

LINDAL -in- FURNESS METHODIST CHURCH
CENTENARY BROCHURE



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Dear Friends:

Lindal Chapel, like so many others owes its existence to mining folk moving into the area during the last century. The mines have gone but the chapels remain as an enduring memorial to the piety of those who worked in them. This brochure concerns the Centenary of Lindal Methodist Chapel and you will find in it a calendar of events for the year, a short history of the chapel selected from a mountain of material most diligently collected and memories from far and near.

The result is well worth the asking price and it is our hope that you all enjoy reading it and join the thanksgiving services.

David A. Jackson.

Nab Gate,
Cornbirthwaite Road,
Windermere.

Dear Friends,

I write to send to you the good wishes of the Carlisle District as you celebrate your Centenary Year. The period round about 1870-71 was certainly a time of great growth in Methodism in this part of the world. This was particularly so in West Cumberland and the Furness area of Lancashire. The coming of the railways and the development of coal and metal ore mining brought a big influx of population - including many loyal Methodists. Lindal has never been a huge society and owes a great deal to families who have been faithful through generation after generation. Those who keep the Church going to-day face great difficulties which are not likely to get less with the passing of the years; at least not in the immediate future. They will be sustained, however, by the knowledge that man cannot ignore the revelation of man's true nature brought by Jesus Christ for ever. Through His Cross and Resurrection He has won a victory that in the end must be acknowledged by all men. Therefore those of you who start out on the next 100 years at Lindal will do so with good heart and strong courage. As a District, we pray God's blessing upon you as you go.

With warm personal greetings,

Yours sincerely,

M. Wesley Earl.
(Chairman of the Carlisle District).

21, The Drive,
Kilner Park,
Ulverston.

Dear Friends,

It is a very real pleasure to convey my hearty congratulations, and those of the whole Circuit, to you as you celebrate the centenary of the Methodist Church in Lindal. Methodist fellowship and witness had, of course, begun in the years preceeding the opening of the chapel and that work has continued unbroken for a hundred years because of faithfulness and love of the founding members and those who have followed them.

This is a proud heritage and carries with it great responsibilities so you will not just be celebrating the past in various ways but, in the spirit and with the faithfulness of those who have gone before, you will, I am sure, be addressing yourselves to the future believing that, "The best is yet to be" and sure that whatever the future brings "God is with us".

No one can be sure what the future may hold - - - - it may be that the greatest enemy we shall have to fight is apathy and that within the church as well as in the church's outreach. Worship out of which springs true fellowship and service to the community will remain our greatest contribution to the work of the Kingdom of God. This is true of the smaller causes like Lindal no less than of the larger churches in the circuit.

We all pray that God's blessing will be on all your future work and witness both in Lindal and in the wider life of the circuit of which you are a valued member.

The grace and love of the Lord be with you all.

With warmest greetings

Yours sincerely,

Alex. J. Woodley.

Superintendent Minister of the Ulverston Circuit.

FROM THE SOCIETY STEWARDS:

To the readers of this brochure we would ask you to think carefully of the stalwarts of old who, by faith gave of their talents and money so much that it hurt, and then compare our present day lives by theirs. Can the glory of former days be restored? Can Methodism in Lindal be reborn?. We believe the spirit and faith which filled the hearts of our spiritual ancestors is available for us today. God challenges each of us to meet the demands of the 20th century in his mighty power and grace.

There is so much we would have liked to include in the story but the size and cost would have been prohibitive. A few names are mentioned to give the story continuity, but there are many, many more we could have added. Instead we ask you to read between the lines, put in the names you remember and thank