

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 19th February 2023



Hymns

Last Sunday at Skelton we had a 'Hymn Service'. Members of the congregation chose their favourite hymns with the opportunity to say why they had been chosen, we learned about the authors of the hymns and the background to their writing. We considered what message each one conveyed.

This set me thinking about the whole issue of hymns and songs used in our worship. For Methodists, singing is in our DNA – as much a part of worship as the spoken words. Whether we consider ourselves good at singing or not, joining together in music speaks to our very being.



Our hymns and songs cover a wide range of subjects. Mostly they speak to God, inviting our praise and worship, our asking for forgiveness and help, celebrating the events of the life of Jesus, pouring out our questions and needs about how to live the Christian life and our concerns for the needs of all. If the words are very familiar to us, it is easy to repeat them by

rote and not consider their meaning. Perhaps we just get lost in the tune! Do we recognise that those who provide our music are leading our worship as well as the preacher?

Although hymns are usually shared in Public Worship, they can be so much more valuable to us. How often do lines from hymns/songs come to us as we live life each day? As we do our daily work, or take a walk, or drive the car, we can find ourselves remembering words which can speak to us (and our needs) just at that time. So many hymns are based on Bible texts and God has used the hymn writers to convey his truths to us.

Have you ever just stopped to read the words and let them sink into your minds? We can find ones we do not know and discover that they give us new truths and insight. So, we thank God for the gift of song, enabling us to draw near to him.

As hymn 157 in Singing the Faith reminds us:

God has spoken – by his prophets.
God has spoken – by Christ Jesus
God has spoken – by the Spirit.

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Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

Reading: Matthew 17:1-9

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev. Dave Milner

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Early Evening Communion ~ Rev Dave Milner

Thought for the week

“This is my Own,
my Beloved,
on whom my favor rests.
Listen to him!”

MATTHEW 17:5

Weekly Diary

Monday 20th February

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate Room/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 21st February

- 10am** ~ Midweek Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke – Church/PMC
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 11am** ~ 4F – Ullswater/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- No** Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 22nd February

- 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.*)
- 7.30pm** ~ Just Economics Lent Course, 1 Lowther Terrace, Penrith (*Contact Sarah & Chris Hulme for further details, sarahchrishulme@gmail.com*)

Thursday 23rd February

- No** Twinkly Tots

Friday 24th February

- 10am - 2pm** ~ Warm Spaces – Sandgate/PMC
- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- No** ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 26th February

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- 7pm** ~ Encounter ~ PJ Summers & Morgan Tebb-Roger
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Morgan Tebb-Roger
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson
- Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm** ~ Zoom Sharing Service

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

Just
ECONOMICS

**JOIN US ON
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH
7PM @ PMC**

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HOT FOOD SERVED AT 7PM

**MUSIC FROM
'THE TAILGATE BUSKERS'**

**ADULTS - SUGGESTED DONATION £10
KIDS - FREE**

**SIGN UP VIA
PENRITHMETHODIST.CO.UK
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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### **Penrith Mission Area Lent Groups**

There will be two Penrith Mission Area Lent Groups meeting on Wednesdays during March starting on 1 March at 7.15pm. One will be at 2 Sand Croft, hosted by Chris and Chenda Nuttall and the other will be at 42 Crocus Avenue, hosted by Barry and Trish Halls.

Both will be studying 'A Way through the Wilderness' based on Isaiah 40 and all are welcome to join.

For more details contact Chris Nuttall on [cnuttallx2@aol.com](mailto:cnuttallx2@aol.com) or 01768 744936.

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<p><i>Healing Service 5th March 2023</i></p>	<p>The Healing Service originally planned for March 12th will now be held on March 5th. Please continue to pray.</p>
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Bear care!

Sarah Harris, who is a part of PMC's amazing Worship Group, is away 11th - 18th March and would like to ask if anyone would be kind enough to take care of Bear while she is away – he has a lovely nature and just look at that smile!

If you can help, please contact Sarah on 07954 249 151



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### **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).

## Turkey & Syria Earthquake Emergency Donations

'Following the devastating news, All We Can will be responding to the earthquake and rescue efforts.'



Methodist  
relief and  
development

Our initial response is centred in Syria given access to existing networks for the most vulnerable, through our partners in the region.

We have supported with Refugees prior to the earthquake and will continue to support them during this time of extended vulnerability.'

Donations can be made via the following link

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/donate/syrian-earthquake-emergency-donations/>

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The graphic features a background image of a person's hands holding a red mug, with a plaid blanket draped over their lap. The background is a soft-focus view of green foliage through a window. In the top left corner, there is a white square containing the IMC logo (a stylized cross) and the word 'LOUNGE' in bold black letters. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo with a yellow-to-orange gradient and the words 'WARM SPOTS' in white. A white text box in the center-right contains the following text:

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.

21st
FEB

4F @ PMC

Wordsworth Street, Penrith

**TUESDAY 21ST
FEBRUARY
11AM-2PM**



**Fun Games | Indoor Sports
Arts & Crafts
Snacks, Drinks & a Hot Lunch
Plus a Lot More...**

**For more info or to register:
admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk**

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

YOUNG VOCATIONS DAY

4th 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2023

FRIDAY 3 MARCH

A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE!

I have heard
about your faith



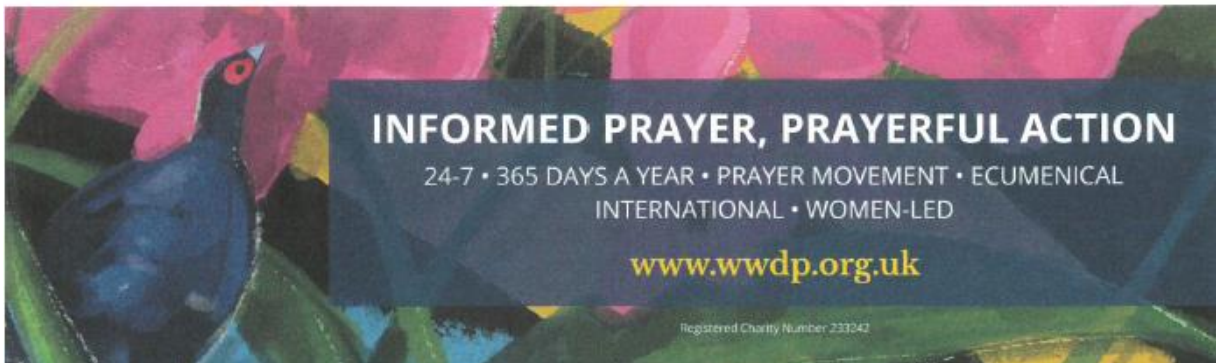
CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENRITH

DO COME AND JOIN US:

TAIWAN IS OUR THEME

Penrith Quaker Meeting House

FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 10am



Contact Details:

Superintendent: Rev. Tim Cooke: 01768 890465 or
email: tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk

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Circuit Administrative Manager: Sarah Mulheron

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Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson

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

Ruth Gardiner: 01768 863412; **Marion Todd:** 01768 868255

Eden Debt Centre Manager (CAP) ~ Jon Cook: 07464 939138
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Cottage Wood Centre - Please send a request to join our Facebook group.

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk

All services are on You Tube

Follow us on Twitter @PMCmethodists and on Facebook

Let's stay connected with one another!

