

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 23rd July 2023



Happy Holidays!



Last week, the schools all finished for the summer holidays. Whether you've children in your life or not, July and August are popular times to take a week or two's break somewhere. There are less 'meetings' (always a good thing!), and many of our clubs and activities are put on hold until September. Hopefully, the weather will be warm and sunny, and many of you will be planning to get away on vacation and relax!

You may remember from a devotion by Lois in this bulletin in May, that the word 'holiday' has a Christian origin. The word was derived from the Old English 'hāligdæg', from hālig (holy) + dæg (day)." Literally speaking, a "holiday" is a "holy day."

Historically this referred to specific holy days in the Christian liturgical calendar – especially Christmas, Easter, and Whitsun. On such holy days, people would often mix worship with social gatherings and activities. Others would embark on pilgrimages to visit holy sites.

Before Christianity, Judaism followed a similar pattern. For each Jewish religious festival, people would travel to Jerusalem to worship at the temple and join in the festivities. The Psalms are full of songs that were sung as people travelled. Psalm 122 begins: *'I was very glad when they said to me, "Let us go up to the house of the Lord." Jerusalem, our feet are standing inside your gates.'*

So *'holidays'* were *'holy days'*, when people sought a special encounter with God.

I wonder if you ever think about your holidays as holy days? Because, in many ways, they should be, and can be.

You see, as we start to unwind, and be still, and relax, and leave 'work' behind, there is always something sacred waiting to be discovered. As you rest, you become open to the God who wants to surprise you with His glory and restore you in spirit and soul – as well as physically.

So, as you take your holidays this year, may you also know them as holy days. Days when you meet God, encounter more of God's love, and know God's presence with you - giving healing, and restoration.

I'll leave you with a quote from the French Jesuit Priest Teilhard de Chardin: *'We have only to go a little beyond the frontier of sensible appearances in order to see the divine welling up and showing through... by means of all created things, without exception, the divine assails us, penetrates us and moulds us. We imagine it as distant and inaccessible, whereas in fact we live steeped in its burning layers'*.

May that be your experience. God waits to be discovered! Happy holy days!

Rev. Tim



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Beth Honey

'Walking with Muddy Boots'

Readings: Matthew 13: 24 - 30 and Romans 8: 12 - 25

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

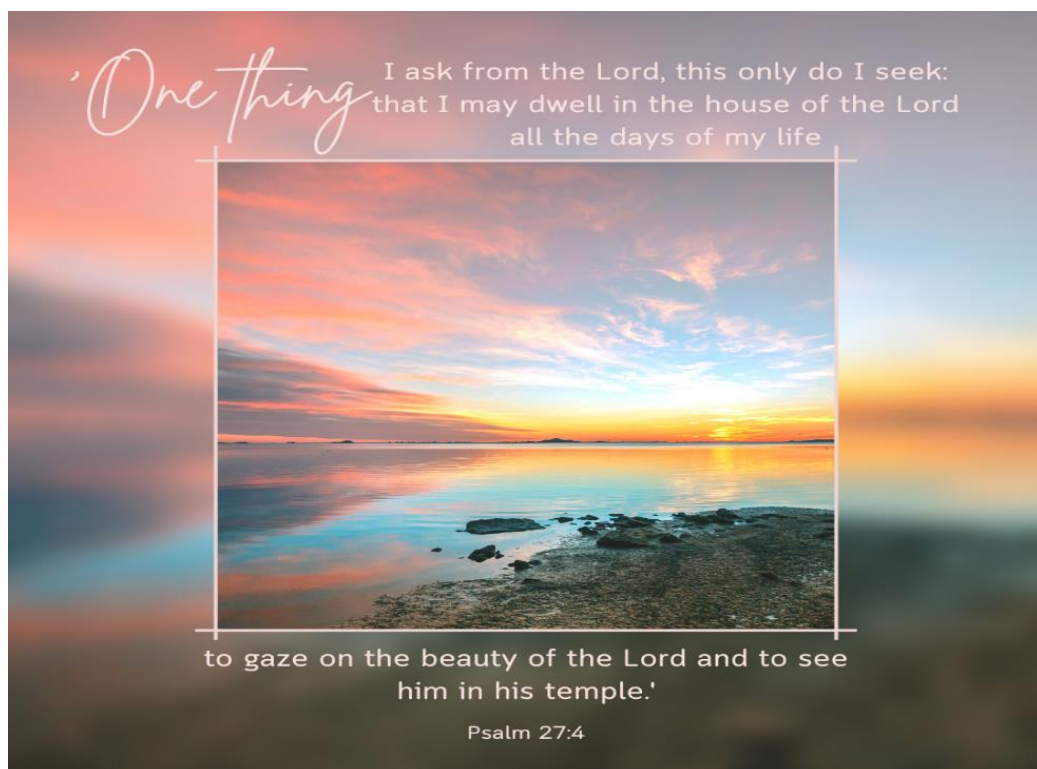
Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Sharing Service

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 24th July

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 25th July

10am ~ Midweek Service ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson - Church/PMC

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

7pm ~ London Youth Wind Band Concert – Church/PMC

7.30pm ~ Property Meeting – Tarn/PMC

Sunday 30th July

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

Patterdale: 10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Gillian Belford

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

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

Blencathra Mission Community: 3pm ~ Family Open Air Service – Calthwaite
(see separate notice)

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## **PMC Sunday Coffee Rota**

**Please sign the rota in the kitchen if you can help  
on either 6<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> August.**



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Reminder

Supper Club Summer Get Together

**Saturday 22nd July, 2pm at the home of
John & Margaret Gore in Morland.**

**If you wish to join them, please call 01931 714110
or email: johngore214@btinternet.com**

LONDON YOUTH WIND BAND

Musical Director Julie Beaman

Classical favourites

Music from Stage & Screen

Tuesday 25th July at 7pm

PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH

Wordsworth St, Penrith CA11 7QY



This is a free concert with voluntary donations to local charities. Concert hosted by Penrith Lions' Club.



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Following PMC's Annual Church Meeting a letter has been sent to all members and friends of PMC.

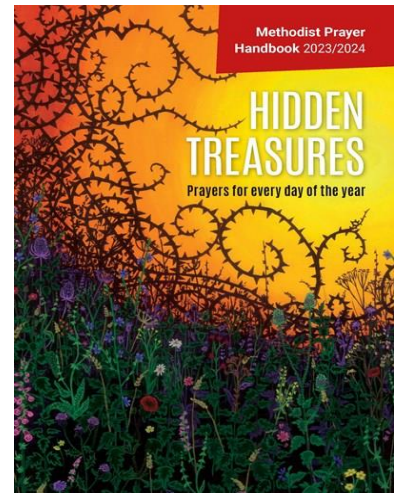
*The majority will be emailed however, some will be left on a table in reception to be collected.*

## 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.



# Family Open Air Service & BBQ



**Come and join churches from the Blencathra Mission Community for a Family Open Air Service, with live music, BBQ, ice cream van and fun for the kids.**

**Sunday 30 July 3pm-5pm  
Calthwaite Football Pitch**

### Tickets:

[Greystokevillage.co.uk/event/churchbbq](https://greystokevillage.co.uk/event/churchbbq)



# CUMBRIA METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN



Methodist Women  
in Britain



## *Afternoon Tea*

*Tebay Methodist Church*

**THURSDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2023**

**2pm - 4.30pm**

**Mrs Debs Coggrave describing  
'An Unexpected Journey'  
Followed by Afternoon Tea**

**Retiring Collection for District MWiB funds**

**For dietary needs or other queries  
contact Rev Jackie Betts 01768371598  
j.betts 321@btinternet.com**

Tebay Methodist Church is just off Junction 38 of M6  
Postcode – CA10 3XB – Good roadside parking

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### **Diary Dates 2023**

November 6-8<sup>th</sup> "Together at Thornleigh", our MWiB Residential;  
*"To Serve the Present Age"*

We are delighted to have leading us *Kathleen Pearson*, from Scotland.

# 4F @ PMC

## 2023 Summer Holiday Dates

Join us for lots of fun, games, crafts and lunch!

» Tuesday 1st August  
PMC, 11am-2pm

» Tuesday 8th August  
**Woggle Goggle**  
meet there at 11am

» Tuesday 22nd August  
PMC, 11am-2pm

» Tuesday 29th August  
**Walby Farm Park**  
meet at PMC @ 9.30am,  
arrive back at 4pm

**Booking is essential for  
8th & 29th August**

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

### Holiday Club!

» Monday 14th - Friday 18th  
August

To book your place go to  
[www.penrithmethodist.co.uk/holidayclub](http://www.penrithmethodist.co.uk/holidayclub)



**Wanna Have Fun!**  
**You are invited to come  
along and have fun**

*And much more!*

*Stone decorating*

**Gamblesby Village Green**

**Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
August 2023**

**Tuesday afternoon  
2-4pm**

*Kids badminton*

*Hop-scotch*

*Gug-o-war*

**Spend time making new friends, enjoy refreshments  
and keep the children occupied.**

**All Welcome**

*Football*

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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)

**Find our Sunday services on YouTube**

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**Let's stay connected with one another!**

