



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Beginnings and Endings

When you meet with others for Worship, have you ever thought about how the preacher has prepared for the service and in particular, how they have put the sermon together? Everyone will have their own method but after prayerful consideration they have brought God's word to us. In my preparation I often have a problem. I find it relatively easy to find a starting point but far more difficult to come to a suitable conclusion. I very often resort to the words of a hymn/song because these sum things up better than my words can.

This has taken my thoughts to the subject of 'Beginnings and Endings'. We have recently celebrated the end of 2023 and the beginning of 2024 and there has been the usual looking back and wondering about the future. But we find these subjects cover many different issues. We begin a new project (maybe DIY or a new hobby or other pastime) and we start with much enthusiasm, but do we see these through to the end? So often, after a little time, we lose interest and our good intentions come to nothing. Or we resolve to be more disciplined in our personal devotions, to set aside time for us to speak to God and Him to speak to us, and yet again we let these times slip away from us.

And what about the 'endings'? Maybe we have embarked on something without much enthusiasm and just 'gone through the motions' but as time has passed we realise the importance of our actions and find a reassurance that God is with us and will continue to be so until the task is concluded.



At this time of year, we share in our Covenant Services. Some words we share are:

*Let us claim again for ourselves the covenant God made with His people, and take upon us the yolk of Christ. This means that we are content that He appoint us our place and work and that He Himself will be our reward.....Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to Him, trusting in His promises and relying on His grace.'*

We can be confident in those words because we are assured in scripture that 'Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever. He can direct and choose our beginnings and endings and enable us to overcome our human foibles and weaknesses for the whole of time and eternity is in his hands.

*Lois Morton*



**Penrith**

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

***"Our Calling - Worship"***

Readings: John 4: 4 - 26; Romans 12: 1 - 2

**Patterdale**

**10.30am** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs. Ruth Combellack

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway

**Cottage Wood Centre**

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

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Dr. James Tebbutt

**Kirkoswald**

**10am** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Keith Speck

**Renwick**

**2pm** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. David Milner

**Gamblesby**

*Joint service with Renwick*

***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 15<sup>th</sup> January**

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

**2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group - Sandgate Room/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am** ~ Midweek Service ~ Ven Morris Rodham – Church/PMC

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

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

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

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

## **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

**10am** ~ 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

**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.)*

## **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.30am** ~ Oasis – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

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

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

## **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**

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

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

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

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

**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**Cottage Wood: 3pm** ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

**Alston Moor: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

**Kirkoswald: 6pm** ~ Third Sunday Service

Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January  
11.00am Covenant Service at Langwathby Chapel  
Led by the District Chair

You are invited to our monthly Oasis of  
refreshment and rest at Langwathby Chapel  
Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January  
From 10.30am: Coffee  
An informal reflection in  
the Chapel  
And a light lunch



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**Cottage Wood Centre**

**Take Tea Out**

There will be no tea in January or February this year.  
To book a tea in for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, eat in or take away,  
please contact Sylvia: 01228 511547.

**Service Amendment**

There is **no** service at Cottage Wood on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Instead, we will be at the Something New Service at All Saints, Calthwaite at 3pm.

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**Monday Zoom Prayer Meetings**

All are welcome to join the Prayer Meetings on Mondays at 7.30pm. If anyone would like the Zoom link emailing, please either contact the Circuit Office or Chris Swift.



# Our Calling

## A NEW YEAR, A NEW SERIES - EXPLORING OUR RESPONSE TO THE CALL OF JESUS

Week 1 – 7 Jan – Rev. Tim – Covenant service  
Week 2 - 14 Jan - Dave - WORSHIP  
Week 3 - 21 Jan - Morgan - LEARNING and CARING  
Week 4 - 28 Jan - Tim - SERVICE  
Week 5 - 4 Feb - Michael - EVANGELISM.

Join us for worship live at PMC at 10.30am  
or catch up on YouTube anytime!



Worship



Learning and Caring



Service



Evangelism



### Post Christmas Clearing

Two of the small Christmas trees featured in the windows at PMC over the Christmas period have disappeared. If anyone has any thoughts as to their whereabouts, please either place in the "glass house" for collection or inform the office .  
Thank you.

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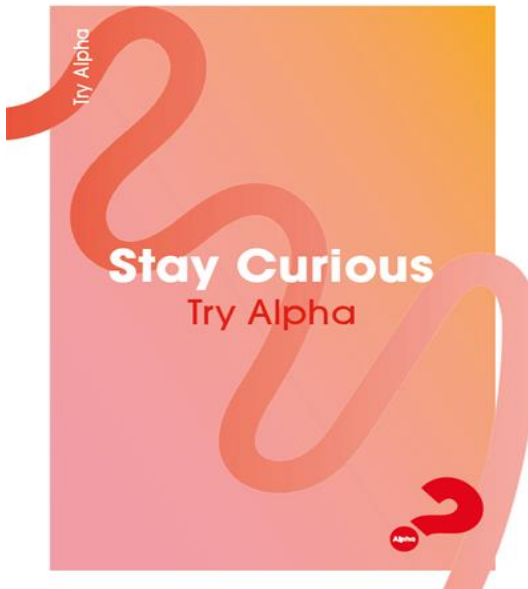
### Operation Christmas Child

Please continue knitting soft toys, mitts, scarves and hats for children aged 2 to 14. There is wool in the wool box under the counter in Reception at PMC.

We are always pleased to receive spare wool too.  
Thank you.







### Curious about faith?

Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith - then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all.

Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

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Starts 11th Jan 2024 7.30pm

'Restore' Shop, New Squares

Penrith Tel. 07748988033



**Although Alpha has now started, anyone wishing to join next week would be very welcome.**

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### PMC Christmas Charities

Thank you to all for the donations made during the Christmas services.

The donations total £809.18 and will be divided between this year's chosen charities - CAP Eden Debt Centre and Unicef Palestine/Gaza Appeal.

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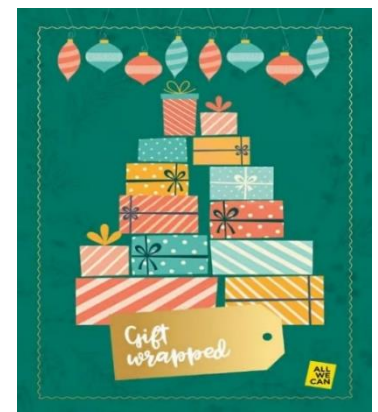
### Communal Christmas Card - PMC

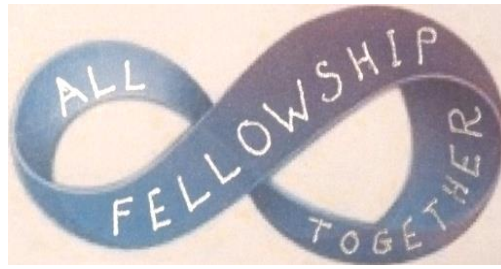
Thank you to everyone who donated instead of sending individual cards this year.

All We Can will receive £105.50 from the globe collection.

***A reminder that we are still collecting small change for All We Can. Anything you have can be left with the Office or passed on to Judith Joyce.***

Thank you.





**You are very welcome to any of our “All Together Fellowship” meetings in 2024.**

**A programme for the first six months is available.**

**Please ask us if you would like one.**

**The first meeting of the year is on MONDAY, JANUARY 22nd at 2pm in the SANDGATE ROOM at PMC.**

**Following a short act of worship, there will be a talk and visual presentation entitled “Cruising the Norwegian Fjords”.**

**Come along and enjoy seeing the snow covered mountains, cascading waterfalls, glaciers and lakes surrounded by beautiful scenery. This will be followed by refreshments and a chance to have a good chat.**

**John & Margaret**

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**Churches Together in Penrith  
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**All meetings are for about 30 minutes and start at 12:30pm.**



Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – Christ Church, Drovers Lane, Penrith

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January – The Salvation Army, Hunter Lane, Penrith

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> - January - Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Penrith

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – PMC – ***Please note the Midweek Service will take place at 12.30pm instead of 10am***

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January - St Andrew's Church, Penrith

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - St Catherine's Church, Drovers Lane, Penrith

All are welcome!

## Penrith Music Club Concert

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 7.30pm at PMC

Penrith Music Club's first concert of 2024 will be given by the London Handel Players. Making their first visit to Penrith, this group of four players will be presenting a programme of music from the Baroque era of music for flute, violin, cello and harpsicord.

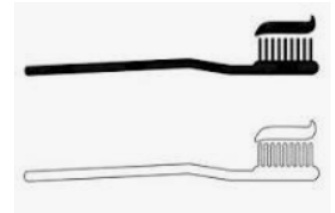


### ~~~~~ **PLEASE HELP UKRAINE!**

Thank you to everyone who has given candles. Please keep collecting them. Trench candles are urgently needed.

The soldiers also need (in good condition) **socks, woolly hats and gloves.** AND (NEW) **toothbrushes, toothpaste and razors.**

The next collection is hoped to be at the end of January, but this will be a long, on-going need.



We are also collecting **anything related to children** for the orphanage and refugee centre. They need toys and clothes in good condition.



Thank you!





THE  
*Freedom*  
CHALLENGE

AN **ESCAPE ROOM** STYLE ADVENTURE

Come and test your escaping abilities as you and your team face  
The Freedom Challenge!



January 27th



3pm



Penrith Methodist Church

*For more info please contact Su Davis on  
[cumbriamethodistyouth@gmail.com](mailto:cumbriamethodistyouth@gmail.com)*

**An event for young people in the District arranged by Su Davis, District Young People's Work Coordinator.**

**This is for anyone aged between 11 and 21 years of age and will take place at 3 pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January at Penrith Methodist Church.**

**\*\*Those under 18 must have a signed consent form.**

## Cleaner Wanted

Skelton Methodist Church are looking for a cleaner.  
Our premises are small and compact so the task should not be too onerous.

Number of hours and frequency of visits can be negotiated.

We will pay the going hourly rate.

If interested, please contact Lois Morton on 01768 890326  
or email: [lois.morton@btinternet.com](mailto:lois.morton@btinternet.com)



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# THE SHOWTUNES MUST GO ON

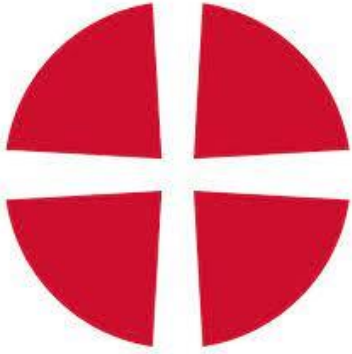
EXCITING NEWS!

OUR VERY OWN PJ SUMMERS IS PRODUCING A MUSICAL TRIBUTE SHOW!  
FEATURING MICHAEL BOONE, AS WELL AS KATIE JANE (WHO JOINED US FOR OUR BE BOULDER CONCERT),  
THE DEBUT PERFORMANCES WILL BE RIGHT HERE IN PENRITH  
IF YOU WISH TO SUPPORT THEM, PLUS EXPERIENCE A NIGHT OF THEATRICAL EXCELLENCE:

**16TH MARCH 2024 // PENRITH PLAYHOUSE**

MATINEE 2.00PM // EVENING 7.30PM

TICKETS AT [WWW.PENRITHPLAYERS.ORG.UK](http://WWW.PENRITHPLAYERS.ORG.UK) OR [PENRITH TOURIST INFORMATION](#)



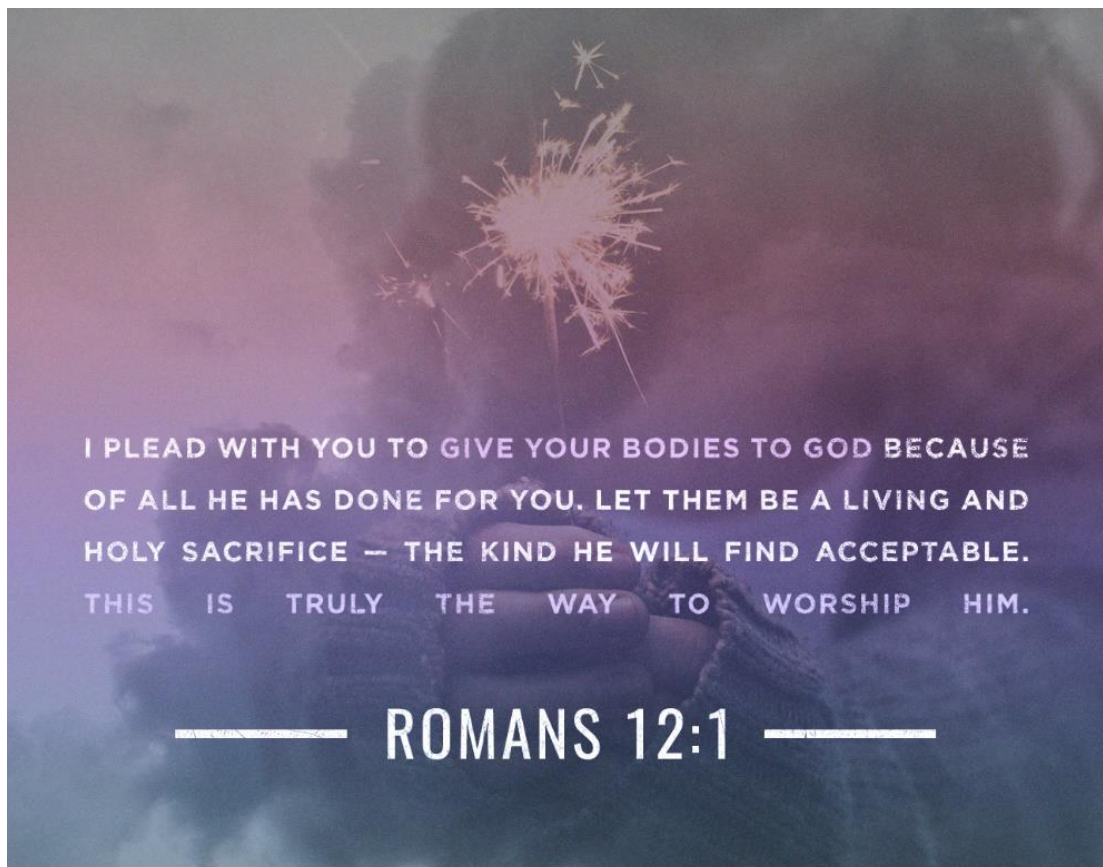
## A County Circuit

The County Circuit Exploration Group are hosting an open listening session facilitated by Place for Hope on the morning of **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at Penrith Methodist Church.**

This will be a space to listen to each other and a space to understand one another's viewpoint. It is hoped that the session will give more insights and understanding that will be valuable for conversations within our churches and circuits, and at the District Policy Group in March and Synod in April. Further details will be available and circulated shortly.

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## Thought for the week...





## **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Morgan Tebb-Roger and Sophie Peterson who got engaged at New Year!

With best wishes to you both for the future.

## **Contact Details:**

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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](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)

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

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