



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 5th January

Here's another of my favourite paintings. In the period after Christmas, we remember how after the magi return, Herod massacres the innocent children forcing the Holy Family to flee into Egypt.

In this painting, Gentileschi has treated the subject as if the Holy Family were ordinary Italian peasants. Joseph is old, haggard and exhausted (and rather uncomfortable I reckon, flaked out.) The Virgin is a



**Orazio Gentileschi – “Rest on the Flight into Egypt”
(1615 – 20) Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery**

young, well-built woman with grubby feet sitting uncomfortably on the floor of a ruined building as she feeds her toddler child. Jesus appears naked and vulnerable glancing furtively towards the viewer and we are reminded that this family are refugees who are escaping from Herod's death-threat.

[<https://www.bmagic.org.uk/objects/1947P5/>]

Broken walls and ruins - a reminder of the wars and conflicts around us? And a very naked and vulnerable Jesus.

Jesus is in hiding! He is hiding from Herod, but he also comes to us in disguise. Here is God himself, disguised as an ordinary human baby. Who would have noticed him, or recognised him? (Isaiah 53.2) This is our God. The Word made flesh.

However, what I love most about this painting is the silly, old donkey. What an ass! He is on the wrong side of the wall and looking away from Jesus. Perhaps he is acting as lookout to warn the family if any soldiers are coming. Or is he saving Mary's modesty by not staring at her uncovered breast?

And Jesus looks out of the painting at us, the viewers, as if to ask us, "What about you? Which side are you on? Friend or Foe? What are you looking for?"

Are you going to be an ass and look the wrong way and miss the Saviour of the World?

And... will you be an ass and look in the other direction when there are refugees in need of your help?

Rev Dave



Penrith

10.30am ~ Covenant – Rev Tim Cooke
Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34; John 14:15-24 NLT

Skelton

10.30am ~ Members Service

Stainton

10.30am ~ Covenant – Rev Gillian Belford

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Covenant – Rev David Milner

Alston Moor

11am ~ Covenant – Rev Mary Elliot

Culgaith

11am ~ Covenant – Dr Peter Bowes

Langwathby

11am ~ Covenant – Rev David Milner

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Change to Service

Please note that the PMC Tuesday Service on the **21st of January** is now taking place at **12.30pm**, not 10am.





Weekly Diary

Monday 6th January

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 7th January

10am ~ Midweek Service – Ven Morris Rodham – Church/PMC

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.*)

Wednesday 8th January

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

10am ~ Coffee Morning – Skelton Methodist Church

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

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

Thursday 9th January

1pm ~ Thursday Tots – Ullswater/PMC

2pm ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

3pm ~ Afternoon Service – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson – Woodlands

7.30pm ~ Fellside HG (*Contact Mike on 07511089321 or Ange on 07808801229 for more details*)

Friday 10th January

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 12th January

Penrith: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Patterdale: 10.30am Covenant – Rev Tim Cooke

Skelton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

Stainton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway

Cottage Wood: 3pm Members Service

Alston Moor: 11am Local Arrangement

Kirkoswald: 10am Morning Worship – Rev David Milner

Gamblesby: 2pm Covenant – Rev David Milner

Renwick: 2pm Covenant – Dr Peter Bowes

PMC Coffee

It would be appreciated if folks can please sign up on the Sunday morning coffee rota, 29th December to the end of March is currently empty!

Perhaps it could be a New Year resolution to take a regular slot on the rota, as it facilitates an important part of PMC's caring nature.



JOIN OUR TEAM !

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Development
Manager

Organised?

Motivated?

Leader?

Full Time permanent contract,
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**Penrith Music Club – Pei-Jee Ng (Cello),
& Chiao-Ying Chang (Piano)**

Monday 13th January at 7.30pm at PMC

Australian-born Pei-Jee Ng studied at the Royal Academy of Music and has appeared as soloist at numerous international venues, including New York, Taiwan, Berlin and London. Chiao-Ying Chang was born in Taiwan and also studied at the Royal Academy of Music, since when she has enjoyed a successful career as both a solo performer and chamber musician.



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



Communal Christmas Card

Thank you to those folk who supported All We Can by leaving a donation in the globe. The total raised this year was £70.00.

Sad Announcement

It is with very deep sadness that we announce that Alan Donaldson passed away on Friday 20th December 2024.

We hold Carol and their family and the fellowship at Penrith Salvation Army in our thoughts and prayers.

In the Salvation Army they often use the phrase 'promoted to glory'. Alan's faith was deep, grounded and evident to us all.

May he rest in peace and rise in glory; but we grieve and will miss him very deeply.



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.



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.

OPPORTUNITIES

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

Please contact Beth Honey on:

**beth.honey@restorecumbria.co.uk
or
07831 991076**

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



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!

