

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 27th August 2023



Our Prayer

When I say the Lord's prayer, especially during a service, I often try to forget about myself and say the words as part of a community. It's not as easy as you might think. At every point you have to concentrate against the default which is **I'm** reciting this prayer rather than **we** are praying. The opening helps us though with a big reminder, "**Our** Father" not "my Father". I think there's so much more depth when you can identify as a family before God and that, I strongly believe, is how it is meant to be.



Emphasising **we** above **me** means that when we say 'Your will be done' we are asking for it to be done in our collective expression of church and other communities.

When we ask 'give **us** this day **our** daily bread' we have to be conscious that we are praying for the material and spiritual needs of those sitting around us and further afield. They are likely to be different to our own.

'Forgive **us**' might be hardest challenge – isn't this **my** opportunity to say sorry for personal failings and ask for much needed forgiveness? But the prayer Jesus taught doesn't encourage us to misappropriate it for personal application only: it is a communal prayer. We seek forgiveness for **us**.

But who are **us**? (Think "who is my neighbour?" kind of response). Don't we fail, not just individually, but as a faith community, as a nation, as humanity? If we identify with others as **us**, we can no longer 'other' **them**. (Remember the counter-example Pharisee's prayer in Luke 18: "God, I thank You that I am not like other people"!)

I saw a quote the other day saying that our contemporary over-emphasis of 'salvation' being solely 'personal' does an injustice to the truer purpose of the Gospel. Salvation is meant for communities and nations too. God so loved the **world**. Everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him.

Lead **us** Lord, even here in Penrith and deliver **us**.

Amen

Shane McNicol



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Readings: Psalm 13; Matthew 10: 40 - 42

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Sharing Service

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 28th August – Bank Holiday

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

NO Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 29th August

10am ~ Midweek Service ~ Mrs Ruth Combellack – Church/PMC

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

9.50am ~ 4F – Walby Farm Park Trip (*Bus leaving promptly at 10am*)

Sunday 3rd September

Penrith: 10.30am ~ East Cumbria Methodist Circuit Launch Service ~

Lunch to follow

(No other Methodist Services in the Circuit)

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## **PMC Sunday Coffee**

**We currently have no-one to provide tea & coffee after the service this Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> August.**

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

**Thank you.**



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Bank Holiday

Please note that the Circuit Office will be closed on Monday 28th August for the Bank Holiday.

New Circuit Launch

If anyone could prepare a cake, traybake or biscuits to have following the soup lunch on Sunday 3rd September, please bring them along on the morning of the service. *(Please avoid uncooked or cream-based items, and also include a list of ingredients with your contributions.)*



Many thanks.

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## Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing and Coffee Morning will be here at PMC on Saturday 14th October from 10.00 am. All are welcome to come and help.

This will be the 14th year we've packed communal boxes and many individuals and groups have done their own box/es in previous years.

Finish your knitting of teddies, glove puppets, hats, mitts and scarves. Look for small toys, cars, soft toys, balls, crayons, sharpened pencils, pens, rubbers, colouring books, paper, playing cards, flannels, soap, combs, toothbrushes, socks, t-shirts etc.

There are leaflets in Reception to guide you if you need ideas or if you want to do your own box. *Remember no liquids, sweets, toothpaste, war related items or used or damaged items.*

We are always grateful to receive donations towards transport costs as well. The deadline to complete boxes is mid-November. Thank you - Judith Joyce

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To The Church Family

Many thanks for the prayers, flowers, cards, phone calls, offers of shopping and collecting prescriptions during the weeks I was feeling under the weather.

Thank the LORD I am now much better and hope to get back to my daily routine.

God Bless you all and many thanks,
Mary Teasdale.





The Methodist Church

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

Dear Friends,

It is nearly here! On September 1st, 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, 3rd 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 3rd September, to celebrate with us the formation of The East Cumbria Methodist Circuit.

With love in Christ Jesus,

David Milner and Tim Cooke



***Online registration is now open or sign-up on the sheet in reception.**

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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### **Come and Sing Messiah**

This is taking place at St Oswald's Church, Kirkoswald on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm.

They are looking for singers and an audience. If you are interested in singing, it would be helpful if you have sung it before, but it is not necessary, providing you have some singing experience of similar material. If you have any questions about being involved as a singer, then you are asked to be in contact in advance – email: [komesiah@posteo.net](mailto:komesiah@posteo.net).

Tickets for singers and audience £10 – please phone: 01768 898688.

*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 (10th 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.

Advance Notice

Plants along the Wall at Fairfield and Little Fairfield Wordsworth Street.

Saturday 30th September, starting at 10am.

No money taken but please give a donation to a favourite charity.

Donations of plants and 'gardenalia' welcome.



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

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk

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Let's stay connected with one another!

