

Penrith Methodist Circuit

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 26th March 2023



Passion Sunday



This Sunday is known as Passion Sunday, the week before Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Day. It states in my diary 'Passiontide begins'. Through Lent we have considered the events of the life of Jesus leading up to these final days and tried to share something of what it means for him to be 'The Saviour of the World'. Yet it will always be a mystery and a challenge to respond to the love of God offered to all.

The word 'Passion' has various meanings depending on the context in which it is used. People are 'passionate' about a subject or cause close to their hearts and they often spend much time pursuing and sharing this. Passion is an emotion felt by someone for another, hopefully in the best loving way. The passion of Jesus covers his very nature and encompasses all his sufferings, yet through them all comes the final victory of the Resurrection at Easter. What is our response to this period of the Christian year? May we reflect in the words of this poem:

CROSS

C reminds us that our Master in His dwelling here below
Showed COMPASSION as He travelled and by presence sought to show
That His way was true and fair
And that each should feel His CARE.

But the R showed the REACTION of the ones who power knew
For in Him they felt a threatening and a movement quickly grew
To take REVENGE and Him remove
His death pronounced - the end of love?

But no, for in the O we see the vengeance turned aside
For all the OPPRESSION of the good, He could not be denied
His life became an OFFERING
Renewal that to all may bring.

Yet to this giving came the S, for SCOURGING had to be endured
The torment, thorns and agony, and yet new life procured
For its SACRAMENT that here we see
True reaching out for you and me. '

And S again meant SACRIFICE, not of the beast or bird
But God Himself, poured out for all, fulfilment of His word
For in it there we all may read
How from sin we might be freed.

So taken together a message we see to speak to our hearts just now
A Saviour to meet who with arms outstretched in love His head did bow
His CROSS reaches out as a symbol of giving
And we must respond in the thanks of living.

Lois Morton



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Reading: Luke 22: 54 – 65

7pm ~ Encounter ~ PJ Summers

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Ruth Combellack

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Sharing Service at the Centre

(changed from what has previously been advertised)

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 27th March

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

1.30pm ~ Lent Course – Stainton Methodist Church

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate Room/PMC

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 28th March

10am ~ Midweek/Brunswick School Easter Service ~

Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger – Church/PMC

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 29th March

10am ~ 3Cs – 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.*)

7.30pm ~ Just Economics Lent Course, 1 Lowther Terrace, Penrith

7.30pm ~ Circuit Meeting – Cottage Wood Centre

Thursday 30th March

1pm ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC

2pm ~ Parklands HG – 19 Frenchfield Way, Penrith

Friday 31st March

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

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

1pm ~ Lent Lunch – St. Catherine's, Drovers Lane, Penrith

7.30pm ~ Senior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 2nd April

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

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Joint service with St. Michael's Church

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Cottage Wood Centre: 5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood Centre

Our 4th Sunday sharing service will now be in the Centre, rather than on Zoom. We will begin from this Sunday, 26th March and all are welcome to join us.



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## Clocks Spring Forward

A reminder that the clocks change this weekend. So, if you arrive for services at the old time, you will be an hour late!

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Circuit Office Photocopier

There may be some disruption in the Circuit Office this week whilst a new photocopier is being installed.

Please can we ask that any photocopying required is done on Monday & Tuesday and that people avoid coming into the office on Wednesday through to Thursday lunchtime.

Thank you.



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**METHODIST  
CHURCH FUND**

Support the Methodist Church to  
respond to Our Calling

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## WEEKLY GIVING ENVELOPES 2023-24

The weekly envelope packs for the next year commencing on Sunday April 9th are now available for collection from the crush hall (front entrance).

If you do not currently use envelopes, but would like to do so, please contact Malcolm Teed or the Church Office.

Thank you all so much for your continuing support.

THE SEASON OF

*Lent*

Churches Together in Penrith  
Lent Lunches

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FRIDAY 31ST MARCH, ST CATHERINE'S, 1PM

TUESDAY 4TH APRIL, CHURCH IN THE BARN,  
12NOON

**Please note change of day and time for the lunch next week!**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER

*Love*

### Monday 3rd April

7pm - Taize - Lazonby  
Joan Wager & John Doidge-Harrison

### Tuesday 4th April

7pm - Celtic Evening Prayer - Renwick  
Julie Barret

### Wednesday 5th April

7pm - Evening Prayer - Langwathby Chapel  
Bishop Graham Dow & Rev K Butterfeild

### Maundy Thursday 6th April

7:30pm - The Garden of Gethsemane - Penrith  
Methodist Church  
Rev. Tim Cooke

### Good Friday 7th April

7.30pm - Golgotha - Skelton  
Mrs Lois Morton

### Easter Eve, Saturday 8th April

8pm - Easter Vigil - Skirwith  
Rev. Fiona Jenkins & Rev. Andrew Burrell

### Easter Sunday 9th April

6.30am - Early Morning Communion -  
Cottage Wood Centre  
Rev. Dave Milner

10.30am - Morning Communion -  
Penrith Methodist Church  
Rev. Tim Cooke

10.30am - Morning Communion - Skelton  
Rev. Dave Milner

10.30am - Morning Worship - Stainton  
Mrs Lois Morton





### **Thank You**

Alan and Peggy Gawthrop would like to thank everyone across the Circuit for the cards and well wishes received on their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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Lent Course

Each Monday during Lent there will be a relaxed and friendly, ecumenical Lent Course, 1.30pm at Stainton Methodist Church. There will also be refreshments.



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### **Making Your Gifts Go Further**

All cash in the offering basket and contactless donations up to £30 are worth an extra 25% to the Church and there is a particular opportunity between now and April 5<sup>th</sup> when we submit our next claim.

This is separate to the Gift Aid Scheme and you don't have to be tax payer.

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CAP Money Lead

We are actively seeking someone to head up our ministry of CAP Money Courses.

As the cost of living affects us all, the need for help in budgeting our money has never been greater. CAP Money is getting more demand than any CAP service right now, and we are keen to run a series of CAP Money courses to help people with managing their finances. We are also getting demand from Social services who have clients they want to direct to a CAP money course.

Is this something you have a heart for? Is this something you could help with?

Full CAP training will be provided, and the CAP Money lead can run as few or as many courses as they feel able to.

For more information, please speak to Tim, Jon or Steve.



Join us in the run-up to Easter as we consider different

Scenes of Passion

Sunday 19 March PMC 10:30 - **MOTHERING SUNDAY** - The Upper room
(PJ Summers)

Sunday 26 March PMC 10:30 - **The Courtyard of the High Priest**
(Rev. Tim Cooke)

Sunday 2 April PMC 10:30 - **PALM SUNDAY** - The Road to Jerusalem
(Morgan Tebb-Roger)

Maundy Thursday 6 April 7:30pm PMC - **The Garden of Gethsemene**
(various voices)

Good Friday 7 April 7:30pm Skelton - **Golgotha**
(Lois Morton)

Sunday 9 April 10:30 PMC - **EASTER SUNDAY** - The Empty tomb
(Rev. Tim Cooke)



SUNDAY LUNCH 2ND APRIL

**FOLLOWING THE
MORNING SERVICE**



SOUP



**CRUSTY
BREAD**

**ALL ARE
WELCOME
TO JOIN US!**

CAKE





Easter

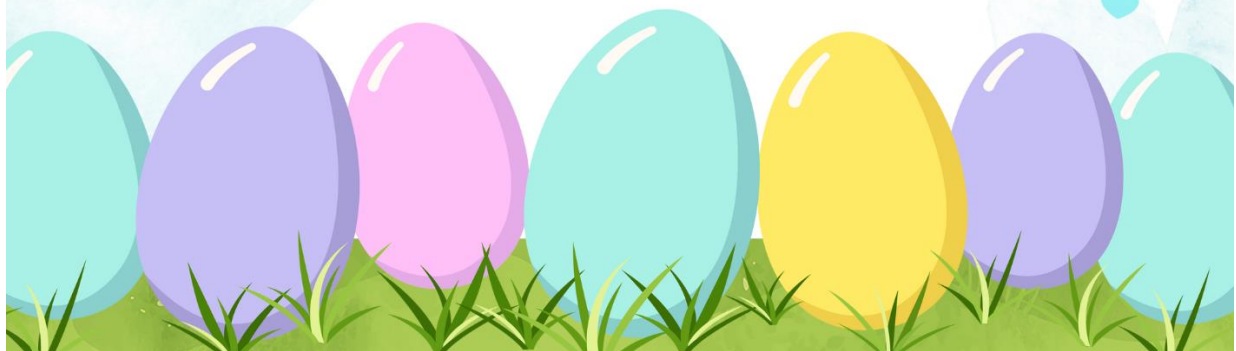
4F SESSIONS

CRAFTS | GAMES
INDOOR SPORTS | FOOD

Tuesday 4th April
Wednesday 12th April
11am-2pm

Penrith Methodist Church
Wordsworth Street, Penrith

Contact admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk
to book your place



EASTER FLOWER WORKSHOP

The Flower Team are running a workshop on Saturday 8th April from 9.30am-12noon, making baskets of flowers to decorate the church for the Easter Sunday service and also take out into the community after the service.

Three things which would help us

You!

We'd love for some extra people to come down and help create the flower baskets.

It'll be lovely to see you!

Flowers

Could you provide us with some flowers or foliage for the baskets? We will be in the hall if you're able to drop any off.

(Donations in lieu of flowers would also be appreciated)

Baskets

If you have any spare baskets and don't need them, please leave them in reception

With thanks,
The Flower Team



We will light a candle for the Carlisle Homless Refuge

Tuesday 18th April, PMC,
9am-10.30am



Kitchen items little to LARGE

Thank you,
Jeannette & Keith

Easter
Offering
2023

**NO BORDERS
TO GOD'S LOVE**

On Tuesday April 25th, the
10am worship will be an
abridged version of this
year's

Easter Offering Service,
'No borders to God's love'.

The monies collected at
this act of worship are all
for the Methodist Church
World Mission Fund



PMC Sunday Coffee Rota

We are in need of volunteers to prepare and serve tea & coffee after Sunday services from April onwards. Please check the rota in the kitchen for the dates needed.

Thank you to all those who help with this.

Contact Details:

Superintendent: Rev. Tim Cooke: 01768 890465 or
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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!

