

# Penrith Methodist Circuit

## Weekly Bulletin

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023



#### A Day in the Lakes



So, this week I'm diverging slightly from our usual deep and theological reflection, to reflect on an event that took place last Thursday (August 10th). Churches Together in Penrith put on an event where nearly fifty refugees and asylum seekers, currently based in Newcastle, came along to Glenridding where they enjoyed an afternoon of food, crafts, walks and sports.

This Day in the Lakes was simply a way of blessing these people that have been through so much and gave an opportunity for them to see one of the most beautiful parts of the country.

It was a real privilege to be involved in this and to reflect on how this linked to my faith. I always ask the question '*where would Jesus be?*' I truly believe that Jesus would be out in the world speaking with those who are less fortunate than others. We often forget that Jesus and his family were refugees, forced to flee their own country due to a risk of death. I wonder what Jesus would say to the leaders of this world about their attitudes to refugees? Jesus was not one for the hypocrites or authoritarians. He was someone who went out of his way to recognise and liberate the poor and the marginalised. He had no agenda other than to show love to all and see justice reign.

For me, this CTiP event had no agenda, other than to show love and compassion to those who attended. This is what faith through action should look like and this is what I believe God truly wants- to come together and work to make this world a better place, rather than falling apart and squabbling about who's doctrines are 'more true'.



This week, I invite you to reflect on what *faith in action* looks like. How does your faith dictate your actions? And how can we bring those actions together to make this world a better place?

Morgan Tebb-Roger  
Pioneer Minister



**Penrith Methodist Church**

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

**Reading:** Exodus 33: 11 – 23

**St. Patrick's Church, Patterdale**

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

**Skelton Methodist Church**

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

**Stainton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs. Lois Morton

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Short Service with Barbeque to follow (see notice)

**A Prayer for Exam Results**

The Methodist News featured a prayer written by the Youth President, James Carver, for all those who will be receiving exam results in the next few days, and this is reproduced here:



*God of knowledge,*

*You told us not to be afraid.*

*Earlier this year, many children, young people and adults took examinations and are about to receive their results.*

*Thank you for the brilliance of young minds and for the staff, friends, and parents who supported them along the way.*

*Ease their anxieties and lift them up, support those who are discerning what to do next.*

*And no matter the grade, let them know they are worthy and that you are proud,*

*Amen*

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

**9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

**10am** ~ Holiday Club - PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

## **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

**10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson – *Stainton Methodist Church*

**10am** ~ Holiday Club - PMC

## **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

**10am** ~ Holiday Club - PMC

## **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**10am** ~ Holiday Club – PMC

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August**

**10am** ~ Holiday Club - PMC

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August**

**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke ~ *Lunch to follow*

**Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Dr. Nicola Price-Tebbutt

**Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm** ~ Evening Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

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## **Cottage Wood Centre – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in August there is no Something New service at All Saints, Calthwaite.

Instead, at Cottage Wood Centre, on 13<sup>th</sup> August we are having a short service at 5pm (outdoors if the weather allows) followed by a barbeque.

All Welcome



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## Midweek Service ~ Change of Venue

*Please note that the Tuesday Service on 15<sup>th</sup> August will be at Stainton Methodist Church due to the Holiday Club taking place at PMC.*



## Sad News

We are sad to announce that Irene Dobinson has passed away. Her funeral will be held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 1.30pm at Penrith Methodist Church.

Please hold all of Irene's family and friends in your prayers at this time.



PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH

**RISE UP**

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

AUGUST 14TH - 18TH

10AM - MIDDAY

FOR MORE INFO:  
[WWW.PENRITHMETHODIST.CO.UK/HOLIDAYCLUB](http://WWW.PENRITHMETHODIST.CO.UK/HOLIDAYCLUB)

## PMC Holiday Club Sunday Lunch

Next Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August, lunch will follow our Morning Worship. Baked potatoes, salads and home baked cakes.

All are welcome!





## Prayer handbooks

Please check your new handbook to see if all 31 days are present. At least one copy has days missing and I need to know how many replacements to order.

Thank you,  
Judith Joyce.

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**Be Boulder** weekend is our church family weekend where we can all come and share in God's love in this wonderful place. On this same weekend we also celebrate **150 years** at PMC.

I'm sure everyone will have some memories, photos, etc. Helen Brunskill is looking for anyone who would like to join her in looking for (or if anyone has any) memorabilia so we are able to decorate the church windows and possibly crush hall. If anyone is interested in getting involved, or has any ideas please get in touch with Helen!!

After the weekend it would be lovely if we could open the church and invite people of our community to come and look around.

Christian Meditation in Cumbria

## **Growing Awareness A Day of Gathering and Being**

**Saturday 19th August 2023**

**Langwathby Village Hall Penrith CA10 1NQ**

**10.00 for 10.30 start until 3.30pm**

An invitation to meditators and those interested in exploring meditation to join us for our Summer Day of Gathering to be held in the delightful village setting of Langwathby only 10minutes drive out of Penrith.

The theme of the day is about 'Growing Awareness' of that within us and around us and toward others. It will include times of meditation together, a guided walk with times of stilling and sensing (weather permitting) and later some led chanting and contemplation.

It will be a day to meet and share while we acknowledge Fr John Main's insight that *'meditation creates community'*

**Please bring your own lunch: Tea, coffee, cake and treats provided.**

**The day is provided FREE!**

**We would like to thank all who support and attend our events making it worthwhile for everyone.**

**To book a place please contact:**

**Heather Keogh email: [heatherandpeter@keoghfamily.co.uk](mailto:heatherandpeter@keoghfamily.co.uk)**

**01946 862831**

PS There is a large green grass area outside the village hall where we can picnic if the weather is good! You may wish to bring something to sit on.



# The Methodist Church

Rev Tim Cooke · Rev David Milner  
Circuit Administration Manager: Sarah Mulheron

Dear Friends,

It is nearly here! On September 1<sup>st</sup>, we will all become part of a new Circuit: The East Cumbria Methodist Circuit. It is formed from the merger of the Penrith Circuit and the Kirkoswald and Alston Moor Circuit. We have been working quite closely together for a while already, and there are existing links, friendships, and family ties between the two Circuits. The new Circuit geographically stretches from Alston to Patterdale, a distance of about 30 miles from end to end.

So, why the change? Why have the two Circuits merged to form one new Circuit? To be honest, some of the drive behind this has been what the Working Group has called "pragmatic necessity". Over the past decades in both Circuits there has been a gradual decline. Chapels have closed one by one, the number of members has dropped, and so the number of ordained ministers available has become fewer. Only having one ordained minister in a Circuit is not really wise, so joining our resources together across the area makes practical sense.

Methodist Circuits exist to organise resources in order to equip churches for mission and ministry. Here in Cumbria, we are committed to the ecumenical "God for All" strategy and Mission Communities. "God for All" encourages us to: Follow Daily, Care Deeply, Speak Boldly and Tread Gently. So, the aim of the new East Cumbria Circuit will be to help congregations to do those things, working in ecumenical partnership.

The new Circuit will be launched at a service on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 10.30am at Penrith Methodist Church. There will be no other Methodist services planned across the Circuit that morning, so we can all get together in unity to celebrate the beginning of this new chapter in God's work amongst us in East Cumbria. Please, make every effort to join us.

During the service we will be asking someone from each congregation to bring a greeting from their church. Then, they will be invited to come forward and light a candle on the table, around a central candle representing the new Circuit and our mission to let Christ's light shine in our communities. Please let us know as soon as possible who that will be.

After the service, we hope as many people as possible will be able to stay for a "Soup and a Sweet" lunch. Mix with friends that maybe you haven't seen for a while from right across the new Circuit or take the chance to make some new friends. Find out what God is doing in their part of the world. Please can we ask your congregation to bring some cake or tray bake to share (please avoid uncooked or cream-based items, if possible).

So... make a date in your diary for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, to celebrate with us the formation of The East Cumbria Methodist Circuit.

With love in Christ Jesus,

David Milner and Tim Cooke

# THINK WINTER

(Carlisle Refuge for the Homeless)

Already several people have asked 'when is the next BIG Autumn collection?'

As yet there is **no** fixed date, probably **mid/late** October.

Then **warm** winter clothing & soups (we would obviously collect our old favourites, kitchen items, bedding, etc.)

God bless and many thanks,  
Jeanette & Keith

This Way  
to the  
FUN

**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

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

Bug-o-war

All Welcome

Football





## ***Together at Thornleigh***

**6th – 8th November 2023**

***“To Serve the Present Age”***

***led by Kathleen Pearson***



There will be a full & varied programme, as always, with time for rest and relaxation. We might even have time for an in-house quiz again!!

So come and join us for our Autumn Residential and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual refreshment.

**Please take a leaflet from reception for full details and the booking form.  
Places are to be reserved by 20th August, along with a deposit.**

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### **Great North Run**

Isabella Sharrock is again running the Great North Run (10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023) – this time for ‘The Smile Train’.



Smile Train is the world’s largest cleft-focused organisation. It helps locate children in need, support medical professionals in training and provide comprehensive cleft care, including cleft surgery, speech therapy, dental rehabilitation and emotional support. The charity has changed, and will continue to change, the lives of so many people.

If you would like to sponsor Isabella, donations can be made via Isabella’s Just Giving page or kindly left in the Circuit Office

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-sharrock-1690038241292>

Many thanks,  
Kerrie Sharrock.

## Art Exhibition

My friend Christine currently has an exhibition at Gallery 4a, Corney Place, very close to PMC. It's all about our concerns for the climate and nature. Part of her exhibition is how we relate to the insects we hate eg: horseflies and wasps.

If anyone from PMC goes, do mention the link to me/PMC and you are likely to be offered a cup of tea and a chocolate ginger biscuit!

Thank you, Daphne Honey.



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**Corrie Ten Boom's 'The Hiding Place' (12A)  
is showing at the Alhambra Cinema in Penrith  
on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm.**

This is the famous story of how a family of Christians in Holland helped to rescue many Jews from the Nazis by hiding them in their home.



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

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