



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 3rd March

Into Newness

As we continue our *familiar* journey in Lent towards Easter, I wonder how many of us actually take time to be open to something *new*?

An article by the American Franciscan priest Richard Rohr challenges us to remember how radical our church fathers were: visionary, bold, and creative. And how predictable it is that church settles into a pattern which is the opposite of their message and zeal:

“constricted, change-averse, nostalgic, fearful, obsessed with boundary maintenance, turf battles, and money. Instead of greeting the world with open arms as their founders did, their successors stand guard with clenched fists. Instead of empowering others as their founders did, they hoard power. Instead of defying tradition and unleashing moral imagination as their founders did, they impose tradition and refuse to think outside the lines”

He goes on to ask two very uncomfortable questions “What happened to Christianity? What happened to Jesus and his beautiful message?”

These are indeed worthy of our time in Lenten contemplation, both personally and collectively.

Paul in his masterpiece, the letter to the Roman church, gives a powerful summary of the transformational implications of the Gospel:

“We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” Romans 6:4

So that raises another question: what should ‘walking in newness of life’ look like, especially as a community brought together for the purpose of glorifying our Lord?



Our attitudes are so important. Richard suggests we have two options before us: *“we can approach this time [when church is in decline] as survivors, desperately*

clinging to our structures and ways of being. Or, we can see ourselves as pioneers, setting out in the face of the unknown to discover new ways to live faith-filled lives. Nothing today will be the same ten years from now. Why not architect the kind of faith movement we want to see twenty-to-fifty years from now?"

The newness of Easter is needed now as much as it ever was.

Shane McNicol



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
Readings: Mark 1:9-15; Mark 10:32-34

12 noon ~ Lunch

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Gillian Belford

Nenthead

5pm ~ Pennine Praise

Culgaith

11am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Keith Speck

Langwathby

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr Ray & Mrs Joan Wager

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

The title 'Weekly Diary' is written in a dark red, cursive font on a light pink background with gold glitter and abstract brushstrokes.

Weekly Diary

Monday 4th March

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 2pm** ~ All Together Fellowship, Andy Airey – Church/PMC
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group - Sandgate Room/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 5th March

- 10am** ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel
- 10am** ~ Midweek Service – Miss Kathleen Williamson – Church/PMC
- NO** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 6th March

- 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 March

- 1pm** ~ Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC
- 2pm** ~ Parklands HG – Fairfield, Wordsworth Street

Friday 8th March

- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 1pm** ~ Lent Lunch – St Catherines, Penrith
- 7pm** ~ Woodland Collective – Meet at PMC for carshare

Saturday 9th March

- 9am** ~ Marriage by Design Course – Sandgate/PMC
- 9.30am** ~ Big Brew Coffee Morning & Flower Workshop – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 10th March

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway
- Patterdale: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr Michael Boone
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger
- Cottage Wood: 5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Alston Moor: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

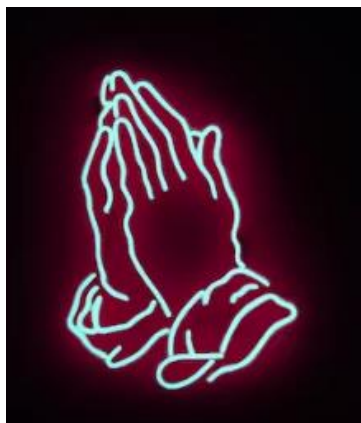
Kirkoswald: 10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Katharine Butterfield

Gamblesby: 2pm ~ United Mothering Sunday Service ~ Rev. Keith Speck

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

Great Salkeld: ~ Family Time of Worship ~ Ms Veronica Priest

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**Monday Zoom Prayer Meeting - 4<sup>th</sup> March,  
7.30pm, hosted by David & Gillian Belford**

All are welcome to join, please contact the office for details or phone 01768 210217.

Meeting I.D. - 955 474 1253

Password - 2YaB4F

**All Together Fellowship  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm  
Penrith Methodist Church**

Following a short act of worship, there will be a talk and visual presentation by Andy Airey (one of the 3 Dads Walking).



Donations received at the meeting will all be given to Papyrus, the charity whose fundamental aim is Prevention of Young Suicide.



**Langwathby Methodist Church  
Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March - from 10.15**

“Meeting Point” – a coffee morning,  
ending with a short “thought for the day”.

All are welcome!



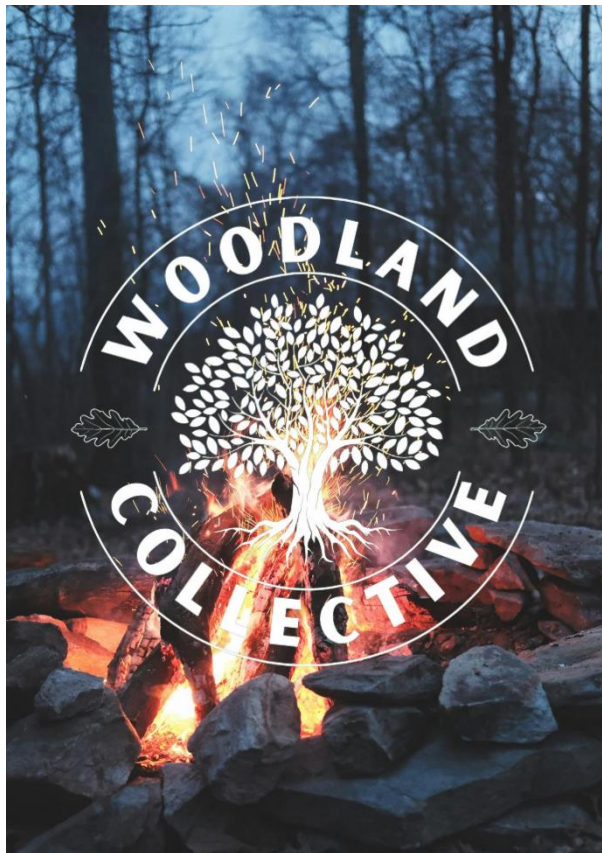
# CTiP Lent Lunches

12noon-1pm

Fri 8th March, St Catherines  
(1pm-2pm)

Fri 15th March, Salvation Army

Fri 22nd March, St. Andrew's



## WOODLAND COLLECTIVE 2024 DATES:

March 8th  
April 12th  
May 10th  
June 21st  
July 12th  
September 13th

For more details contact Morgan on  
[outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

**\*The next Woodland Collective meeting is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.  
All are welcome to join and if interested please meet outside PMC at 7pm  
to carpool to the selected woodland.  
Please wear weather appropriate clothing and bring any hot drinks/snacks,  
blankets/chairs you might want.**

Transform  
Trade

# Big Brew 2024

Saturday 9th March

Join us...

for a cuppa, cake and  
conversation at  
Penrith Methodist Church

We're also holding a flower  
workshop, making posies for the  
service on Sunday 10th March

Flower workshop - 9.30am  
Coffee morning - 10am-12noon



## Cottage Wood Centre Take Tea Out

To book a tea in for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, eat in or take away,  
please contact Sylvia: 01228 511547.

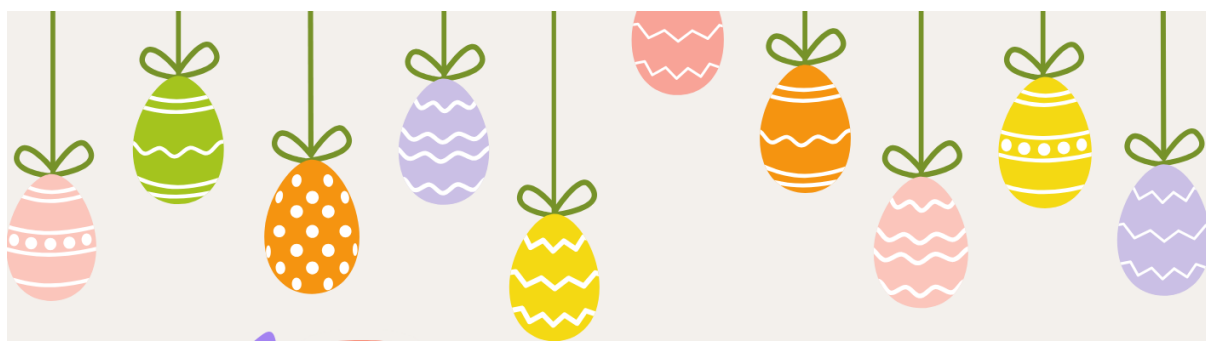
### IMPORTANT GIFT AID REMINDER FOR PMC MEMBERS

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).

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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.



# 4F@PMC

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

Tuesday 2nd April  
11am-2pm

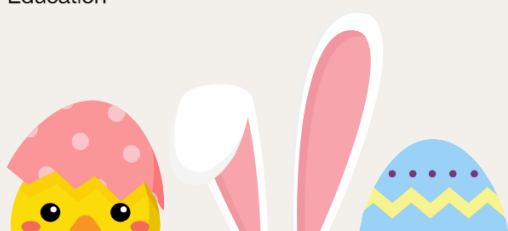
Tuesday 9th April  
11am-2pm  
with Action Ants

Join us for games, indoor sports and arts & crafts, plus a lot more...  
A hot lunch and drinks are provided.

To book your place contact  
[admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)



#HAF2024



In memory  
of Keith Scott



## Carlisle Refuge Collection

**It's time for a Spring clean!**

Our next Refuge collection date is Tuesday 16th  
of April at 9:30am.

Please bring donations to PMC on the day from 9am.

Small household items, washing up products, long life food  
and clothing appreciated. No appliances. Please bag and label.  
Think of what you might need when moving to a new flat with little  
or nothing!

**IMPORTANT:**

Please only donate clean items (with some life left in them) which  
you would be happy passing on to a friend :)

**Are you free on the day to carry, load the van, or  
be on call to drive up to Carlisle if need be?**

**Contact Rebecca Frost (07805697325) or leave a  
message with the Church office.**

## PMC's Flower Team



Thank you so very much for the donations  
which have been given towards providing the  
church flowers at PMC.

These gifts make such a difference to the flowers that we  
can put in the church and which give pleasure to many.

Should you like to make a donation towards this ministry,  
please contact Marion Todd or a member of the Flower Team.



If anyone would like to get  
involved and join the Flower  
Team, either in putting displays  
together for the services or  
distributing the flowers following  
the Tuesday service, please  
contact the Circuit Office or a  
member of the Flower Team.



## Missing Books

Following the PMC anniversary celebrations last year, two books detailing Thomas Pattinson's preaching notes have been misplaced – one has been returned to the Circuit office but the second is still missing.

Please could those who loaned items to the anniversary display check that they haven't picked it up in error.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for all the wool, knitted items for shoeboxes and empty boxes left recently. Please continue the good work.

For your diary, our packing morning will be Saturday 12th October.

## CAP Money

Alan Sibley has recently taken over running the CAP Money course; he will be linking with the existing debt counselling work and Job Club run from PMC.

The CAP money course is a money management course that teaches budgeting skills that can help you to make the most of your money, and to worry less about money. The course has a proven track record; it has been running for over 25 years though the material has recently been updated.

The content is relevant to most people who want to be more in control of their finances. The material is very accessible and easy to follow. The course can either be run over 4 sessions of about 2 hours or a shortened course can be run in a day.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in attending a course, or finding out more about it, then please contact Alan at the following email address – [capmoney@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:capmoney@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

### CAP Money Course

A free, short course that makes managing your money simple.



budget. save. spend

## NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

# THE EQUIP SERIES



**12.03.  
2024**

**7.30PM-8.30PM**

**MONTHLY  
ONLINE EVENTS**

**HOSTED ON  
ZOOM**

**ARRIVE FROM  
7.20PM FOR A  
7.30PM START**

Come along to this information evening and be equipped as we move towards the launch of the North West England District. The evening will include:

- Devotions
- Space to be equipped spiritually
- An update from James Tebbutt, our new District Chair (subject to Methodist Conference)
- An update from each sub group, to increase our knowledge and understanding of how the new district will look and feel
- Q and A session

These events will take place once a month at varying times, to ensure all are able to participate if you would like to.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE  
EMAIL [NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM).**

Save the dates!

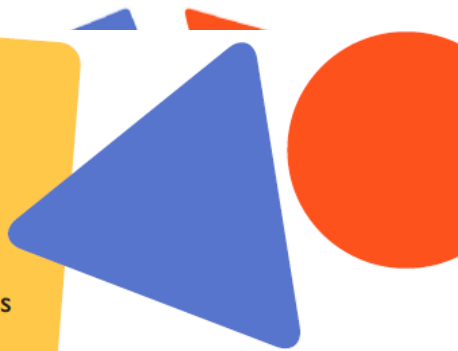
# Thinking Ecumenically

An afternoon with Revd Canon Dr Jeremy Morris,  
National Ecumenical Advisor for the  
Church of England.

St Thomas' Church, Kendal  
Monday, 13 May 2024, 1.30–4.30pm

To register your place for free, please visit:  
[westerndales.org.uk/thinking-ecumenically](https://westerndales.org.uk/thinking-ecumenically)

For more information, please email Revd Andy Burgess  
on [andy.burgess@westerndales.org.uk](mailto:andy.burgess@westerndales.org.uk)



Register your place for  
free, using this QR code:



## Born in Song

With the huge number of modern worship songs around now, the rich treasury of Methodist hymns we sang in our youth is slowly disappearing into the mists of time. Come and relive our Methodist inheritance with an afternoon of Musical Nostalgia – with tea and cake to follow!

Date: June 18th

Place: Sands Methodist Church Appleby

Time 2pm

Further info nearer the time, but  
do contact Linda Taylor [ljtaylor900@gmail.com](mailto:ljtaylor900@gmail.com)  
if you have an 'old favourite' you would like included.



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

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

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