



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 15th October 2023



"The Lame Duck" - Thomas Somerscales (1842–1927)
The Ferens Art Gallery, Hull

When I visited the Ferens Art Gallery in Hull earlier this year, I wasn't really surprised to find quite a few paintings of ships and maritime scenes. So, what was it about this particular painting that made me stop and look for maybe half an hour?

I guess it was because, like many other Victorian paintings, it was telling me a story. As a viewer I could fill in my own adventure. Here's an old sailing ship. It looks as if she has just been through quite a storm. Her sails are battered and torn, and she's riding low in the water. But, now the skies above her are beginning to clear, and the storm clouds are lifting. The waves are calming, and to the left the sea is taking on a lighter hue. She's taken quite a pounding, this "lame duck", but it seems that she will at last make it safe into the harbour.

Perhaps I am stretching it a bit, but maybe I see in this a metaphor for our lives. There are times when it feels as if we are going through a storm. The wind and the waves are against us, and we take a battering. When the storm eventually abates (and it will, no matter how dark it gets and how long it takes) we emerge (to mix the metaphor) to take stock and lick our wounds. It can be tempting, in the tiredness and exhaustion, to feel that we are now no longer any use to anyone or to God - just a tired, old, worn-out lame duck.

But God is never done with us. Our lives always have meaning and purpose, no matter where we've been or what we have suffered and been through. The Psalmist says: "Even when I am old and grey, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come." (Psalm 71:18)

No matter how much of a lame duck we feel at times - no matter how tired, bruised or worn-out we feel, we can still always take the opportunity to tell others about God's faithful love for us.

Rev. Dave



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger
'Look Out' ~ Readings: 2 Kings 6: 8 - 23; John 9: 1 - 11

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Evening Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

Alston Moor Methodist Church

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Kirksowald Methodist Church

6pm ~ Third Sunday Service

There are alternative Anglican services available.

For details, please see the EEMC website: www.eastofedenmc.org.uk

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 16th October

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC
- NO** Monday Zoom Prayer
- 7.30pm** ~ PMC Church Council Meeting – Sandgate/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Penrith Music Club Concert – Church/PMC

Tuesday 17th October

- 9.30am** ~ Collection for Carlisle Refuge – PMC Car Park
- 10am** ~ Midweek Communion Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke – Church/PMC
- 10am** ~ World Day of Prayer Preparation Day – Langwathby Methodist Church
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club ~ Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 18th October

- 10am** ~ 3Cs (Coffee, Children, Crafts) - Cottage Wood Centre
- 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.)*

Thursday 19th October

- 1pm** ~ Thursday Tots – Ullswater/PMC
- 2pm** ~ Parklands HG – Northgate, Milburn
- 7.30pm** ~ Alpha Course – Restore Shop, New Squares, Penrith

Friday 20th October

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

Sunday 22nd October

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Ruth Combellack
- Cottage Wood: 5pm** ~ Evening Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Alston Moor: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Mary Elliot
- Langwathby: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner
- Kirksowald: 10am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Dr. Peter & Mrs Hazel Bowes
- Gamblesby: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Claire Slee
- Salkeld Dykes: 6pm** ~ Evening Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Reminders for This Weekend

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.



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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  
CA11 7QY

£10  
ENTRY  
ON  
DOOR

Online [tickets here](#)



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

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Penrith Music Club Concert

**Monday 16th October,
7.30pm at PMC.**

Former BBC Young Musician finalist Sarah Beth Briggs will be making her second appearance at Penrith Music Club.

For more information see www.penrithmusicclub.com

Monday Zoom Prayer Meeting Link

Topic: Monday evening prayer

Time: Every week on Monday, until
13th November 2023, 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting - <https://zoom.us/j/97436321089>

Meeting ID: 974 3632 1089



***Please Note: there is no meeting this week, 16th October.
All are welcome to join from Monday 23rd October.***

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## THINK WINTER

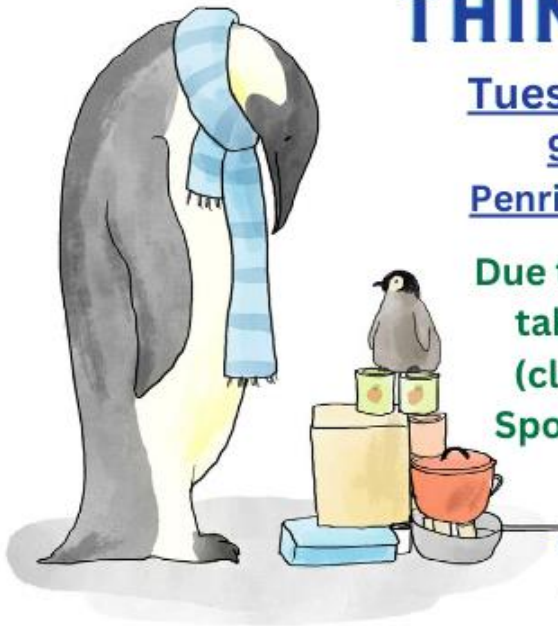
Tuesday 17th October

9.30am-10.30am

Penrith Methodist Church

Due to pressures, we will  
take anything of use  
(clean and labelled).  
Spoons to single beds!

God bless  
and many thanks,  
Jeanette & Keith



## Cumbria's World Day of Prayer Preparation Day 2023

(for WDP 2024 prepared by Christian women of Palestine )

### Preparation Day for 2024 World Day of Prayer

At Langwathby Methodist Church, Langwathby, Penrith  
Tuesday 17th October 2023, 10am-3pm

You will be guided in preparing your own local WDP service  
(normally held on the first Friday in March)

Resource materials for the WDP service will be available to buy & order.

Please BYO lunch, but refreshments will be provided throughout the day.  
A contribution of £5 per person is welcomed.

Please contact Revd. Mary Elliott 01434 381350, [maryinbox@gmail.com](mailto:maryinbox@gmail.com)  
to register or for further information.

Join us as we celebrate 150 years  
of Penrith Methodist Church.



The church will be open on the  
below dates for you to come and  
take a look around our display

Friday 13th October - 10am-1pm  
Sunday 15th October - 12noon-2pm  
Tuesday 17th October - 11.30am-1pm



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



#### A polite reminder for those parking at PMC

Please do not park your cars on the sandstone  
area in front of the blue doors. Parked cars in this  
area cause an obstruction for people entering and  
leaving the church.

It is also a health and safety issue should we need to evacuate the church in the  
event of a fire.



## **Match Funding Opportunity for PMC**

As we have highlighted on several occasions, PMC has been using dwindling reserves to cover shortfalls over the last several years which is no longer sustainable and puts in jeopardy our ability to continue our existing ministries.

However, it has been brought to the attention of the Treasurer Team and shared with Church Council that a group of church members, who wish to remain anonymous, have generously committed to help with the current financial situation.

They have proposed that they will 'match fund' up to a value of £25,000 any increases to regular giving this year (starting from May when we were encouraged to review our giving).

If church can respond to this offer, we have the possibility of increasing our overall giving by £50,000 this financial year which would go a long way to address the anticipated shortfall!

We know it's a big ask, but for many of our regular givers, any increased giving you can commit to has the potential of making an even bigger difference. If you don't like arithmetic, here are a couple of examples:

Someone currently gives £50 per month. They decide to up that to £75 per month. With the match funding, this becomes £100 per month, doubling the original amount.

Another person gives £5 per week and decides they can double this to £10. With the match funding applied, this effectively triples the original amount to £15 per week!

Please do not go beyond your means – this is an appeal to those of us with resources to prayerfully consider our response to the ongoing costs of the outreach we do as a church in our community.

Thank you,  
The Treasurer Team – Chris, Shane, Steve.

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Carols by Candlelight

We are once again holding the Carols by Candlelight concert at PMC on Sunday 17th December, 7pm.

If you are interested in participating this year, please contact Michael Boone via text on 07595 919 371 or email: info@innerrouterwellbeing.com



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.



Contact Details:

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Circuit Office: 01768 862787 or email: admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk
(Open 9am - 1pm, Monday to Friday)

Circuit Administrative Manager: Sarah Mulheron

Administrative Assistant: Maureen Brunskill

Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson

Eden Debt Centre Manager (CAP): Jon Cook (currently on Sabbatical)

Contact: Jen Dixon, email: jendixon@capuk.org

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

Follow us on Twitter @PMCmethodists and on Facebook

Let's stay connected with one another!

