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Committee	11
Trustees	3
Concerts	5

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in Furness

13th October: Arnside Bible Society at Arnside
Methodist Church

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17th November: St Martin's Church, Bowness
on Windermere

From Robin Perris, Choir Director

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From The Trustees

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