



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June

### Election Special



Don't worry, I'll try not to be contentious.

But if you look across the pond you'll see just how divisive politics can be and how swathes of churches/church-goers align (entrench?) themselves to a political party and deeply mistrust anyone with other allegiances. I'm glad it isn't anywhere near as bad as that here for most of us, at least not yet.

I'm currently reading a book co-authored by Tom Wright and Michael Bird - 'Jesus and the Powers' - which speaks to the subject of Christians and politics, historically and contemporary, and I share a few bits of their wisdom here. God's intention was and still is for human government and authority for the benefit of his world and within his providence. Jesus himself acknowledged that Pontius Pilate, a pagan governor, had a God-given authority over him! (John 19:11)

But the challenge for each is generation of Christians is, how do we build for God's Kingdom in the context of menacing empires and flawed political systems? We do well to remember that God 'disposes kings and sets up kings' (Dan 2:21) and 'dominion belongs to the LORD; he rules over the nations' (Ps 22:28) and that is borne out in Scripture from Pharaoh to Assyrians, Babylonians and Romans. Kings and empires may 'rage' and 'conspire' against God and his anointed king, but they are doomed to failure.

The Creator's design for good human government finds its ultimate fulfilment in this: God has appointed Jesus as the King of kings and Lord of lords. That's our message and the church's vocation is to build for His Kingdom - a kingdom that is not of this world, but it certainly is for this world. Which means we shouldn't avoid politics but rather use it as we are able to make a positive difference to human flourishing.

Human rulers only have a delegated authority and they should be obedient and will be held to account. So as well as casting your vote, answer the call to pray for those in authority (1 Tim 2:2).

*Shane McNicol*



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion – Rev David Milner

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke and Ms Cassie Jennings

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev Mary Elliot

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr David Pepin

**Culgaith**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Bryan Gray

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Peter and Hazel Bowes

**Kirkoswald**

**6.30pm** ~ Third Sunday Service

***There are alternative Anglican services available.***

***For details, please see the EEMC website: [www.eastofedenmc.org.uk](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)***

**Change to plan**



Please note that the Circuit service on Tuesday 9th July will now be held in the Sandgate room at PMC, and not at Stainton as on the plan.

# Weekly Notices

## **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC
- 6.30pm** ~ CAP Money Course – Beacon/PMC

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

- 10am** ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel
- 10am** ~ Midweek Service – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger – Church/PMC
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 1.30pm** ~ Prayer Meeting – Church/PMC
- 7pm** ~ Omega House Group – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

- 10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre
- 1.30pm** ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church
- 2pm** ~ Langwathby Community Fellowship
- 7pm** ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (*We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Wednesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.*)
- 7.30pm** ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan or Sarah for details

## **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

- 10.30am** ~ Oasis – Langwathby Methodist Chapel
- 1pm** ~ Thursday Tots – Ullswater/PMC
- 2pm** ~ Parklands HG – 19 Arthur St

## **Friday 21<sup>th</sup> June**

- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Woodland Collective – meet at PMC to car share

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

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| <b>Penrith: 10.30am</b>   | Annual Church Meeting - Ullswater/PMC -<br>Rev Tim Cooke & Ms Cassie Jennings |
| <b>Skelton: 10.30am</b>   | Morning Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson                                       |
| <b>Stainton: 10.30am</b>  | Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson                                       |
| <b>Cottage Wood: 5pm</b>  | Early Evening Communion -<br>Rev Tim Cooke & Ms Cassie Jennings               |
| <b>Alston Moor: 11am</b>  | Morning Worship - Pauline De La Mare  |
| <b>Culgaith: 11am</b>     | Village Hall  |
| <b>Kirkoswald: 10am</b>   | Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton   |
| <b>Gamblesby: 2pm</b>     | Afternoon Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw   |
| <b>Great Salkeld: 6pm</b> | Evening Worship – Veronica Priest   |



# June - Bible Month

Bible Month this year is in June and explores the book of Genesis. All the churches - both Methodist and Anglican - in the EE Mission Community are committed to this.

The themes for the four Sundays are as follows:

**June 2:** In the Beginning

**June 9:** The Great Family (Abraham and Sarah)

**June 16:** Jacob wrestling for a blessing.

**June 23:** Joseph the unhappy dreamer.



## Bible Month Open House

There will be a Bible Month Open House at:

Robin Hood View Cottage  
Winskill  
Penrith  
Cumbria  
CA10 1PD

Home of Peter and Hazel Bowes (who'll put the kettle on!)

**Wednesday 5th June**

**Thursday 13th June**

**Wednesday 19th June**

**Thursday 26th June**

All are welcome come to open up conversations about Genesis and its impact.

Thanks and blessings,

Hazel

# PENRITH WELCOMES DIVERSITY ART EXHIBITION

THIS PROJECT IS SUPPORTED BY THE WESTMORLAND AND FURNESS ARTS AND CULTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND



'Tiger' by Emad (age 8)

## 16th-23rd June @ Gallery 4a

4 Corney Place, Penrith, CA11 7PX

LAUNCH EVENT: 16th June (2pm)

### Opening Times

16th June: 2-4pm	20th June: 5-7pm
17th June: 5-7pm	21st June: 5-7pm
18th June: 5-7pm	22nd June: 10am-4pm
19th June: 5-7pm	23rd June: 11am-1pm

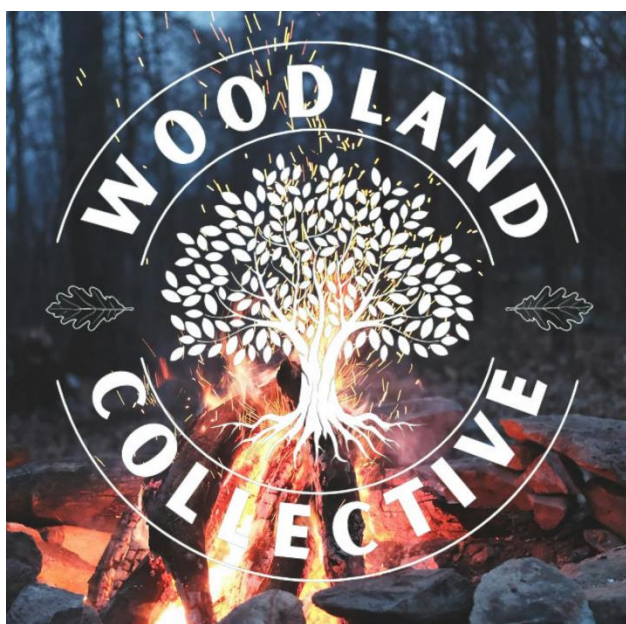
**All Welcome  
Free to Attend**



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The next Woodland Collective meeting is  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

All are welcome to join, 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.



What is happening at PMC?  
What is worth celebrating?  
What are the challenges?  
Where is God leading us?  
What does the future look like?

SUNDAY 23 JUNE, 10:30 WILL BE THE  
TIME TO EXPLORE THESE QUESTIONS!

JOIN US FOR A DIFFERENT TIME OF WORSHIP,  
INCORPORATING OUR ACM, WHERE WE REVIEW  
WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE ARE GOING.

We will share together around tables, with food and coffee,  
and plenty of discussion.

Please do come if you can – we'd love to have you with us!



**YOU** ARE LOVED  
ARE VALUED  
BELONG



WALK THE WALK  
PRESENTS...

# CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE RETREATS AT KEPPLEWRAY

Come away from everyday life to enjoy time with God in the glorious surroundings of the Lake District. Activities provide opportunities to hear God's voice as you reflect on your experiences. Accommodation, food and activities all included for only £175!



## **New Life!**

**21st-23rd  
June 2024**

Meet God through a weekend of low level walks and guided reflections. Suitable for all fitness levels.

John 10:10 - I have come that they may have life and have it to the full!



## **Solid Rock**

**21st-23rd  
June 2024**

Meet God through a weekend of themed on rocks! All equipment for climbing and abseiling will be provided.

Psalms 18:31 - Who is the Rock except our God?



## **Living Waters**

**9th-11th  
August 2024**

Meet God over a weekend spent on, in and around the water! Buoyancy aids, helmets and wet suits provided.

John 3:37 - If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink!



## **Changing Seasons**

**27th-29th  
September 2024**

Meet God through a weekend of mountain walking as summer comes to an end. Mountain fitness required.

2 Cor 5:17 - If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old is gone...

For more information  
or for a booking link,  
contact Walk the Walk

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Let's do **LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY 7TH JULY**  
Following the PMC Healing Service



Ploughman's and traybakes!  
Please let Ange know if you can provide  
a traybake for dessert  
(with list of allergens, no nuts)

If you are able to help with food preparation before the meal,  
please can you let Ange know, as numbers in the kitchen will be limited.

A colorful illustration for Planet Protectors. It features a large globe in the center with the text 'PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH &amp; EAST CUMBRIA METHODIST CIRCUIT' and 'PLANET PROTECTORS' overlaid. Below the globe is a white banner with the dates '22ND - 25TH JULY 2024' and '10AM - MIDDAY'. At the bottom is another white banner with the website 'WWW.PENRITHMETHODIST.CO.UK/HOLIDAYCLUB'. The background includes green trees, a red house, and an orange tent.

**PMC's Holiday Club will be running again this year.  
Follow the link above for more information & registration.**



The **Methodist** Church



# A Celebration of the Cumbria Methodist District

Sunday 14 July

3.30pm worship, sharing  
& refreshments

6 - 7pm evening celebration

An afternoon of worship,  
celebration and conversation.

To help with catering, please  
book [here](#) by Friday 28th June

*at Penrith Methodist Church*

*Arrivals from 3pm*





**THURSDAY 8 AUGUST**  
**CHURCHES TOGETHER**  
**WILL ONCE MORE BE HOSTING A**  
**A DAY IN**  
**THE LAKES!**

**For Refugee and asylum-seeker families in  
Glenridding**

**We seek to provide a day of fun, entertainment  
and love!**

**But to do this, we need people to help. So if you  
are interested in helping, please contact Rev  
Tim Cooke on: [tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk](mailto:tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk)**





Many of you will be aware of Harry Baker - Christian/Poet/Rapper/Comedian/Greenbelt Regular/Falafel Fan. Harry visited Penrith in 2022 and is back this month with a new show celebrating the wonder that is being alive.

Featuring brand new poems about death, postcodes and his favourite German wheat beer Schöfferhofer, the maths-loving, TED-talking, German-speaking, battle-rapping, happy-crying, self-bio-writing unashamed human brings his signature playfulness and poignancy that has made him a fan favourite and reached millions of people all over the world.

Tickets are selling fast but there's still time to get yours at [www.penrithplayers.org.uk](http://www.penrithplayers.org.uk)

## CAP Money Coaching Course

Alan Sibley is planning to run another CAP Money coaching course at some stage this year depending on demand.

The CAP Money Coaching 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

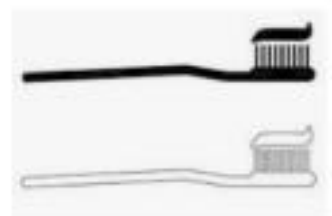
# PLEASE HELP UKRAINE!

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.



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



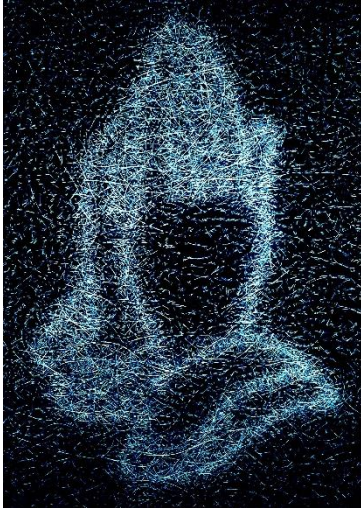
We are also collecting anything related to children for the orphanage and refugee centre.

They need toys and clothes in good condition.



All items can be left in the blue box in reception.

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## **Monday Zoom Prayer**

Praying for renewal and revival in our church and town

The Monday Zoom Prayer meetings will resume as normal. All are welcome to join and the details are below.

Meeting ID – 97436321089



## **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who has left WOOL, hats, empty shoeboxes and other fillers for our packing morning on Saturday 12th October. Please continue to knit (there is wool in the woolbox under the counter in reception) and collect suitable items to pack.

Thank you,  
Judith Joyce

## **Small Coins**

We collect small coins for All We Can (the Methodist Relief and Development fund). It is amazing how these small collections mount up during the year.

So, find a jar and collect your spare small coins and join those who've done this for years.

Thank you,  
Judith Joyce



## Thought for the week...



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**Debt Coach:** tbc

**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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