Penrith Methodist Circuit Weekly Bulletin Sunday 8th January 2023



"The Covenant Prayer"

At the beginning of every new year, Methodists have always held an annual "Covenant Service", at which we celebrate all that God has done for us and affirm that we give our lives and choices over to God. It reminds us, first and foremost, of God's faithful love for us. God promises (and God's promises are true and dependable) to always love us, through good times and hard times too. And, in return, we offer our love wholly and unconditionally.



The traditional Covenant prayer (below) makes it very clear that this affirmation is a serious one that embraces the whole of our life, in all its parts. Most people find it quite tough to say, and really mean it. But the prayer is so central to the Christian life that other Churches have also adopted it.

In our culture we tend to prize our ability to make decisions and choose our own path in life. It can feel very hard to give that up. But this prayer is like a love poem. It is about surrendering to God in love and joy.

Are you ready to make this prayer your own again this year?

'I am no longer my own but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

exalted for you, or brought low for you;

let me be full, let me be empty,

let me have all things, let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours. So be it.

And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.'



Rev. Dave



Penrith Methodist Church

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

'Unshackled' Reading: John 8: 31 - 41

Bring & Share Lunch to follow

Skelton Methodist Church

10am ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Nicola Price-Tebbutt

All Saint's Church, Calthwaite

3pm ~ Something Different Service (Please Note: No Service at Cottage Wood Centre)



Methodist Worship from Home

For those who have received the weekly service sheets, there is now a note on the website to say they are no longer being produced.

You can still listen to the PMC services by dialling 01768 800793.

Thought for the Week

Remember, perspective can cause two people to look at the same thing and see two totally different things.





Monday 9th January

9.30am ~ Monday Walks - Meet outside PMC

2pm ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

6.15pm ~ Choral Group - Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 10th January

10am ~ Midweek Service - Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson - Church/PMC

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club - Beacon/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 11th January

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Sewing Craft Group – Skelton Methodist Church

7pm ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Wednesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.)

Thursday 12th January

1pm ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC

1pm ~ Prayer Meeting – Church/PMC

1.30pm ~ Take Tea Out + Takeaway - Cottage Wood Centre -

Please contact Sheila Mallinson to book.

7.30pm ~ Property Meeting – Beacon/PMC

Friday 13th December

10am - 2pm ~ Warm Spaces - Sandgate/PMC

12 noon ~ Lunch Club - Ullswater/PMC

7.30pm ~ Senior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 15th January

Penrith: 10.30am ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Skelton: 10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson **Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Lawrence Tomlinson **Cottage Wood Centre: 3pm** ~ Covenant Service ~ Rev. Tim Cooke







Funeral Service

Alan Houghton's funeral will be held on Thursday 19th January. A Cremation service at 3pm, to be attended by family, will be followed by a Church service at 4pm at Main Road Methodist Church, Tadley, Hants. RG26 3NL. Please let Kath know if you wish to attend.

Please continue to remember Kath and their family and friends in your prayers.

Communal Christmas Card at PMC

Thank you to everyone who supported 'All We Can' by signing our card. A grand total of £150 was raised which will support people who live in the poorest regions of the world.





PMC Christmas Charity

A total of £809.72 has been given in the cash offerings over Christmas. This will be donated to our chosen charity **'P.E.R.N'** (Penrith and Eden Refugee Network).

Accommodation Needed

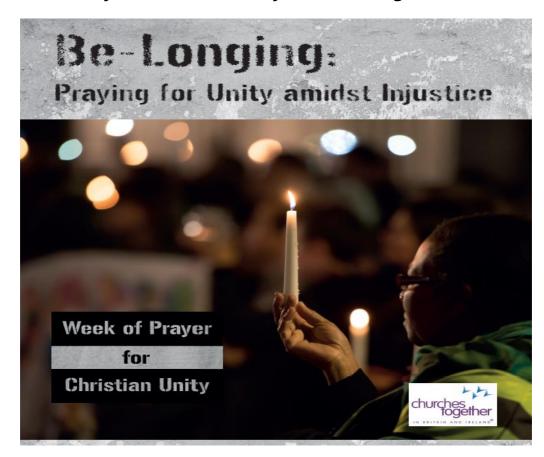
The war in Ukraine continues in ever-increasing threat to life for the people of Ukraine. We now know several families where women and children, in particular, have moved to Penrith to be safe. One of the women we know has asked if there is anyone who might be able to help provide accommodation for a family, who are in danger staying in Ukraine.

There is a 34 year old woman, her 9 year old son, and her aunt who all need accommodation and temporary lodging.

If anyone can help, please contact Sarah in the office.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Churches Together in Penrith



Please join us during the week for a 12:30pm start followed by tea & coffee at 1:00pm.

Wednesday 18th Jan - St Andrew's
Thursday 19th Jan - Friends Meeting House
Friday 20th Jan - St Catherine's
Saturday 21st Jan - RESTORE, New Squares
Monday 23 Jan - Salvation Army
Tuesday 24th Jan - PMC
Wednesday 25th Jan - St Andrew's



PMC Lounge

A reminder that our warm space is open each Friday from 10am to 2pm and is for anyone, of any age. Come along for a cuppa & chat, play a board game, read a book or bring your knitting or crafts. Everyone will be very warmly welcomed.



Penrith Music Club Concert

Monday 16th January, 7.30pm at PMC. Oboe & Piano Recital

Hannah Condliffe (oboe) & Dominic Doutney (piano)

See www.penrithmusicclub.com

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# HERE FOR YOU

Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy Our agricultural chaplains are there to listen and offer support to everyone involved in all things farming.



If you, or some one you know would benefit from a chat please look out for our chaplains on auction mart sale days and at shows

Chaplains can usually be found on the larger sale days at the following Auction Marts:

Broughton-in-Furness
Carlisle - Borderway
J36 - The Rural Auction Centre
Kirkby Stephen
Penrith
Ulverston
Wigton



For general information about **Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy** please email our coordinator at - cumbriaagchap@outlook.com

#### **PMC Sunday Coffee & Lunch Rotas**

Please may we have volunteers to prepare and serve tea & coffee after the morning services for 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January and during February and to organise the bring & share lunches on the first Sunday of each month.



Either add your name to the rota in the kitchen or contact the Circuit Office.



## Has anyone lost their car key?

One was found on the radiator outside of the Church last Tuesday and handed in, but no-one has been in touch to claim it. Please contact the Circuit Office if it belongs to you!

## **Contact Details:**

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

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk All services are on You Tube Follow us on Twitter @PMCmethodists and on Facebook

## Let's stay connected with one another!















