



## Weekly Bulletin

### Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

### The Last Supper



Salvador Dali  
***"The Sacrament of the Last Supper"***  
(1955) National Gallery of Art, Washington  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The\\_Sacrament\\_of\\_the\\_Last\\_Supper](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Sacrament_of_the_Last_Supper)

Most teenagers have posters of footballers or pop stars decorating their bedroom walls. Me? I had a reproduction of this painting by Salvador Dali. What my parents did with it when I moved away, I don't know.

In 1949, Dali rediscovered his Roman Catholic faith and over the next few years painted a series of artworks with Christian themes including another of my

favourites, "Christ of St John of the Cross". Here, in "The Sacrament of the Last Supper", Dali depicts the night before the crucifixion as Jesus shares Bread and Wine with his friends. The upper room, though, in a typically Surrealist way, has become a 12-sided dodecahedron, with windows open to the wider world.

Jesus sits at the head of the table, surrounded by the 12 disciples. He points upwards. Perhaps this is the moment where he says that he is going back to his Father. Jesus already seems to be fading away somehow, becoming less tangible. We see the world almost through him. He breaks out of the room and enters his world, to be with us wherever we are – present with us, here and now.

Or, instead, perhaps he is pointing up towards those arms outstretched and the torso above him, while still speaking of the broken bread upon the table, "This is my body broken for you..."

The significance of the broken bread and poured out wine are far, far greater than being confined to a room in Jerusalem 2000 years ago. Jesus' death and his resurrection, then, are for everyone, everywhere and everywhen. The windows look out over Port Lligat where Dali lived, rather than Jerusalem, but they could be looking out over Penrith or wherever we live today. And the disciples are dressed in plain white robes rather than the clothes of 1<sup>st</sup> century Palestinians.

We cannot see their faces, so they could be me or you. Jesus says of the wine that it is his blood “shed for you and for many.” And, perhaps the white robes also remind us of the robes that are worn at the Wedding Feast of the Lamb in the book of Revelation. Communion is “A foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all people...” as it says in the final prayer of our communion service.

That’s why I’ve always loved this painting. It reminds me of Christ’s universal love for all people, in all places and at all times – including me, here, today! “His blood availed for *me*...” as Charles Wesley puts it. It reminds me, too, of his presence with me, here and now. As John Betjeman put it: nothing “can with this simple truth compare – That God was Man in Palestine And lives today in Bread and Wine.” And, it reminds me of the place set for me at the banqueting table in my heavenly home.

Perhaps I need to go and buy another poster for my bedroom wall.

*Dave Milner*



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Social Justice Service (*Lunch to follow*)  
Readings: Proverbs 3:25-35 + Romans 12:9-16

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Rev David Milner

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**3pm** ~ Afternoon Worship – Ian Newton

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr David Pepin

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

**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 17<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**11am** ~ 4F – Ullswater/PMC

**2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – 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/97958259742?pwd=oiRL9sKL0a5HLaFltJwuT09krXA7Ug.1>

*Meeting ID: 979 5825 9742*

*Password: 585914*

## **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**10am** ~ Midweek Communion – Rev Gillian Belford – Church/PMC *(Reading: Luke 6:17-26)*

**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

## **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

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

**2pm** ~ Langwathby Community Fellowship – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

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

## **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.15am** ~ Meeting Point – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

**2pm** ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

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

## **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

**12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Woodlands Collective – meet at PMC for car share

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

**Penrith: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke – Ullswater/PMC *(Café Church)*  
**7pm** Encounter

**Skelton: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Stainton: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

**Cottage Wood: 3pm** Bible Story – Rev Tim Cooke

**Alston Moor: 11am** Morning Communion – Rev David Milner

**Kirkoswald: 10am** Morning Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

**Gamblesby: 2pm** Afternoon Worship – John Slee

**Great Salkeld: 6pm** Evening Worship – Mr Dean Lawson



## **Important Gift Aid Reminder FOR PMC MEMBERS**

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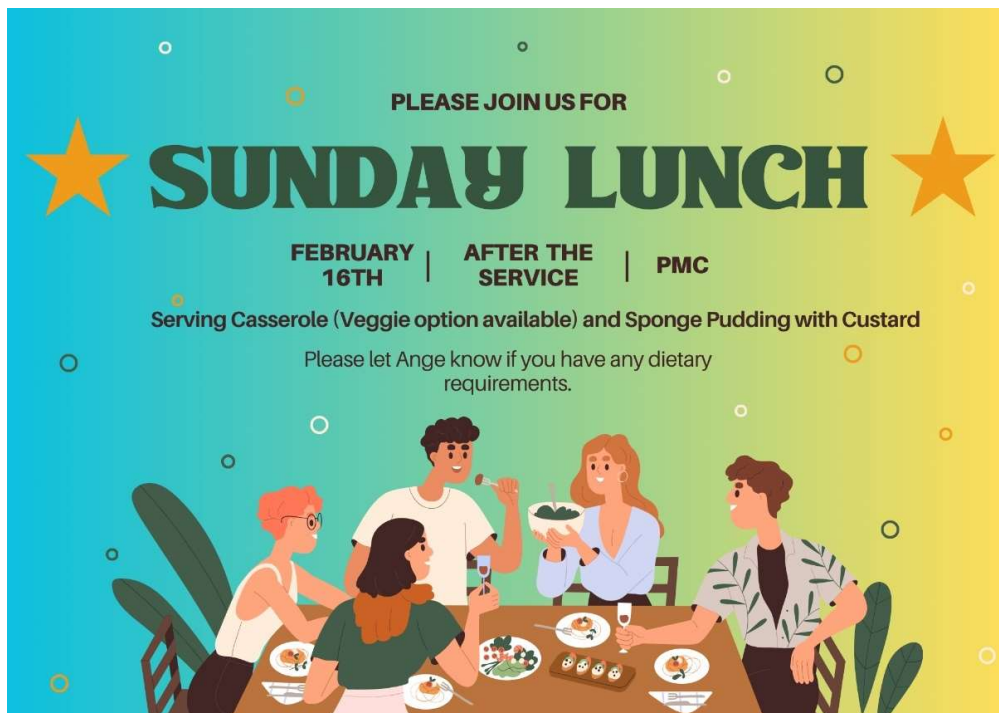
The Income Tax Year ends on 5th April 2025 and it is important that we know if you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and are either no longer paying Income Tax, or consider that the amount of tax you have paid in the current year is less than will be reclaimed on your total donations (currently £25.00 can be reclaimed for every £100 donated).

Any taxpayers who may be interested in helping the church by Gift Aiding their donations but do not currently do so, please contact the Office for further information. There is no additional cost to you and it is completely confidential.

If you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and changed your name or address, please advise the Church Office.

Thank you.





Langwathby Community Fellowship  
 Wednesday, 19 February at 2pm at the Chapel  
*An informal afternoon of craft with Gordon Edgar*  
*This meeting is open to everyone and includes refreshments*



Langwathby Methodist Church  
 Thursday, 20 February - from 10.15

“Meeting Point” – a coffee morning open to all, ending with a “thought for the day”

(Now on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, with “Oasis” on the first Thursday)

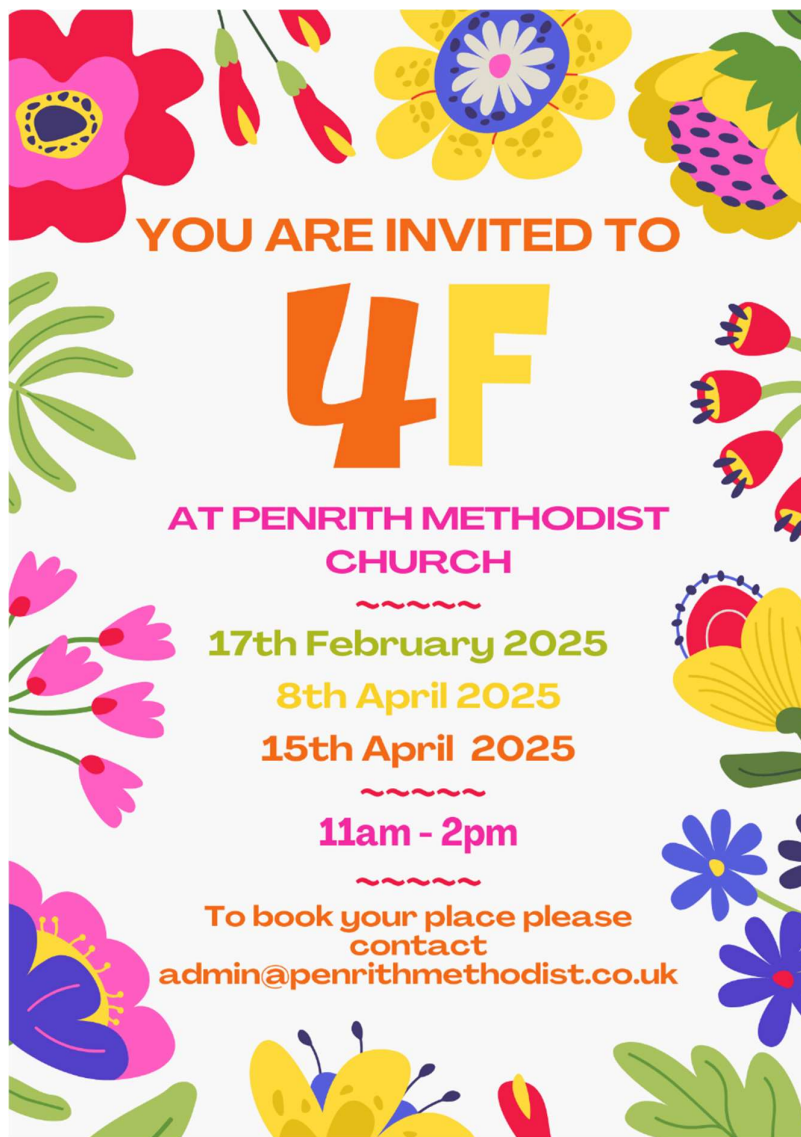
### Shoebox Destination

Our OCC shoeboxes went to the Balkans, in southeast Europe - 56,000+ boxes went there. Due to ongoing political and religious sensitivities in some parts of the Balkans, specific countries are not mentioned in order to keep all staff safe.

Date for your diary: 2025 packing at PMC on **Sat. Oct. 11th.**

Thank you to all supporters.





## World Day of Prayer 2025

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement led by Christian women of many traditions who call the faithful together to observe a common day of prayer each year.

More than 120 countries participate in an annual day of celebration which brings together people of various races, cultures and traditions sharing God's word and worship.

This year in Penrith the Service\* will be held on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025** at **2pm** at **Penrith Methodist Church**.

ALL are welcome.

*\*Which has been prepared by the women of the Cook Islands - 'I made you wonderful'.*





Eden CAP Service



## Are looking for a new Secretary

The CAP Services Management Team are looking to appoint a new secretary who will assist with running of the Management Team meetings.

This is a voluntary position

If you are interested or would like more information please contact

Fred Setters, Chair of the Eden CAP Services Management Team

[fsetters@suremail.gg](mailto:fsetters@suremail.gg)

Closing date: Friday 28th February 2025

### OVERVIEW

Christians Against Poverty is a national award-winning charity on a mission to end UK poverty. CAP equips the local church to work effectively in their community combining the provision of services to alleviate poverty and the hope of the gospel. The Eden CAP Services Management Team oversees the work of the CAP Debt Centre, CAP Job Club and CAP Money Coaching budgeting course. These services provide free help to the residents of Penrith and the Eden District. The Debt Centre works in partnership with, and is supported by, a network of churches around Eden.

The successful candidate will be expected to attend four meetings per year.

Essential duties will include taking minutes at the meetings.

Desirable applicants will also be open to and have experience of:

- Looking for suitable grant applications
- Assisting in the writing of grant applications
- As part of the wider management team, provide wisdom, support and accountability to the Eden CAP Services





# Join the **Biggest Hour for Earth**

**8.30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025**

**Earth Hour** is a worldwide annual event ran by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The event is designed to encourage individuals, communities, and businesses to give an hour for Earth, landmarks and businesses also switching off non-essential electric lights for one hour between 8:30pm and 9:30pm (usually on the last Saturday of March). Originating from a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia, in 2007, the event has been run every year since 2008, with more and more countries joining the tradition every year.

Below are some of the ways you can participate:

- **Switch off** – take an hour away from your screens, put your phone on do not disturb and spend some time with loved ones or by yourself
- **Spend some time outside** – if you have access to a safe outdoor space, spend some time reconnecting with the world around you (warmly wrapped up of course!)
- **Restore nature** – find ways to make your garden/local allotment more friendly for local wildlife. A list of suggestions can be found at the following link: <https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/5-tips-turning-your-garden-wildlife-haven>

To find out more, please visit <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour>

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**NEEDED – URGENTLY!**

**CANDLES**

**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.

Thank you!





## Telephone Notice

From March 1<sup>st</sup> Rev Dave Milner will no longer be available on 01768 863209. Please use his mobile number instead (07597 639314).

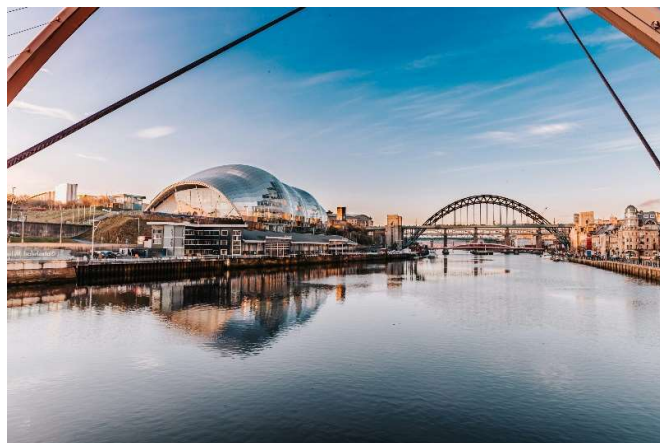


## Farewell Blessings!

I am sure you will all join me in sending all our love and prayers to Graham and Thelma Allan who will be moving away from Penrith on 20 February to a new home in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Thelma and Graham – you have been a massive part of our Church family for many years, and we will miss you being with us – but wish you GOD'S richest blessing in this new chapter of your lives.

Rev. Tim



## ADVANCE NOTICE – Tim and Dave's leaving services

Please put these dates in your diaries.

Tim and Trace's leaving service will be held on **Sunday June 29th at 10:30am** at PMC. There will be no other services in the circuit that morning. This will be followed by lunch.

Dave's leaving service will be held on **Saturday July 26th at 5pm** at PMC. This will be followed by refreshments.



## Accommodation Request

Accommodation needed for a single gentleman who is starting work at the Glenmore Trust in Arthur Street. He doesn't drive and has been Stella's lodger for the last 18 months.

Please contact Stella Restarick if you can help at 07453 090134





## Ministry of Flowers

Thank you so very much for the donations which you have given us towards providing the church flowers at PMC.

These gifts make such a difference to the flowers that we can put in the church and which give so much pleasure to many. Should you like to make a donation towards this ministry, please contact a member of the Flower Team.

We are also in need of some extra help distributing flowers following the Tuesday service (we have 4 months this year without a flower distributor). These flowers are delivered to those who are unwell, lonely, in need or have a special occasion. Please contact the Circuit Office or a member of the Flower Team if you would like to get involved!



## Thought for the week...



### Contact Details:

#### Co-Superintendent Ministers

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**Circuit Office:** 01768 862787 or email: [admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

(Open 9am - 1pm, Monday to Friday)

**Circuit Administrative Manager: Sarah Mulheron-Summers**

**Circuit Administrative Assistant: Niamh Ryan**

**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

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**Debt Coach:** Jo Varley: 07464 939138

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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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