



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 1st October 2023

Be Boulder?

It's worth a reminder of the theme of PMC's Church Weekend, especially as we've kept the title from last year.



It's a play on words, not a spelling mistake, calling us as a Church to be both 'bolder' in our mission, and 'boulder', in our understanding of what it means to be a church of 'living stones':

*As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him— you also, **like living stones**, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*

1 Peter 2: 4,5.

In our exploration session last year, I shared that the leaders had been looking at various Old Testament passages to see what might have influenced Peter to coin such a phrase. The setting up of stones in Israel's past were markers of historic significance, reminders of God's interventions such as the crossing of the Jordan in Joshua 3 & 4 with miraculous receding waters on route to the Promised Land, or the very personal encounter of blessing which Jacob had at Bethel in Genesis 28. But the stones in these and other narratives were called to be more than reminders, they were appointed to be witnesses of these great events.

That's why, I think, there's much more depth to Peter's words than us simply coming together somehow to make a community. Of course, we want to celebrate PMC's 150-year anniversary and give thanks for the many memories and those who have served before us, but we are called to do more than remember. In our generation we too must be living witnesses to the ongoing work of Jesus for us, in us, and through us.

And that's why there was no rush to find a new theme for the weekend – the 'living stones' message is one we probably need an annual reminder of! So come as you are, ready to share, with the expectation that God has plans for the next 150 years, starting with us.

Shane McNicol



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Church 150th Anniversary ~ Rev. Tim Cooke & Rev. Annie Deche

Readings: 1 Peter 2: 4 - 10

Lunch to follow

7pm ~ Encounter ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Evening Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke & Rev. Annie Deche

Alston Moor Methodist Church

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Dr. Peter Bowes

Nenthead Methodist Church

5pm ~ Pennine Praise

Culgaith Methodist Church

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Keith Speck

Langwathby Methodist Church

5pm ~ Taize Service

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 2nd October

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

Tuesday 3rd October

- 10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Mrs Ruth Combellack – Church/PMC
10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club ~ Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 4th October

- 10am** ~ 3Cs (Coffee, Children, Crafts) - Cottage Wood Centre
10am ~ Coffee Morning – Skelton Methodist Church
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.*)
7pm – 8pm ~ Cottage Wood Monthly Prayer Time - *We are continuing to pray at home, and all are welcome to take part for any or all of the hour.*

Thursday 5th October

- 10.15am** ~ Meeting Point – Langwathby Methodist Church
1pm ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC
2pm ~ Parklands HG – 19 Arthur Street, Penrith

Friday 6th October

- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club - Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 8th October

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
St. Patrick's, Patterdale: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Gillian Belford
Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone
Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Beth Honey
All Saints, Calthwaite: 3pm ~ Something New Service
Alston Moor: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Keith Speck
Langwathby: 11am ~ Harvest Festival ~ Rev. Jackie Betts
Kirksowald: 10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner
Gamblesby: 2pm ~ Afternoon Communion ~ Rev. David Milner
All Saints, Renwick: 5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

All are welcome to join us for the events at PMC over the 'Be Boulder' & Church 150th Anniversary weekend.

Be Boulder

Saturday 30th September

WORDS WORTH STREET PLANTS ALONG THE WALL

From 10.00 am onwards plants and other garden material will be displayed for the taking along the front wall of Fairfield and within the drive of Little Fairfield - just up from PMC on Wordsworth Street.



If you find you have some surplus plants that could be suitable for adding to the display, why not bring them along to either house any time up to the day or starting time of the display.



If you wish, please give a donation for any plants you take to your favourite charity or into a 'Be Boulder' donation box at PMC.



PMC'S GOT TALENT

Featuring
Katie Jane



**SEPT
30TH
7PM**

Suggested donations on the night:
Adults - £10
Concession - £5
Kids - FREE

**PENRITH
METHODIST
CHURCH**



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [01768 862787](tel:01768862787)

Be Boulder Anniversary Walk

Saturday 30th September

Leaving from outside the PMC glasshouse at 2 pm

Leader – Graham Allan

This year's anniversary walk is one that was enjoyed on several occasions as part of the church's Summer Evening programmes.

On leaving the church we will firstly make our way to the Thacka Beck Nature Reserve. Our route then follows the Penrith-Catterlen bridleway, eventually dropping down to cross a couple of footbridges over the River Petteril. After passing beneath the M6 we then reach the weir from where water is drawn off to feed the historic Thacka Beck that flows through the centre of town. We return along the footpath beside the West Coast main line to reach the Nature Reserve again, then PMC.

The walk

5 miles in length - about 2½ hours group walk

Generally flat but a little boggy in places

Some sections of long grass that may be wet

Would prefer not to have dogs, but any coming would need to be able to clamber over stiles

Three or four stiles

Sheep and cattle in some of the fields

Bring a snack for the half-way point

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### **Langwathby Methodist Church**

**This Sunday – 5pm: A reflective “Taize” style service. All are welcome.**

**Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October - from 10.15am  
“Meeting Point” - a coffee morning open to all,  
ending with a short “thought for the day”.**

**Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October - at 11.00am  
Our Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Jackie Betts. Gifts welcome for the Foodbank.  
(Flowers may be brought to the church at 2pm  
on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, to decorate the Chapel)**



## Alpha Course

This year's Alpha starts again in Penrith on

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm at the  
Restore Shop in New Squares. Very Exciting!

Light meal, video and chat about life and meaning.

Week 1: 'Is there more to life than this?'

'STAY CURIOUS' is the theme of the publicity.

What if there is something in this Christian faith after  
all?!



Do come if you are intrigued or, if you are convinced already, bring a friend!

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**Final Concert of the Season on Saturday 7th October,
6pm at St. Patrick's Church, Patterdale**

Pay what you feel

Tickets: simeonwalker.co.uk/live

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Dalston Male Voice Choir  
**Whitehaven Male Voice Choir**

proudly present

**A Haven of Harmonious Voices**



**Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road**

**Sunday 8th October, 2.30pm**

Tickets £10, Children under 16 free Includes  
refreshments to be served after the concert

**Proceeds for: Circuit Charity 23/24; Release International,  
Dalston Male Voice Choir, Whitehaven Male Voice Choir  
& Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road**





## Operation Christmas Child

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

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.

**Kendal Concert Band  
presents**

# A Night at the Movies

**Music from Ennio Morricone, John Williams,  
Ron Goodwin and the KCB Big Band!**

## Saturday 14th October

**7.30pm**  
**Penrith Methodist Church**  
**CA1 7QY**

**£10  
ENTRY  
ON  
DOOR**

Online [tickets here](#)

[WWW.KENDALCONCERTBAND.ORG](http://WWW.KENDALCONCERTBAND.ORG)



Following our Be Boulder weekend, join us during October as we ask

## Where do we go from here?

Sunday 8 October - 'Look in' - Rev. Tim

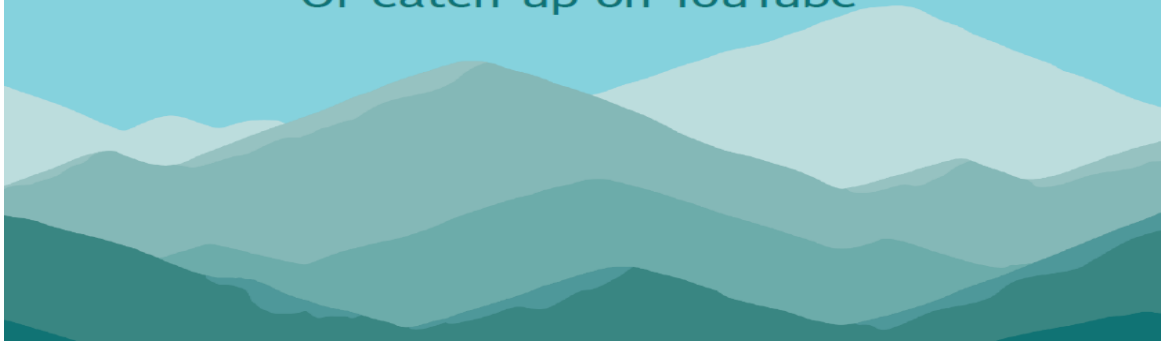
Sunday 15 October - 'Look out' - Morgan Tebb-Roger

Sunday 22 October - 'Look up' - Rev. Tim

Sunday 29 October - 'Look forward' - Michael Boone

10:30 - Penrith Methodist Church

Or catch-up on YouTube



## THINK WINTER

(Carlisle Refuge for the Homeless)

Tuesday 17th October

9.30am-10.30am

Penrith Methodist Church

**\*EMERGENCY APPEAL\***

Light-weight furniture, especially single beds.  
House clearance?

Due to the vast number of people the refuge is currently helping, there are fewer furniture items in store when homes become available.

**Also collecting**

- Warm winter clothing
- Soups & other long life foods
- Bedding, sleeping bags, etc.
- Kitchen items

God bless and many thanks,  
Jeanette & Keith





# BE BOULDER FRIDAY

SEP 29TH  
2023

7:00 PM QUIZ NIGHT  
- 9:00PM

Featuring rounds that cover the wide spectrum of trivia, pop culture, theology, and the just plain silly, team up with your family and friends to prove once and for all who is the smartest. Pay what you can on the door, and you can either come with a team or make one when you get there!

# BE BOULDER SATURDAY

SEP 30TH  
2023

MC = Main Church  
UW = Ullswater  
SG = Sandgate  
BN = Beacon  
OUT = Somewhere else

8:30 AM MORNING PRAYERS // SG  
- 9:00AM

Come and spend some time in quiet prayer, to begin our weekend right by connecting with God

9:00 AM CHURCH BREAKFAST // UW  
- 10:00AM

We want to be family, and a family that eats together, stays together. So let us serve you breakfast before we worship

10:00 AM SATURDAY WORSHIP // MC  
- 11:00AM

We'll meet all together in church to reflect on the kind of church we want to be, all whilst worshipping God

11:00 AM TEA & COFFEE BREAK // UW  
- 11:30AM

It wouldn't be church without one.

11:30 AM EXPLORATION // MC  
- 12:30PM

A deeper exploration of the ideas we started with in worship, about how we "be church" in this time and place

**KIDS & TEENS // SG & BN**

We want as much of our church to be able to engage with the exploration as possible, so let us entertain the kids & teens.

12:30 PM PICNIC LUNCH // UW  
- 2:00PM

Bring your nibbles from home and let's eat together and discuss our thoughts so far

2:00PM CRAFT // UW  
ONWARDS  
(CHOOSE ONE)

Get your hands busy with some crafts - there'll be something for all ages!

**FLOWER GROUP // MC**

Join our flower group as they make up some baskets to bless our community

**WALK // OUT**

Take a stroll through Penrith to chat, explore and pray about the impact we as a church have in this town. Meet in the Glasshouse to set off together

**TEENS // BN**

Teenagers! Don't want to do anything else? We'll leave this room set up for you to hang out in. Kids only, sorry adults.

7:00 PM PMC'S GOT TALENT // MC  
- 9:00PM

Featuring the talents of various members of our church, this concert is not to be missed. You'll be able to get tickets for this on the door, for a suggested donation of £10

# BE BOULDER SUNDAY

OCT 1ST  
2023

MC = Main Church  
UW = Ullswater  
SG = Sandgate  
BN = Beacon  
OUT = Somewhere else

**10:30 AM - 11:30AM** **SUNDAY WORSHIP // SG**  
Our usual Sunday morning service, but with that Be Boulder twist - featuring guest speaker Annie Deche

**11:30 AM - 1:30 PM** **BRING & SHARE LUNCH // UW**  
Well aren't you lucky?! Our wonderful team of cooks are going to whip up a cooked lunch for us all.

**2:00PM - 3:30PM** **BAPTISMS // OUT**  
Isn't this exciting! Members of our church community will be getting baptised in Lake Ullswater. And there's still space for more - if you want to be baptised, speak to Tim or Morgan. Meet at Glencoyne Bay, just outside Glenridding

**7:00 PM - 8:00PM** **ENCOUNTER // MC**  
Round off the weekend with our first monthly Encounter service after the summer break. A whole heap of space for worship, ministry and word.

# BE BOULDER ONGOING

OCTOBER  
2023

## PRAYER SPACES

We have a constant rotation of prayer spaces and reflections going on in church. Starting this weekend, they will be themed around our Be Boulder ideas. Make sure you take some time to go and engage and reflect on those, amidst the busyness of everything else!

## EXHIBITION

This Be Boulder weekend marks our 150th anniversary of "all things PMC". We've put together a special exhibition to commemorate this, with artifacts and memories from across our recorded history. This is where we've come from - where do we go next?



## Encounter Service Reminder

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 7pm at PMC  
Led by Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

All are welcome.

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FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4th November, 10am – 12 noon, at PMC

- Fair Trade Christmas Cards (please find catalogues in reception)
- Fair Trade food and wrapping paper from OXFAM
- Fair Trade gifts from Victoria's
- Christine Milner's handmade cards
- Handmade wooden gifts
- Coffee & cake stall

Please come and buy, share in fellowship;
And support Fair Trade and the Church.



We are a Fair Trade Church, and here is an extract from a letter received from 'Transform Trade' who used to be known as Traidcraft Exchange:

As well as working for transformation in local communities, we campaign for systematic changes to laws and policies – because without radical changes to the systems which exploit the most vulnerable, ending justice in trad it impossible.

Over the next year, there are three big changes that we are close to realising:

1. A fashion watchdog to regulate and improve the behaviour of UK fashion brands towards their suppliers.
2. A new law to hold businesses to account for human rights violations in their supply chains.
3. Up to eight new homeworker policies created by major UK fashion brands to support thousands of the world's most disadvantaged workers.

See website www.transform-trade.org for more information.



Thanks and Congratulations

Congratulations to our wonderful Lunch Club Team who have won the BBC Radio Cumbria Make a Difference Award, in the Community Category!

We give a big thank you to Anne and her team of dedicated helpers who provide a lovely lunch on Fridays for the older members of our community.

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

East of Eden Mission Community Website: www.eastofedenmc.org.uk

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk

Find our Sunday services on YouTube

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Let's stay connected with one another!

