at St Nicholas Church, Lazonby



**Around the county:** Clockwise, from above left, Bishop of Whitby Paul Ferguson at Netherhall School, Maryport; pupils at Storth C of E Primary School serve cakes during a visit by Bishop Geoff Pearson; Silly Gilly performs a magic show at St John's in the Hall, Cleator Moor; Messy Church at Ulverston Methodist Church; Ignite (Calder Deanery Network Youth Church) members at Hundith Hill



A highlight of the weekend for me was the Ignite Youth Group. They were quite a small group that ranged in ages from 11 to 16, and from non-believers to committed Christians, but were all really close and I got a real sense that each person was comfortable and supported for whatever stage of their journey they were on, and were allowed a safe space to explore that at their own pace



**'Quiz a bishop':** Students at Brampton's William Howard School meet Bishop of Blackburn Julian Henderson

**'Open the book':** Pam Priestley reads the story of the Prodigal Son (played by Pam Woo) who looks on enviously at the pigs (played by children from Coniston School) eating while he is starving



**Informal:** The Derwent Deanery Youth Network meet the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu



**Pretty in pink... and yellow:** Amanda Keenan paints Evie Walker's face at St John's in the Hall, Cleator Moor. Her friend Reagan Lewis (behind) has just had his face painted too

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**Under cover:** From left, Padre Dave Crees, Terry Richardson, Mike Graham and Sheila Richardson cook a barbecue in Cleator Moor  
RICHARD PRATT



**Out of his depth?** Taking part in Ulverston Parish Church's 'family adventure walk', one team crosses the town beck in search of sweets  
MILTON HAWORTH



**'It's this way!'** Bobby Gittins, three, races off through the woods in search of another clue during the treasure hunt at Rosley Church



**Found it!** David King and his eight-month-old son Ethan stumble across a clue during the treasure hunt at Rosley Church



**Ready for action:** From left, Tim Fenna, Dave Rankin and Ken Bonsor during the Armathwaite litter-pick



**Meticulous:** Local resident Sue Morris joins Tim Fenna, from Preston, picking up litter from the road verges in Armathwaite

# Church-goers take

■ From litter-picks and hill-walks to Park Runs and trips on steam



**All aboard!** Above, Susi Wood, reader in charge, Threlkeld, waves from the steam engine Sir Tom, driven by Dickon Chaplin-Brice, also pictured top, at Threlkeld Quarry Museum. The museum offered admission at a reduced rate as part of Moving Mountains



**The long run:** Left, the Rev Ian Johnston and the Rev Jane Natrass at the Park Run in Chances Park, Carlisle, also shown right



**Ramblers in the mist:** A group of walkers climb Wasdale's Middle Fell for Moving Mountains



**Gift:** Barry, Peta and Poppy O'Brien with a hyacinth given to them by Chris Mullen, in the background, of the churches in Kendal for Mothering Sunday

“ I sensed God in the encounters, in situations free from church 'business' and 'formal stuff' but in the ministry to which I (and many) have felt called ”



**'Sofa Talk':** Family project leader Lol Wood and Nigel Bradshaw offer chats on the sofa in Kirkby Lonsdale's main square  
MILTON HAWORTH

# mission outdoors

trains, Christians all around Cumbria wrap up to 'move mountains'



**Cleaning up:** Volunteer litter-pickers brave the cold and damp to help clean up Armathwaite as part of Moving Mountains  
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**Walking tall:** Entertainer Thomas Trilby, centre with Mike Talbot, left, and Bishop James Newcome during Messy Church at Rheged



**In the zones:** Youngsters enjoying various activities at Messy Church including, from left, decorating heart-shaped biscuits in the edible zone; messing about with lost sheep magnets in the craft zone; being creative in the woodcraft zone; carrying out the invisible ink experiment in the science zone; the invisible air pressure experiment, also in the science zone; and colouring in banners in the craft zone

# 2,000-plus at mega Messy Church

## Families enjoy huge range of fun activities at Rheged

HUNDREDS of families joined in Cumbria's biggest Messy Church at Rheged visitor centre near Penrith on Sunday, March 11 – part of the larger Moving Mountains weekend.

One hundred volunteers spent the day ensuring the whole Messy Church ran smoothly.

Messy Church leaders from across Cumbria, volunteers from local churches and several young leaders spent the day offering a range of free activities around the theme of 'Finding God's Love'.

The fun on offer included cleaning dirty pennies in the messy science zone, exploring the virtual land of Ancora in the gaming zone, making musical instruments in the woodcraft zone and drumming in the music zone.

There were also pop-up activities on offer throughout the day, including a 'God thinks you're gorgeous' selfie station and prayer stations.

Three celebrations occurred throughout the day in the lecture theatre.

Musical entertainment in the Mountain Hall added to the ambience, and we are grateful to the staff and families of the three local primary schools who joined the fun – Lazonby C of E, Stainton C of E and Beaconside C of E.

We're also thankful to the staff and directors of Rheged, whose generosity made this event possible.

Find your local Messy church here – <http://bit.ly/localmessy> – or contact sarah.hulme@carlisleioecese.org.uk for Messy Cumbria news and updates.

There was a great opportunity at Messy Rheged to engage with young people and their parents and share the goodness of God and the gospel with them



**Hitting the right note:** Stainton C of E primary school choir, singing in Rheged's Mountain Hall



**Hello down there!** The Archbishop of York John Sentamu meets entertainer Thomas Trilby



**Beat it!** Liam Smith, six, and Peter Morgan, both from Kirkoswald, at the drumming workshop organised by Andy Kelly of Stix Percussion



**Come together:** From left, pupils from Beaconside C of E primary school choir enjoying a joke with the Archbishop of York John Sentamu; young and old alike taking part in one of the three celebrations that took place in the lecture theatre; Mark Callaghan in the celebration zone, re-telling the lost coin story; and planting mustard seeds in the craft zone

# Their cups runneth over

■ Organisers focus on food and drink during four days of Moving Mountains outreach



**Time for a cuppa:** From left, Jean Harper-Tarr, Jean Simpson, Frances Osborne and Lynda Huckell enjoying tea and cake during a treasure hunt at Rosley Church  
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**Brain food:** From left, Fiona Wilkinson, Rosemary Dinsdale and Sandra Foster, of Stanwix, Carlisle, at a quiz raising money for Blood Bikes  
JENNY WOOLGAR



**Tasty scan:** PCC members of St James's Church, Hutton in Forest, serving dinner at the 'Cumberland Neet' dialect evening at Hutton End Village Hall. They are, from left, Sheena Wilson, of Skelton, Pearl Mitchell, of Greystoke, Gwen Wilson, of Penrith, Angela Lowther, of Skelton, Margery Barnes, of Hutton End, Molly Dickinson, of Hutton End, and Tina Walker, of Hutton End  
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**Informal:** Friends enjoy coffee and a chat at the Urswick Country Market in the parish rooms  
MILTON HAWORTH



**Step by step:** Graeme Mitchell, left, explains the brewing process to those taking part in the East Whitehaven Mission Community Quiz Night at the Tractor Shed, Seaton  
RICHARD PRATT



**Early start:** The Archbishop of York John Sentamu addresses the 'men's breakfast' at the Golden Lion Hotel in Maryport  
MALCOLM STILWELL

“ Amazing response from a young man with years of drug problems... A member of the team sat with him at the soup lunch, watched as he read the testimonies at the front of the gospel, then chatted to him. He hopes to join us as we begin Alpha next Tuesday... ”



**Celebration:** From left, the Reunion Band, including Sally Hardaker and Peter Crofts, entertain dancers at a ceilidh at the Stoneybeck Inn, Bowscar, near Penrith; enjoying themselves at the ceilidh are, from left, Carole and Andrew Gardner, Allison Fenton, Jonathan Lawrence and Linda and George Dudson; brother and sister Noah, 11, and Miriam Emerson, 13, getting into the swing of things

# Gatherings strike a chord

■ Music forms big part of many Moving Mountains events throughout Cumbria

‘ A lady came to one of our events after receiving our church magazine, where she met Bishop Tony. She has started coming to church and getting involved. We were talking on Sunday, and her and another new lady would like to explore what God is calling them to do. I have offered to do Alpha in my house over a coffee with them ’



**Take your partners!** Guests dancing at the ceilidh, part of Moving Mountains, held at the Stoneybeck Inn near Penrith  
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**Body, mind and soul:** The Maranatha Yoga taster at the URC Church Hall in Kendal encouraged participants to invite God into every part of them  
RICHARD PRATT



**Focus:** Mia Kubasiewicz, six, plays violin during ‘Binsey’s got Talent’. Other performers included Sophie Pattinson, Lucy Forrester and Philippa Hall  
RICHARD PRATT



**Magic!** The Rev Gwynn Murfet, a retired vicar from Askam in Furness, prepares to entertain at Beacon Hill Methodist Church in Barrow  
MILTON HAWORTH



**That’s entertainment!** Local musician Geoff Haughin at The Forum in Barrow, as churches sought to build on the success of Believe in Barrow  
MILTON HAWORTH

# Creativity in the county...

## ■ Round-up of artistic events held during Moving Mountains mission



**Creative:** Top, Elizabeth Grose, PCC secretary and church warden of St Michael's Church, Shap, helps out at a craft session for pupils of Shap C of E Primary School. Holly-Megan Higgins, 10, centre picture, and Chloe Chapman, nine, Sadie Bindloss, 11, and Dylan Burtonwood, nine, show off their resulting creations  
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**On display:** Mark Ashcroft, Bishop of Bolton, chats with photographer Julian Hyde during an exhibition of his work at Windermere's Carver United Reformed Church in aid of the town's Food Bank



**Blooming lovely:** From left, Mary Bradbury, Ann Gledhill, Sally Tattersall and Vicky Harrison prepare for the flower festival in St Mary's Church, Windermere  
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**Finishing touches:** Above left, the Rev Jonathan Gillespie helps prepare St Mary's Church in Windermere for its flower festival; right, the church's decorated altar



**The smile says it all:** A youngster shows his appreciation of Messy Church in Carlisle

Close to 1,000 people, we think, passed through our tapestry exhibition... Many good conversations were had about faith and church, with Christian literature given out. On Sunday, we welcomed back four teenage girls with their parents, all baptised in the church many years before



**Security blankets:** Above, quilts for Project Linus UK on display at St Martin's Church, Brampton; top, Heather Henderson, of Blackburn Diocese, fourth from right, with some of the Linus Angels, who make the quilts. They are, from left, Linda Forrester, Margaret Wright, Ann Bairstow, co-ordinator for Cumbria North Vita Collins, Audrey Wallis, Elizabeth Youd, Mary Swan and Sheila Fleming  
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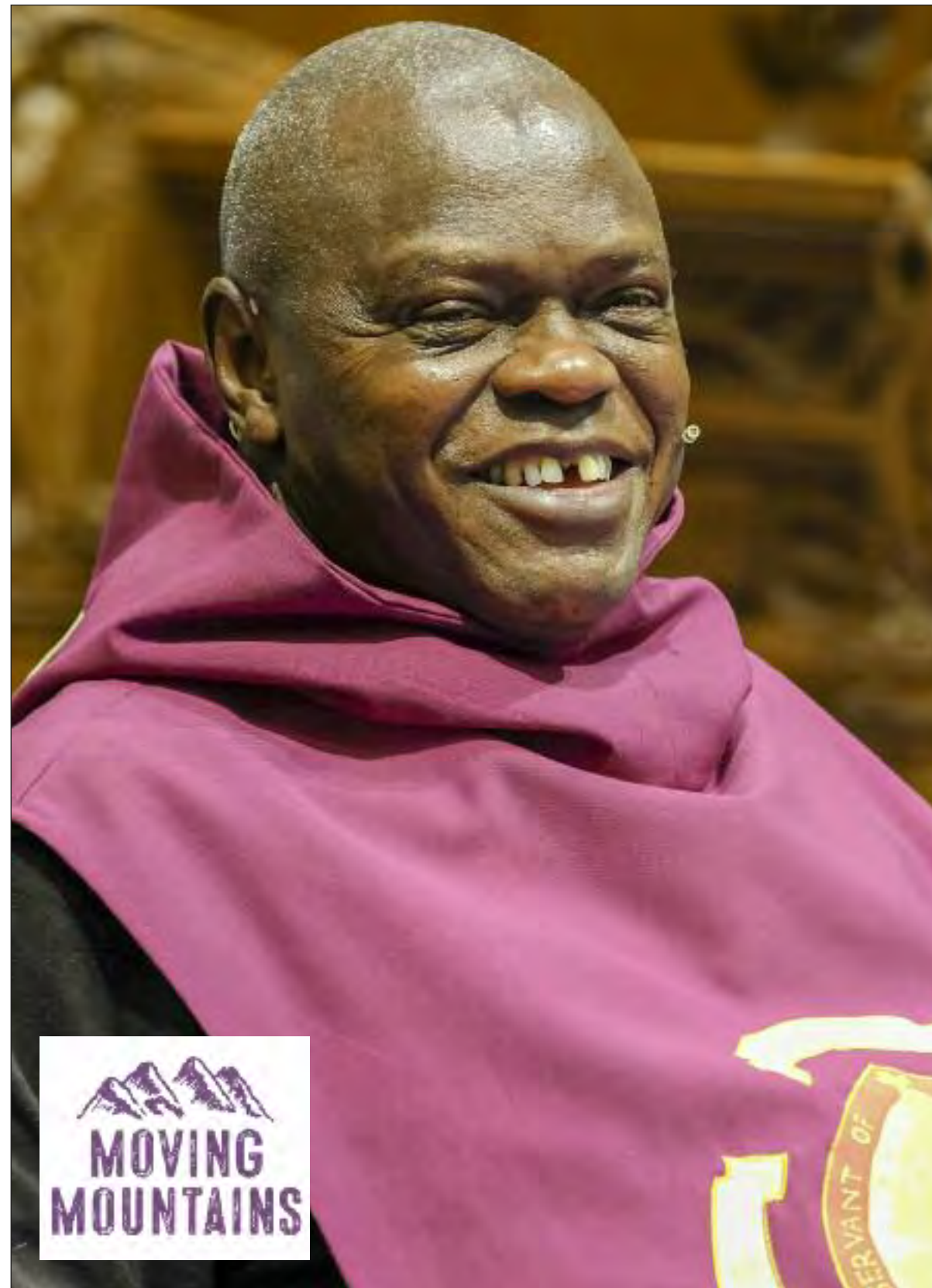
**The power of one:** Artwork from St Herbert's School, Keswick, on display in the town's St John's Church. The work looked at answers to the question: 'What can one person do to make the world peaceful?' Pupils picked artists and campaigners such as Banksy, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Peter Wolf Toth



**Focus:** Vicar of Hensingham, the Rev Fergus Pearson, teaching a group how to bind a book  
RICHARD PRATT



# It's smiles all round



**Man with a mission:** Above and right, the Archbishop of York John Sentamu during a question and answer session at St Mary's Church, Ambleside

MILTON HAWORTH



**Areet marras?** From left, Linda Eccles, from the Isle of Man, Myles Walker, of Hutton End, Lady Inglewood, from Hutton-in-the-Forest, and Dinah George, of Aiketgate, at the 'Cumberland Neet' dialect evening at Hutton End Village Hall



**In the know:** Quiz masters Selby Harrison, from Morton, left, and Stuart Wilkinson, from Stanwix, reign supreme over a quiz night at the Tithe Barn in Carlisle to raise money for Blood Bikes



**Attentive:** The audience listens to a talk, entitled 'Beyond Belief' by Bishop John Pritchard, a retired bishop from Oxford, and the Rev Loraine Mellor, President of the Methodist Conference, in the Costa coffee shop in Penrith

THREE PICTURES ABOVE:  
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# in four-day mission



**Starring role:** Warren Furman, Ace from TV's *Gladiators*, was interviewed by Bishop of Burnley Philip North as part of an evening of entertainment and faith at The Forum in Barrow. He spoke about how his whole life was transformed when he became a Christian. He also travelled to St Joseph's Catholic High School, Workington, where he is pictured, inset, talking to the Rev Ian Grainger and other audience members

MAIN PICTURE: MILTON HAWORTH  
(INSET, RICHARD PRATT)



**The real thing?** Christian magician Todd Alexander, left, performs a levitating table trick in Whitehaven Civic Hall

RICHARD PRATT



**Inspirational:** Congregations join together to hear the faith story of winter Olympian and coach Ian Woods during a pub meal in Nether Wasdale



**In the spotlight:** Christian comedian and magician Tom Elliott, above and above right, entertains the Criffell View Mission Community

MALCOLM STILWELL



**Opinion:** Bishop of Hull Alison White talks about abortion to discussion group Pints of View in Torpenhow

RICHARD PRATT

“ Lots of churches took on an initiative that felt quite novel or adventurous, which was good ”



**On tour:** From left, at the West Cumberland Hospital in Whitehaven, Archbishop Sentamu opening a new stroke unit named in memory of consultant Professor Olu Orugun, who died last year; meeting Police and Crime Commissioner Peter McCall and the county's new Chief Constable Michelle Skeer; and being interviewed by Marie-Elsa Bragg at the the University of Cumbria's Charlotte Mason campus in Ambleside

# Around the county

■ During Moving Mountains, Archbishop Sentamu visited various locations across Cumbria



**Inspiring:** Archbishop Sentamu speaking at Carlisle Cathedral during Moving Mountains

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**Back to school:** The Archbishop also paid a visit to Ullswater Community College in Penrith where he talked with pupils

## Where do we go from here?

TAKE 300 churches, stir in 160 visiting team members, surround with prayer and infuse with the willing participation of scores of Christians from across Cumbria, and the result is Moving Mountains.

Over a weekend in March, around 500 events took place, 15,000 gospels were distributed and about 25,000 people connected with what was going on in one form or another. Thank you for your

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Evangelism Enabler

part in helping make it happen.

What was significant were the one-to-one conversations that took place in pubs, over soup lunches, at ceilidhs and in villages as people explored what it means to be followers of Jesus.

Alongside those discussions, churches were encouraged in their own outreach –

and in seeing what happened in March as one piece of a much bigger jigsaw of ensuring mission is an ongoing part of their lives, individually and as church communities.

If Moving Mountains simply becomes an event that happened in March 2018, then it is of little value. If it becomes a movement, then it can have a significant impact.

What might that look like in your Mission Community or local group of churches?