



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 12th November 2023

A Personal Reflection on Remembrance Sunday

Matthew 5: 44: 'But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you'.



I find Remembrance Day difficult. I realise it holds a significant place in the hearts of people around the world as it serves as a reminder of the sacrifices made by millions during times of war. But as a Christian, this day evokes a complex mix of feelings.

War is a constant reality, as we know only too well as we watch what is happening in Israel and Gaza – not to mention the suffering and destruction still raging in Ukraine. We see the tragic consequences of war with thousands of refugees making dangerous crossings over the Mediterranean and the English Channel.

We remember people who have died, people who were bereaved, people whose memories are haunted by the violence they experienced, and those who are shamed by the violence they perpetrated.

God came into our warring world as Jesus. He stood up to the violence he witnessed around him. He preached love and non-violence. He told us to pray for our enemies and do good to those who persecute us. And as he hung dying on a cross – the victim of hate himself - he prayed 'Father, forgive them'.

For me, the values Jesus taught and modelled go against the very essence of war, or any sense of thankfulness or national pride on this day. Instead, this is a day to lament and despair, and pray for forgiveness; To pray for peace.

It's a day to reflect on the tragic consequences of human choices and the brokenness of our world. It is a time to mourn the lives lost, the impact on families and communities, and the lingering wounds that war leaves behind.

This day also serves as an opportunity for us to stand in solidarity with the suffering, and to work towards justice and reconciliation. It's a call for us to advocate for peace and to seek alternatives to violence. It's an invitation for us to work to promoting understanding, reconciliation, and love in our communities and in our world.

Remembrance Sunday calls us to return to God, and to repent of the way we have either been part of the problems - or just stood by and watched.

So, this Remembrance Sunday, my response is to resolve to stand up, and be a force for peace. I want to play my part in actively advocating for justice, equality, and human rights for all - in fostering understanding and positive change. I want to work at creating relationships which refuse to define another as 'the other'.



Because, in doing this, I believe I will not only honour the sacrifices made by so many during times of war, but also align myself with the way of Jesus, and the kingdom of peace and of love he came to make a reality in our world.

Rev. Tim



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Reading: Jeremiah 8.18 - 9.3

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Dr James Tebbutt

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Something New at All Saints Church, Calthwaite

Alston Moor

10.45am ~ Morning Worship at St. Augustine's Church

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

Gamblesby

2pm ~ Community Remembrance Service ~ Rev. Chris Blackshaw

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Weekly Diary

Monday 13th November

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 14th November

10am ~ Midweek Communion Service ~ Rev. David Milner – Church/PMC

10am – 12 noon ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Church

10.30am ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

7pm ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 15th November

10am ~ 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Sewing Craft Group - Skelton Methodist Church

2pm ~ Langwathby Community Fellowship – Langwathby 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 16th November

10.30am ~ Oasis - Langwathby Methodist Church

1pm ~ Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

2pm ~ Parklands HG – 19 Arthur Street, Penrith

6.30pm ~ Carols by Candlelight Practice – Church/PMC

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

Friday 17th November

12 noon ~ Lunch Club - Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 19th November

Penrith: 10.30am ~ CAP Sunday ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Dr Peter Bowes

Cottage Wood: 3pm ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

Alston Moor: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

Langwathby: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Ray & Mrs Joan Wager

Kirkoswald: 6pm ~ Third Sunday Service

Gamblesby: 10am ~ Little Acorns

PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH
**Annual Pastoral
Meeting**

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER,
9AM AT PMC

FOR ALL SMALL GROUP LEADERS,
PASTORAL CONTACTS AND FOR
ANYONE INTERESTED IN HELPING
WITH PMC PASTORAL WORK



WE WELCOME ALL TO
**A VIGIL FOR
PEACE**



for the
ISRAEL-PALESTINE CONFLICT

SATURDAY 11TH NOV 2023 4.30pm

FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE

PENRITH, CA11 7TR

We will meet in the Meeting House Garden
with the Meeting House available if wet

Refreshments available afterwards



Gamblesby Methodist Church

The members of the Gamblesby 'He Brews' coffee club have been busy adding to their poppy display which now covers the full length of the railings in front of the chapel. The cross and church will also be lit each evening this week as a reminder to never forget the victims of war, be it in years gone by or more recently.

The Community Remembrance Service will be held on Sunday at 2pm where a local bugler will play the Last Post and Reveille.

All are welcome.

The coffee club are also pleased to have been awarded a further warm-spaces grant from the Cumbria Community Foundation to assist their regular get togethers, each Tuesday from 10am to noon, to which all are welcome.



Langwathby Methodist Church

Wednesday, 15th November

Langwathby Community Fellowship – A craft afternoon with Lorna Egan at the Methodist Church at 2pm. Open to men and women – new members welcome.

Thursday, 16th November

“Oasis” at Langwathby Methodist Church from 10.30am. Coffee followed by a short reflective service and a light lunch. Come for all or part of the morning.



Thank You

Very many thanks to all who came and those who helped make our Christmas Coffee Morning such a success.

It was a very happy event and raised over £370.00 to be shared between the Church and Fair Trade (Transform Trade).



Carols by Candlelight

We're excited to announce that practices for this year's "Carols by Candlelight" have begun. We'll now meet every Thursday — 16th, 23rd, and 30th November — from 6:30pm - 7:30pm at PMC.

This year's event will be 'Out of the Ordinary' transporting the congregation through time travel to 1939 where they will be part of a 'live' studio audience of the "Yuletide Radio Hour". The event is full of surprises with dramatics and traditional carols. This event is to complement our 150 years in service.

We look forward to seeing you all there and creating a beautiful event together!

If interested in participating, contact Michael at info@innerouterwellbeing.com.

Penrith Methodist Church
Presents...

YULETIDE RADIO HOUR

17 December
at 7pm

Journey back in time taking
part in a 'live' radio show
enjoying carols by candlelight!

Admission Free - All Welcomed
Wordsworth Street, Penrith, Cumbria CA11 7QY

Can you give a financial donation to our 2023 "Bags of Hope" Christmas Appeal

Eden CAP Debt Centre will supply "Bag's of Hope" to each client household. These will contain a groceries voucher for food shopping, credit towards gas & electric for the home, Argos gift cards for child presents, along with invites to carol services and a magazine full of hope-filled scriptures.



GIVING INSTRUCTIONS:

Please can donations be received by Monday 11th December.
Please use Reference: "CAP Blessings 2023"

Bank Transfers can be made to
Sort Code: 20-66-97, Account Number: 83540006

Cheques can be paid to:
"Penrith Methodist Church General CAP Account"
PMC Church office, Wordsworth St, Penrith. CA11 7QY

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### PMC Christmas Charities Nominations

We normally donate any cash offerings from our services over the Christmas period to charity and would like members and friends of PMC to nominate some for this year.

If you can choose a local one and a national or international one, we will count the nominations and see which secure the most support.

Please email your nominations by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November to Maureen:  
[maureen@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:maureen@penrithmethodist.co.uk)





Do join us on  
Sunday 19 November  
at 10:30 for

# CAP Sunday

A time to reflect on the amazing work this church  
does for those in our community suffering from debt  
and poverty

Hear testimony from those who have been  
helped

Celebrate good news

Learn how you can help!

## CHANGING LIVES



## THANKS

**TWO BIG THANK YOUS** (sorry it's late) for the very large homeless collection – our best yet! After nearly ten years, Jeannette and I were thinking it was time to step aside. Don't all rush to take over; we would guide you and provide links to the numerous contacts.

Stepping aside came very quickly with my collapsed lung. I am recovering from the hospital experience and waiting for Newcastle's niche procedure.

Finally, thanks for all the prayers, cards and food.

God bless,  
Keith Scott.



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Thought for the Week



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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

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk

Find our Sunday services on YouTube

Follow us on Twitter @PMCmethodists and on Facebook

Let's stay connected with one another!

