



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 3rd December 2023

'Come, Lord Jesus'

We begin Advent this Sunday, and in Advent, Christians often say the mantra, "Come, Lord Jesus".

It comes from Revelation 22:20, where it says: *'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!*"

But what do we mean when we say this in Advent?

It refers, of course, to the hope we have that Christ not only came, at Christmas, but will come again, and restore all of creation to the way God originally intended.

But the phrase also holds a powerful message for us about living in hope right now, in all the emptiness and non-fulfilment of our lives. It means recognising that the 'perfect' is yet to come, and we don't need everything to be perfect right now.

This Advent season of hopeful waiting – knowing that Jesus did come – keeps our lives open to grace and a future shaped by God rather than us.



Demanding immediate satisfaction or insisting that life meets our expectations, prevents us from truly saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Instead, Advent invites us to hold out for the full picture that God continues to unfold in our world and in us.

'Come Lord Jesus' goes beyond a vague feeling that everything will work out. It's a conviction that God is overcoming the brokenness of this world – and whatever brokenness there is in our lives.

It's a leap into both the freedom and surrender of hope – a patient and trustful willingness to live without complete closure, finding contentment at a deeper level, knowing our satisfaction comes from a source beyond ourselves.



Just as Christ has come to us in the past, Christ will come again. "Come, Lord Jesus" becomes a declaration not of desperation, but of confidence that the story of Christ's transformative love continues.

So, this Advent, let us all pray for ourselves and for our world – Come, Lord Jesus!

Rev. Tim



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Reading:

Lunch to follow

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Gillian Belford

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

Alston Moor

11am ~ Local Arrangement ~ Mrs Pauline de la Mare

Nenthead

5pm ~ Pennine Praise

Culgaith

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Langwathby

5pm ~ Taize Service

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Weekly Diary

Monday 4th December

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

2pm ~ Thanksgiving Service for the late Keith Scott ~ Church/PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 5th December

10am ~ Midweek Communion Service ~ Rev. David Milner – Church/PMC

10am ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel

NO CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 6th December

10am ~ 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

10am ~ Coffee Morning - Skelton Methodist Church

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - 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 7th December

1pm ~ Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

7pm ~ Carol Service of Remembrance – Church/PMC

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

Friday 8th December

12 noon ~ Lunch Club Christmas Lunch – Roundthorn Country House

Saturday 9th December

12.30pm ~ Bring & Share Christmas Lunch - Skelton Methodist Church

Sunday 10th December – Advent Week 2

Penrith: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway

Patterdale: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood: 3pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

Alston Moor: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. David Pepin

Langwathby: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

Kirkoswald: 10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Gamblesby: 2pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Renwick: 5pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

AT GAMBLESBY METHODIST CHURCH

HE BREWS COFFEE CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY 10am - 12pm

Except 26 December

Enjoy games, crafts or just a chat only £1



CHRISTMAS FAIR

SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER 11am – 2pm

Stalls with tea/coffee refreshments

Craft & produce stalls, fun for the children and goodies for all!



Funds for Little Acorns Children's Christian Creative Club

COMMUNITY NATIVITY SERVICE

FRIDAY 22 DECEMBER at 4 pm

A magical start to the Christmas weekend

Everyone Welcome

followed by light refreshments



*For further information, please contact Claire
on 07756932116 or email: gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com*



PMC Sunday Lunch

Church Lunch this Sunday, 3rd December, after the 10.30am service.

Pasta Bake or Macaroni Cheese

Donations of homemade cakes (no fresh cream) will be much appreciated for dessert.

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## Service of Thanksgiving

Following a private family service at the crematorium, the Thanksgiving Service to celebrate the life of Keith Scott is to take place at Penrith Methodist Church on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm.

Please continue to hold the family, especially Jeannette, Helen, Graham, Lauren and Joe, Rebecca and Naomi, in your prayers.



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We are once again hosting a Christmas Carol Service of Remembrance with Walkers Family Funeral Directors on Thursday 7th December, 7pm at PMC.

This is open to anyone who has lost a loved one at any time and would like to come and remember them at this special time of year. All are most welcome.

This will be led by Rev. Tim and as well as singing a selection of Christmas carols, the Middle Eden Voices choir are taking part. During the service you will be invited to hang a memory tag on the Christmas tree. (We suggest arriving no later than 6.45pm to allow time for writing your memory tags.)



After the service, everyone is warmly invited to stay for tea, coffee, biscuits and homemade mince pies, all kindly provided by Applegarth Foods.



Skelton Methodist Church invite you to

A Bring and Share Christmas Lunch

(Please just bring one item)

Saturday 9th December 2023 at 12.30pm

Any donations are for Church Funds for new windows

Everyone Welcome

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Women's Fellowship and 3Ms were for many years groups which were well supported and much appreciated by a lot of people. Sadly, with the onset of Covid in 2020, they like other such bodies, ceased to meet. We recently talked to a goodly number of folk about the possibility of merging Women's Fellowship with 3Ms, and we were encouraged by the response, which was both positive and enthusiastic.

The decision was made and we are going to be called:-

The **"ALL TOGETHER FELLOWSHIP"** Group

You are very welcome to the launch meeting.

**WHEN:- MONDAY DECEMBER 11th at 2pm**

**WHERE:- SANDGATE ROOM AT PMC**

This first get-together will take the form of a Christmas miscellany. There will be readings, poems, etc, which include the Christmas story in verse accompanied by a visual display, and interspersed with carols.

Afterwards we will enjoy some light seasonal refreshments.

Please note that the group will meet on a regular basis starting in January.

A programme of meetings with dates is currently being prepared.

John & Margaret (Gore)

## 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

### Communal Christmas card

Instead of sending individual cards to members of our Church family, we invite you to sign our large card and put a donation to All We Can into the globe. The card will be in the crush hall at the back of church.

The Extraordinary Gifts catalogue is on-line at [allwecan.org.uk](http://allwecan.org.uk) if you want to do your own shopping.

Thank you.



### Carol Singing with the Town Band

Churches Together in Penrith have been invited to join the town Band in singing Christmas Carols on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December. If you are free that day, please come and add your voice to bless our community! Details of times and where we will be sent soon.



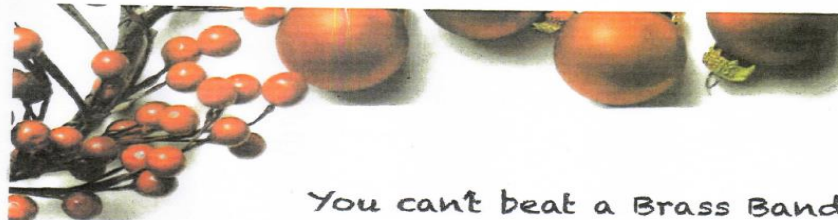
Penrith Methodist Church  
Presents...

# 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



You can't beat a Brass Band  
at Christmas!

**Carlisle St. Stephen's Band**

**Christmas  
Concert**

*introducing*

**'Belle Vue School Ukuleles'**

**Carlisle Methodist Church @ Wigton Road  
Wednesday 20th December at 7.00pm**

**Tickets £5 or pay at the door  
(festive refreshment included)**





# CHRISTMAS SERVICES

## SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER

7PM - PMC, CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

## FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER

3PM - PMC, CRIB SERVICE

4PM - GAMBLESBY, NATIVITY

## CHRISTMAS EVE

10.30AM - PMC, CAROLS IN TOWN

11AM - LANGWATHBY, CAROLS & COFFEE

4PM - RENWICK, CHRISTINGLE

6PM - KIRKOSWALD, NATIVITY WALK

6PM - SALKELD DYKES, CHRISTINGLE

11.30PM - PMC, MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

## CHRISTMAS DAY

10AM - SKELTON, MRS. LOIS MORTON

10.30AM - PMC, MR. MORGAN TEBB-ROGER

10.30AM - STAINTON, REV. TIM COOKE



### **Lessons & Carols Service at PMC**

If anyone would like to do a reading at the Lessons & Carols service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am, please contact the Circuit Office.

Thanks to those who have volunteered so far.



## PMC Christmas Charities

Thank you for your charity nominations. The Leadership Team have agreed to support the CAP Eden Debt Centre and Unicef Palestine/Gaza Appeal.



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NEEDED – URGENTLY! CANDLES

New candles - - - - - Old candles
Ends of candles - - - - ANY candles!

These will be taken to an orphanage and refugee centre in UKRAINE where they will be made into TRENCH CANDLES, which are used for light, heat and even cooking.

Thank you!



Any candles can be left in the blue box in the glasshouse at PMC.

Out of the Ordinary

Christmas at PMC

Sunday 17th December

10.30am

Traditional Lessons
& Carols

7pm

Carols by Candlelight

Friday 22nd December

3pm

Crib Service
inc. Dress Up Nativity!

Sunday 24th December

10.30am

Carols in Town

11.30pm

Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.30am

Christmas Celebration!

Sunday 31st December

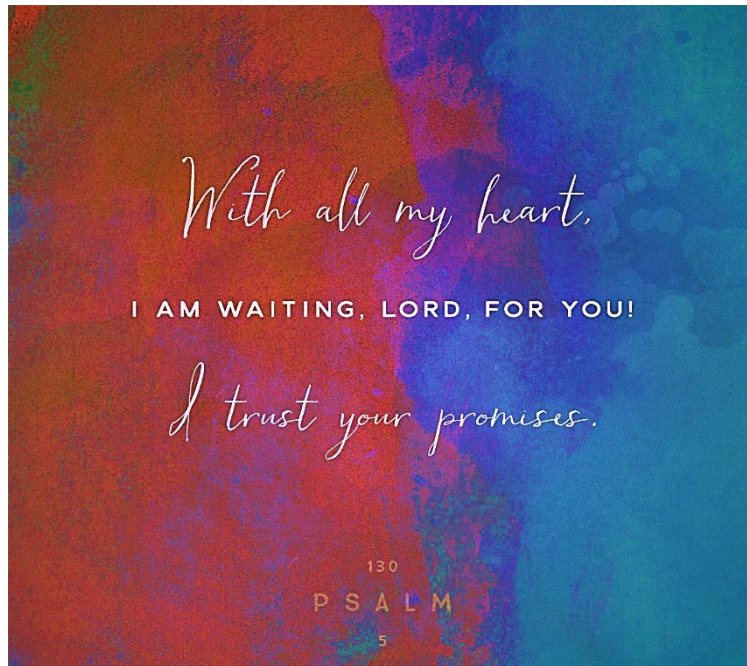
10.30am

End of Year Praise



*Scratch Beneath The
Surface This Christmas*

Thought for the Week



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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

Follow us on Twitter @PMCMethodists and on Facebook

Let's stay connected with one another!

