



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 1st December Celebration



I am writing this in advance. By the time you read this (either via the email on Friday or later on paper) I shall be a year older. Actually it is only a day older than the day before but a birthday signifies a change in age.

We view Birthdays and ages differently depending on our stage of life. A young child wants to be older (the day after their 4th birthday

they say "I'm nearly 5!) Pre and early teens want to be grown up too quickly. In middle years we don't necessarily wish to disclose our age – 21 again!! It is only as we grow much older that we own up and say "I'll be 70, or 75, or 80 next birthday." Do we celebrate these milestones in life? Perhaps not every year but significant birthdays call for something special. Our friends and family are invited to join us to mark the occasion. Amongst the laughter and sharing of food there will usually be reminiscing – "Do you remember when...."

When we think of our relationship with God do we want to celebrate? We take the opportunity to meet with others. We share food – meals, buffets, teas and coffees as well as in Communion Services and remember God's faithfulness over many years. It should be a time of encouragement to build each other up in the faith. Even though some of our life's experiences have been less than positive, God has not let us down.



Let us be thankful that God has brought us to NOW. He has loved us, guided us, forgiven us and renewed us through the power of the Holy Spirit. And what is so wonderful is that he promises to continue all these things into the future, however short or long that may be. We cannot but sing:

*Come on and celebrate, his gift of love we will celebrate
The son of God who loved us and gave us life.
We'll shout your praise O King, you give us joy nothing else can bring,
We'll give to you our offering in celebration praise.*

*Come on and celebrate, celebrate, celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate, celebrate, celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King. (StF 44)*

Mrs Lois Morton



Penrith

10.30am ~ Blessing Ceremony – Rev Tim Cooke
Readings: Isaiah 9:2-7; 1 Peter 1:3-6a

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Communion – Rev Gillian Belford

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Rev David Milner

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Mary Elliot

Nenthead

5pm ~ Pennine Praise

Culgaith

11am ~ Morning Worship – Rev David Milner

Langwathby

11am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Bryan Gray

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



Monday 2nd December

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7pm ~ Carols by Candlelight Rehearsal – Beacon/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 3rd December

10am ~ Midweek Communion – Ven. Morris Rodham – Church/PMC

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

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

11.15am ~ Pastoral Meeting – Ullswater/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 4th December

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

10am ~ Coffee Morning – Skelton Methodist Church

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

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 ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan or Sarah for details

Thursday 5th December

10.30am ~ Oasis – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

1pm ~ Thursday Tots – Ullswater/PMC

2pm ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

7.30pm ~ Fellside HG *(Contact Ange at 07808 801229 for more details)*

7.30pm ~ Alpha – Beacon/PMC

Friday 6th December

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 8th December

Penrith: 10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway

Patterdale: 10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

Skelton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

Stainton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Cottage Wood: 3pm
Alston Moor: 11am
Kirkoswald: 10am
Gamblesby: 2pm
Renwick: 2pm

Afternoon Communion – Rev Tim Cooke
Morning Worship – Rev David Milner
Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson
Afternoon Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw
Afternoon Worship – Mr Dean Lawson



Twelve tips for a greener Christmas

- 1) Start with your advent calendar. Support overseas farmers by ensuring that your advent calendar, and any Christmas chocolate, is [Fairtrade](#).
- 2) Rent a tree. Did you know that, in the UK, 6-8 million real Christmas trees go to landfill every year?
- 3) Go for a natural wreath and decorations.
- 4) Re-use cards and wrapping.
- 5) Create homemade gifts.
- 6) Make sure your gifts don't cost the earth.
- 7) Give the gift of time - just make a 'gift of time gift voucher' and put it in a card for them.
- 8) Dim the lights but not the joy! LED Christmas lights help to save energy and money.
- 9) Remember the reason for the season. Practising generosity and hospitality is a great way to show Christ's love at Christmas.
- 10) Try a meat-free Christmas meal.
- 11) Recycle right. More waste ends up in landfill over Christmas than during the rest of the year.
- 12) Carry on caring for God's earth throughout the year.

For more in depth tips over Christmas take a look at

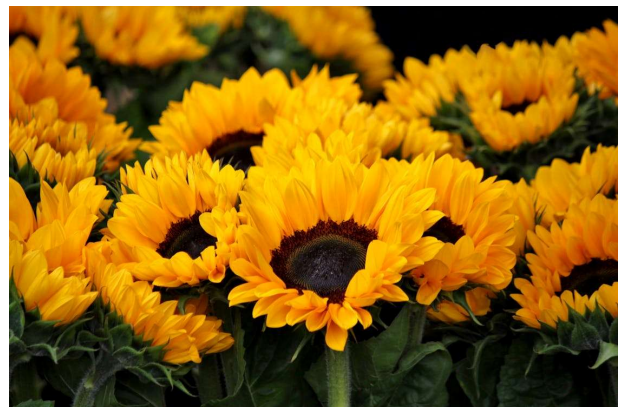
www.arochoa.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas/



Please Don't Forget Ukraine

Steve is planning to be back in Cumbria in mid-December. As well as all the usual things that we collect for the people of Ukraine, he is asking for chocolate, sweets and new toys to use as Christmas presents for the soldiers and children at the orphanage and refugee centre in Odessa.

Please can you help Steve to play Santa? Together we can bring some Christmas comfort and smiles to the faces of these brave people.



GAMBLESBY METHODIST CHAPEL

HE BREWS COFFEE CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY 10am to 12pm +

Enjoy games, crafts or just a chat only £2

Soup and a roll from November only £2.50



Dates for your diary

Saturday 7th December, 10am-1pm
Little Acorns Christmas coffee & stalls
fundraiser

Sunday 22nd December, 4pm
Community Carol Service



Donations of mince pies would be welcomed

♪ Taize

A short reflective service of readings,
prayers and Taize music

1st Sunday of the month at 5.00pm
at Langwathby Chapel



OASIS

*Come to our monthly "Oasis" with an advent theme
Langwathby Chapel*

Thursday, 5th December

Coffee served from 10.30.

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



Our next "All Together Fellowship" gathering is on
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9th, at 2pm in the Church.



Come and join us, and enjoy
an afternoon of Christmas cheer.
There will be readings, poems, etc,
interspersed with carols, and also



a magical representation of the nativity story.

As usual, there will be refreshments before you leave.
Stay for a chat and enjoy a selection of seasonal goodies.

PLEASE NOTE that we meet next on Monday, January 20th.
The programmes for January to June, 2025, will be available soon.

John & Margaret



PMC Decorating Church for Christmas



A small group will be putting basic decorations in the Church on Wednesday December 4th at 10am.

You do not need to be a flower arranger to get involved, just a willing helper (there may even be hot drinks and scones!)

A gentle reminder if your group has volunteered to put a display in one of the windows it would be desirable if it were in place before Sunday 8th December.

If you would like to create a something for one of the windows, which promotes the Christmas message and themes of Social Justice or sustainability please either send me a message on 07827 530 799 or contact the office.

It's not too late to get involved!



PENNINE PATCHERS **LANGWATHBY QUILTING** **GROUP**

OPEN HOUSE



Thursday 12 Dec.

10 - 12

Methodist Chapel
Langwathby

Christmas trees

Coffee, cookies, cakes.

Examples of our work on display

Donations for Blood Bikes

New members WELCOME!





PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

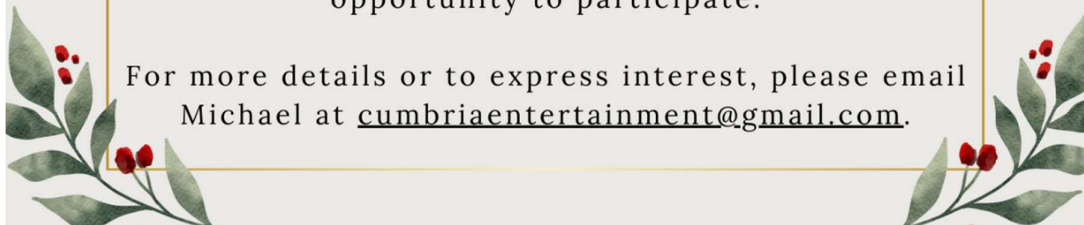
'All Things New'

SUNDAY 15TH
DECEMBER, 7PM

We warmly invite anyone interested in participating in our Carols by Candlelight event to join us for rehearsals on Monday evenings at 7pm, Penrith Methodist Church.

Rehearsals are flexible, lasting no more than an hour, and you are welcome to arrive at any point during that time. We will also offer a practice-at-home feature to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate.

For more details or to express interest, please email Michael at cumbriaentertainment@gmail.com.

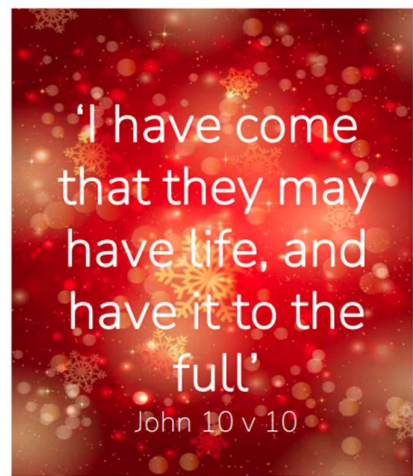


Can you give a financial donation to the CAP Eden District Services Christmas Appeal 2024?

Christmas Gift Bag

Giving our clients a Christmas gift of vouchers for groceries, an Argos gift card for children's presents and Christmas treats.

Donations will help support clients who attend the Job Club and who are working with the Debt Centre.



GIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please can donations be received by Sunday 1st December Please use Reference: "CAP Blessings 2024"

Bank Transfers can be made to
Sort Code: 20-66-97, Account Number: 83540006

Cheques can be paid to:
"Penrith Methodist Church General CAP Account"
PMC Church office, Wordsworth St, Penrith. CA11 7QY

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PMC Communal Christmas Card

Instead of sending individual cards to members of our church family, we invite you to sign our large card and put a donation to All We Can into the globe.

The card will be in the crush hall in church from Sunday 1st December. On the card are examples of gifts from their Extraordinary Gifts catalogue.

The catalogue is on-line at

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/gifts/#tve-jump-188720ccb3f> if you want to do your own shopping!



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

A poster for the opera "Messiah" by G. F. Handel, performed at Carlisle Cathedral. The poster features a stylized, geometric portrait of Jesus with a dark beard and hair, wearing a blue robe. The background is a warm, golden-brown color. The text is white and black. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

**Festive Lunch
&
Circus Fun!**

Monday 30th December,
12noon Lunch 🍎 1.30pm Euphoric Circus

Booking is essential
contact:
admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk

Penrith Methodist Church
Wordsworth Street,
Penrith, CA11 7QY

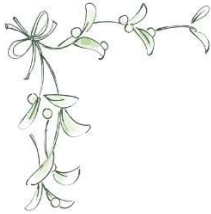
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Easy Eco Tips, DECEMBER: -

- Celebrate a Greener Christmas - Find ways to make your Christmas festivities both a joyous celebration of Christ's coming and environmentally conscious.
- Explore A Rocha UK's twelve tips for a greener Christmas at arochoa.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas.



East Cumbrian Methodist Circuit Christmas Services

Sunday 15th December

9.30am - Cottage Wood Centre -
Carol service at All Saints, Calthwaite

10.30am - Penrith Methodist Church -
Carols in Town (meet at PMC)

10.30am - Skelton Methodist Church - Carol Service

11am - Langwathby - Carol Service

3pm - Alston Moor - Community Carols at Town Hall

7pm - Penrith Methodist Church - Carols By Candlelight

Tuesday 17th December

10am - Penrith Methodist Church - Rev. Tim Cooke,
Lessons & Carols

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am - Penrith Methodist Church - Family Crib Service

3pm - Cottage Wood Centre - Nativity Service

3.15pm - St Patricks, Patterdale - Carol Service

4pm - Gamblesby Methodist Chapel -
Little Acorns Carol Service

Christmas Eve

3pm - St Patricks, Patterdale - Crib Service

6pm - Kirkoswald - Nativity Service, meet at Lace's Garage

11.15pm - St Patricks, Patterdale - Midnight Communion

11.30pm - Penrith Methodist Church - Midnight
Communion

Christmas Day

10am - Penrith Methodist Church - Rev. Tim Cooke

10am - Skelton Methodist Chapel - Mrs Lois Morton

10am - Stainton Methodist Chapel - Rev. Dr. James Tebutt

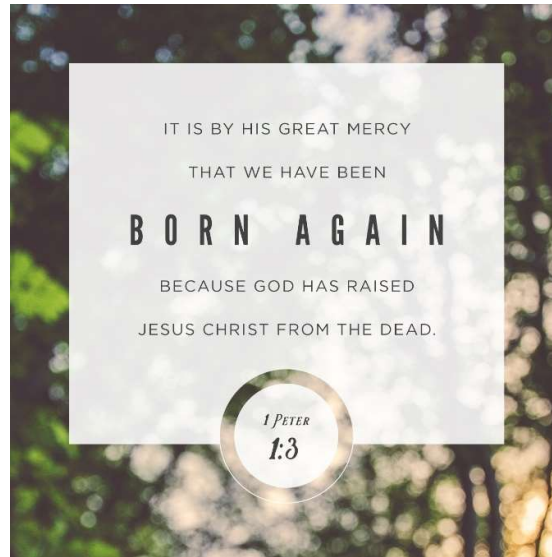
10.30am - St Patricks, Patterdale - Rev. Andrew Callaway

11am - Langwathby Methodist Chapel - Rev. David Milner



Please let the Circuit Office know if there are any Christmas Services missing from the above and we will add them in.

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

Follow us on Twitter @PMCmethodists and on Facebook

Let's stay connected with one another!

