

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 9th July 2023



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and He will make your paths straight.” [Proverbs 3. 5-6]

Many people have this verse as their favourite Bible promise. But, I wonder, what does it really mean to trust God with all our heart?

My painting this month, I think might be slightly satirical. Who here displays the greatest faith or trust? Is it the Catholic Priest, who is tucking away inside his Bible or prayer book the National Lottery tickets he has just bought? Or is it the little girl who secretly kisses the hem of the priest's cassock behind him?



John Phillip - *“La Loteria Nacional: Buying the Tickets”*
(1866) McManus Art Gallery, Dundee

Perhaps the artist is having a little laugh at the priest for not trusting in God to supply all his needs. Is this an example of Christian Hypocrisy? Is it hypocritical of him to put his trust in the Lottery numbers rather than in God's provision? Actually... as a Methodist I really do see great potential harm in gambling and do **not** recommend it to anyone! But I don't think this priest is really doing much harm here, is he?

And, in the end, this isn't really what I think those words from Proverbs are actually all about. “Trust in the Lord... Lean not on your own understanding.” Jesus asks us to do some pretty breath-taking and counter-intuitive things. For instance, he says, if someone hits you on one cheek, let them have the other one, too. If a soldier forces you to carry his load for a mile, take it two miles. Go on... Go the

extra mile. If someone wants the shirt off your back, give them your coat as well. If someone borrows money from you, don't expect it back... We hear all of this and want to say, "Really, Jesus? You aren't serious, are you?" None of this makes sense to our own understanding.

However, as crazy and absurd as these words of Jesus sound, they are our instructions on how to live in, and to build up, the Kingdom. Let us take Him at His word. Trust Him... As the old hymn used to say, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way..."

It would be hypocritical not to!

Rev. Dave



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

"The Battle Within: Embracing God's Victory"

Readings: Psalm 45: 10 – 17; Romans 7: 15 – 25a

St. Patrick's Church, Patterdale

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

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

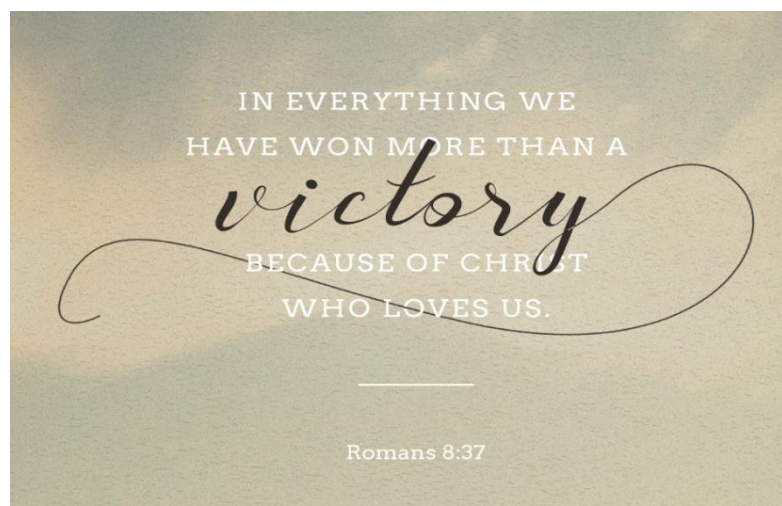
Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

All Saints Church, Calthwaite

3pm ~ Something New Service

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 10th July

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship - Skelton Methodist Church
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Safeguarding Training – Ullswater/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 11th July

- 10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson - **Sandgate/PMC**
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 12th July

- 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 13th July

- 1.30pm** ~ Take Tea Out – Cottage Wood Centre – *Contact Sheila Mallinson to book*
- 2pm** ~ Parklands HG – Northgate, Milburn

Friday 14th July

- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 16th July

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Healing Service ~ Rev. Gillian Belford
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger
- Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

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## **PMC Tuesday Service – Change of Room**

***As Brunswick School are having their Leavers Service in the Church this Tuesday, please note that the Midweek Service will be in the Sandgate Room instead.***





## Reminders for This Weekend

# District Gathering

Creating our Future  
**Together**



**Cumbria**  
Methodist District

**Saturday 8th July 2023**  
**9:30am—1:00pm**

**St Andrew's Church Rooms, Penrith**  
**(St Andrew's Place, Penrith CA11 7XX)**

On Saturday 22nd April our District Synod called on us all to prayerfully consider the possibility of creating one, Countywide Circuit. We are inviting you all to join with us as members from across the Circuits in looking at how this could be.

**For this event to work we need to hear your thoughts. Will you be with us on the day?**

Please register via our District Administrator, Carolyn Dickinson  
cumbriamethodistdistrict@outlook.com or telephone: 07727 415400  
to aid us with our planning for the day.

*Our aim is for every Circuit to be represented*

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Wedding Invite - Saturday 8th July

Amy & Phillip Chapman would like to invite the PMC Church family to their wedding on Saturday 8th July, 11am at PMC. A garden party is to follow at their home at Newby Hall, Newby, CA10 3EX and all are welcome to attend.

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### **Safeguarding Foundation Course**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 7 - 9pm at PMC.**

This safeguarding training is open to anyone who would like a refresher course, but is also aimed at anyone helping with Holiday Club this year. Please contact the Circuit Office to book your place.



## **Sedbergh Methodist Circuit**

warmly invites you to join us at a

Farewell Service

for



**Rev David & Mrs Sarah Crouchley**

on Saturday 15 July 2023

at Cornerstone Community Church,  
New Street, Sedbergh LA10 5AF

at 2.30pm

followed by afternoon tea

The service will be led by  
Rev Dr James Tebbutt,  
Chair of the Cumbria District  
and the preacher will be  
Rev Richard Teal

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Healing Service

Sunday 16th July, 10.30am at PMC
Led by Rev. Gillian Belford

Please pray for the prayer team and
all who attend the service.



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### **PMC Sunday Coffee Rota**

Thank you to those who have volunteered  
so far to help with Sunday coffee.

We currently need people for 16<sup>th</sup> July,  
6<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> August. Please sign the rota in  
the kitchen.



**The Bouncing Books Foundation Event**  
**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 7pm, at Penrith Golf Club**



**THE BOUNCING BOOKS FOUNDATION** – a lovely charity providing English books to children in Tanzania so that they can go to senior school. Come and meet the founder, Rachel Ellyard (nee Jackson & ex UCC) at Penrith Golf Club Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 7pm



[www.bouncingbooks.org](http://www.bouncingbooks.org)



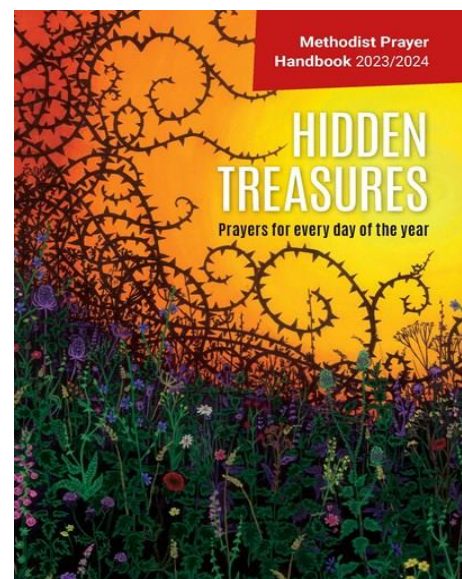
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Prayer Handbook 2023/24

'Hidden Treasures', the new Prayer Handbook, will be available to order until 30th July on the list in Reception. The handbook is a resource shared by Methodists throughout the world. It contains prayers for every day of the year, each day linking with different Christians at home and abroad.

The price is £4.15 per copy for a bulk order.

Best wishes, Judith Joyce.





Transport Required

Nora Maule who attends Lunch Club on Fridays, would also like to attend Sunday morning services, however, she is unable to make her own way here. If anyone would be able to help by giving her a lift to and from church, please contact her on 01768 864295.

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Brush-up your digital skills this summer, with an interactive Zoom tutorial with God for All Digital Enabler, Eleanor Ledesma. From total beginner to the more experienced, there should be a session for everyone.

- Mon 10 July – **Artificial Intelligence – an introduction and discussion** 7.30-9pm
- Wed 26 July - **Creating engaging Zoom sessions** 7.30-9pm
- Mon 31 July – **Facebook for total beginners** 7.30-9pm
- Mon 21 August – **Creating community with social media** 7.30-9pm

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Thanks to the grant which we have received for 4F, we are able to offer two outings to our lovely families who attend 4F regularly. One of these is an activity day at Penrith's new privately owned swimming/activity centre **'Woggle Goggle'**.

Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that some families do not own appropriate swimwear. With this in mind, I'm asking you to search your cupboards and drawers for any suitable swimwear – adults (mens and ladies) or childrens of any age – and towels which you may have no further use for.

If you can help, please leave in labelled bags (giving an idea of size/age and suitability) in the glasshouse.

Thank you once again for your continued support!



Supper Club

The first four months of Supper Club have now come to an end.

During this time there have been many opportunities for those taking part to meet up with others in the Church family. We have enjoyed good food, sincere friendship, chances to exchange news, put the world to rights and have some fun!

Supper club will start again in September and run until November.

It would be really good to welcome new people to join us.

If you would like to know more, please contact Margaret or myself (01931 714110) and we will be happy to talk about it.

OR :- Why not come along to our Summer get-together to find out more.

When & Where:- 2pm on Saturday July 22nd, our house in Morland

Enjoy a local walk and/or relax for afternoon tea.

If you would like to join us for this event, please call the number above or email johnngore214@btinternet.com (this will help in judging how much food will be required)

Thank you.

John & Margaret (Gore)





Pioneer Minister/Pastor opportunity

Full-time (3-year fixed term contract) in the Eden Valley, Cumbria

The East of Eden Mission Community is delighted to announce that we are seeking to appoint a Pioneer Minister/Pastor to join our ecumenical Ministry Team. This is a full-time lay role (but ordained people are very welcome to apply).

The pioneer will seek to establish and develop new worshipping communities and fresh expressions of the church across the Mission Community. He/she will develop our volunteer teams already reaching out in our quest for 'God for All'.

We are looking for a pioneer who loves Jesus, has a life of personal prayerfulness and a good grounding in the scriptures. In addition they should enjoy meeting people, be able to work with all ages, think creatively and encourage others within a team. The post will also involve encouraging the spiritual life of the existing communities both inside and outside the church.

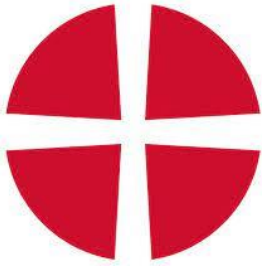
Salary: £28,825, plus pension provision
Housing is not provided but may be available to rent.

Information about the Mission Community is on the website: www.eastofedenmc.org.uk
For an informal discussion please contact: Dave Milner 01768 863209 dave@revmilner.plus.com or
Katharine Butterfield 01768 898176 kbutterfield@btinternet.com Joint Mission Community Leaders.

We are recruiting using the Methodist Church process but this it is an ecumenical appointment.
Please send completed application forms to Katharine or David (email addresses above)

Closing date: Friday 28th July
Interviews on Wednesday 16th August

Dates for Your Diary



East Cumbria Methodist Circuit Launch

A service to celebrate the launch of the new East Cumbria Methodist Circuit will be held at PMC on Sunday 3rd September at 10.30am.

This is an opportunity for everyone to join together as part of the new Circuit and will be the only morning worship that day.

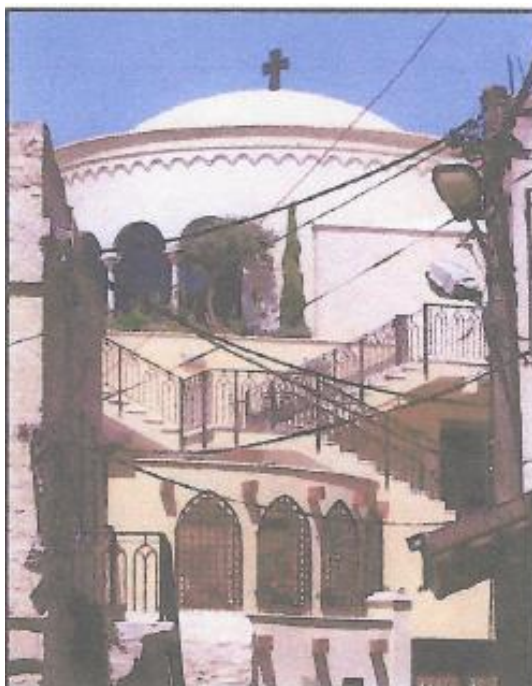
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**BRINGING US TOGETHER  
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**SEP 29TH - OCT 1ST 2023**

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## Living Christianity in the Holy Land.

A ten-day visit to Israel and Palestine  
with a particular focus upon the  
Christian Sites and Christian Community.

January 17<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

Organized through Global Relations Team of the  
Methodist Church.

For further details please contact  
[john\\_d\\_howard@hotmail.com](mailto:john_d_howard@hotmail.com)





to everyone for the cards  
and warm wishes on  
our engagement.

Sarah & PJ ♡

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**Administrative Assistant: Maureen Brunskill**  
**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

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or email: [joncook@capuk.org](mailto:joncook@capuk.org)

**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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