



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### Come, Lord Jesus!



***Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.***

Matthew 24:42

Do you ever feel frustrated when things take too long or don't go the way you hoped?

The early Christians had a special prayer - "Maranatha!" It's Aramaic and means "Come, Lord Jesus!" They used it to express their longing for Jesus to come and make everything right - it's quoted several times in the New Testament.

We also use this prayer during Advent, a season where we look forward both to the

birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and also to the day when God will restore all of creation to perfection.

'Come Lord Jesus' acknowledges that what will be is not yet here - even though we want it! Perfect fulness as always still to come, and we do not need to demand it now. 'Come, Lord Jesus' keeps life open to God's grace - and to a future created by God - in God's time - rather than ours.

This is also what it means to be awake. Advent is, above all else, a call to being attentive to God coming, and working in us and our world.

So often, we demand satisfaction and answers now - from one another, or from life working out on our terms. We are desperate for our expectations to be met and our dissatisfaction to be taken away.

But when we pray "Come, Lord Jesus," we're choosing to trust God instead of demanding our own way. It's an act of patient hope - a leap into a kind of freedom and surrender even when things feel unresolved. It helps us to live without closure, without resolution - and still be content, because our satisfaction is now at another level, and its source is beyond ourselves.

We are able to trust that God will come again, just as Jesus came as that baby in Bethlehem, and has come into our own past, and into our suffering world. Our experience of the past then becomes the prologue for our future, and 'Come, Lord Jesus' isn't a cry of desperation, but rather an assured shout of cosmic hope.

Come, Lord Jesus!

*Rev Tim Cooke*



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Carols in Town – Rev Tim Cooke

**7pm** ~ Carols by Candlelight – Church/PMC

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Carol Service – Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**9.30am** ~ Joint Carol Service at All Saints, Calthwaite

**Alston Moor**

**3pm** ~ Community Carols at Town Hall

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Local Arrangement Carols

**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)***

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Woodlands

**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 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am** ~ Midweek Service – Lessons & Carols – Rev Tim Cooke – Church/PMC

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

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

**7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**10am** ~ Langwathby Community Fellowship - Outing

**1.30pm** ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

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

## **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**1pm** ~ Thursday Tots – Ullswater/PMC

## **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

**12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Roundthorn

## **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

**Penrith: 10.30am** Family Crib Service – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Skelton: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

**Stainton: 10.30am** Joint Service with Skelton

**Cottage Wood: 3pm** Afternoon Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Alston Moor: 11am** Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

**Kirkoswald: 10am** Morning Worship - Rev David Milner

**Gamblesby: 4pm** Little Acorns Community Carol Service

## Carlisle Refuge



Staff and Residents really appreciate the support we receive. Thank you again for supporting us.

**We wish everyone a lovely Christmas time, from all at Water Street,  
Women and Families Temporary Accommodation.**

## 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/](http://www.arochoa.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for-a-greener-christmas/)



## **East Cumbria Methodist Circuit** **Announcement**

**Rev Julia Reid visited our Circuit on Saturday 30th November, with a view to becoming our new Minister.**

**Following Julia's visit, the Invitation Committee issued an invitation to her and we are incredibly pleased to announce that Julia has accepted!**

**Julia is currently a presbyter in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit, and she will replace Tim as our new Minister in September 2025.**

### *PMC Church Windows*

**A huge thank you to anyone that has been involved in decorating the Church for Advent and the Christmas period.**

**I hope you will agree it looks superb and delivers a strong message!**

**Almost every item has been previously used or was growing in people's gardens, with little or no cost to PMC.**

**All decorations should be removed by the 6th January, but preferably after the Morning Service on the 5th January.**

**Thank you again .**



## AT GAMBLESBY METHODIST CHURCH

### HE BREWS COFFEE CLUB

EVERY TUESDAY 10am - 1pm

Except 26 and 31 December

Enjoy coffee and a biscuit, games, crafts or just a chat only £2

During the winter - soup and a roll at lunchtime only £2.50



### COMMUNITY NATIVITY SERVICE

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER at 4 pm

*A magical start to the Christmas weekend*

Everyone Welcome

followed by light refreshments



For further information, please contact Claire  
on 07756932116 or email: [gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com](mailto:gamblesbymethodist@gmail.com)

## ECO CHURCH

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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 [arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for\[1\]a-greener-christmas](http://arocha.org.uk/our-twelve-tips-for[1]a-greener-christmas).



PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH  
warmly invite you to join

**CAROLS BY  
CANDLELIGHT**  
**'All Things New'**

**SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER, 7PM**

Free Admission - All Welcome  
Wordsworth Street, Penrith, Cumbria, CA11 7QY

## **Circuit HR Team**

We are looking for someone to join the Circuit HR Team. If you may be interested in this role please speak to Rev. Tim Cooke



### Operation Christmas Child

Our shoeboxes were collected last week and were taken to a processing centre at Coventry. We'll hear where they went in the new year - it's usually at the end of January. I've already got boxes and knitting ready for 2025 - thank you.

Judith Joyce





## **Advance Notice - The Christmas Circuit Bulletin**

As the Circuit Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year, there will be a double edition of the Circuit Bulletin for Sundays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> December.

Please can any items for that period, up to 5<sup>th</sup> January, be sent to the Circuit Office by 9am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, at the latest.



## **Help for Ukrainian Family - Looking for Host**

Hi, I'm seeking hosts for 3 Christians in Cumbria. They are in UK already so they don't need to go through the visa system. They need to come from Norfolk to Penrith, Kendal or elsewhere nearby.

The family is made up of Victor, who is an amputee wounded in Mariupol, his wife Inna, who has some trauma, and daughter Lidia.

The Homes for Ukraine system pays the host and this family can be housed separately (husband and wife separately from daughter). They are Christian on the evangelical side.

Can you think of people around here that might offer a "Homes for Ukraine" place - perhaps friends might?

I can talk people through this process - here is my phone number: 07973112046

Frank Chalmers



## **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!



# Restore on the Road 2024–2026 and Beyond...



**Are you interested in connecting up people and places in our local villages, and finding a way to encourage sustainable community groups? If so, this project for people of all ages, all faiths and no faith may be for you. It won't cost the earth or all your time.**

Restore is taking the community space beyond the shops onto the road to connect Penrith with local villages through this project.

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

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## Can you be a...

- Team leader on the van, supported by the project leader; caring for the community around the van.
- Member of the community on the van; working together and encouraging community wherever the van stops.
- Van driver: an essential role but still part of the community.
- Event diary organiser; not necessarily going out on the van.

If you're interested in getting involved then we want to hear from you!

Please contact Beth Honey on:

[beth.honey@restorecumbria.co.uk](mailto:beth.honey@restorecumbria.co.uk)

or

07831 991076

Or drop into the shop & speak to her (Tues-Thurs).





## *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 - Lessons & Carols

### Sunday 22nd December

- 10am - Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel
- 10.30am - Penrith Methodist Church - Family Crib Service
- 10.30am - Skelton Methodist Church - Lessons & Carols
- 10.30am - Stainton Methodist Church (joint service with Skelton)
- 11am - Alston Moor Methodist
- 3pm - Cottage Wood Centre - Nativity Service
- 3.15pm - St Patricks, Patterdale - Carol Service
- 4pm - Gamblesby Methodist Chapel - Little Acorns Carol Service

### Chirstmas 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 Tebbutt
- 10am - Langwathby Methodist Chapel - Rev. David Milner
- 10.30am - St Patricks, Patterdale - Rev. Andrew Callaway



## 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](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)

**PMC Website:** [www.penrithmethodist.co.uk](http://www.penrithmethodist.co.uk)

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