

GRACE CHURCH BARROW

Loving God,
Loving each other,
Loving Barrow.



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Update



LIFE AT GRACE CHURCH...

Thanks for your interest, support & prayers for us here in South Cumbria!

In the last of these updates (Sept '19) I shared how we'd said goodbye to 5 adults from our church family in the space of three months, all who had moved away from Barrow. When you're our size, that inevitably rocks you! We continue to have a fringe on Sundays, but our core is back to 6 adults, which is the same number we began Sunday mornings with in October '18.

Despite the fragile reality, we were grateful for some great encouragements in the run up to Christmas. It was a joy to journey through the book of Ruth together in Advent and see the thread of God's grace weaving through history. We also had some great Christmas events: a rag-wreath making night where Zoe gave a short gospel talk with 33 ladies, plus two carol services, both of which had over 30 people attending.

WE'RE THANKFUL FOR...

As well, as the above, we're particularly thankful for...

- **Encouraging midweek Women's Bible-study** with a number of ladies attending who haven't been on Sundays.
- **Hunger for God's word and personal evangelism** amongst our core.
- Good start to our teaching series on **Revelation 1-5**, 'You've Got Mail'.
- Some **helpful opportunities for coaching and support** for us in what can often feel a fairly isolated place for 'ministry input'.
- One 'fringe' couple doing **Christianity Explored** with Robin.



PLEASE PRAY WITH US FOR...

- We continue to pray that God would **provide partners in the gospel**, who will help Grace Church to flourish and enable the gospel to go out. Literally, one individual or couples or family **moving to Barrow** to partner in the work would make **a world of difference**. Please do chat to me if this is a possibility! Jobs at BAE and in the NHS abound in an area with amazing natural beauty and pace-of-life!
- Pray for us as we explore a number of evangelistic events this term, including parenting and marriage evenings.
- We feel especially stretched in providing for kids' ministry on Sundays. Pray for resolution here, including exploring hosting an Intern again in 2020-21.
- That we'd be **making disciples of Jesus**, even if it takes time and is messy.
- For **Robin to 'watch his life & doctrine closely'** (1 Timothy 4:16) as he leads the church, seeks to encourage gospel ministry across the Furness region, and takes on a number of wider roles and commitments.
- For wisdom as we explore **buying a larger house** for family and ministry.