

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 17th July 2022



Who's in charge?



For nearly the past 40 years we have travelled every 18 months or so to Ontario to see our god-daughter, for whom, during that time for family reasons, we have been surrogate parents. Having stayed with her for a week, we then take off for 2-3 weeks to see more Canada.

It means hiring a car (intermediate size,) from the airport. As we are there for a month, the hire company usually says that they have just the car for us and we are presented with an "upgrade" usually a full-size American car with a phenomenally long bonnet, average cab and a massive trunk (boot!) that doesn't hold much.

So, to our May visit this year - much postponed due to Covid! Oh bliss - we are given an SUV, somewhat larger than ours here, but we can see all four corners. It also however comes with every gizmo known to man!!!! These include intelligent driver alertness, automatic emergency braking, intelligent lane intervention, steering assist, and a ProPILOT system. In other words, it was packed with artificial intelligence and this was quite concerning when Gareth's driving was over-ridden by the car itself. We wondered whether we should give it up and request a more traditional vehicle.

Cue the handbook! After much studying, muttering and experimentation we were able to de-activate some of the more way-out functions. For the next three weeks we had a car which used its (slightly reduced) cutting-edge technology perfectly - and which was an absolute pleasure to drive.

As Christians, we also have our challenges, both worldly and spiritual. There are many "gizmos" pressurising us to do this or that with our lives and worship. Inclusiveness, styles of worship, pro or anti-abortion, denominational

differences, committees.... the list goes on. Sometimes it can seem that there are invisible forces pushing us along roads which we do not want to travel.

All these are important, but we also have a handbook to help us. It has been translated into many languages so that everybody can read it and, yes, it can be difficult to understand at times. We also have a pilot, who is not artificial! Jesus said "Behold, I make all things new..." Change can be challenging, as can understanding and seeing the (alternative) point of view of others.



Do we need to look at where we are? In Ontario the two of us despaired of the car until we reduced its cutting-edge capabilities and merged them with our own. A combination of new and old. Just a thought.....

Gareth & Averil Cozens

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**Penrith Methodist Church**

**10am - 10.20am** ~ Pre-Service Worship

**10.30am** ~ Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

**Reading:** Isaiah 43: 15 - 21

**Skelton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ PJ Summers

**Stainton Methodist Church**

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

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Early Evening Communion ~ Ven. Morris Rodham

## Weekly Diary:

### Monday 18th July

**9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC  
**2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church  
**6pm – 7pm** ~ Police Drop-in Session – Reception/PMC  
**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate Room/PMC  
**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

### Tuesday 19th July

**9am – 10am** ~ Refuge Long-Life Food Collection – Car Park/PMC  
**10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC  
**10am** ~ Midweek Service – Mrs Lois Morton – Church/PMC  
**7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

### Wednesday 20th July

**1.30pm** ~ Sewing Craft Group – Skelton Methodist Church  
Blencow HG – Please ring for further details (07711 088448)

### Thursday 21st July

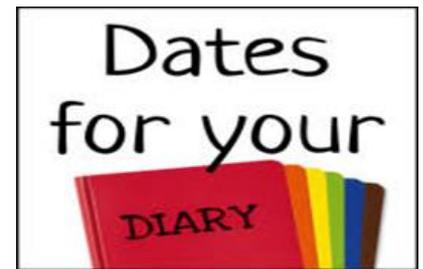
#### Friday 22nd July

**12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC  
**7.30pm** ~ Youth Club Pizza Night – Ullswater/PMC

#### Saturday 23rd July

#### Sunday 24th July

**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke  
**Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger  
**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson  
**Cottage Wood: 5pm** ~ Zoom Sharing Service



### **Thought for the Week**



Sat on a hill,  
Contemplating life  
What a luxury it is  
To forget one's strife.

The wind in my hair  
The sun on my back,  
What an amazing feeling  
To give life's stresses the sack!

*Morgan Tebb-Roger*

## Reminders for this week...

### MHA Sunday

Envelopes will be available this Sunday if you wish to make a donation to Methodist Homes for the Aged. Funds will be used to enhance outdoor spaces in more of the homes, enriching residents' daily experience and offering spaces for reflection.

To find out more visit: [mhs.org.uk/Sunday](http://mhs.org.uk/Sunday)

Heart & Soul booklets will also be available.

*As part of the worship at PMC on Sunday, Dave Milner will be interviewing Tracy Temple, the Chaplain at Woodlands, the MHA in Penrith.*



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Tuesday 19th July, 9am-10am at PMC

The Long-Life Food Collection

PLEASE

Final shop for the tins, etc.



**Many thanks,
Jeannette & Keith Scott.**

Eden Neighbourhood Policing Team - 'Problem Solving'

Police Drop-In Surgery in Reception at PMC Monday 18th July, 6pm – 7pm.

Come along and discuss any persistent crime, disorder or anti-social behaviour issues with a dedicated local Neighbourhood Policing Team Officer. We will ensure that a dedicated problem-solving trained officer will be available to discuss your case in private.



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### **Afternoon Tea**

Well, summer seems to have appeared at last and to celebrate this, Bryan and Ruth Gardiner are hosting an Afternoon Tea from 2.30pm to 5pm on Sunday 31st July at their home at 18 Croft Terrace, Penrith.

The event is open to all ages - those who wish to enjoy tea in their garden with splendid views over the Lakeland fells or the more energetic can join in games in the field above their home.

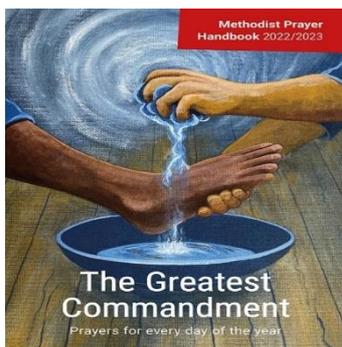
Whilst there is no specific charge for the event, donations in aid of 4Fs will be most welcome.

To assist with catering arrangements, it would be helpful if an indication of an intention to attend could be made to Ruth on Penrith 863412.

In the unlikely event of inclement weather, the event will still take place in the Ullswater Hall at PMC.

We are looking forward to an afternoon of delicious food, fun and fellowship. Hope to see you there!





## Prayer Handbook 2022/23

'The Greatest Commandment', the new Prayer Handbook, will be available to order until 31st July on the list in reception.

The price is £4.15 per copy for a bulk order.

Best wishes, Judith Joyce.

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The King's Men (Choral Scholars of King's College, Cambridge)

Sunday 17th July, 7.30pm
St. Andrew's Church, Penrith



Traditional church music and folk song arrangements, spirituals and songs from the shows. Music from the Beatles to Michael Buble!

Tickets: £15 (students £5) available from Becksides Books, Penrith and members of St. Andrew's Choir or can be pre-booked on 01768 863518.

St. Andrew's Church Tercentenary (2022)

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## Change of Venue for Tuesday Service

The service on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** will be at Stainton Methodist Church as Holiday Club will be taking place at PMC. Kathleen Williamson will lead this service.

If anyone can offer a lift or requires one, please contact the Circuit Office.



**10AM-12PM AUG 1ST-5TH**  
**SIGN UP HERE:**

[www.penrithmethodistchurch.co.uk/holidayclub](http://www.penrithmethodistchurch.co.uk/holidayclub)

OR CONTACT:

[outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

**A few more volunteers would be welcome. Please add your name to the sign-up list in reception if you can help at all.**



## Weekly Prayer Meeting

The Penrith Mission Area Fellowship Group have sensed God say that, rather than study the bible during the summer holidays, we should focus on listening to God and praying for outreach activities in the Penrith Mission Area. We are therefore setting up a weekly prayer meeting in different venues and at different times.

The first meeting will be on Wednesday 20 July at 7.15pm at my home, 2 Sand Croft (CA11 8BB) if anyone would like to join us. I can be contacted by email: [cnuttallx2@aol.com](mailto:cnuttallx2@aol.com) or Tel: 01768 744936.

Items for prayer would be welcome too.

Many thanks,  
Chris Nuttall.

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### Pastoral Team:-

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**Eden Debt Centre Manager (CAP) ~ Jon Cook:** 07464 939138  
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**Cottage Wood Centre - Please send a request to join our Facebook group.**

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