



Introducing
people
to
Jesus

Notices

Sunday 16th December 2018

9.00am

**Morning Worship
Rev. David Milner**

'Listen to John'

10.45am

**Morning Worship with Communion
Rev. David Milner**

'Listen to John'

*All our Communion bread is gluten-free
and our wine is non-alcoholic*

6.30pm

**Carol Service
Rev. Tim Cooke**

Seasonal refreshments to follow

Tues.
10am

**Service
Miss Kathleen Williamson**

You are most welcome to worship today. Please do join us for tea and coffee in the hall, after Morning Worship.

If you would like someone to pray with you please speak with one of those leading the service.

PRAYER POINTERS

Homelessness at Christmas time - a reflection by Janice Clark



Sheltering God, your protection for us is made known in images of rock and mountain, wings and arms, tent and fold. A protection that makes us feel safe, secure, and confident - with knowledge and assurance that removes our vulnerability, and our loneliness, our fears and our doubts. You have promised to be a constant presence, light, warmth and comfort, never failing, always near.

And yet, within your world thousands of people lack shelter and cannot really call where they live a home.

Their lives are impoverished, living in a space put together from whatever scraps they can gather.

The rain leaks through, the heat of the sun is brutal, the dust irritates and water and airborne diseases flourish.

Yet for many this is their home where new life is conceived, where love is shown, where characters are formed, where faith is passed on and where an understanding of your protection is experienced.

God, fully human, yet fully divine, you know what it is like to be have no real home - born into a stable, no vacancies in the places of hospitality, forced to flee as a refugee with life threatening attempts on your life.

In the seasons of Advent and Christmas your frailty is remembered, your vulnerability acknowledged, your purpose for the world revered.

Come again, to give protection and shelter.

Come again to strengthen the weak and to subdue the proud.

Come to our own vulnerability and enable all to offer hope to a world in need.

Janice Clark is a Methodist local preacher. She is a member of the Scottish Churches Housing Action board and Regional Development Officer, Scotland, for Habitat for Humanity.

URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS: please call 01768 862787 or email admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk and we will pass on your request to all members of our congregation who are on email.

FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE

Christmas Services at PMC

Sunday 23rd December

9am – Morning Worship - Rev. David Milner

10am – 12.30pm – Carol Singing at Sainsbury's

Please come along and sing with any of the following groups:

10am – 11am – Gillian & Friends, 11am – 12 noon – Worship Group
& 12 noon – 12.30pm – Choral Group

3pm – Crib Service – refreshments to follow

Christmas Eve

11.30am – Midnight Communion – Rev. David Milner

Christmas Day

10am – Family Celebration – Rev. Tim Cooke

Sunday 30th December

**10am – All Together Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson
(There will be no evening service)**

I'm using a great website called [easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to help raise money for Penrith Methodist Church - simply by shopping online.

easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,500 retailers such as Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, NEXT and Booking.com.

Our retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause.

Please register using this unique link – just search for 'Penrith Methodist Church' and click 'support us' -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/HD5740/S7B1VG/>

Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation.

There's no catch or hidden charges and Penrith Methodist Church will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you, Duncan Watson.

Carol Service
Today at 6.30pm

Thanks to those who have volunteered to serve refreshments after the service. If one or two more people can help, that would be appreciated.

Please leave donations of mince pies in the kitchen and thanks to those who have offered to provide them. Any more brought on the day would also be welcome!

Christmas Toys Required
CFM Cash For Kids

Barclays Bank are collecting new toys for children who are unlikely to receive many presents this Christmas. If you would like to donate toys, please drop them off at Barclays by Tuesday 18th December or leave them in reception by today. David Pollitt will then take them to Barclays. Thank you.

Bottle Tops

Alston W.I. want to say a huge thank you to everyone who is collecting bottle tops to help fund Guide Dogs For The Blind. We are their biggest collectors by far! Please keep leaving them in the box in reception. Thank you.

Thank You

Many thanks to those of you have supported the sale of cards throughout the year. In 2018 we have raised £1040.40, which all goes towards the ongoing work at The Bridge.

And a reminder that large cards can be made to order for any occasion and with most themes for just £3.00.

Christmas Window Displays

The Windows and Displays are magnificent. Can I personally and on behalf of the whole church family, thank everyone who has been involved in bringing it together.

The Church will be open to the public again today from 1pm - 3pm.

Please encourage friends neighbours and colleagues to come along. There will be background music, seasonal refreshments and a very warm welcome.

Woodlands Transport

Is anyone willing to go on a rota to help provide transport for Woodlands residents to come to the 9am service each Sunday?

Please contact the Circuit Office if you can help with this.

Carlisle Refuge

We have received a Christmas card with the following note of thanks:

Thank you again for all the gifts received during 2018. The Christmas gifts, cleaning items/accessories are a big boost.

We really appreciate the support, and our clients really do benefit.

From all the staff at the Carlisle Hostels.

A Band

A Band is needed for the **5th Sunday (30th December)** at 10 am. If you play an instrument or are a singer please come and join us. Meet in church at 9 am for a rehearsal beforehand.

For more information contact Helen (895603 hbrunskill@btinternet.com) or Carolyn (840049 dickinson5@btinternet.com)

N. C. H Boxes

Please can these be given to Barbara Chambers for opening during December.

AN INVITATION FROM YOUR FRIENDS AT STAINTON

Every year we join with our ecumenical friends to sing carols in the village of Stainton. This year we will also be joined by Penrith Town Band and it would be wonderful if friends from other churches could come along on and join us on this occasion and add their voices to this important act of witness.

The 'big sing' will take place on **Friday 21st December** on the village green commencing at 6.30pm, for about an hour followed by refreshments at the village pub.

Inclusive & Unconditional Exploring the Love of God

Two days for people who want to actively move forwards with their faith in God and commitment to equal justice.

**Saturday 12th January
God's all inclusive love –
can we find unity in our
human diversity?**

**Saturday 9th February
God's unconditional love –
can we heal our image of God?**

10.30am – 3pm (arriving from 10.15am for a prompt start)
The ground Floor Meeting Room,
Penrith Library.

Places limited to 30. Please bring a packed lunch – coffee/tea provided.

To book a place on one or both days please contact Jacci at:
allfaithsornone@yahoo.com

(See poster in hall on CTiP board)

**Lakeland Music Singers presents
Carols by Candlelight.**

20th December, 5pm – 6.30pm.

A mixture of carols & traditional Christmas songs at Little Dockray, outside Lakeland Music.

Anyone who wants to join in with the carol singing is very welcome.

Shops and Cafes will be open (Chapter 12 & Narrowbar)

Please contact Max on 07973 830080 for further information.

Calling All Messy Rheged Volunteers

After the success of last March, we have been invited to host another Messy church event at Rheged - what an opportunity!

Sunday 3rd February will soon be here & I'm looking for anyone DBS checked who would like to help in any way (pre-event set up/ back up team/ activity host/ welcome desk/ prayer support).

There will be a volunteer team meeting, Thursday 17th Jan at Rheged, 5.30-7pm including FREE bacon buttie! Please sign up following the link below, or speak to Sarah Hulme.

Many thanks.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/messy-church-at-rheged-volunteer-meeting-tickets-53384427259?aff=utm_source%3Demail%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_campaign%3Dnew_event_email&utm_term=eventurl_text

Cumbria's Community Christmas

Find us at Penrith Girl Guide hut off Brentfield Way – no need to book – just pop along for some festive cheer.

**Wednesday 19th to Monday 24th
December** from 5.30pm onwards.

Christmas Day & Boxing Day
from 10am till late.

Volunteers would also be appreciated –
Please contact: 07508 740294 or email:
cumbriascommunitychristmas.wordpress.com

WEEKLY DIARY

Monday 17th December

- 9.30am Monday Walk – Meet at PMC
- 6.30pm Choral Group – Sandgate Room
- 7.30pm Worship Group – Church
- 7.30pm CAP Prayer Meeting - Tarn

Tuesday 18th December

- 10am Service – Church
- 6.45pm Kids Alive – Sandgate Room
- 7.30pm Junior Youth Club - Ullswater

Wednesday 19th December

- 7.30am Wednesday Morning Prayer Meeting – 18 Brent Road
- 9.30am Prayer Time – All welcome – Meet at PMC
- 4pm Sanctuary Café – Bridge
- 8pm Hulme HG – For venue contact: 01768 867351

Thursday 20th December

- 7.30pm Beta Group – Upper Link
- 7.30pm Parklands HG – Fairfield, Wordsworth Street
- 8pm Thornton HG – 34 Carleton Meadows

Friday 21st December

- 7.30am Friday Blessings – Contact Byron Hadley

Saturday 22nd December

- 12 noon – 5.30pm Saturday Café – Bridge

Sunday 23rd December

- 9am Morning Worship – Rev. David Milner
- 10am – 12.30pm Carol Singing at Sainsbury's
- 3pm Crib Service with seasonal refreshments to follow

Please Note: There is no service at 6.30pm.

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 is now in place near reception. After Christmas a gift or gifts will be chosen from the Extraordinary Gifts catalogue.

Copies of the gift catalogue are in Reception if you want to do your own shopping!

Sermon

9.00am & 10.45am ~ 'Listen to John'

Luke 3: 15 – 20

Luke 7: 18 - 28

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**Our Christmas Charities this year are:**

**Child Bereavement UK (Cumbria)**

**Action for Children**

**World Vision**

**Tea & Coffee:** 9am: Joan Tomkinson; 10.45am: Centrepoint;  
6.30pm: **Volunteers**

**Next Week:** 9am: 3Ms; **3pm: A couple of volunteers would be appreciated. Please contact the Circuit Office if you can help.**

**Welcomers – Next Week Team 1:**

9am: Daphne Walker & Dorothy Robert

**3pm:** Joan Tomkinson & Dorothy Robert

**Ministers Drop In**

**There will be no drop in over the Christmas period.**

**The next one will be on 10<sup>th</sup> January.**

**Items for the Sunday Notices to be at the Circuit Office by THURSDAY, 12 NOON please.** Information can be delivered by hand, left in the Circuit Office "Pigeon Hole" in Reception or sent by email to [admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

**The notices are also available on our website.** Please email the Circuit Office if you wish to receive the email link which is sent each Friday.

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**If you have any pastoral concerns please contact the ministers,  
one of the above or the Church Office.**

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**Tax payers can Gift Aid today's giving!**

•If you're a visitor (a very warm welcome!) – "Single Gift" envelopes are available at the end of each row in church, in reception and the Crush Hall or please ask any of the door stewards.

**Regular members please see Malcolm Teed – Tel: 758246.**