

# Penrith Methodist Circuit

## Weekly Bulletin

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023



#### 'The Love Potion' by Evelyn De Morgan

At the moment, at Tullie House Museum in Carlisle, there is an exhibition of Pre-Raphaelite art based around the theme of the legends of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

This painting caught my eye.

It's by Evelyn De Morgan and it shows Sir Tristan with his lover Isolde. That's them through the window in the distance. The story is that King Mark of Cornwall sent Tristan to fetch his bride Isolde over from Ireland, but somehow, they drank a love potion on the way and so tragically fell in love with one another. This painting, then, shows the sorceress mixing a love potion.



"The Love Potion" By Evelyn De Morgan -  
<https://artsandculture.google.com/asset/the-love-potion-evelyn-de-morgan/EgF0gpSzDobY8Q>,  
Public Domain,  
<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=1147033>

However, it's not all as pagan as it might at first seem. Evelyn De Morgan has chosen her palette of colours quite consciously to give a hidden meaning. Black (the cat in the bottom right) stands for sin and ungodliness. There is a white towel behind the sorceress on the bench, and white stands for purity. To get to the purity, we need the red blood of Jesus, and there, on the tapestry to the left, are red lions (the "Lion of Judah" – Rev. 5.5). All of which leads us to the gold of her dress, which speaks of Divinity and holiness.

The woman in gold, holds a chalice and is pouring something into it. Perhaps it's a reminder to us as Christians that the real "love potion" isn't something brewed up by witches. Instead, it's in the communion service with the bread and chalice that we are reminded just how much God loved the

world and poured out his love, so that we ourselves can move from the blackness of sin, to one day be clothed in royal robes of righteousness. (Is. 61:10)

The exhibition at Tullie House is on until June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well worth a visit!

**Rev Dave**



**Penrith Methodist Church**

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

**Readings:** Mark 15:16-20; John 13:1-20

**Skelton Methodist Church**

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

**Stainton Methodist Church**

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

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**3pm ~ Early Evening Communion** ~ Rev. David Milner  
(Church Council to follow)

**Thought for the week**



# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 1.30pm** ~ Lent Course – Stainton Methodist Church
- 2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate Room/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

## **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- 10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Rev. Gillian Belford – Church/PMC
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 12 noon** ~ Lent Lunch – The Salvation Army, Penrith
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

- 1pm** ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC

## **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- 10am - 2pm** ~ Warm Spaces – Sandgate/PMC
- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Ruth Combellack
- Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm** ~ Zoom sharing service



Wishing Alan and Peggy Gawthrop a very happy 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!



We would like to wish everyone Happy Mother's Day from all at PMC.

Flower posies will be available following the service on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March.



THE SEASON OF

*Lent*

Churches Together in Penrith  
Lent Lunches

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TUESDAY 21ST MARCH, THE SALVATION ARMY,  
12 NOON

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

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



# HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Love

## Monday 3rd April

7pm - Taize - Lazonby  
Joan Wager & John Doidge-Harrison

## Tuesday 4th April

7pm - Celtic Evening Prayer - Renwick  
Julie Barret

## Wednesday 5th April

7pm - Evening Prayer - Langwathby Chapel  
Bishop Graham Dow & Rev K Butterfeild

## Maundy Thursday 6th April

7:30pm - The Garden of Gethsemane - Penrith  
Methodist Church  
Rev. Tim Cooke

## Good Friday 7th April

7.30pm - Golgotha - Skelton  
Mrs Lois Morton

## Easter Eve, Saturday 8th April

8pm - Easter Vigil - Skirwith  
Rev. Fiona Jenkins & Rev. Andrew Burrell

## Easter Sunday 9th April

6.30am - Early Morning Communion -  
Cottage Wood Centre  
Rev. Dave Milner

10.30am - Morning Communion -  
Penrith Methodist Church  
Rev. Tim Cooke

10.30am - Morning Communion - Skelton  
Rev. Dave Milner

10.30am - Morning Worship - Stainton  
Mrs Lois Morton



## 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.



## 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.

## 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.

Thank you for your support.



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## CAP Money Lead

We are actively seeking someone to head up our ministry of CAP Money Courses.

As the cost of living affects us all, the need for help in budgeting our money has never been greater. CAP Money is getting more demand than any CAP service right now, and we are keen to run a series of CAP Money courses to help people with managing their finances. We are also getting demand from Social services who have clients they want to direct to a CAP money course.



Is this something you have a heart for? Is this something you could help with?

Full CAP training will be provided, and the CAP Money lead can run as few or as many courses as they feel able to.

For more information, please speak to Tim, Jon or Steve.

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## Sleeping Bags for Turkey & Syria

Gordon Dugmore (at Dacre and Stainton) is collecting sleeping bags to assist the many people affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria. If you have any sleeping bags you are no longer using and would like to donate, please call or email Gordon to arrange a collection -Tel: 07546 082324 or email: [revgordondugmore@gmail.com](mailto:revgordondugmore@gmail.com)

Alternatively, it is understood you can also deliver sleeping bags to the AlpKit shop in Keswick.

Join us in the run-up to Easter as we consider different

# *Scenes of Passion*

Sunday 19 March PMC 10:30 - **MOTHERING SUNDAY** - **The Upper room**  
(PJ Summers)

Sunday 26 March PMC 10:30 - **The Courtyard of the High Priest**  
(Rev. Tim Cooke)

Sunday 2 April PMC 10:30 - **PALM SUNDAY** - **The Road to Jerusalem**  
(Morgan Tebb-Roger)

Maundy Thursday 6 April 7:30pm PMC - **The Garden of Gethsemene**  
(various voices)

Good Friday 7 April 7:30pm Skelton - **Golgotha**  
(Lois Morton)

Sunday 9 April 10:30 PMC - **EASTER SUNDAY** - **The Empty tomb**  
(Rev. Tim Cooke)





**SUNDAY  
LUNCH**

**2ND APRIL**

**FOLLOWING THE  
MORNING SERVICE**



**SOUP**



**CRUSTY  
BREAD**

**CAKE**

**ALL ARE  
WELCOME  
TO JOIN US!**







# Easter

## 4F SESSIONS

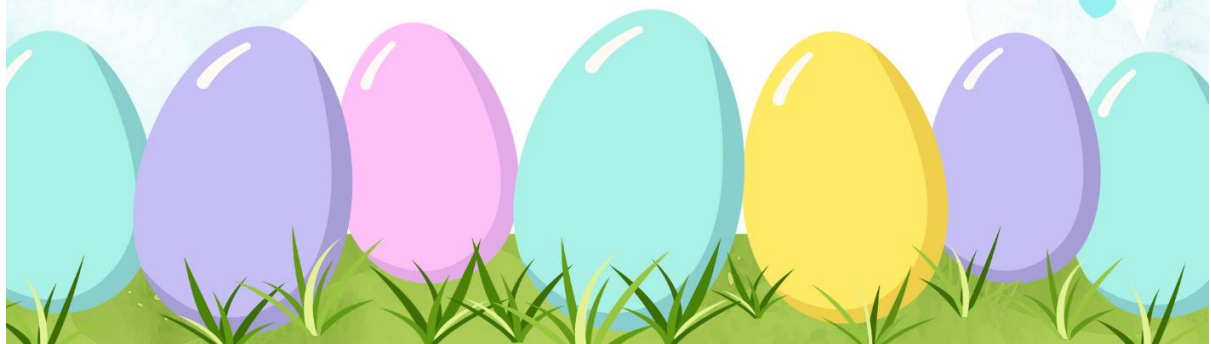


CRAFTS | GAMES  
INDOOR SPORTS | FOOD

Tuesday 4th April  
Wednesday 12th April  
11am-2pm

Penrith Methodist Church  
Wordsworth Street, Penrith

Contact [admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)  
to book your place



**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

**Easter  
Offering  
2023**



**NO BORDERS  
TO GOD'S LOVE**

On Tuesday April 25th, the  
10am worship will be an  
abridged version of this  
year's  
Easter Offering Service,  
'No borders to God's love'.

The monies collected at  
this act of worship are all  
for the Methodist Church  
World Mission Fund

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

**PMC Website:** [www.penrithmethodist.co.uk](http://www.penrithmethodist.co.uk)

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