



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 30th June

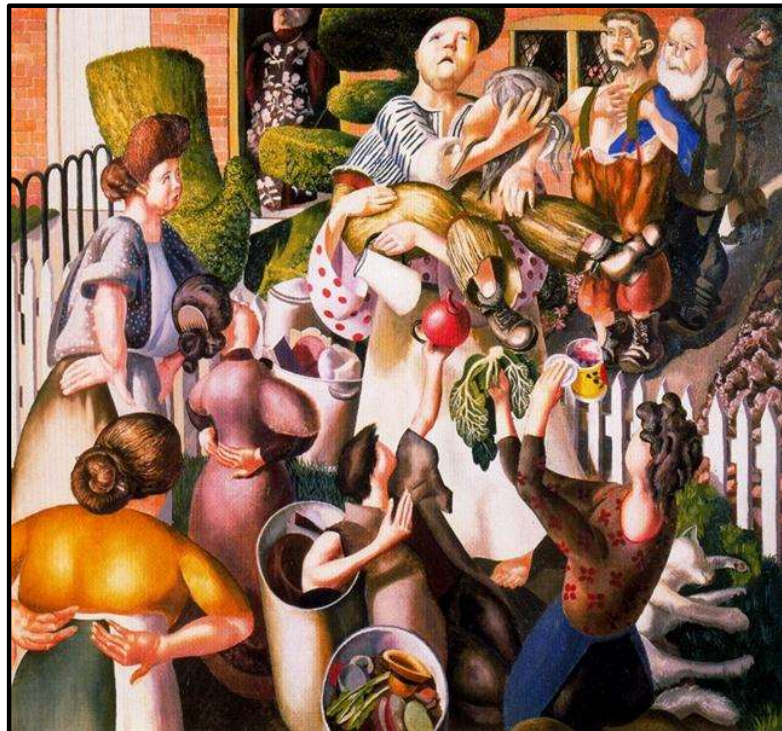
The Lord is my Binman

How do you get rid of the rubbish in your life: the deep pain and hurts that others may have inflicted, the guilt and the shame of our own past mistakes, the bitterness and hurt of unforgiven wrongs?

Stanley Spencer is famous for re-imagining Biblical stories and setting them in his hometown of Cookham. Here's a painting I saw again in Newcastle, last month.

In the centre of this scene a binman comes home after a long day's hard work.

He's still wearing his work clothes: corduroy trousers with string tied below the knees, presumably to stop rats running up the leg. Two other binmen stand behind to the right, one with his hands under his braces. The binman has got a very warm welcome home from his wife, as she picks him up in her arms and embraces him. It's a bit reminiscent of a bridegroom carrying his new wife across the threshold, but here the tables are turned. The strong wife carries her husband. Spencer, himself, compared this scene to The Resurrection on the Last Day, when the dead will be raised. What kind of a welcome home will we receive when we reach our heavenly home, and the bride and groom (The Church and Christ) are re-united?



Stanley Spencer - "The Binmen (Or, The Lovers)" (1934) The Laing Art Gallery, Newcastle

<https://www.wikiart.org/en/stanley-spencer/the-dustman-lovers>

This painting, though, has echoes of other paintings. There are plenty of artworks where Mary, the mother of Jesus, carries and holds up the infant Christ for the world to see. But, in Spencer's painting the three wise men have become three wise women. We can see the bins they've brought with them, and in place of a camel or two, a white cat stretches itself out in front of the fence. Instead of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, these three bring their treasures of a red tea pot, green cabbage top and a jam tin. I wonder what Spencer is suggesting here?

How are we to get rid of the rubbish in our lives? On the cross, all our guilt and shame are carried by Christ. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The good news and promise of the Gospel is that if we are truly sorry and turn away from our faults and failures, then God is faithful and offers us forgiveness, healing and cleansing. The Lord is our binman!

But, are these really just pieces of rubbish that the three women are offering up, or are they in fact valuable treasures, like the Magi brought? The amazing thing about Jesus is that he can take our weaknesses and turn them into his opportunities. He can transform past failures into the chances to help and support others through similar trials. As another old song says: "If somehow you could pack up your sorrows and give them all to me, you would lose them; I know how to use them. Give them all to me."

And, of course, it is precisely those people who know their need of healing - who are broken and hurt, those rejected by society or treated like rubbish - these are the ones who are precious, treasured children in God's sight.

The Lord is not only my Binman who carries away the sins of the world, but my recycler and up-cycler, transforming what the world counts as useless rubbish, into items of value and worth, all to his glory.

Rev. Dave



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.



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone

Reading: Psalm 130 & 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

7pm ~ Encounter

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Ms Cassie Jennings and Mrs Lois Morton

Stainton

10.30am ~ Ullswater Mission Community – Rev Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Alston Moor

11am ~ Joint EEMC Easter Offering Service – Alston Town Hall

Gamblesby

10am ~ Little Acorns

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Weekly Notices

Monday 1st July

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
2pm ~ Bible Fellowship – Stainton Methodist Church
6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC
7.30pm ~ Zoom Prayer Meeting – *please see separate notice*

Tuesday 2nd July

- 10am** ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel
10am ~ Midweek Service – Mrs Ruth Combellack – Church/PMC
10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
5.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club – Meet at PMC for trip
7pm ~ Omega House Group – Sunningdale, Stainton

Wednesday 3rd July

- 10am** ~ 3C's – 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.*
7.30pm ~ Penrith Mission Area Ecumenical Council – Church House, Penrith
7.30pm ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan or Sarah for details

Thursday 4th July

- 10.15am** ~ Meeting Point – Langwathby Methodist Church

Friday 5th July

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

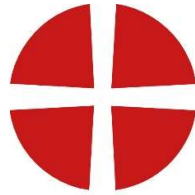
Sunday 7th July

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| Penrith: 10.30am | Healing Service – Rev Gillian Belford |
| Skelton: 10.30am | Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone |
| Stainton: 10.30am | Morning Worship – Mrs Ruth Combellack |
| Cottage Wood: 5pm | Early Evening Worship – Mr Michael Boone |
| Alston Moor: 11am | Morning Communion – Rev Mary Elliot |
| Nenthead: 5pm | Pennine Praise |
| Culgaith: 11am | Baptism – Rev Lindsay Harrod |
| Langwathby: 11am | Morning Communion – Rev David Milner |
| 5pm | Taize – Joan Wager |



Encounter – Sunday 30th June

A reminder that Encounter is on this week at PMC, 7pm.



Ordination service

Tiras Dainty Share, from the Kendal Circuit, will be ordained at a service at Wesley Chapel, Harrogate on 30th June at 4 pm.

This is being livestreamed and the link is: https://www.youtube.com/live/64J8tVSF6-w?si=0twARvAkae3_atRb.



The link will be live a few moments before the service is due to start.




Langwathby Methodist Church
Thursday, 4 July - from 10.15

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

**East Cumbria
Methodist
Circuit :**
**(Alston Moor &
Fellside villages)**



**East of Eden
Mission Community**
Ecumenical Christian Community



**God
for All**

ALSTON TOWN HALL

Sunday 30th June

11am

***Annual service to
dedicate gifts for
World Mission***

**Led by local members of
Methodist Women in
Britain**

 **Methodist Women
in Britain**
for women, for justice, for Christ



**LET
JUSTICE
ROLL**

Easter Offering 2024
A worship resource offered by
Methodist Women in Britain

JUSTICE

The Methodist Church

Easter Offering Service at Alston Town Hall, 30 June – Parking

- On street and Market Place
- Spare ground adjacent to Garage/Shop car park
- Station car park
- Fairhill car park on the Nenthead Road with 'shuttle' service of lifts to Town Hall until 10.45

Cumbria District MWiB Summer Events 2024



PLEASE NOTE

The Away Day at Port Carlisle advertised at synod for July this year has been postponed till next Spring. However, everyone is welcome to attend either/both of the events below.

SONGS FROM THE HEART

Come and enjoy an evening of singing hymns, chosen by people from the different chapels in the local Methodist circuit; with a buffet supper part way through. Led by Rev Jackie Betts.

Brough Methodist Church (CA17 4BZ) at 7pm on Thursday July 4th

Collection to support MWiB projects helping individuals and communities in Britain and abroad.

STRAWBERRY TEA

Arnside Methodist Church (LA5 0AQ) on Saturday August 3rd from 2-4pm.

Donations for St John's Hospice Lancaster.

Jackie Betts Co-ordinator District MWiB team

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.

Restore on the Road 2024 – 2025 and beyond



Restore is taking the community space beyond the shops onto the road to connect our town and villages even more through this project.

We have funds to lease an electric van and we are looking for people to volunteer to be part of this project.

Can you help with:

A morning or afternoon once a month or more being part of the team on the van? Would you enjoy being part of a community who take this welcoming and listening space out and about?

Driving the van once a month or more for a few hours to an event in a village around Penrith and back?

Be an organiser setting up the diary of events and getting Restore on the Road going this year and into next?



Please contact Beth Honey on beth.honey@restorecumbria.co.uk or 07831 991076 or drop into the shop to speak to her (Tues-Thurs).



Let's get together to share cake and a cuppa to raise vital funds for families facing dementia

LANGWATHBY VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY, 6 JULY

10 – 12.00

Coffee – Cakes – Stalls



Dementia UK is a registered charity in England and Wales (1039404) and Scotland (SC 047429).





TIME...

Healing Service

Rev. Gillian Belford

Sunday 7th July, 10.30am

SUPPER CLUB

We have almost come to the end of the four months of Supper Club. As always, the meet ups have provided many opportunities for those taking part to see others in the church family. We have enjoyed good food, sincere friendship, chances to exchange news, put the world to rights and have some fun!

We will be starting again in September and run until November. It would be really good to welcome new people into Supper Club.

If you would like to know more about it, please: -
mention it when you see us, or contact us on
[01931 714110](tel:01931714110) / johngore214@btinternet.com

Or:-

Why not come along to our Summer get-together to find out more.
Where and when: - Our house in Morland, 2pm on Saturday, July 13th.

Enjoy a local walk and/or relax for afternoon tea.

If you would like to join us please get in touch,
this will help in judging how much food will be required.

Thank you.

John & Margaret (Gore)

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





The next meeting of our All Together Fellowship is on

MONDAY, JULY 15th, at 2pm

We will begin as usual with a short act of worship.

This will be followed by a light hearted humorous session which will be accompanied by a visual presentation relevant to the entertainment!!

Fellowship will continue in the Ullswater Room when an afternoon tea will be served.



Please note that there is **no meeting in August.**

CONVERSATIONS DAY

Exploring the Role of Imagination in Leading Mission

On Tuesday 16th July 2024

10am - 3.30pm

At Church House

Penrith, Cumbria

With Guest Speaker and writer
Paul Bradbury
Pioneer Minister
Poole Missional Communities

To book go to: www.trybooking.com/uk/DMCK Tickets £10





The Methodist Church North West England District (NWED)

Digital Enabler

Are you able to help digitally resource a new organisation which links together a widely dispersed group of churches? Can you provide effective and innovative ways for people to meet and engage in mission, consultation, and administration? If so, this post may be for you.

*£32,000 – £38,000 p.a., full-time
6% employer pension contribution.*

This post is a permanent contract; funding has been identified for two years, with further funding subject to review.

Full details available here
<https://barnd.org.uk/content/vacancies>

Closing date for applications: 17:00 – 15th July 2024.

An Occupational Requirement exists for the postholder to be a Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.



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



Prayer Handbook 2024/25

'Praise and Protest', the new Prayer Handbook, will be available to order until 28th July on the list in Reception. The handbook is a resource shared by Methodists throughout the world. It contains prayers for every day of the year, each day linking with different Christians at home and abroad. The new Handbook will focus on how the Church can 'learn to do right; seek justice and defend the oppressed' (Isaiah 1v17a)

The price is £4.15 per copy for a bulk order.

Best wishes - Judith Joyce

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SUMMER 2024

To book, contact
admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk

DATES

Tuesday 30th July
Action Ants at PMC ~ 10am - 1pm

Tuesday 6th August
Euphoric Circus at PMC ~ 11am - 2pm

Tuesday 13th August at PMC ~ 11am - 2pm

Tuesday 20th August
Walby Farm Park
meet at PMC at 9.30am for transport



Westmorland
& Furness
Council

**HOLIDAY ACTIVITY
AND FOOD PROGRAMME**

Funded by



Department
for Education



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**



Family Open Air Service & BBQ



**Come and join churches from the Blencathra
Mission Community for a Family Open Air
Service, with live music, BBQ, ice cream van
and fun for the kids.**

**Sunday 11 August 3pm-5pm
Calthwaite Football Pitch**





Together at Thornleigh
11th– 13th November 2024
'Holy Sauntering'
with
Deacon Karen McBride
Warden of the Diaconal Order



This short break offers an opportunity for learning, personal reflection, prayer & time for leisure, fellowship, and worship together.

This year we are delighted to have as our lead Deacon Karen McBride

There will be a full & varied programme as always, with time for rest and relaxation, plus special evening entertainment on both evenings. So come & join us for our Autumn Residential and enjoy a wonderful time of fellowship, blessings, and spiritual refreshment.

A deposit needs to be paid by the 23rd of August.

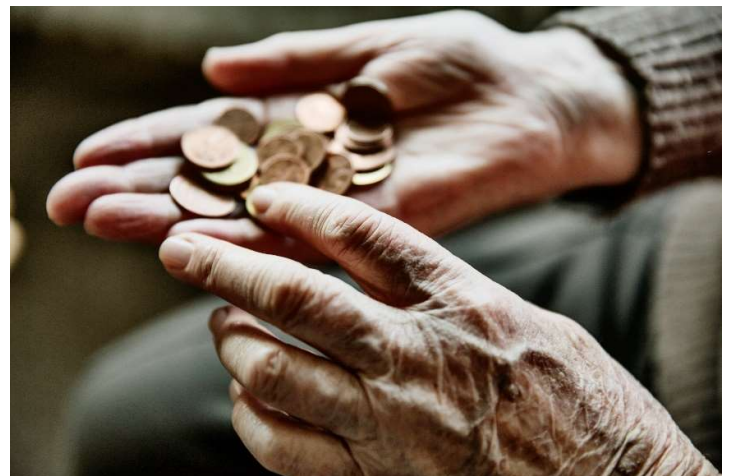
Booking forms can be picked up from Circuit churches, or please contact Delphine on 01539 737305 if you have any queries.

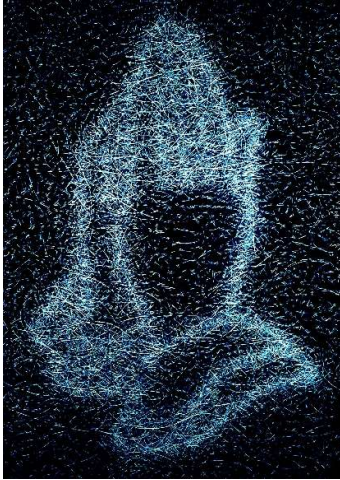
Small Coins

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



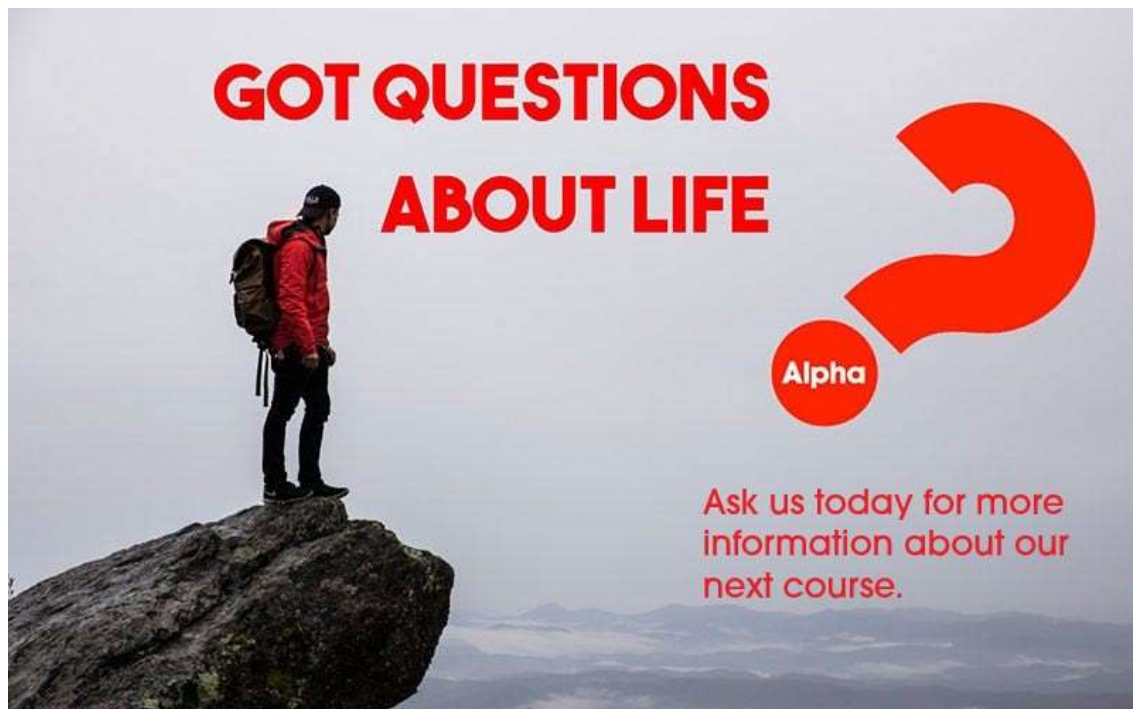


Monday Zoom Prayer

Monday 1st July at 7:30pm
Hosted by David and Gillian Bedford

Meeting ID – 955 474 1253
Password – 2YaB4F

Please do join us.

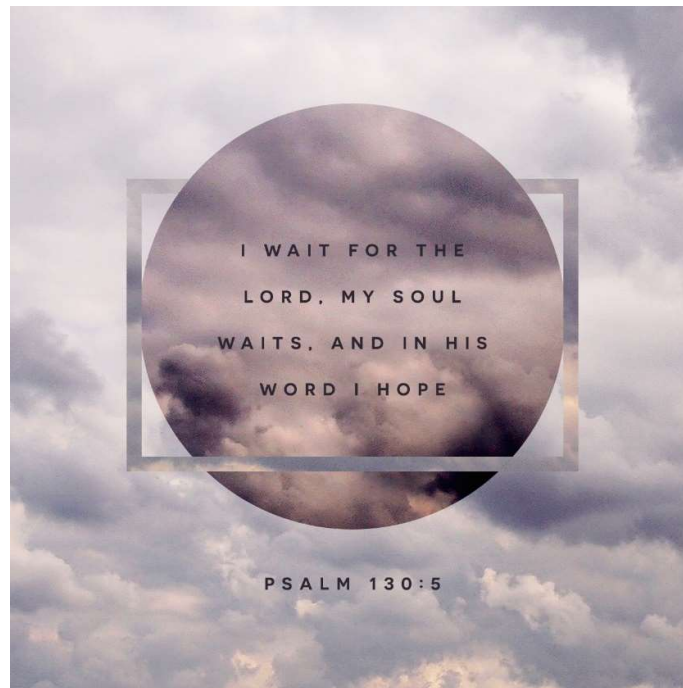


Alpha - a place to explore the Christian faith in an open-minded environment. Everyone's welcome, you're invited no matter your background or beliefs.

Our next Alpha course begins in September 2024 and will run for 11 weeks. There's no pressure to attend every session, or come back if it's not your thing.

If you're interested or would like more information contact admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk

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

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!

