



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 8th October 2023

Living Stones

As you come to Him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to Him— you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house.

1 Peter 2:4-5

At PMC last weekend, we had our 'Be Boulder' weekend, where we celebrated our Church's 150th anniversary and considered where God is calling us now.



On the Friday night, we had a quiz. As part of the quiz, each team had to build an innovative design using Lego. One group presented just one Lego brick as their entry. Understandably, they didn't get any points, as Lego only works when it's put together with other Lego bricks!

One of the Bible passages we considered during the weekend was 1 Peter 2, where we get the strange verses above. What on earth does it mean to be 'living stones', because stones are not 'living', are they? They are inanimate objects – rocks that just stay put where they are. So how are we 'living stones'?

The answer is found in the Lego example we had from Friday night! As a church, on our own, we are pretty pointless. But when we come together, as a community of God's people, that's when God can work among us!

You can't make a building with just one stone – they have to be put together as a collection of stone to make something useful. Working together, stones have value.

We are the church, you see, not the buildings. Just as God became incarnate in Jesus to lead us to God, so the church has been formed by Christ to be His continued incarnation in the world – His way of leading others to God.

That's what makes us 'living' stones – being a community that works and serves together to reflect God's love, and to be the vehicle for others to experience it for themselves.

There is a famous story from Sparta. A spartan king had boasted to a visiting Monarch about the great walls of Sparta. The visiting Monarch looked around and could see no walls. He said to the Spartan king, *'where are these walls about which you boast?'* The king pointed to the people of Sparta who had gathered to meet the monarch. *'These',* he said, *'are the walls of Sparta. Every person is a brick.'*

That's what church is – living stones – and you are a part of it! So, may we, together as a family of God's people, be the living stones that bring Christ to the communities in which we live.

Rev. Tim



Penrith Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
'Look In' ~ Readings: Haggai 1: 1 - 9; Romans 12: 1 – 8

St. Patrick's Church, Patterdale

10.30am ~ Harvest Festival ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway & Rev. Gillian Belford

Skelton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

Stainton Methodist Church

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Beth Honey

All Saints Church, Calthwaite

3pm ~ Something New Service

Alston Moor Methodist Church

11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Keith Speck

Langwathby Methodist Church

11am ~ Harvest Festival ~ Rev. Jackie Betts

Kirksowald Methodist Church

10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Gamblesby Methodist Church

2pm ~ Afternoon Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

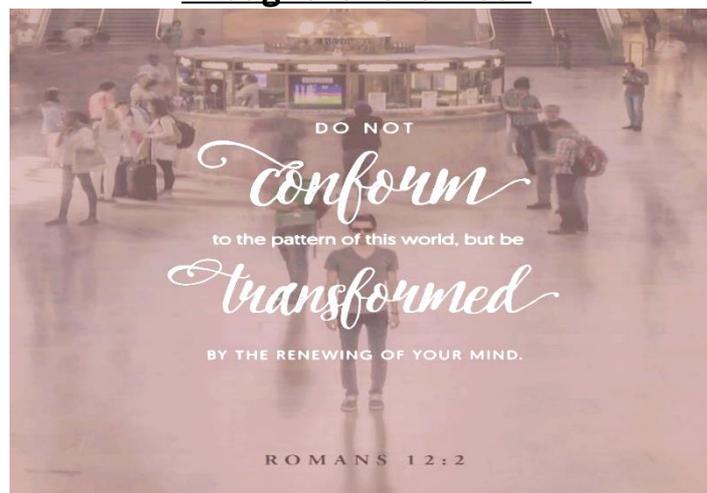
All Saints Church, Renwick

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

There are alternative Anglican services available.

For details, please see the EEMC website: www.eastofedenmc.org.uk

Thought for the Week



Weekly Diary

Monday 9th October

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 10th October

10am ~ Midweek Service ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson – Church/PMC

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club ~ Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 11th October

10am ~ 3Cs (Coffee, Children, Crafts) - 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 October

1pm ~ Twinkly Tots – Ullswater/PMC

1.30pm ~ Take Tea Out – Cottage Wood (*Please contact Sheila Mallinson to book*)

2pm ~ MWiB East Cumbria Circuit AGM – Langwathby Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Alpha Course – Restore Shop, New Squares, Penrith

7.30pm ~ PMC Property Meeting – Tarn/PMC

Friday 13th October

12 noon ~ Lunch Club - Ullswater/PMC

Saturday 14th October

10am ~ Shoebox Packing & Coffee Morning - Ullswater/PMC

7.30pm ~ A Night at the Movies Concert – Church/PMC

Sunday 15th October

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

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood: 5pm ~ Evening Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

Alston Moor: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Kirksowald: 6pm ~ Third Sunday Service



Reminder - Final Concert of the Season

Saturday 7th October, 6pm
at St. Patrick's Church, Patterdale

Pay what you feel
Tickets: simeonwalker.co.uk/live

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## Langwathby Methodist Church

Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October - at 11.00am our Harvest Festival Service led by Rev Jackie Betts. Gifts welcome for the Foodbank. (Flowers may be brought to the church at 2pm on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, to decorate the Chapel.)

Methodist Women in Britain - East Cumbria Circuit  
Annual General Meeting & Planning Meeting  
Thursday 12 October at 2pm  
Venue - Langwathby Methodist Chapel.



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Dalston Male Voice Choir
Whitehaven Male Voice Choir
proudly present



A Haven of Harmonious Voices

Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road

Sunday 8th October, 2.30pm

Tickets £10, Children under 16 free Includes refreshments to be served after the concert

Proceeds for: Circuit Charity 23/24; Release International,
Dalston Male Voice Choir, Whitehaven Male Voice Choir
& Carlisle Methodist Church, Wigton Road



Cumbria Fostering

Become part
of Cumbria's
biggest
family

Talk to us about

Fostering

Attend our fostering information event on **Thursday 12 October** at the Sandgate Room, Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, CA11 7QY from 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Visit our website at:
cumbriafostering.org.uk



Working for Cumberland Council and
Westmorland & Furness Council

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing and Coffee Morning will be at PMC on Saturday 14th October from 10.00 am. All are welcome to come and help.

There are leaflets in Reception to guide you if you need ideas or if you want to do your own box. *Remember no liquids, sweets, toothpaste, war related items or used or damaged items.*



We are always grateful to receive donations towards transport costs as well. The deadline to complete boxes is mid-November.

Thank you,
Judith Joyce.

Kendal Concert Band
presents

A Night at the Movies

Music from Ennio Morricone, John Williams,
Ron Goodwin and the KCB Big Band!

**Saturday
14th October**

7.30pm

Penrith Methodist Church
CA11 7QY

£10
ENTRY
ON
DOOR

Online [tickets here](#)



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## Penrith Music Club Concert

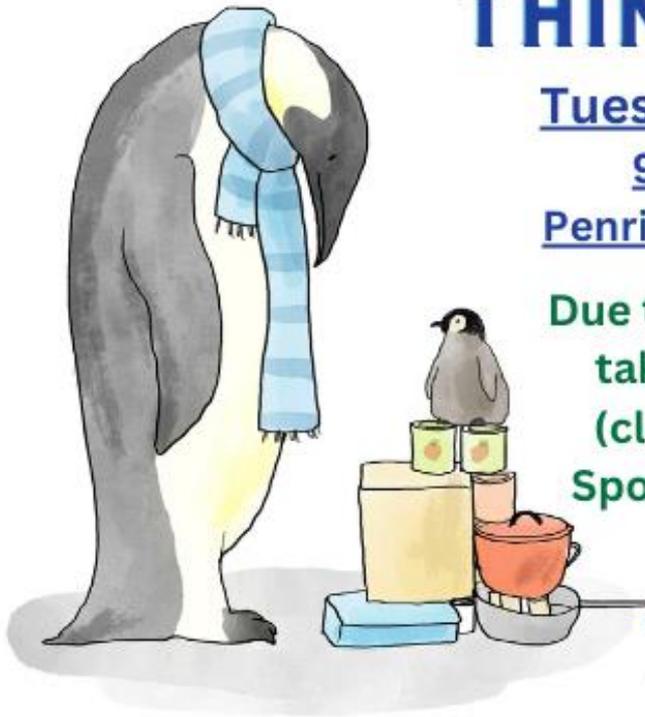
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October,  
7.30pm at PMC.**

Former BBC Young Musician finalist Sarah Beth Briggs will be making her second appearance at Penrith Music Club.

Her recital of piano music by Mozart, Hans Gal, Mendelssohn, Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin, includes several pieces from her recent CD, *Variations*.

For more information see [www.penrithmusicclub.com](http://www.penrithmusicclub.com)

# THINK WINTER



Tuesday 17th October

9.30am-10.30am

Penrith Methodist Church

Due to pressures, we will  
take anything of use  
(clean and labelled).  
Spoons to single beds!

God bless  
and many thanks,  
Jeanette & Keith

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Following our Be Boulder weekend,
join us during October as we ask

Where do we go from here?

Sunday 8 October - 'Look in' - Rev. Tim

Sunday 15 October - 'Look out' - Morgan Tebb-Roger

Sunday 22 October - 'Look up' - Rev. Tim

Sunday 29 October - 'Look forward' - Michael Boone

10:30 - Penrith Methodist Church

Or catch-up on YouTube

The displays for the 150th Anniversary at PMC are being left up for a while.
Please come and have a look around.

New Circuit Treasurer

Allan Armstrong has taken on the role of Treasurer for the new East Cumbria Methodist Circuit. Should you need to contact Allan, please find his details below,

Allan R Armstrong

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### Match Funding Opportunity for PMC

As we have highlighted on several occasions, PMC has been using dwindling reserves to cover shortfalls over the last several years which is no longer sustainable and puts in jeopardy our ability to continue our existing ministries.

However, it has been brought to the attention of the Treasurer Team and shared with Church Council that a group of church members, who wish to remain anonymous, have generously committed to help with the current financial situation.

They have proposed that they will 'match fund' up to a value of £25,000 any increases to regular giving this year (starting from May when we were encouraged to review our giving).

If church can respond to this offer, we have the possibility of increasing our overall giving by £50,000 this financial year which would go a long way to address the anticipated shortfall!

We know it's a big ask, but for many of our regular givers, any increased giving you can commit to has the potential of making an even bigger difference. If you don't like arithmetic, here are a couple of examples:

Someone currently gives £50 per month. They decide to up that to £75 per month. With the match funding, this becomes £100 per month, doubling the original amount.

Another person gives £5 per week and decides they can double this to £10. With the match funding applied, this effectively triples the original amount to £15 per week!

Please do not go beyond your means – this is an appeal to those of us with resources to prayerfully consider our response to the ongoing costs of the outreach we do as a church in our community.

Thank you,

The Treasurer Team – Chris, Shane, Steve.

## FAIRTRADE CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10am – 12 noon, at PMC

- Fair Trade Christmas Cards (please find catalogues in reception)
- Fair Trade food and wrapping paper from OXFAM
- Fair Trade gifts from Victoria's
- Christine Milner's handmade cards
- Handmade wooden gifts
- Coffee & cake stall

Please come and buy, share in fellowship;  
And support Fair Trade and the Church.



**We are a Fair Trade Church, and here is an extract from a letter received from 'Transform Trade' who used to be known as Traidcraft Exchange:**



As well as working for transformation in local communities, we campaign for systematic changes to laws and policies – because without radical changes to the systems which exploit the most vulnerable, ending justice in trad it impossible.

Over the next year, there are three big changes that we are close to realising:

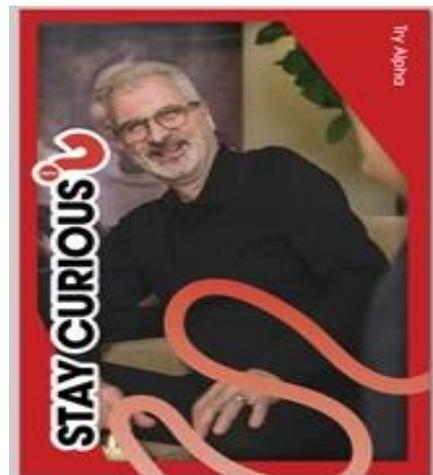
1. A fashion watchdog to regulate and improve the behaviour of UK fashion brands towards their suppliers.
2. A new law to hold businesses to account for human rights violations in their supply chains.
3. Up to eight new homeworker policies created by major UK fashion brands to support thousands of the world's most disadvantaged workers.

See website [www.transform-trade.org](http://www.transform-trade.org) for more information.

## Alpha Course

This year's Alpha started again in Penrith last Thursday, with a light meal, video and chat.

It's not too late to come if you are intrigued or, if you are convinced already, bring a friend! Meeting at the Restore Shop, New Squares at 7.30pm on Thursday evenings.



## Contact Details:

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**Administrative Assistant: Maureen Brunskill**

**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

**Eden Debt Centre Manager (CAP): Jon Cook** (currently on Sabbatical)

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

**East of Eden Mission Community Website:** [www.eastofedenmc.org.uk](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)

**PMC Website:** [www.penrithmethodist.co.uk](http://www.penrithmethodist.co.uk)

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**Let's stay connected with one another!**

