



Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 11th August

Despair and Hope



Recent events of the last couple of weeks have no doubt left people feeling a sense of despair.

The horrific killing of 3 young children at a dance class in Southport, and many others left wounded, has quite rightly shocked the nation.

We grieve along with the families who are mourning their loved ones taken in such senseless circumstances, and with those who have been left traumatised and broken. We also grieve for the young man who committed these horrific acts, and wonder what drove him to this.

But then to have the grief of these families hijacked by the violence that has followed in cities and towns all over the Country – all supposedly in the name of ‘standing with’ those in Southport has taken our despair and outrage to a new level. The tragedy of those families in Southport has been overtaken and overshadowed by the actions of thousands of people fuelled by hate, intent only on spreading violence and intimidation on those who are the most vulnerable, marginalised and victimised.

Where, we might cry, is there any hope? Where is God in all of this?

South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu (1931–2021) envisioned God’s dream for the world through a message of hope, justice, peace, and inclusion. He said this:

“Dear Child of God, before we can become God’s partners, we must know what God wants for us. “I have a dream,” God says. “Please help me to realise it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness and squalor and poverty, its war and hostility, its greed and harsh competitiveness, its alienation and disharmony - are

changed into their glorious counterparts, when there will be more laughter, joy, and peace, where there will be justice and goodness and compassion and love and caring and sharing. I have a dream that swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks, that My children will know that they are members of one family, the human family, God's family, My family."

In God's family, there are no outsiders. All are insiders. Black and white, rich and poor, gay and straight, Jew and Arab, Palestinian and Israeli, Refugee and British citizen, Muslim and Christian - we all belong.

We can look at Jesus's life to see what God asks of us. Jesus stood with the outsiders, those left out, the marginalised. He commanded us to not just tolerate each other, but to love one another – even our enemies. He said blessed were the peace-makers. In his Kingdom, everyone was included and welcomed into his family.

Remarkably, a miracle started to unfold as people of all backgrounds, races, and religions - came together in unity. They didn't merely see each other as equals, but regarded one another as brothers and sisters, members of one family, God's family. They lived in peace and harmony and understanding.

All through the years, prophets have been raised up to preach this gospel and live these Kingdom values. People like Desmond Tutu, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Oscar Romero and Rosa Parks. The visions and triumphs of these prophets of God helped change their nations and inspire the rest of us around the world in our own struggles for equality, and justice and acceptance. Their hope made a difference.

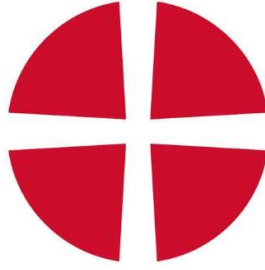
And our challenge is to be the same. To be the difference.

So, when we ask, and others ask, where is the hope – may we be the hope! Let's speak compassion into judgement, and love into hate. Let's show there is another way – God's way, and let's make a difference in our communities, by offering an alternative narrative to the one we see around us.

Let us not simply despair and mourn – but may we be the ones acting to bring hope. Let us declare God's Kingdom and God's love, and make that the reality for our day.

Rev Tim





The President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Helen Cameron, and Vice-President, Carolyn Godfrey, have released the following statement and prayer as a response to the violent disorder that has taken place over recent days.

The Methodist Church celebrates diversity as a gift from God. Every day we work through churches, schools and community projects to build relationships of respect, care and love in communities across Britain. Watching the news from towns and cities across our nations, where people motivated by hate have caused harm and fear, has been shocking and distressing. The Methodist Church deplores the use of violence and intimidation against displaced, marginalised and vulnerable people. We are appalled that the tragic killing of three young children and the injuring of others has been used as an excuse for riots and disturbances. Honesty and trust are at the heart of the Christian life and the abuse of social media in spreading lies to stir up anger and hate is despicable.

Those with hate in their hearts will never have the last word. As communities reel from unrest and disorder, Methodists will continue to work with our ecumenical and interfaith partners, as we join in clearing up, restoring trust and building communities of love, in which people can live in peace.

God of love,

We pray for your Spirit of peace to move in our communities,
that those who are targets of hate might be safe
and that people of good will might work together in love and respect.

We pray for your Spirit of healing,
that those who grieve, might be comforted
and those who are injured might be made well.

We pray for your Spirit of hope,
that those who despair might see a way ahead
and those who live in fear might find sanctuary and freedom.

Soften the hearts of those motivated by hate
and help us all to love our neighbours as those made in your image.
In Christ's name.

Amen

Sunday Services

Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger
Reading: Luke 4:16-30

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Gillian Belford

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Mission Community Event

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Communion – Rev David Milner

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson

Gamblesby

2pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

Renwick

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – J Barratt

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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



Change to plan

Please note that the PMC service on Sunday 25th August will now be held in the Ullswater room, and not in the Church as on the plan.

Weekly Diary

Monday 12th August

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

2pm ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Zoom Prayer Meeting –

All are welcome to join, please follow the link and use the Meeting ID below,

<https://zoom.us/j/97436321089>

Meeting ID: 974 3632 1089

Tuesday 13th August

8am-11.05am ~ National Methodist Youth Brass Band (*see separate notice*)

10am ~ Midweek Service – Miss Kathleen Williamson – Church/PMC

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

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

11am ~ 4F – Ullswater/PMC

1.30pm ~ Prayer Meeting – PMC

Wednesday 14th August

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.*)

7.30pm ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan or Sarah for details

Thursday 15th August

2pm ~ Family Funtime – Kirkoswald Field (*see separate notice*)

Saturday 17th August

1.30pm ~ Wedding Ceremony – Church/PMC

Sunday 18th August

Penrith: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone

Skelton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

Stainton: 10.30am Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood: 5pm Early Evening Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

Alston Moor: 11am Morning Worship – Pauline De La Mare

Culgaith: 9.30am Morning Communion – Rev Lindsay Harrod

Langwathby: 11am Morning Worship – J Williams

Kirkoswald: 6.30pm Third Sunday Service

Family Funtime



An East of Eden
Mission Community Event

**Is back!! ~ 25th July &
Each Thursday @ K'O FIELD
until 22nd August**



2-4pm



**Activities & Crafts
Tea, Coffee & Cake
Snacks & Drinks for children
(all children must be
accompanied by an adult)**



*** ALL FREE ***
Donations Welcome!



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.

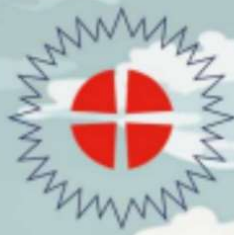
**Sunday 11 August 3pm-5pm
Calthwaite Football Pitch**



Wedding Invite

PJ & Sarah are getting married on 17th August 1.30pm, at Penrith Methodist Church, and want to invite anyone from the church family who would like to attend the ceremony to come and be part of our special celebration.





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**National Methodist
Youth Brass Band**

Cumbrian Chapel Crawl

The National Methodist Youth Brass Band are trying to play in as many chapels as possible across Cumbria in one day.

The times for ECMC are below.

They will be playing a couple of hymns in each chapel, and we hope that some of each congregation will be able to support them.

Tuesday 13th August

Stainton	8.05am	Kirkoswald	10.05am
Skelton	8.35am	Gamblesby	10.35am
Cottage Wood	9.00am	Langwathby	11.05am
PMC	9.30am		





Recruitment - EEMC Administrator

Our Mission Community is looking to recruit a part-time (**1-2 days per week**) Admin person to assist the Staff Team. Initially this will be short term paid position, with the intention of making the post permanent once the new Joint Leader of the Mission Community has been recruited and appointed, at which point it will become a salaried post.

If you or someone you know are computer literate (Word & Excel) and have the ability to also help with updating websites and would be interested in knowing more about this position, please contact **Peter Pickthall** peter.pickthall@me.com for details.

GREAT NORTH RUN FUNDRAISING



Isabella Sharrock, daughter of Kerrie & David, is running the Great North Run again this year.

Isabella's chosen charity is WaterAid. An amazing international charity, aiming to make clean water, acceptable toilets and good hygiene accessible to everyone. These necessities are taken for granted in developed countries, however there are too many people worldwide that are suffering and living undignified lives.

Donations can be made at the below JustGiving link, or by handing donations to Sarah in the Circuit Office

www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-sharrock-1721073990662



Lunch Club is now taking its annual break. We have enjoyed a marvellous year. Two of our long-standing volunteers are standing down after years of service, and one or two of our new volunteers have decided Lunch Club is not for them.

Which of course leads to my need to make an urgent appeal for more help: it may not be for you, but you might know someone you feel would benefit from this fantastic opportunity to serve. We have a four-week rota and help is needed between 9.30am and 1.30pm each Friday. It may be that you can only do a couple of hours – no problem, you will be made very welcome.

Please, please give me a ring on 07827 530 799.

Anne MacDonald



Coffee & Tea Rota - Volunteers Needed

We need more folks to sign up to the PMC Sunday tea/coffee rota; ideally you would be scheduled every 1.5/2 months providing we have enough people. If you'd like to sign up please contact the church office with your availability to the end of the year.

If you'd like to give it a go but aren't sure how things work, please let Ange Wicker know and she can arrange for you to shadow someone.

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.



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

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

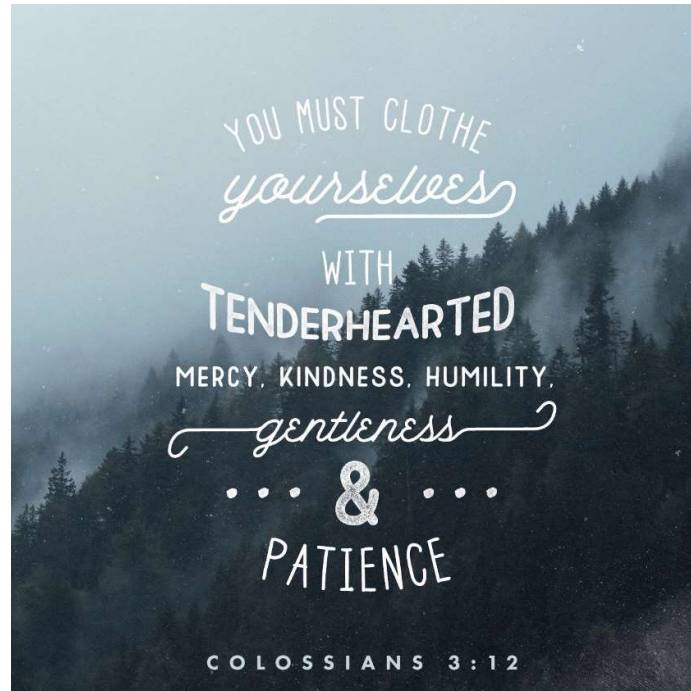
CAP Money Course

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



budget. save. spend

Thought for the week...



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Circuit Administrative Assistant: Niamh Ryan

Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson

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or email: jendixon@capuk.org

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!

