



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 11th February 2024

There are a number of paintings which I would love to see for myself, but as yet have not had the chance to view. This is one of them. I haven't seen it in the flesh (so to speak) for a couple of good reasons. Firstly, until 1990, it was in a museum in Boston, America. And then, it got stolen, and nobody has seen it since. Still, it remains one of my favourite works of art.

Here's the well-known story of the Stilling of the Storm. The disciples, some of them seasoned seafarers, think they are about to drown, while Jesus seems unconcerned, sleeping in the bottom of the boat. They wake him up and say, "Don't you care?" After all, it isn't their fault that they are in trouble. They were being obedient to Jesus, who had told them that they were going to the other side. Sometimes the storms we find ourselves in are not because of our own sin or disobedience.



"Christ in the Storm on the Sea of Galilee" (1633)
Rembrandt van Rijn - www.gardnermuseum.org:
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<https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=6812612>

In the painting, I love how Rembrandt captures the way in which that wave hits the side of the boat. Meanwhile, the disciple nearest to us, in red, is throwing up over the side. But, hang on, how many disciples can I count? Is there a "gate crasher"? And, who is that holding the rigging?



Rembrandt loves selfies, and once again puts himself into one of his own paintings. While the other disciples battle the elements, Rembrandt looks out of the painting in our direction, holding onto his cap. It's as if he, in some way, is identifying with the first disciples. He certainly will have a few storms to face in his own personal life, including the deaths of three of his children and his wife Saskia, as well as other problems with finances and relationships.

Jesus, though, looks compassionately in his direction. In the storms that come our way, sometimes Jesus does not make all our problems miraculously disappear. "Don't you care?" we may cry out with the disciples (and Rembrandt himself). Perhaps we need to be reminded once again, that whatever storms or troubles we find ourselves in the middle of, Jesus is there with us too.

So, don't hang on to your hat, or even to the rigging. Instead, hang on to Jesus!

Rev. Dave



Penrith

10.30am ~ Healing Service ~ Rev. Gillian Belford
Readings: John 11: 1 - 16; 17 - 37; 38 - 44

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Keith Speck

Langwathby

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Kevin Turpin & Team

Gamblesby

2pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

Renwick

2pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Weekly Diary

Monday 12th February

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 13th February

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

10am ~ Midweek Service – Mrs Lois Morton – Church/PMC

NO CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

12.30pm ~ Pancake Lunch - Skelton Methodist Church

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

NO Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 14th February

NO 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 15th February

NO Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

Friday 16th February

7pm ~ Woodland Collective – meet at PMC

Sunday 18th February

Penrith: 10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

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

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

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

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

Kirkoswald: 6pm ~ Third Sunday Service

Gamblesby: 10am ~ Little Acorns

Healing Service

Sunday 11th February, 10.30am at PMC
Led by Rev. Gillian Belford
Theme: 'Prayer – Look Up'



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Skelton Methodist Church invites you to

## A Pancake Lunch

**On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 12.30pm**

Savoury and Sweet Fillings will be served and  
we can also provide gluten-free

Donations for Church Windows Fund

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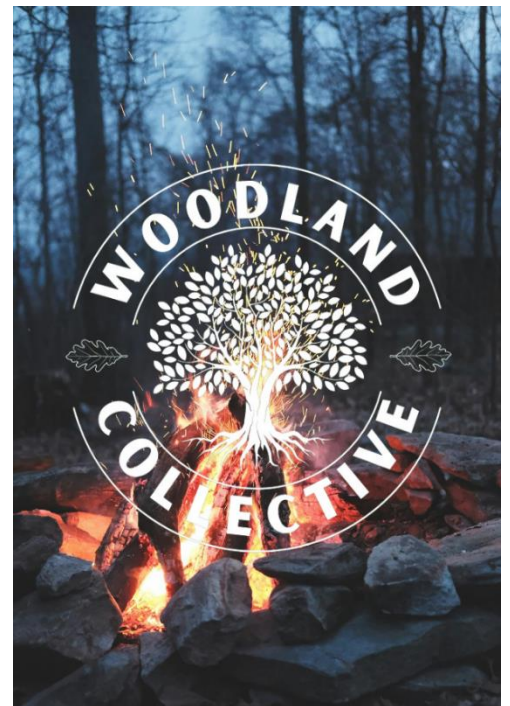
Our new project 'Woodland Collective' is taking place on Friday 16th February!

What is it? This is a space that is hosted in a way that promotes healing, growth and community in the amazing creation that surrounds us. This space is for those seeking healing from hurtful experiences with religion, for those seeking to grow in their faith, and for those wanting to build community with others. Whoever you are, you're welcome here.

What's involved? We will spend a short time individually connecting to the place we're in whilst reflecting on what is on our minds and hearts. We will then gather around a fire and, if we feel able to, share what is going on for us as we roast marshmallows and sip on a warm drink. This tends to naturally flow into various discussions, deepening the friendships we share with one another.

When are we meeting? On Friday 16th February we will meet outside PMC at **7pm** and carpool to the selected woodland. Make sure to wear clothes appropriate for the weather, bring any hot drinks or snacks you wish, as well as any blankets or camping chairs you might want.

Please share this with anyone you think might like to attend.





On Monday 19th February
at 2.30 pm in The Chat Room, Alston

Rev. John Howard

will be giving an illustrated talk on his work in
Israel/Palestine

Rev. John Howard is a retired Methodist Minister who served as a Mission Partner in Bethlehem and is really knowledgeable about Palestine/Israel which is to be featured at the World Day of Prayer on 1st March.

In 2013 he served as a Human Rights observer with the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine/Israel.

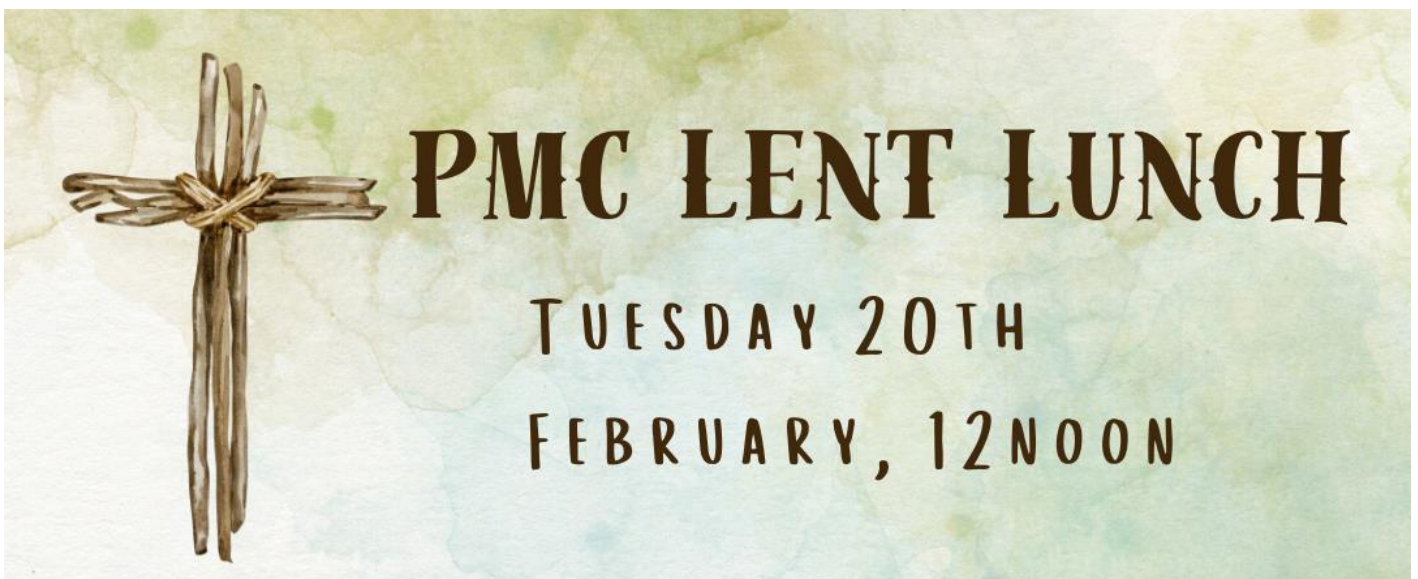
All are welcome to join us for what promises to be a very interesting and informative meeting.



Penrith Music Club Concert
Monday 19th February, 7.30pm at PMC

February's concert will be a piano recital by Victor Lim, born in South Korea, a finalist in the BBC Young Musician of the Year in 2012 and winner of the Royal Northern College of Music's Gold Medal in 2021.

See www.penrithmusicclub.com for more information.



PMC CLOTHES SWAP

**Sunday
25th February**

12noon - 1pm
6pm-7pm

Penrith Methodist Church,
Wordsworth Street,
Penrith, CA11 7QY

Refresh your wardrobe for free at our clothes swap event!

The aim is to redistribute unwanted clothes, so bring along any quality clothes which you no longer wear and swap them for something new!



This will follow the Social Justice service on fast fashion which takes place on Sunday 25th February, 10.30am at PMC.

If anyone can't make the clothes swap but have items they would like to include, these can be left with us prior to the service.

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## **Christian Aid – Changemakers Conference**

Sandylands Methodist Church, Sandgate, Kendal, LA9 6EU, will be hosting the Christian Aid Changemakers Conference on **Saturday 2 March** for the Cumbria/ North Lancashire region. We will be one of 14 venues across the UK hosting this event which will be live streamed from St James' Church, Piccadilly, London. The event will run from 10.30am to 1pm, followed by a free networking lunch.

There will be the opportunity to hear from Burundi Country Manager, Philip Galgallo, who'll give a personal insight into the Burundi programmes, plus other key speakers who will share news, ideas, and resources to enthuse us in readiness for Christian Aid Week 2024. It will also be a really good chance to network with supporters from other churches in Kendal and across the county, and to share ideas and resources.

**To register for the conference, please follow this link:**

[Changemakers Conference: Regional | Christian Aid.](#)



# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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I beg you,  
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in love

St Andrews, Penrith, 2pm  
Renwick, 2pm  
St Wulstons, Alston, 2.30pm

**FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024**

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[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)



## PMC WhatsApp Community

Stay up to date with everything PMC - scan this QR code to join our WhatsApp community, where you can get general notices & announcements for church life, and also register for specific groups for discussion, opportunities, and prayer.

If the QR code does not work, you can also use the link <http://www.penrithmethodist.co.uk/whatsapp> to join.

### **Two points to note:**

- 1. It is only 'admin' who can post - so you will not be inundated with people 'pinging'!**
- 2. Signing up does not disclose your mobile number to others.**

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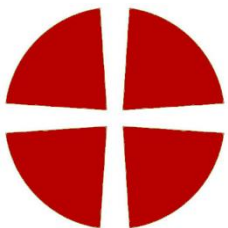
Operation Christmas Child

I've just found out that our 2023 shoeboxes went to Belarus, a neighbour of Ukraine. Please keep knitting and saving empty medium sized shoeboxes. They can be left in the dropbox in Reception anytime.

Thank you, Judith Joyce.



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## North West England District: Expressions of Interest

The new North West District, which comes into force in September 2024, are looking to recruit volunteers to fill various roles in order for us to effectively fulfil our mission and ministry.

Please have a look at the roles as detailed on the Cumbria Methodist District website and complete an expression of interest and an EDI monitoring form if you may be interested in serving in this way.

District website link: [Cumbria Methodist District Vacancies](#)



**Churches Together in Penrith is recruiting for a  
'Linking Lives Befriending Coordinator'**



**LINKING LIVES UK**  
*Improving quality of life through friendship*

Would you like to help us reduce social isolation and loneliness?

Are you caring, concerned about loneliness, reliable and flexible, with good administrative and communication skills?

As our Part Time Befriending Co-ordinator, with 12hrs/wk @ 11.50/hr, you would be responsible for the day-to-day operation and future planning of our service – which is up and running in Penrith.

This involves continuing to recruit, train and support a volunteer network, who link with our clients on a regular basis.

For a full application pack, including job description, person specification and how to apply, please download from; [ctmcpenrith.chessck.co.uk/JobVacancies](http://ctmcpenrith.chessck.co.uk/JobVacancies)

For more information about Churches Together in Penrith, please visit; [ctmcpenrith.chessck.co.uk](http://ctmcpenrith.chessck.co.uk)

For more information on our Linking Lives Service in Penrith, please visit; [linkinglives.uk/project/penrith/](http://linkinglives.uk/project/penrith/)

For more information about Linking Lives, in other local places and across the UK, please visit; [linkinglives.uk](http://linkinglives.uk)



In case of any questions, please contact Duncan Walker at [churchestogetherinpenrith@gmail.com](mailto:churchestogetherinpenrith@gmail.com)

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East Cumbria Methodist Circuit urgently require an additional

CIRCUIT STEWARD

essentially to help manage the development of our Circuit Vision alongside the possible transition to a larger Cumbria Circuit.

The requirement is only for now until August 2025
- so no long-term commitment necessary!

For more details or for an informal chat,
speak to Rev. Tim, Rev. Dave
Or any of the current circuit stewards.

The Methodist Church



Kirkby Stephen, Appleby & Tebay Methodist Circuit is looking for a **CIRCUIT YOUTH WORKER**

Are you passionate about young people's ministry?

The KSAT Circuit is situated in Cumbria in a deeply rural area between the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. The greater part lying in the beautiful valley of the River Eden, and the remainder in the Upper Lune Valley. We have 14 chapels which are not only open for worship on Sundays, but also provide a wide range of activities throughout the week for people of all ages and interests.

- To develop children and youth work programmes for the age range 11-18 years in churches and communities.
- To enable children and young people faith development and discipleship and become integrated into the churches and Mission Community in the upper Eden and Lune areas.
- To engage in developing strategies for working with young people.

Salary: £13.00 per hour (18 hours per week). (Net: £12,174)

Start date: TBC (April 2024)

Work base: Home-based/Eden area, with travel required

Duration of contract: Fixed Term 3 year contract.

An occupational requirement exists for the post holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Closing date for applications: 26th February 2024

Interviews: 5th March 2024

The successful applicant will require a satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure and successful completion of safer recruitment checks.

For further details and application form: Rev Andrew Sterling,
andrew.sterling@methodist.org.uk / 017683 51244

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The Methodist Church

Please sign up if you wish to receive the Methodist Church daily email reflections during Lent.



IMPORTANT GIFT AID REMINDER FOR PMC MEMBERS

The Income Tax Year ends on 5th April 2024 and it is important that we know if you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and are either no longer paying Income Tax, or consider that the amount of tax you have paid in the current year is less than will be reclaimed on your total donations (currently £25.00 can be reclaimed for every £100 donated).

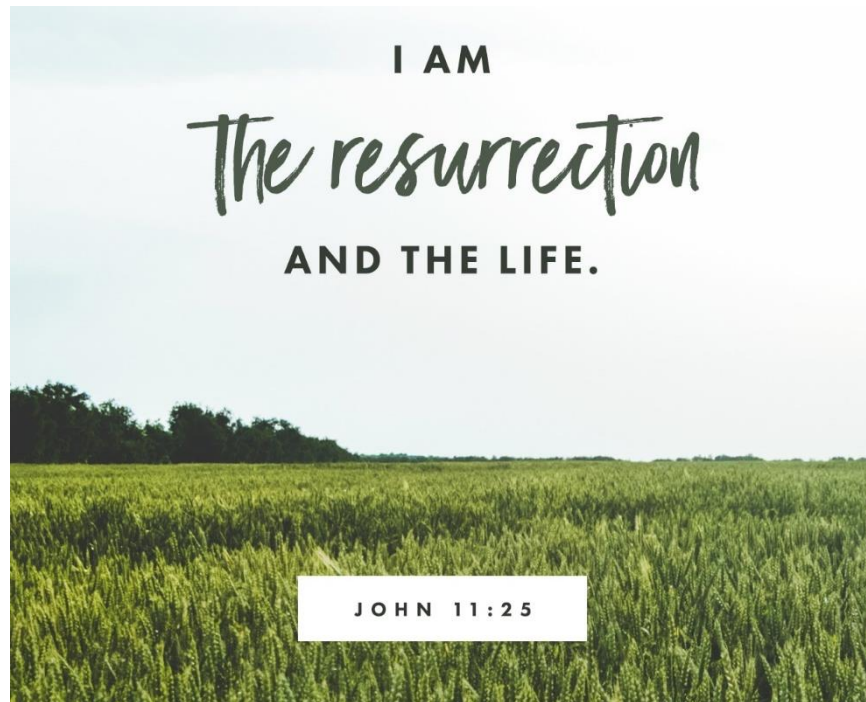
Any taxpayers who may be interested in helping the church by Gift Aiding their donations but do not currently do so, please contact the Office for further information. There is no additional cost to you and it is completely confidential.

If you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and changed your name or address, please advise the Church Office.

Thank you.

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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!

