



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Hospitality

Recently we had a guest staying with us for a weekend break. In another two weeks we expect guests again, this time two adults and a dog. Over the years we have had many visitors either to stay or to share meals with us. I am sure many of you have had similar experiences.

When guests are expected there has to be preparation. Are the bedrooms ready? Is the house clean? What will we eat and have we the provisions to fulfil the menus? This is always assuming that the visit is planned but what happens when we have unexpected guests? We would still try our best to provide hospitality even if it was 'makeshift' and 'rough and ready'.

Hebrews 13: 2-3 says 'Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed angels without knowing it'. This refers back to a story told in Genesis 18. Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent when three strangers came near. Abraham greeted them with the invitation to refresh themselves at his home where they were given water to wash and food to eat to give strength for their journey. Abraham said he was honoured that they were there and he was pleased to serve them. They then gave a message to Abraham and his wife Sarah to say they would have a son. This seemed most unlikely because the couple were well past child-bearing age. However, the promise was given and in due time fulfilled and they had a child. They realised that the strangers they had welcomed were indeed angels from God.

Is this a reminder to us, perhaps in two ways? Are we able to share hospitality when this is possible and thus to bless others? Also, do we look to find 'Angels' in unexpected places? They probably won't have halos and wings but will look very ordinary, yet they demonstrate the love and care of God to us and to others by their compassion in word and deed.





'Old friends, old scenes, will lovelier be, as more of heaven in each we see. Some softening gleam of love and prayer shall dawn on every cross and care.'  
StF 137 v4

*Lois Morton*



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke  
**Readings:** Ezekiel 34: 11-16a, 30-31; Psalm 139: 1-12  
*Lunch to follow*

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Stainton**

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

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**3pm** ~ Evening Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

**Culgaith**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Richard Pattinson

**3pm** ~ Service of Hope & Thanksgiving at St. Augustine's Church

**Nenthead**

**5pm** ~ Pennine Praise

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Gillian Belford

***There are alternative Anglican services available.***

***For details, please see the EEMC website: [www.eastofedenmc.org.uk](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)***

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

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

**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

**7.30pm** ~ Carols by Candlelight Practice – Church/PMC

## **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Rev. Gillian Belford – Church/PMC

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

**7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

**7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**10am** ~ 3Cs – 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 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**1pm** ~ Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

**1.30pm** ~ Take Tea Out – Cottage Wood Centre *(Contact Sheila Mallinson to book)*

**7.30pm** ~ Alpha Course – Restore Shop, New Squares, Penrith

**7.30pm** ~ Penrith Music Club Concert – Church/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Local Preachers Meeting – Stainton Methodist Church

## **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

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

## **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**9am** ~ Annual Pastoral Meeting – Sandgate Room/PMC

## **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

**Patterdale: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

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

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

**Cottage Wood: 3pm** ~ Something New at All Saints Church, Calthwaite

**Alston Moor: 10.45am** ~ Morning Worship at St. Augustine's Church

**Kirkoswald: 10am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Gamblesby: 2pm** ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Mrs Jan Blackshaw

## A Reminder - FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



~~~~~

## Penrith Methodist Church

# Let's do Lunch

Sunday 5th November,  
following the morning service.

All are welcome!

Baked potatoes & savoury mince  
(plus a veggie option)

Donations of cake for pudding  
are much appreciated

Donations towards the cost of food are appreciated



## PMC Anniversary

A big thank you to everyone who  
contributed to our 150th  
anniversary display!

Any items which were loaned to  
PMC for the display are available to  
collect from the crush hall.



## Renwick Methodist Church Final Service

There has been a Methodist presence in the village of Renwick on the east fellside of the Eden valley since probably the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. Starting out with meetings in people's homes, a first chapel was built in 1818/19 with the current chapel largely rebuilt by 1905. The final service of worship was held there on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023 led by the Revd Dave Milner and was an opportunity for people from the East of Eden Mission Community to gather along with others with connections to the chapel to give thanks to God for His faithfulness.



The chapel was full, with many others seated in the adjoining Sunday School room and the theme running through the service was 'Past, Present, Future'. Greetings had been received from former ministers, the Revds. Les Wallace, Barrie Lees and Alan Gawthrop and memories were shared by 4 representatives from some of the local families: Ian Little, Thelma nee Jackson, Mary nee Dickinson and Moyna nee Dickinson. Looking at Hebrews 13:1-8 Revd Dave spoke about change and how there is always change taking place and though it can be good we are often unsettled by it. However, we need to think about what is dependable and where we can take our bearings from: 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.'

Everyone was invited to share in bread and wine and Revd Dave was assisted in this by other clergy from the Mission Community. Relevant hymns were played on the organ by Helen Armstrong with Keith Speck leading some songs on guitar. The final hymn, with words by Joseph Hart, was a fitting end:

This, this is the God we adore,  
our faithful, unchangeable friend,  
whose love is as great as his power,  
and neither knows measure nor end;

'Tis Jesus, the first and the last,  
Whose Spirit shall guide us safe home;  
We'll praise him for all that is past,  
And trust him for all that's to come.

Before fellowship continued over hot drinks and tray bakes everyone joined to sing the grace, 'Be present at our table, Lord', with encouragement to sing in parts as would have happened in days gone by.

Looking to the future the hope is that, allowing for all due process, the proceeds from the sale of the chapel will be used towards redevelopment in All Saints Church, Renwick, where the remaining Methodist members now join for worship.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We would like to wish Rosemary Crook a very happy birthday. She celebrates her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November.



~~~~~



## Penrith Music Club Concert

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm at PMC**

Our final concert of 2023 is a violin recital by Alexander Sitkovetsky with piano accompanist Wu Qian. Born in Moscow and then becoming a student at the Menuhin School, Alexander is one of the leading violinists of the present time, gaining international recognition both as solo performer and conductor.

See website for more details: [www.penrithmusicclub.com](http://www.penrithmusicclub.com)

~~~~~

## PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH Annual Pastoral Meeting

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER,  
9AM AT PMC

FOR ALL SMALL GROUP LEADERS,  
PASTORAL CONTACTS AND FOR  
ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING  
WITH PMC PASTORAL WORK

*There is so much tragedy, hate and awful news in our world right now. It can leave you feeling a sense of despair and hopelessness. But I read this poem the other day which really resonated with me, so I thought I'd share it with you, to encourage your spirits.*

*Rev. Tim.*

**In the face of war, I'm so small – yet, love is so big.**

**John Roedel**

I can't make the world be peaceful

I can't stall tanks from roaring down roads

I can't prevent children from having to hide in bunkers

I can't keep a madman from creating heart-breaking headlines

I can't convince the news to stop turning war into a video game

I can't silence the sound of bombs tearing neighbourhoods apart

I can't turn a guided missile into a bouquet of flowers

I can't make a warmonger have an ounce of empathy

I can't convince diplomats to quit playing truth or dare

I can't deflect a sniper's bullet from turning a wife into a widow

I can't stave off a schoolyard being reduced to ash and rubble

I can't do any of that

The only thing I can do is love the next person I encounter

without any conditions or strings

to love my neighbour so fearlessly that it starts a ripple

that stretches from one horizon to the next

I can't force peace on the world

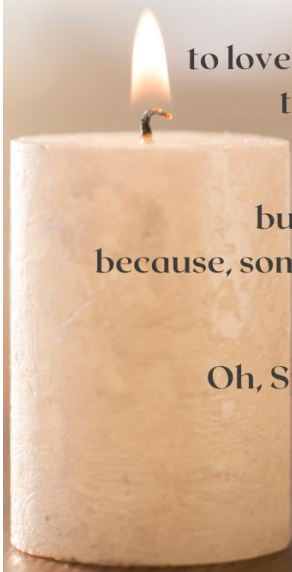
but I can become a force of peace in the world

because, sometimes, all it takes is a single lit candle in the darkness

to start a movement

Oh, Spirit, let me be a candle of comfort in this world

let me burn with peace



## Carols by Candlelight

We're excited to announce that practices for this year's "Carols by Candlelight" will begin soon. Our first practice is scheduled for this Monday, 6th November, from 7:30pm - 8:30pm at PMC. Following that, we'll meet every Thursday — 16th, 23rd, and 30th of November — from 6:30pm - 7:30pm.

This year's event will be 'Out of the Ordinary' transporting the congregation through time travel to 1939 where they will be part of a 'live' studio audience of the "Yuletide Radio Hour". The event is full of surprises with dramatics and traditional carols. This event is to complement our 150 years in service.

We look forward to seeing you all there and creating a beautiful event together!

If interested in participating, contact Michael at [info@innerouterwellbeing.com](mailto:info@innerouterwellbeing.com).

Penrith Methodist Church  
Presents...

# YULETIDE RADIO HOUR

17 December  
at 7pm

Journey back in time taking  
part in a 'live' radio show  
enjoying carols by candlelight!

Admission Free - All Welcomed  
Wordsworth Street, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7QY



## Can you give a financial donation to our 2023 "Bags of Hope" Christmas Appeal

*Eden CAP Debt Centre will supply "Bag's of Hope" to each client household. These will contain a groceries voucher for food shopping, credit towards gas & electric for the home, Argos gift cards for child presents, along with invites to carol services and a magazine full of hope-filled scriptures.*



### GIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please can donations be received by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please use Reference: "CAP Blessings 2023"

Bank Transfers can be made to  
Sort Code: 20-66-97, Account Number: 83540006

Cheques can be paid to:  
"Penrith Methodist Church General CAP Account"  
PMC Church office, Wordsworth St, Penrith. CA11 7QY

~~~~~

### PMC Christmas Charities Nominations

We normally donate any cash offerings from our services over the Christmas period to charity and would like members and friends of PMC to nominate some for this year.

If you can choose a local one and a national or international one, we will count the nominations and see which secure the most support.

Please email your nominations by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to Maureen:  
[maureen@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:maureen@penrithmethodist.co.uk)





Join us for a  
Christmas Lunch,  
Party games & Nativity!

Friday 22nd December  
From 12pm  
(Nativity at 3pm)

Penrith Methodist Church  
Wordsworth Street, Penrith, CA11 7QY

Booking is essential!  
To book your place, contact  
[admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)



Department for Education  
Westmorland & Furness Council

#HAF2023

### Thought for the Week



*'Surely, your  
goodness and unfailing  
love will pursue  
me all the days of my  
life'*

PSALM 23:6

## Contact Details:

### Co-Superintendent Ministers

**Rev. Tim Cooke:** 01768 890465 or email: [tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk](mailto:tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk)

**Rev. David Milner:** 01768 863209 or email: [dave@revmilner.plus.com](mailto:dave@revmilner.plus.com)

**Circuit Pastor: Rev. Keith Speck:** 01768 898257 or email: [keithspck1@googlemail.com](mailto:keithspck1@googlemail.com)

**Missional Pioneer & Communities Lay Pastor: Morgan Tebb-Roger:** 07949 156051  
or email: [outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

**Stainton Outreach Worker: Trace Cooke:** 01768 890465  
or email: [tracecooke1@gmail.com](mailto:tracecooke1@gmail.com)

**Circuit Office:** 01768 862787 or email: [admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)

**PMC Website:** [www.penrithmethodist.co.uk](http://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!**

