



Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 5th March 2023

Risk and Renewal

We are now well into the second week of Lent.

Lent, of course, is the 6-week journey we take leading to Holy week, where Jesus is taken and crucified, and then on to Easter Sunday and the joy of resurrection.

During Lent our lectionary readings lead us to consider some of the stories of Jesus life, and then the events of the Passion.

These include the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness; Jesus meeting a Samaritan woman at a well and asking for water; the visit of Nicodemus at night for fear of being spotted; the healing of a blind man on the sabbath; the raising of Lazarus from the dead; and the betrayal, trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

All these stories include elements of risk. Risk, of course, for Jesus and His disciples, but also risk for Nicodemus, Lazarus, and many others.

They also include stories of Renewal - atonement. People are reconciled to God and one another, made whole, given life.

Risk and Renewal. Isn't that what Jesus was doing by going to the cross – risking His life to reconcile us to God – to renew our relationship and give us life?

But it also makes me think – and maybe it should make us all think during Lent – about our own response to both Risk and Renewal.

What about Renewal in our own lives?
Who do I need to make whole? Who do I need to reconcile myself to? Who can I bring atonement to? What should I do that I have not yet done to bring restoration?

And what about Risk? Am I prepared to take the risk to make things right? Does my self-preservation trump my sense of courage to act for justice and healing for others? Will I be prepared to step out of my comfort-zone and make a difference?



Maybe it's not just the disciples who desert Jesus, or betray Jesus? Maybe we can too? Who, or what, do I need to stand up for - to stay and not run? To act and not sleep? Who should I risk defending in order to bring wholeness and renewal to their life?

Being a follower of Jesus is risky. It is uncomfortable. But being a follower of Jesus means enabling life and renewal - not just for us, but for everyone!

Rev. Tim



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Healing Service ~ Rev. Gillian Belford

'What's in a name?'

Readings: Luke 17: 11 - 19

(Please Note: No Church lunch after the service)

Skelton Methodist Church

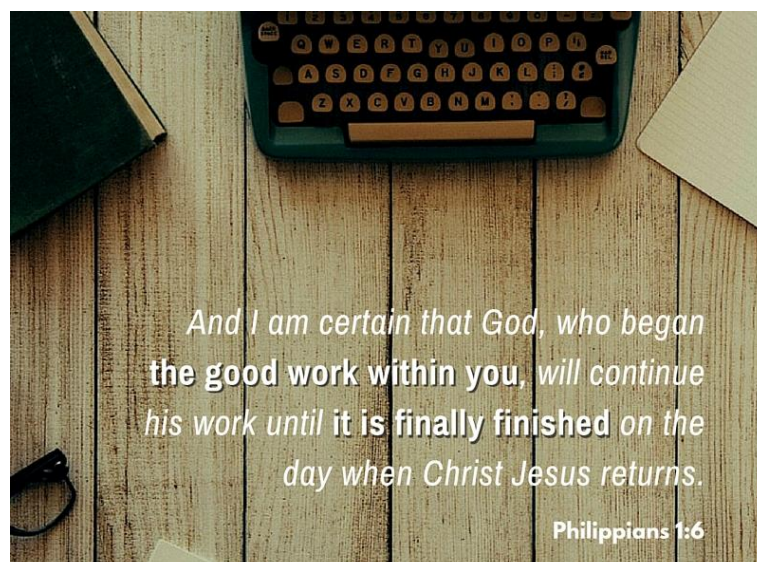
10.30am ~ Morning Communion – Rev. Tim Cooke

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger



Weekly Diary

Monday 6th March

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

1.30pm ~ Lent Course – Stainton Methodist Church

2pm ~ Skelton Church Council Meeting – Skelton Methodist Church

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate Room/PMC

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 7th March

10am ~ Midweek Service ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson – Church/PMC

NO ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

12 noon ~ Lent Lunch – Ullswater/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 8th March

10am ~ 3Cs – 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.*)

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

Thursday 9th March

1pm ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC

1.30pm ~ Take Tea Out – Cottage Wood Centre – *Contact Sheila Mallinson to book*

Friday 10th March

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

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

7.30pm ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Saturday 11th March

9.30am ~ Prayer Breakfast – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 12th March

Penrith: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship with Baptism ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Patterdale: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

All Saints Church, Calthwaite: 3pm ~ Something New ~ Rev. Mark Houston
(No service at Cottage Wood Centre)

THE SEASON OF

Lent

Churches Together in Penrith
Lent Lunches

TUESDAY 7TH MARCH, PMC, 12NOON

TUESDAY 14TH MARCH, QUAKER MEETING HOUSE,
12NOON

TUESDAY 21ST MARCH, THE SALVATION ARMY,
12NOON

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, ST CATHERINE'S, 1PM

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL, CHURCH IN THE BARN,
12NOON

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**Skelton Afternoon Tea**

The next Afternoon Tea will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March,  
3pm at Skelton Methodist Church.

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'Something New'

Sunday 12th March at 3 pm at All Saints, Calthwaite

Led by the Revd Mark Houston with a speaker from Living Water Adopt-A-Child

Refreshments served and all welcome.



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### **Lent Course**

Each Monday during Lent there will be a relaxed and friendly, ecumenical Lent Course, 1.30pm at Stainton Methodist Church. There will also be refreshments.



### **Sponsorship of Ukraine Family**

We have a friend 'Olha' who is from Ukraine and now living in Penrith to escape the troubles. As the war rages on, her sister and her 16 year old son are also now wanting to come over to the UK to live while the war continues.



If there is anyone who might be prepared to sponsor this lady and her son by providing lodging in their home, please let Tim know.

Thanks.



11TH MARCH @ PMC

# CHURCH PRAYER BREAKFAST

JOIN US AT 9:30AM FOR BREAKFAST;  
BACON BUTTIES, PASTRIES, AND TOAST  
AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE  
LENT REFLECTIVE PRAYER SPACES

IF YOU CAN'T MAKE BREAKFAST,  
THE PRAYER SPACES WILL  
BE OPEN TIL 12 NOON,  
SO POP IN ANYTIME!

# 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

## Making Your Gifts Go Further

All cash in the offering basket and contactless donations up to £30 are worth an extra 25% to the Church and there is a particular opportunity between now and April 5<sup>th</sup> when we submit our next claim.

This is separate to the Gift Aid Scheme and you don't have to be tax payer.

Thank you for your support.





## Help needed in Greystoke!

We need you to join our group to bring the Easter Story to the children of Greystoke and Penruddock Schools on 29th March.

We have an urgent need for more people who can join our team.

We need actors - minimal experience required! Just a heart to communicate God's love to the next generation. We need conversation guides to aid reflection.

Contact Daphne on [dehriij@gmail.com](mailto:dehriij@gmail.com)



## 8 YEARS OF OUTREACH for the Carlisle Homeless Refuge



'It's better to light a candle  
than curse the darkness'

ANYTHING KITCHEN  
'little to large'  
a BIG collection

Tuesday 18th April, PMC,  
9am-10.30am

Please help.

Thank you,  
Jeannette & Keith

### Contact Details:

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**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

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

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