

# Penrith Methodist Circuit

## Weekly Bulletin

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023



#### Holiday Club Reflections – ‘A Simple Faith’



Well, we've just finished our week of Holiday Club at PMC, and what a week it's been! About 60 children have come every morning for games, crafts, songs, jokes, thinking about Bible stories and general madness created by PJ and Morgan!

And, as well as amazing kids, what an amazing bunch of volunteers we've had to help us! It's been exhausting, and frantic at times, but it's been a real blessing – for both the children and for all those involved!

We've followed a 'Bake Off' theme, but essentially, the spiritual message we've tried to deliver is how each of us is special, and loved by God, and we all belong in his family.

In Luke 9, Jesus reached out and took a child to His side. He held them close and said: *"Anyone who welcomes a little child like this in my name, welcomes me"*. Then a few chapters later, Jesus said that the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children.

Those verses remind me that what we've been doing this week at Holiday Club is modelling everything our gospel really means. In Church, we often make things complicated. But 'faith' should be quite simple really.



By taking a child to His side, Jesus showed us all we need to know about faith, and relationship with God. Our gospel (which means 'good news'), is simply that we are all special, and that we all belong. God reaches out to us – just like Jesus did to the child - and brings us to His side, and stands by us, and holds us, and loves us.

And that's it! *"If you welcome a child like this, you show what the Kingdom of God is all about"*, Jesus said. That's what we've been trying to show these children this week. But what we've been modelling with these kids is exactly what God wants for all of us.

Because God reaches to us too – and holds us, and loves us, and calls us part of His family. And it's as simple as that!



**Penrith Methodist Church**

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

**Readings:** Mark 6: 30 – 44; 1 Corinthians 12: 12 – 27

**Skelton Methodist Church**

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

**Stainton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Dr James Tebbutt

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Evening Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Thought for the Week**



# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August**

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

**7.30pm** ~ PMC Church Council Meeting – Beacon/PMC

**NO** Monday Zoom Prayer

## **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

**10am** ~ Midweek Communion Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke – Church/PMC

**10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

**10.30am** ~ 4F – Ullswater/PMC

**1.30pm** ~ Banner Workshop – Beacon/PMC

**1.30pm** ~ Funeral Service for the late Irene Dobinson – Church/PMC

## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

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

**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

**Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Sharing Service

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**Reminder -**

**PMC Holiday Club Sunday Lunch**

**A lunch of baked potatoes, salads and home baked cakes will follow the Morning Worship this Sunday.**

***It would be much appreciated if people could bring salads/sides and some home baking for pudding.***

***If you can help, please get in touch with Ange Wicker.***



## 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.



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## 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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**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-otch*

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

*Bug-o-war*

**All Welcome**

*Football*



**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.

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## ***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.**



# 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

*St. Patrick's Church Patterdale*

# *Go lovely rose*



*songs and instrumental music from the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> centuries*

*Michael Sanderson ~ baritone, violin & viola*

*Katharine May ~ harpsichord*

*Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September*

*6:00pm*

(See [www.edenvalleymusic.co.uk](http://www.edenvalleymusic.co.uk) for more information)

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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.

## PMC Sunday Coffee

We currently have no-one to provide tea & coffee after the service next Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August, so any offers would be appreciated.

Please also sign the rota in the kitchen for any dates you can help with during September.

Thank you.



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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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