



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 10th March



Dear friends,

Three weeks into the season of lent for Christians and I am sometimes asked why and what is this season for, is it really about giving up chocolate? I could of course give up celery, radishes or courgettes today quite willingly, but I am pretty sure that this is not what the season of lent is REALLY about. Officially it commemorates the season of 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness, enduring temptation by the devil.

Surely the season should be more about the preparation of our hearts and minds for the revelation of the glorious and amazing story of Easter?

I am in a season, at the moment, of preparing to finish my term of office as Circuit Pastor in the East Cumbria Circuit and within the East of Eden Mission



Community, along with sorting out our house in Carlisle after nearly 7 years renting it out and being a landlord. This means entering into the whole realm of redecorating. Interesting term that, the modern phrase I gather is 'room remodelling'. So, obviously, it means bringing in an interior designer and professional room remodelling team - think Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen here...Cos'I was!

This glorious ship had barely set sail before it was torpedoed very early on in discussions by the treasurer of the said house, and grim reality settled upon me in the shape of a pair of overalls and visits to B&Q, (other DIY centres are also available, I gather) and no, Farrow and Ball paint is not applicable in this context, neither is the 'shabby chic' angle...

Ho Hum, you cannot 'get away with' a mere lick of white gloss on a door frame in a given room and think it's 'ok'. The moment you lay that brush loaded with Dulux Once (other paints are available) on that wooden frame you are trapped because the rest of the room looks dowdy and faintly yellowish! You very soon find that everything in the room remodelling world depends on **PREPERATION**, and the revelation of the Easter Story is no different. The world seeks to steal the reality from us and replace it with bunnies chicks and chocolate, normally around January the 2nd each year!

The season of Lent truly should guide and channel us into the right frame of mind and heart to sense, see and feel the giant and awesome reality of Salvation which is offered to us in and through Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit guide us all into a fresh reality of the Easter experience this year.

*Keith Speck
(Kirkoswald)*



Mothering Sunday

Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway
Reading: Exodus 2: 1 – 10

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 Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Katharine Butterfield

Gamblesby

10am ~ United Mothering Sunday Service ~ Rev. Keith Speck

Renwick

2pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Great Salkeld

10am ~ Family Time of Worship ~ Ms Veronica Priest (See Notice)

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 11th March

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

Tuesday 12th March

- 10am** ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel
- 10am** ~ Midweek Service – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger – Church/PMC
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 6pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – trip out

Wednesday 13th March

- 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 14th March

- 1pm** ~ Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC
- 1.30pm** ~ Take Tea Out – Cottage Wood Centre (See notice for booking contact)

Friday 15th March

- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 12 noon** ~ Lent Lunch – Salvation Army, Hunter Lane, Penrith

Sunday 17th March

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr Lawrence Tomlinson
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Cathy Helm
- Cottage Wood: 5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson
- Alston Moor: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Mary Elliot
- Langwathby: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner
- Kirkoswald: 10am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Keith Speck
- 6.30pm** ~ Third Sunday Service

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



Mothering Sunday Service at Great Salkeld

At 10am on Sunday, there will be a family time of worship
in the Village Hall, led by Ms Veronica Priest.

A time for all families to come together.
All are welcome.



Penrith Music Club Concert

Monday 11th March, 7.30pm at PMC

Our final evening recital will be given by the Maxwell
String Quartet, one of the most impressive young
quartets of the present day.

See www.penrithmusicclub.com for more information.



Cottage Wood Centre
Take Tea Out

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



CTiP Lent Lunches
12noon-1pm

Fri 15th March, Salvation Army
Fri 22nd March, St. Andrew's



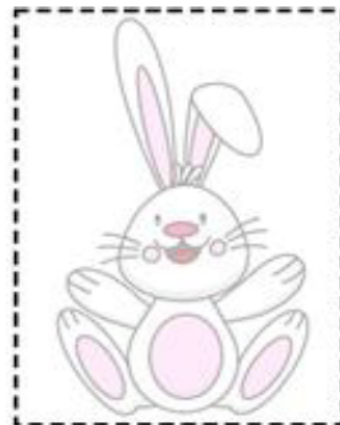
Please support Joseph fundraising for his scout expedition and come to Cottage Wood for a

Bunny Drive

(like a beetle drive but with more rabbits)

Friday 5th April 6.30pm
Cottage Wood Centre
Refreshments provided

To reserve your ticket,
please contact Alison on 07788464236 or ask at the centre
Donations accepted on entry



Roverway 2024

Monday 22 July to Monday 5 August 2024, Norway



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






CTfC and NCT, Meet Church Funders Training Day

Churches Trust for Cumbria and National Churches Trust are holding a Training day to meet major Church funders.

The morning session will consist of presentations from some of the top funders for churches. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and a chance to network and chat. The afternoon sessions will take the form of two workshops on Tourism and Heritage to help unlock your churches potential and help you to become an attractive prospective grantee.

The whole day is free of charge and is provided in partnership by CTfC and NCT; as part of the "Cherish" project. Cherish grants fund offers between £500 and £10,000 for small repairs and maintenance to help keep churches in good condition and prevent expensive repairs.

10am-3pm 19/04/2024
Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth St, Penrith CA11 7QY

To register please visit - <https://forms.office.com/e/wpVeJWX1Xg>

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.

All Together Fellowship held its third meeting of 2024 last Monday afternoon.

Andy Airey, one of the 3 Dads Walking, gave a moving talk about how his daughter's suicide changed the trajectory of his life.



Since the tragedy, much of Andy's time has been given over to raising awareness (fundraising for Papyrus, the charity whose fundamental aim centres on the prevention of young suicide), and conducting an ongoing campaign to get suicide prevention on the school curriculum.

Andy was touched by the wonderful welcome that he was given, the sincere appreciation from people present, together with their generosity. He wanted us to convey his sincere thanks.

Donations for Papyrus totalled **£320**.

Thanks again, John & Margaret.

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.



Pastures New

On 15th March 2024 it will be 11 years since I started working in the office. However, I now feel that it is time for something different, so my last working day will be Thursday 28th March.

I have generally enjoyed working for the Church and Circuit, doing many things behind the scenes, and I trust that you will not expect too much of Sarah in the period before my successor is appointed.

Maureen Brunskill.

**We have two vacancies based at Penrith Methodist Church
and information on both can be found below.**

**If you are interested in applying, or would like further information,
please contact the appropriate person – details can be found on
the relevant advert.**



Vacancy: Circuit Administrative Assistant

Part-time 8 hours per week, but intended to rise to 12 hours per week

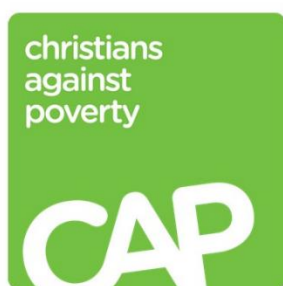
Are you a team worker, but able to work alone or with volunteers? Have you got any experience in office routines and basic I.T.? The East Cumbria Methodist Circuit wishes to appoint a part-time Administrative Assistant for the recently enlarged Circuit.

The successful applicant will be central to the work of the Circuit, providing support to the Circuit Administration Manager in providing professional input, advice and oversight in all areas of administration and operations. The successful applicant will be required to occasionally deputise for the Administration Manager, but training will be provided for this.

We are an equal opportunities employer but the role requires a sympathy with the aims and ethos of the Methodist Church. Please note - the post is subject to obtaining a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) disclosure.

Salary: NJC Scale 5; £12.18 per hour. Closing date for applications: Friday 22nd March 2024.

Interviews will be held on Wednesday 10th April: For further information and for an application form, please contact:
Miss Sarah Mulheron, Circuit Administration Manager at;
email; - admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk or tel; - 01768 862787
or by letter at East Cumbria Circuit Office, Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith. CA11 7QY



Eden CAP Debt Centre

is seeking to appoint a
Debt Coach

The post is a Part-Time permanent position, 8 hours per week

The salary offered is £5542 per annum. (£25,979 full-time equivalent)

An application form, job description and a person specification are available from:

joncook@capuk.org

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 1pm

Interviews will be held 8th April 2024



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.

PMG SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE



The tea and coffee rota for March onwards is in the kitchen.

Please sign up if you are able.

NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT

THE EQUIP SERIES



**TUE 12 MARCH
WED 17 APRIL
THU 16 MAY
MON 10 JUNE
TUE 16 JULY
WED 14 AUGUST
2024**

**MONTHLY
ONLINE EVENTS**

**HOSTED ON
ZOOM**

7.30 - 8.30PM

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

Come along to these information evenings and be equipped as we move towards the launch of the North West England District. These evenings will include:

- Devotions
- 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 run on a monthly basis, and you are invited to attend any/all of these sessions. To Join:

<https://zoom.us/j/94658927054?>

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(Meeting ID: 946 5892 7054 Passcode: 125750)

To access via phone dial 0203 481 5237 or 0203 481 5240 and follow prompts.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE
EMAIL NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM.**



A Prayer on Mothering Sunday

Heavenly Father, we praise and thank you as we celebrate Mothering Sunday; a chance to express thankfulness and joy as we remember our own mothers or carers, who have, or still are, serving their families.

We also remember those for whom today will be difficult and sad.

Contact Details:

Co-Superintendent Ministers

Rev. Tim Cooke: 01768 890465 or email: tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk

Rev. David Milner: 01768 863209 or email: dave@revmilner.plus.com

Circuit Pastor: Rev. Keith Speck: 01768 898257 or email: keithspck1@googlemail.com

Missional Pioneer & Communities Lay Pastor: Morgan Tebb-Roger: 07949 156051
or email: outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk

Stainton Outreach Worker: Trace Cooke: 01768 890465
or email: tracecooke1@gmail.com

Circuit Office: 01768 862787 or email: 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: 07464 939138
or email: joncook@capuk.org

Debt Coach: Jen Dixon: 07799 271710 or email: 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

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!

