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Let everything that has breath praise the Lord..... Psalms 150, verse 6



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Committee	11
Trustees	4
Concerts	8
1 st March – Salvation Army, Kendal	
26 th April - St Paul's Church, Barrow	
10 th May - St Mary's Church, Ambleside	
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