



# Penrith Methodist Circuit

## Weekly Bulletin

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023

#### Expect the Unexpected

If you know me, you'll know that I like to plan and wish to know what's coming next. I often get caught thinking I've got everything under control and then God sends me a friendly reminder that I need to let go of that control and trust in them - something that is uncomfortable for me to say the least.

It reminds me of Zacchaeus. In Luke 19, Jesus is entering Jericho, so in order to get a better view Zacchaeus climbs a nearby tree. It may also have been to stay out of the way as he was the chief tax collector and probably disliked by a lot of the people. He couldn't have expected what happened next though. Jesus walks right under the tree, looks up and tells Zacchaeus that he's going to stay at his house that day.

To me, this bible verse acts as a reminder that even the most unexpected event can take place. If you told me three years ago that I'd be working for the church at the age of 24, I'd have told you to get out of my office. Yet, here I am.

We must leave ourselves open to God doing the unexpected in our lives. Something we never thought we'd achieve or somewhere we never thought we'd be.

We also have to remember that the unexpected isn't something to fear. If God has placed us in an unexpected situation, it's something to be excited about. It means that God has something wonderful in store and we are a part of that.



I think one of the ways in which we can best encounter God and grow in our faith is to be open to experiencing the unexpected. Thomas Merton, a catholic monk and social activist, said "the Christian life, and especially the contemplative life, is a continual discovery of Christ in new and unexpected places".

As we move into this new year, I wonder what new and unexpected ways you are going to experience the presence of God.

In whatever way that is, don't hold back. But get excited. God has something in store and wants you to be a part of that.

*Morgan Tebb-Roger  
Pioneer Minister*



**Penrith Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**Readings:** Jeremiah 31: 31 - 34; Romans 12: 1 - 2 & Luke 22: 19 – 20

**Skelton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Stainton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**3pm** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

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**Thought for the Week**





### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer
- 7.30pm** ~ Penrith Music Club Concert – Church/PMC

### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

- 10am** ~ Midweek Covenant Service – Rev. Tim Cooke - Church/PMC
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

- 10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre
- 12.30pm** ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – St. Andrew's Church, Penrith
- 1.30pm** ~ Sewing Craft Group – Skelton Methodist Church
- 7pm** ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (*We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Wednesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.*)

### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

- 12.30pm** ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Friends Meeting House, Penrith
- 1pm** ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC
- 1pm** ~ Prayer Meeting – Church/PMC
- 2pm** ~ Parklands HG – Fairfield, Wordsworth Street, Penrith

### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January**

- 10am - 2pm** ~ Warm Spaces – Sandgate/PMC
- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 12.30pm** ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – St. Catherine's, Penrith
- 7.30pm** ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

### **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

- 12.30pm** ~ Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - RESTORE, New Squares, Penrith

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Skelton: 10am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Beth Honey
- Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm** ~ Zoom Sharing Service



## Penrith Music Club Concert

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm at PMC.**

### Oboe & Piano Recital

Hannah Condliffe (oboe) &  
Dominic Doutney (piano)

See [www.penrithmusicclub.com](http://www.penrithmusicclub.com)



## PMC Tuesday Service Changes

The service on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 10am will now be a Covenant Service led by Rev. Tim Cooke.

And, on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January, the service will be held at **12.30pm instead of 10am** to join with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service already being held at PMC. This will be led by Rev. Tim Cooke & Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger.



## Funeral Service

Alan Houghton's funeral will be held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January. A Cremation service at 3pm, to be attended by family, will be followed by a Church service at 4pm at Main Road Methodist Church, Tadley, Hants. RG26 3NL. Please let Kath know if you wish to attend.

Please continue to remember Kath and their family and friends in your prayers.



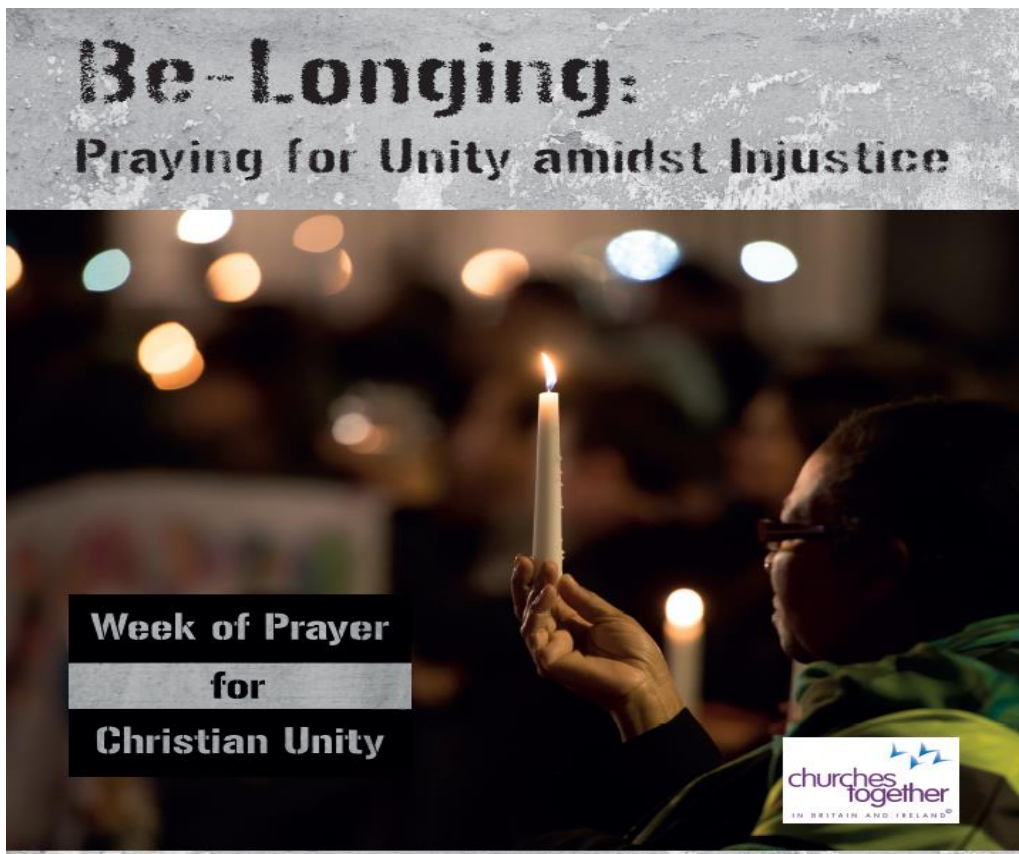
## Sad News

Some of you will remember Alan and Ruth Thompson. Alan was a Minister in the Penrith Circuit in the 1970's. We have been informed that sadly, Ruth passed away last week.

Please remember Alan and their family in your prayers.



## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Churches Together in Penrith



Please join us during the week for a 12:30pm start followed by tea & coffee at 1:00pm.

Wednesday 18th January - St Andrew's  
Thursday 19th January - Friends Meeting House  
Friday 20th January - St Catherine's  
Saturday 21st January - RESTORE, New Squares  
Monday 23 January - Salvation Army  
Tuesday 24th January - PMC  
Wednesday 25th January - St Andrew's

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### PMC Lounge

We would like to encourage people to use our warm space, which is open each Friday from 10am to 2pm. You would also be welcome to have a hot meal at 12 noon with our Lunch Club.

There are volunteers each week to welcome you with tea, coffee & biscuits!



# SUPPER CLUB

Last November it was suggested that we might restart "Supper Club". Since then, an encouraging number who were previously involved have said that they would like to be part of Supper Club again. We have also been heartened by the interest and enthusiasm which others have shown together with a wish to join and participate.

We feel that the current level of support is sufficient to restart Supper Club.

It would however be good to welcome more ... you would have the opportunity to meet others in the church family and enjoy friendship and food.

If you haven't let us know already and would like to join in, or would like details of how Supper Club operates, then please get in touch before the end of January.

Telephone:- 01931 714110 email:- [johngore214@btinternet.com](mailto:johngore214@btinternet.com)

In early February, I will contact all people who have said that they would like to be involved and give more detailed information. Soon afterwards I will circulate the rotas.

Our provisional plan is for Supper Club to start in March and run for 3 or 4 months.

We would then have a break and, on some date to be arranged in the summer, we would all meet up for a social gathering.

Normal service would be resumed again in September, probably for 3 months.

John & Margaret (Gore)

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## PMC Sunday Coffee & Lunch Rotas

Please may we have volunteers to prepare and serve tea & coffee after the morning services for 29<sup>th</sup> January and during February and to organise the bring & share lunches on the first Sunday of each month.

Either add your name to the rota in the kitchen or contact the Circuit Office.



## PMC Christmas Charity

A final total of £1092.72 will be donated to our chosen charity 'P.E.R.N' (Penrith and Eden Refugee Network). Thanks to all who contributed.



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## Has anyone lost their car key?

No-one has yet claimed the one we had handed into the office nearly 2 weeks ago. Please contact the Circuit Office if it belongs to you!

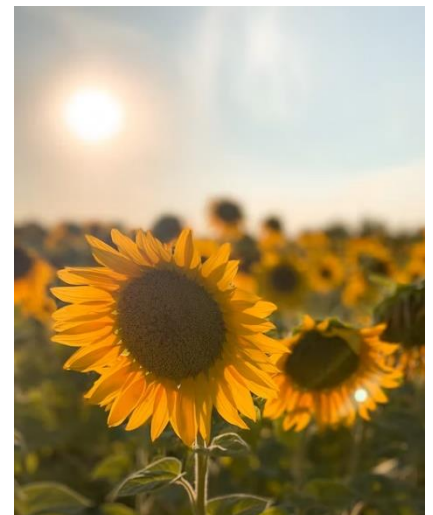
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## Accommodation Needed

The war in Ukraine continues in ever-increasing threat to life for the people of Ukraine. We now know several families where women and children, in particular, have moved to Penrith to be safe. One of the women we know has asked if there is anyone who might be able to help provide accommodation for a family, who are in danger staying in Ukraine.

There is a 34 year old woman, her 9 year old son, and her aunt who all need accommodation and temporary lodging.

If anyone can help, please contact Sarah in the office.



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## Communal Christmas Card at PMC

Thank you to everyone who supported 'All We Can' by signing our card. A grand total of £150 was raised which will support people who live in the poorest regions of the world.



## **Encounter at PMC**

This service will now be held on the last Sunday of every month starting with 29<sup>th</sup> January, then 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm.

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**Cottage Wood Centre - Please send a request to join our Facebook group.**

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