

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 31st July 2022



Hi everyone – it's good to be back after our 3 -month sabbatical! First, thank you so much to all of you in the Circuit for your grace in allowing us this precious time away. We truly had the most amazing experiences, and feel refreshed, and energised!

Part of what we did was a pilgrimage – walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain - but really the whole 3 months has been a pilgrimage. Pilgrimage means: *'to journey with purpose to discover something outside of yourself'*. The earliest pilgrims were called *'pelegrinos'*, and their purpose was always to journey to discover more of God.

Our quest, for our sabbatical, was to seek and know more of the presence of God.



We had amazing experiences – God's creation in all its magnificence. Mountains, coastlines, sandy-white beaches, forests heady with the scent of eucalyptus trees, eagles, wild Boar, hundreds of deer, puffins and wonderful people. It was easy to journey with such rich encounters!

But 2 days before we started - on the train journey to Spain - our very best friends, who we had been with for the first 5 days of our sabbatical, phoned to say their 36-year-old son had been tragically killed in a car accident. This dramatically changed our Camino experience, as we sought to provide support to them in their deepest grief – alongside all the wonder of the Camino.

It all reminds me that our whole life is a journey – a pilgrimage, if you like.

As we travel through life, we experience glorious 'ups' but also very dark 'downs' – plus all the stuff in between. How do we make sense of it, or find something of God in it?

Perhaps the secret to it all – both in appreciating all the wonderful things, and having the strength to get through the rubbish stuff – is who it is we journey with.

The author Graham Usher said this: *'We journey not to find God, but to travel with God. If you don't travel with the king who you seek, you will not find him at the end of your journey'*.

Knowing that God journeys with us, and loves us, and yearns for us to spend each moment – whatever that moment brings – in communion with him / her, is perhaps, the best way to a good pilgrimage for all of us!



Rev. Tim

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**Penrith Methodist Church**

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

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship & Annual Church Meeting ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**Reading:** 1 Kings 19: 1 - 16

**Skelton Methodist Church**

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

**Stainton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**3pm – 5pm** ~ Blencathra Mission Community Service with BBQ  
This will be held at Calthwaite Football Field

For further details, please contact Carolyn Dickinson  
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*(Please note: There will be no 5pm service at Cottage Wood Centre)*

## Weekly Diary:

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August

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

**10am** ~ Holiday Club – PMC

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

**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

**10am** ~ Holiday Club - PMC

**10am** ~ Midweek Service – Miss Kathleen Williamson –

**Stainton Methodist Church**

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

**10am** ~ Holiday Club - PMC

**10am** ~ Coffee Morning ~ Skelton Methodist Church

**1.30pm** ~ Sewing Craft Group – Skelton Methodist Church

**7pm – 8pm** ~ Cottage Wood Monthly Prayer Time - *We are continuing to pray at home, and all are welcome to take part for any or all of the hour.*

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**10am** ~ Holiday Club – PMC

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> August

**10am** ~ Holiday Club – PMC

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August

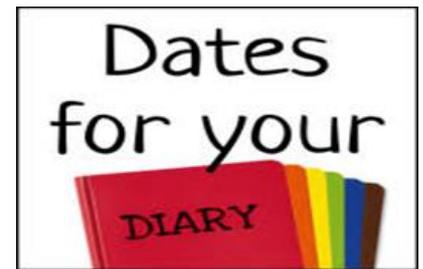
**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

**7pm** ~ Encounter ~ PJ Summers & Morgan Tebb-Roger

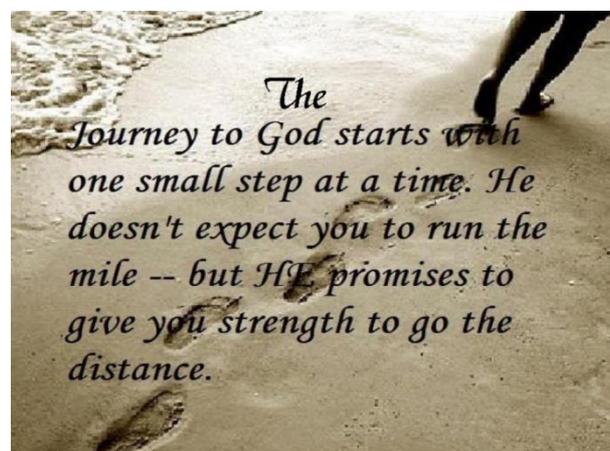
**Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson

**Cottage Wood: 5pm** ~ Early Evening Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke



## **Thought for the Week**



## Reminders for this week

### Annual Church Meeting at PMC

We are incorporating this important meeting into our Morning Worship today.

We invite all members and friends to attend to reflect on the last 12 months and spend time thinking about where God is leading us.

*The ACM Booklet containing all the group reports has been sent out by email and is on our website.*



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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 today 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!



MIDWEEK

FEED THE BODY • FEED THE SOUL

Change of Venue for Tuesday Service

A reminder that the Mid-Week Service on **Tuesday 2nd August** will be at Stainton Methodist Church as Holiday Club takes place at PMC. Kathleen Williamson will lead this service.

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

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## Thank You from Carlisle Refuge

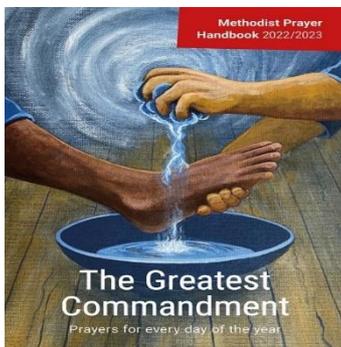
We were very grateful to receive the kind donations of food items for our larders.

As a result of the huge efforts of your congregation and the local community, those in need of groceries at the point of moving into our accommodation will be able to select items they need, until we are able to assist them with their benefits.

The generosity exhibited by Penrith Methodist Church and community goes a long way to show all those involved with our service kindness throughout the year.



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Prayer Handbook 2022/23 – Final Reminder

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

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

Best wishes, Judith Joyce.

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Holiday Club

www.penrithmethodist.co.uk/holidayclub

PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH
1st - 5th Aug
10AM - 12AM

10AM-12PM AUG 1ST-5TH
SIGN UP HERE:
www.penrithmethodistchurch.co.uk/holidayclub

OR CONTACT:
outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk

Thank you to all who have dropped off craft supplies which were requested for Holiday Club.

Any more egg boxes, jam jar lids and cardboard rolls (toilet/kitchen roll inners) can be left in the box in reception on Sunday.



Recycling for Good Causes

A reminder that I will be sending off the final bag of these items in August so please fill the blue box in reception with as much as you can by **today**.

Thank you for all your contributions over the years towards the work of Traidcraft.

Heather Tomlinson.

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Cottage Wood Centre - Please send a request to join our Facebook group.

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