



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 13th October

Van Gogh



Vincent Van Gogh – “Still Life with Bible” (painted in Nuenen in October 1885) Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

Here’s a little-known fact that may surprise you.

Vincent Van Gogh was a Methodist Local Preacher.

Yes, it’s true! Van Gogh was brought up as a child in a strict and austere Dutch Reformed Church family. Both his father and his grandfather were ordained pastors, and echoes of

the Bible stories he learnt as a child can often be traced in his famous paintings.

In 1876 he travelled to England and began teaching in a couple of schools, but by October that year he was working in a church in Isleworth as a lay pastor and “missioner”, leading home groups and teaching in the Sunday School. On Sunday 29th October he preached his first sermon at Richmond Methodist Church, based on Psalm 119 verse 19: “I am a stranger on earth; hide not your commandments from me”. With echoes from John Bunyan’s *The Pilgrim’s Progress*, his sermon sees himself as a pilgrim cut off from his family and his native country: “We are pilgrims, our life is a long walk or journey from earth to heaven”. Despite his strong accent, he then preached again at Petersham Methodist Church on the evening of Sunday 19th November.

In December he decided to go home to Holland for the Christmas holidays. He wasn’t in good health, physically or emotionally. One biographer says: “To his parents he appeared unwell, depressed, lonely and obsessed by religion. They advised him not to return to England and Vincent agreed.”

For a while he lived back at his parent’s house in Nuenen. His Father died in 1885, and this painting of his Father’s Bible was produced about six months

later. Notice that the candle beside the Bible appears to have been snuffed out. It no longer sheds any light.

His Father's Bible is open (but hard to make out) at Isaiah 53. "For we like sheep have gone astray..." Next to the Bible (or indeed in front of it), is a battered, well-read copy of Emile Zola's "La Joie de Vivre" (Zest for Life), which Van Gogh apparently regarded as a kind of bible of modern life. (Personally, I've always found Zola's books quite depressing. I remember reading "The Beast in Man" once. Spoiler Alert... Everyone dies!)

The two books appear to symbolise the contrasting views on life held by father and son. Is this painting a tribute to his father? Or is it a rejection of his austere ways? Biblical puritanism with its laws and prohibitions, or the Joy of Life? Perhaps, however, as Van Gogh paints the two books together it isn't a straight choice of either/or. Perhaps it's a both/and.

You don't actually have to close the Bible to also pick up Emile Zola (or any other good novel!)

So, have you read any good books lately?

Rev Dave Milner



Shoobox Packing and Coffee Morning

Come to pack a shoebox (or watch others doing so) and enjoy a cuppa at the same time on Saturday 12th October from 10.00am. All welcome!

Sad News

It is with great sadness that we let you know Patricia Ross, who used to regularly attend Patterdale, has recently passed away. Please hold her husband Kenneth and all the family in your prayers.

A memorial service will be held at a later date, details are to follow.





Sunday Services

Penrith

10.30am ~ Baptism – Rev Tim Cooke
Reading: Ephesians 2:4-8

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Gillian Belford

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Communion – Rev Andrew Callaway

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Communion – Rev David Milner

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – Rev Beth Honey

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship – A Dunstan

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship – P Kidd

Gamblesby

10am ~ Little Acorns
3.30pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Claire Slee

Renwick

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – Rev David Milner

There are alternative Anglican services available.
For details, please see the EEMC website: www.eastofedenmc.org.uk

Weekly Diary

Monday 14th October

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Annual Pastoral Meeting – Sandgate/PMC

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 15th October

10am ~ Midweek Service – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson – Church/PMC (*Reading: Matthew 22:1-13*)

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

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

1.30pm ~ Prayer Meeting – Church/PMC

7pm ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (*We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Tuesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.*)

7pm ~ Omega House Group – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 16th October

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

2pm ~ Langwathby Community Fellowship – Langwathby Methodist Church

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

Thursday 17th October

10.30am ~ Oasis – Langwathby Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Alpha – Beacon/PMC

Friday 18th October

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

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Penrith: 10.30am Be Boulder – Rev Tim Cooke & Rev Liz Crumlish

Skelton: 10.30am Joint Service with Stainton

Stainton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Cottage Wood: 5pm Woodland Collective – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Alston Moor: 11am Church Council – Rev David Milner

Langwathby: 11am Morning Worship – Hazel & Peter Bowes

Kirkoswald: 6.30pm Third Sunday Service



Cottage Wood Centre

SUPER-SWAP SATURDAY

*Bring what you don't want,
take what you do...*

Books, DVDs, toys, games, gifts, craft materials, jam jars, bric-a-brac etc...

Saturday
12 October 2024
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Refreshments available

Donations to the Hedgehog Rescue

A vibrant poster for the Kendal Concert Band's Autumn Performance. The background is a warm, light orange color adorned with various autumn-themed illustrations: colorful leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow, acorns, a silhouette of a bird in flight, and a silhouette of a person holding an umbrella. At the top, a green banner features white icons of a saxophone, a clarinet, a trumpet, and a flute, with the text "KENDAL CONCERT BAND" in white capital letters. Below this, the words "AUTUMN" and "PERFORMANCE" are written in large, bold, orange, distressed-style font. The date and time, "Saturday 12th October 2024" and "7.30pm", are in a green, sans-serif font. The venue information, "Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith CA11 7QY", is in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. Ticket information, "Entry £10 from trybooking.com or cash/card at the door. Children free. Includes tea or coffee.", is in a green, sans-serif font. The website "www.kendalconcertband.org" is at the bottom in a black, sans-serif font. A QR code is located at the bottom center of the poster.

KENDAL CONCERT BAND

AUTUMN

PERFORMANCE

Saturday 12th October 2024
7.30pm

Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street,
Penrith CA11 7QY

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Children free. Includes tea or coffee.

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PMC Annual Pastoral Meeting

It is that time again when we have our annual pastoral meeting.

This gives us the opportunity to reflect on the pastoral work of PMC, update lists and share good practice.

Monday 14th October, 7.30pm at PMC, hope you can come.



Langwathby Community Fellowship

Wednesday, 16 October at 2pm in the Chapel

Come and meet –

Eden Valley's specialist dementia nurse – Lucy Money

This meeting is open to everyone and includes refreshments



OASIS

Come to our monthly Oasis of refreshment and rest at Langwathby Chapel

Thursday, 17 October

Coffee served from 10.30.

A short informal service at 11.15 will be followed by a light lunch

PMU CLOTHES SWAP

**Saturday
19th October**
10am-1pm

**Sunday 20th
October**
11.30am-1pm

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

Refresh your wardrobe at
our clothes swap event!

The aim is to redistribute
unwanted clothes, so bring
along any quality clothes
which you no longer wear
and swap them for
something new!





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SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

SANDGATE

09:00 Morning Prayers

Come and spend some time in prayer, to begin our weekend right by connecting with God

CHURCH

09:30 Breakfast

Let's grab a bite before we worship

CHURCH

10:00 Worship

Led by our wonderful worship team, we'll meet together and worship God

CHURCH

11:30 Exploration

Join our guest speaker for the weekend, poet Rev Liz Crumlish, to explore where we are as a church.

12:30 Picnic Lunch

Bring your nibbles from home and let's eat together and discuss our thoughts so far

CHURCH

13:30 Workshops

Join one, some or all of our afternoon workshops. We've got flower arranging, crafts, and new this year, a vocal harmony workshop. Finish around 3pm.

CHURCH

19:00 Quiz

Back by semi-popular demand, team up with your family & friends to prove who can be the smartest when answering some pretty silly questions. Open to all, pay what you can

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SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER



CHURCH

10:30 Worship

Our usual Sunday worship service with a Be Boulder flair.

ULLSWATER

12:00 Lunch

Enjoy a hot meal after the service. All welcome, donations taken to cover costs.

17:00 Woodland Collective

Head out into the great outdoors - check notices & listen out for the exact woodland. Lifts available.

HAPPENING ALL WEEKEND

Prayer Spaces

Head to the Upper Link (up the Glasshouse stairs) at any point the church is open during the weekend to connect with our various Prayers Spaces, all connect to the Be Boulder theme.

Clothes Swap

Spread across the Ullswater & Sandgate rooms, our clothes swap is open to all, all weekend, at any point the church is open. Come with something to swap and refresh your wardrobe, while reducing clothing waste



Penrith Music Club – Pirasti Trio

Monday 21st October at 7.30pm at PMC

The Pirasti Trio originally formed in 1989 and performed throughout the UK, Europe and the USA until 2001. After returning to live in the UK, they reunited in 2021.

Tickets are £20 in advance or at the door (£5 for students)

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Pumpkin Light Party

All the treats, without the tricks



Penrith Methodist Church
Tuesday 29th October, 11am-2pm

Fancy dress *(no scary monsters please!)*
Pumpkin carving **Apple bobbing**
Crafts & games



FAIR TRADE Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday 2nd November
10am – 12 noon,
at Penrith Methodist Church

- Fair Trade Christmas Cards
- Fair Trade food and wrapping paper from OXFAM
- Fair Trade gifts from Victoria's
- Christine Milner's handmade cards
- Coffee & cake stall

Come along, buy cards and gifts for Christmas, have a cuppa & some cake, share in fellowship, and support Fair Trade





WILD
ARTS



G. F. HANDEL
MESSIAH

AT CARLISLE CATHEDRAL

Following their sell-out tour in 2023, critically acclaimed opera company Wild Arts (★★★★★ Opera Now, ★★★★★ The Guardian) bring Handel's legendary telling of the Christmas story to Carlisle Cathedral.

With staging from theatre and opera director Tom Morris (*Breaking the Waves*, *Dr Semmelweis*, *War Horse*).

Wednesday 11 December, 7pm | Tickets from £15
www.wildarts.org.uk/messiah



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CAP Job Club – Volunteers Needed

Due to voluntary staff shortages because of holidays and sickness, Michelle Pierce, the manager of the CAP Job Club, would be very grateful if someone could help her for three Tuesday mornings from 10.15am to 12.00pm on the 12th, 19th and 26th November. Tasks include providing refreshments, meeting and greeting clients, being friendly and supportive during the training sessions and as the clients leave. It is an opportunity for volunteers to witness how the Job Club operates.

To confirm availability or obtain further information, please contact Michelle Tel 07789 212908



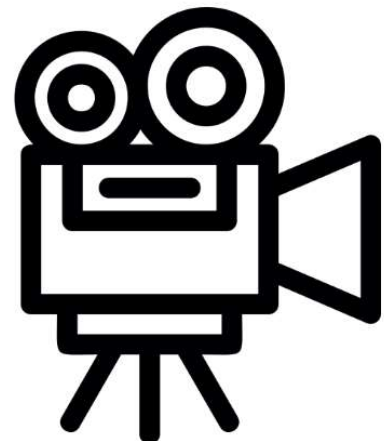
Piano Looking for a New Home

Would anyone like a piano? Or do you know of anyone who is wanting to learn? We have a modern upright acoustic piano in excellent condition that needs a new home. A piano stool is also available. If interested, please contact Christine Milner on 01768 863209.

PMC Livestream Schedule – October

Please see PMC's Sunday Service Livestream schedule for the rest of this month below:

13th October: LIVESTREAM
20th October: LIVESTREAM
27th October: NO LIVESTREAM



PMC are proud to announce that we are now members of Inclusive Church.



This Church is an Inclusive Church

We believe in inclusive Church - a church which celebrates and affirms every person and does not discriminate. We will continue to challenge the church where it continues to discriminate against people on grounds of disability, economic power, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, learning disability, mental health, neurodiversity, or sexuality.

We believe in a Church which welcomes and serves all people in the name of Jesus Christ; which is scripturally faithful; which seeks to proclaim the Gospel afresh for each generation; and which, in the power of the Holy Spirit, allows all people to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Jesus Christ.

www.inclusive-church.org

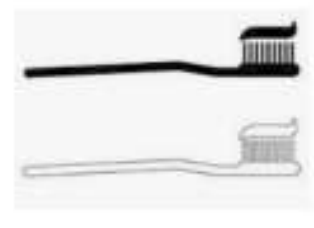
PLEASE HELP UKRAINE!

**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.

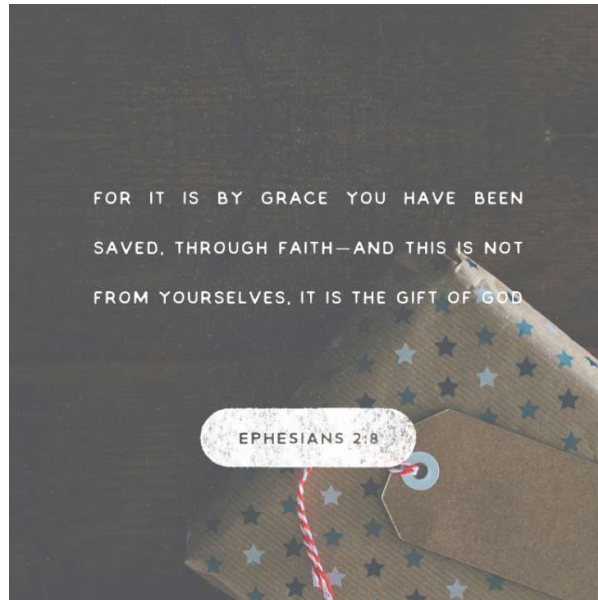
They need toys and clothes in good condition.



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

Monetary donations towards the cost of transport are also welcome and appreciated.

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

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk

Find our Sunday services on YouTube

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Let's stay connected with one another!

