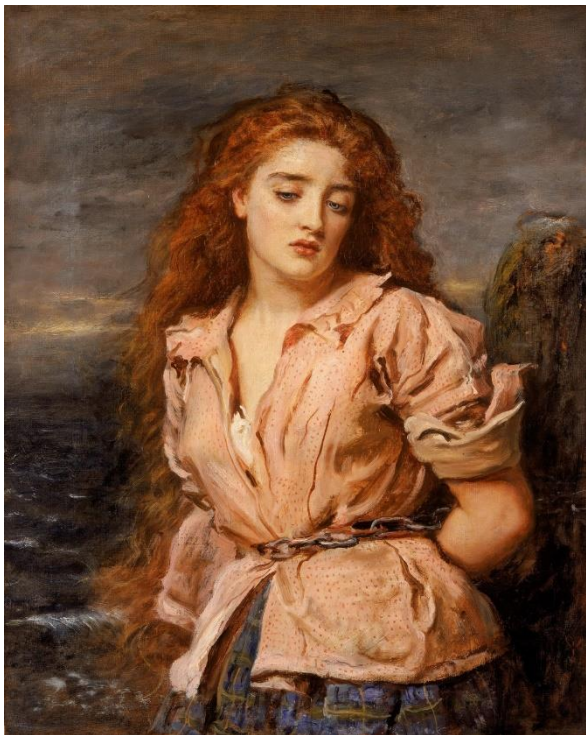


**Penrith Methodist Circuit**  
**Weekly Bulletin**  
**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**



***John Everett Millais***  
***"The Martyr of the Solway"***  
***(1871)***  
***Walker Art Gallery***



When I first saw this painting by Millais, in Liverpool a few years ago, I immediately did a little research about the Solway Martyrs. Who were they?

Margaret Wilson was a young Scottish Covenanter from Wigtown in Scotland. She and Margaret McLachlan were executed by drowning in the Solway in May 1685.

The Covenanters refused to accept King James as head of the Church and his right to appoint bishops. They held out for Congregationalism

and the ability for churches to remain independent of State control. Despite there having been a reprieve issued, the execution of the two women still went ahead.

Wikipedia tells us, "It is said that, as the tide rose, she defiantly quoted from the Psalms and the Epistles, and sang until she drowned..."

As I looked at Margaret Wilson, I began to wonder:

- How far would I be prepared to go for my beliefs?
- How many people are still being martyred today for their faith?
- Would I be prepared to die simply for the right to deny the Church of England the ability to tell non-conformists how to govern and organize the way that we do church?

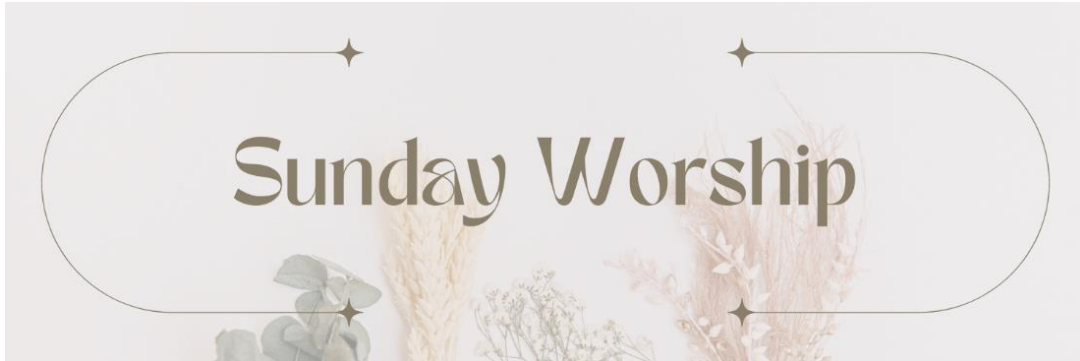
Find out more about Margaret Wilson's story by following this link:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret\\_Wilson\\_\(Scottish\\_martyr\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Wilson_(Scottish_martyr))

And to discover the answer to the question about how many people are still being martyred in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, you could follow this link:

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/>

Rev. Dave



**Penrith Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**'Jesus'**

**Reading:** Luke 2: 41 - 52

**Skelton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Hymn Service – Miss Kathleen Williamson  
All are welcome to join us.

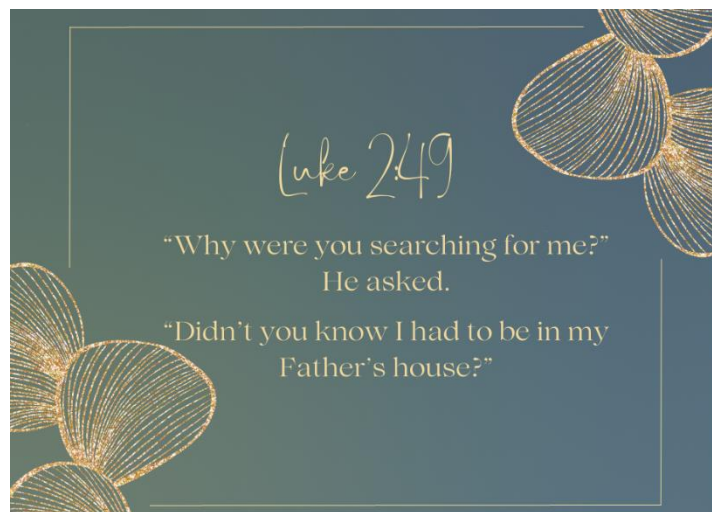
**Stainton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ PJ Summers

**All Saints Church, Calthwaite**

**3pm** ~ Something Different Service  
*(No Service at Cottage Wood Centre)*

**Thought for the week**



# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

**9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

**10.30am** ~ Lunch Club Meeting – Sandgate/PMC

**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate Room/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

**7.30pm** ~ Penrith Music Club Concert ~ Church/PMC

## **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**NO** CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

**10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Mrs Lois Morton – Church/PMC

**7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

**7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

**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 16<sup>th</sup> February**

**No** Twinkly Tots

**2pm** ~ Parklands HG – 19 Arthur Street, Penrith

## **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**10am - 2pm** ~ Warm Spaces – Sandgate/PMC

**12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

**Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**Cottage Wood Centre: 3pm** ~ Early Evening Communion ~ Rev. David Milner



## Penrith Music Club Concert

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at PMC.

Gould Piano Trio with  
Robert Plane (Clarinet)

Full ticket information on the website:  
[www.penrithmusicclub.com](http://www.penrithmusicclub.com)

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## CTiP Refugee Day in the Lakes Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2023

### Can you help?

For the first time since 2019, we are delighted to be once more running a day in the Lakes for Refugee families from Newcastle on Thursday 10 August, hosting up to 50 children and adults in Glenridding.

We need a small team of people who are passionate about reaching out to support refugees that can help plan and run the day.

If you are interested in helping, please email Rev Tim on [tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk](mailto:tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk) by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Thanks!



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# *Healing Service 5th March 2023*

The Healing Service originally planned for March 12th will now be held on March 5th. Please continue to pray.

## IMPORTANT GIFT AID REMINDER

The Income Tax Year ends on 5th April 2023 and it is important that I know if you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and are either no longer paying Income Tax, or consider that the amount of tax you have paid in the current year is less than will be reclaimed on your total donations (currently £25.00 can be reclaimed for every £100 donated).



Any taxpayers who may be interested in helping the church by Gift Aiding their donations but do not currently do so, please contact me for further information. There is no additional cost to you and it is completely confidential.

If you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and change your name or address, please also let me know.

Thank you,  
Malcolm Teed (01768 758246).

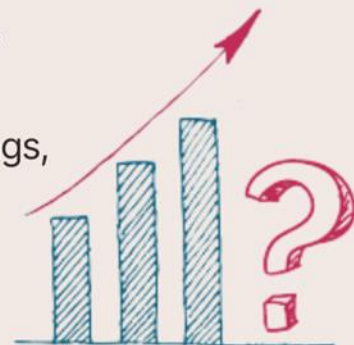
## Just Economics

What should the goal of the economy be?  
Why isn't our current system enabling people to flourish, especially as the cost of living crisis bites?  
Could a change in approach help us solve the climate crisis?  
What does our Christian faith have to say about the economy?

We're going to engage with a six week small group course from the Joint Public Issues Team, opening up some of these questions and starting a conversation about how the economy might be re-shaped to enable the wellbeing of all people and the planet.

Meeting for 6 weeks on Wednesday evenings, starting on 22nd Feb, 7.30pm-9pm at 1 Lowther Terrace (just round the corner from PMC)

For more information please speak to Chris & Sarah Hulme, or email via [sarahchrishulme@gmail.com](mailto:sarahchrishulme@gmail.com)



Just  
ECONOMICS

# Ministry of Flowers

Thank you so very much for the donations which you have given us towards providing the church flowers at PMC.



These gifts make such a difference to the flowers that we can put in the church and which give so much pleasure to many.

Should you like to make a donation towards this ministry, please contact Marion Todd or a member of the Flower Team.

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We are also in need of some extra help distributing flowers following the Tuesday service.

These flowers are delivered to those who are unwell, lonely, in need or have a special occasion.

Please contact the Circuit Office or a member of the Flower Team if you would like to get involved!

JOIN US ON  
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH  
7PM @ PMC

# CEILIDH

HOT FOOD SERVED AT 7PM

MUSIC FROM  
'THE TAILGATE BUSKERS'

ADULTS - SUGGESTED DONATION £10  
KIDS - FREE

SIGN UP VIA  
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OR  
CONTACT THE CIRCUIT OFFICE.  
01768 862787

Ruth & Helen will be providing hot food on the evening. Please contact them if you wish to help or would like to contribute a pudding.

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## Foodbank

The Foodbank are currently in need of tinned vegetables, Pot Noodles and INSTANT Pasta (no baked beans).



## PMC Sunday Coffee

Please may we have volunteers to serve tea & coffee after the service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February? Either sign the list in the kitchen or contact us in the office if you can help.

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## Eco Church Award

A few months ago, Cottage Wood Centre registered with the A Rocha UK's Eco Church award scheme. This is 'for churches in England and Wales who want to demonstrate that the gospel is good news for God's earth'.

After discussing this together as a congregation, we agreed that we would like to play our part in caring for the environment and adapting what we do in order to become better stewards of all that God has provided. Registering to become an Eco Church is a straightforward process and the survey that you complete can be added to over time as you make more changes and see where even the small things can make a difference. It is not only to do with the church building itself, but also the activities and actions of the congregation and working within the community.

We are really pleased that we have recently been granted a silver award and are grateful to Gill Williams for her work on completing this on our behalf.

As well as the award scheme A Roche UK provide lots of resources and information to help any church congregation work towards being more environmentally friendly. Super Swap Saturday in December was our first dedicated eco event and we hope to have other activities in the coming months to continue our work in this area.

If anyone else is wondering about pursuing this, then please do have a word with either Gill or myself, and we would be pleased to support you in any way we can.

Carolyn Dickinson.







**PIMC**  
**LOUNGE**

Our Warm Space comes to an end in March, however we are still in need of volunteers until then!

If you would like to help and are available on 24th February or 24th March, 10am-12noon, please contact the Circuit Office.



**WARM SPOTS**



**YOUNG VOCATIONS DAY**  
4<sup>th</sup> March  
2023

- *Is God calling you to serve in his church?*
- *Come and explore what adventures are in store*
- *If you are over 16 and considering your calling, you are so welcome to join us!*

Hear from:

**JONNY BAKER**  
&  
**BISHOP ROB SANER-HAIGH**

10am-3:30pm  
Rheged Discovery Centre  
Penrith CA11 0DQ  
Blue Room

Lunch Provided

# INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS?

We are currently looking for

- **Property Steward** – we have a brilliant Property Team, but are in need of someone to head it – speak to Rev. Tim if you'd like to know more
- **HR Team Member** – working alongside the current HR Team to keep on top of legislation, pay scales, duty of care, etc. – speak to Rev. Tim for more info
- **Twinkly Tots Volunteer** – as the group continues to expand, we are in need of a couple of people to help prepare snacks and drinks (this could be alternate weeks!)
  - contact Trace if you'd like to get involved
- **Librarian** – we would really like to get the library up and running again for people to use, although this won't be a big role it would be amazing if a couple of people would be able to help keep it tidy and relevant for people to use
  - speak to Rev. Tim or the Circuit Office if you think you could help

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

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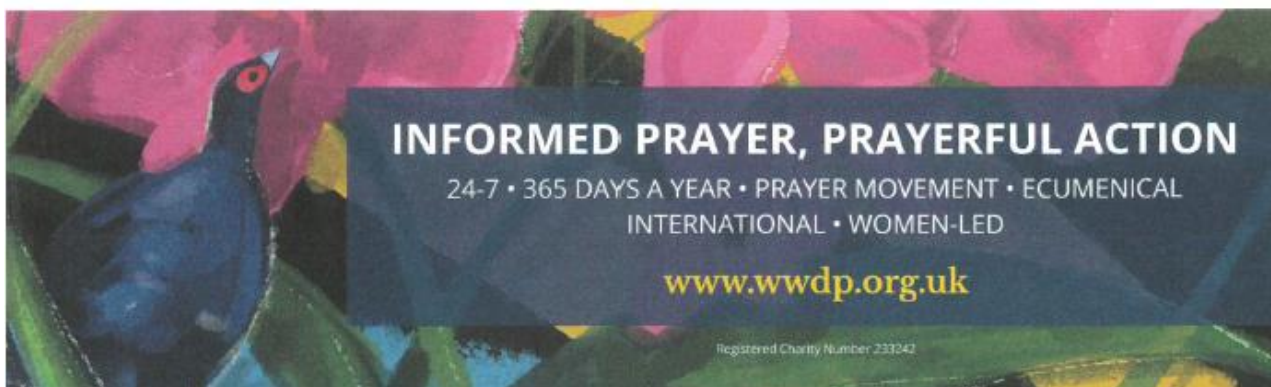
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**Lucy Pullan:** 01768 898386; **Morgan Tebb-Roger:** 07949 156051

**Ruth Gardiner:** 01768 863412

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

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