



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

### Deliveries

When you think of 'shopping' do you picture a busy supermarket or a crowded high street? These used to be everyday common experiences

as we returned home fully laden with bags and parcels. But now such things have changed for many people. We receive our shopping by means of 'deliveries'. We order our grocery supplies on-line and turn to catalogues or web sites for a wide variety of other purchases.

This has of course a knock-on effect with less people in town centres and some shops having to close, but it is a positive experience if you do not have transport or have mobility issues which made shopping a chore rather than a good visit.

Why do I talk about shopping in this season of Lent? I believe there are similarities from which we can learn:

- We need to know what goods we require and the best place to obtain these. What do we expect Lent to teach us and is it important anyway? For Christians it can be a time of reflection when we seek to experience again what the Passion of Jesus means and what its impact can have on our faith pilgrimage. To help us we have the accounts in the Bible, we might be part of a Lent Group, our churches might have the symbols of this season displayed on a cross and we might meet with others in the special services in Holy Week.
- When we place an order on-line we usually receive an acknowledgment and a date when the goods should be delivered. Do we think that the events we remember in Lent 'just happened' or can we realise that they were in God's plan for the rescue and renewing of his wayward creation? The Old Testament may not give a 'date' for this to happen but it definitely foretells the coming of Jesus and explains he will be the 'Suffering Servant' – See Isaiah 52v13 to end of chapter 53.



- Just before our goods are delivered to our door's we often receive a message confirming the delivery time and details of any changes to the order. This reminds us of John the Baptist whose preaching told of the imminent arrival of the One much greater than him, the One long promised.

As we journey from now to Good Friday may we realise again God's great love for us. Unlike the shopping which will either be eaten or the goods which will wear out, our God is an enduring God and his call to us is for life.



*Lois Morton*



### **Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Social Justice Service ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger  
*'Fast Fashion'*

Readings: Isaiah 42: 1 – 4; Luke 4: 14 – 21

**12 noon – 1pm & 6pm – 7pm** ~ Clothes Swap

**7pm** ~ Encounter ~ Continuing Social Justice Theme

### **Skelton**

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

### **Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

### **Cottage Wood Centre**

**3pm** ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

### **Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. John Howard

### **Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

### **Kirkoswald**

**10am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

### **Gamblesby**

**2pm** ~ Afternoon Worship ~ Ms Veronica Priest

### **Salkeld Dykes**

**6pm** ~ Evening Worship ~ Ms Veronica Priest

***There are alternative Anglican services available.***

***For details, please see the EEMC website: [www.eastofedenmc.org.uk](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)***

The title 'Weekly Diary' is written in a dark red, cursive font on a light pink background with gold glitter and abstract brushstrokes.

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

- 9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC
- 2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church
- 6.15pm** ~ Choral Group - Sandgate Room/PMC
- 7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

## **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10am** ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel
- 10am** ~ Midweek Communion Service – Rev. Tim Cooke – Church/PMC
- 10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC
- 12 noon** ~ Lent Lunch – Quaker's, Meeting House Lane, Penrith
- 7pm** ~ Omega HG – Sunningdale, Stainton
- 7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club - Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

- 10am** ~ 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre
- 1.30pm** ~ Wednesday Get Together - 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 29<sup>th</sup> February**

- 1pm** ~ Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

## **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

- 12 noon** ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

- Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
- Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner
- Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton
- Cottage Wood: 5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Rev. David Milner
- Alston Moor: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Gillian Belford
- Nenthead: 5pm** ~ Pennine Praise
- Culgaith: 11am** ~ Morning Communion ~ Rev. Keith Speck
- Langwathby: 11am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr Ray & Mrs Joan Wager

# PMU CLOTHES SWAP

**Sunday  
25th February**

12noon - 1pm  
6pm-7pm

Penrith Methodist Church,  
Wordsworth Street,  
Penrith, CA11 7QY

Refresh your wardrobe for free at our clothes swap event!

The aim is to redistribute unwanted clothes, so bring along any quality clothes which you no longer wear and swap them for something new!



## CTiP Lent Lunches

12noon-1pm

**Tues 27th February, Quakers**

**Fri 8th March, St Catherines**

**(1pm-2pm)**

**Fri 15th March, Salvation Army**

**Fri 22nd March, St. Andrew's**



## Missing Books

Following the PMC anniversary celebrations last year, two books detailing Thomas Pattinson's preaching notes have been misplaced.

Please could those who loaned items to the anniversary display check that they haven't picked these up in error.



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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**  
A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT

I beg you,  
bear with one another  
in love

**St Andrews, Penrith, 2pm**  
**Renwick, 2pm**  
**St Wulstons, Alston, 2.30pm**

**FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024**

PREPARED BY THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN OF PALESTINE  
[wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk)

The poster features a central illustration of three women in traditional Palestinian dress, including white headscarves and green patterned dresses, standing under an olive tree. The background is a dark, textured brown. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout, with the event title at the top, the prayer request in the center, and the event details at the bottom. A logo is visible in the top right corner.

## Christian Aid – Changemakers Conference

Sandylands Methodist Church, Sandgate, Kendal, LA9 6EU, will be hosting the Christian Aid Changemakers Conference on **Saturday 2 March** for the Cumbria/ North Lancashire region. We will be one of 14 venues across the UK hosting this event which will be live streamed from St James' Church, Piccadilly, London. The event will run from 10.30am to 1pm, followed by a free networking lunch.

There will be the opportunity to hear from Burundi Country Manager, Philip Galgallo, who'll give a personal insight into the Burundi programmes, plus other key speakers who will share news, ideas, and resources to enthuse us in readiness for Christian Aid Week 2024. It will also be a really good chance to network with supporters from other churches in Kendal and across the county, and to share ideas and resources.

To register for the conference, please follow this link:

[Changemakers Conference: Regional | Christian Aid](#)



Let's do **LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY 3RD MARCH**  
Following the PMC morning service



Donations of cake welcome (no fresh cream)



You are very welcome to the third of our  
“All Together Fellowship” meetings of 2024.

We will meet as usual **at PMC** on  
**MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 2pm.**

Following a short act of worship, there will be a talk and visual presentation.

**Andy Airey, one of the “3 Dads Walking”, will talk about how his daughter’s suicide changed his life and how he met Mike and Tim. Andy will tell us about the two walks across the UK which they have already completed, together with future plans, including a third walk which they will be doing soon. Raising awareness and aiming to prevent suicide has been central to all that they have done and will continue to do.**

Donations received at today’s meeting will all be given to “Papyrus”, the charity whose fundamental aim is “Prevention of Young Suicide”

The presentation will be followed by refreshments and a chance to have a good chat.

Please note the following meeting will be on **THURSDAY 4th APRIL**  
entitled **“Every picture tells a story”**

If you haven’t had a programme and would like one, please ask us.

John & Margaret (Gore )

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Transform  
Trade \_\_\_\_  
**Big  
Brew**  
**2024**

Saturday 9th March

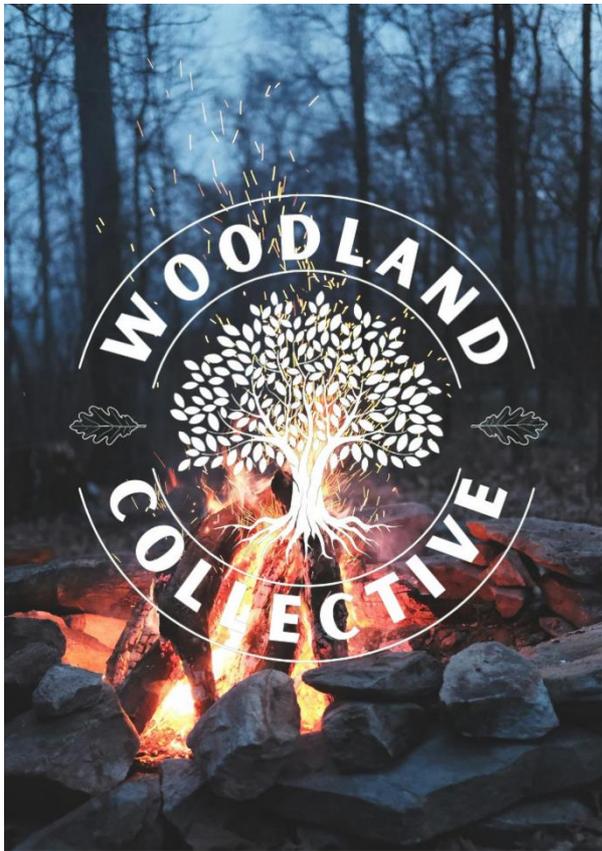
Join us...

for a cuppa, cake and  
conversation at  
Penrith Methodist Church

We’re also holding a flower  
workshop, making posies for the  
service on Sunday 10th March

Flower workshop - 9.30am  
Coffee morning - 10am-12noon





## WOODLAND COLLECTIVE 2024 DATES:

March 8th

April 12th

May 10th

June 21st

July 12th

September 13th

For more details contact Morgan on  
[outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

## CAP Money

Alan Sibley has recently taken over running the CAP Money course; he will be linking with the existing debt counselling work and Job Club run from PMC.

The CAP money course is a money management course that teaches budgeting skills that can help you to make the most of your money, and to worry less about money. The course has a proven track record; it has been running for over 25 years though the material has recently been updated.

The content is relevant to most people who want to be more in control of their finances. The material is very accessible and easy to follow. The course can either be run over 4 sessions of about 2 hours or a shortened course can be run in a day.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in attending a course, or finding out more about it, then please contact Alan at the following email address – [capmoney@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:capmoney@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

### CAP Money Course

A free, short course that makes managing your money simple.



budget. save. spend

## IMPORTANT GIFT AID REMINDER FOR PMC MEMBERS

The Income Tax Year ends on 5th April 2024 and it is important that we know if you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and are either no longer paying Income Tax, or consider that the amount of tax you have paid in the current year is less than will be reclaimed on your total donations (currently £25.00 can be reclaimed for every £100 donated).

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Any taxpayers who may be interested in helping the church by Gift Aiding their donations but do not currently do so, please contact the Office for further information. There is no additional cost to you and it is completely confidential.

If you have signed a Gift Aid declaration and changed your name or address, please advise the Church Office.

Thank you.

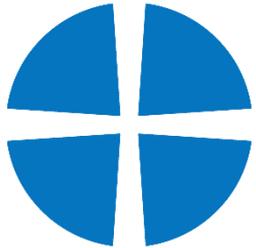
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### **Vacancy: Circuit Operations Manager**

**Full-time - 40 hours per week**

**(some flexible working is necessary)**

**Do you think strategically? Are you someone who wants to see people released for mission and ministry? Have you got experience in management and oversight?**



The North Lancashire Methodist Circuit seeks to appoint a full-time Operations Manager. The successful applicant will play a leading role in operational matters across the Circuit. This role will release resources for mission by helping to provide professional management, advice and oversight in the areas of property management, operations, compliance and administration.

The successful applicant will be required to work within the strategic direction of the circuit as shaped by the Circuit Leadership Team and in line with Methodist Church disciplines.

We are an equal opportunities employer but the role requires a sympathy with the aims and ethos of the Methodist Church. Please note - the post is subject to obtaining a satisfactory enhanced DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) disclosure.

**Salary starting at: £31,000 per annum**

**Closing date for applications: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024.**

**The Interviews will be held in the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March**

For further information and for an application form, please contact:  
Mrs Ruth Champley - [ruth787@btinternet.com](mailto:ruth787@btinternet.com) or 01524-417031 / 07394 591 394

**[www.northlancsmethodist.org.uk](http://www.northlancsmethodist.org.uk)**

# LET JUSTICE ROLL

**Easter Offering 2024**

**Rev. Gillian Belford**

**23rd April, 10am - Penrith Methodist Church**



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## **Moving On**

If all goes to plan, by this time next week, Rev. John Carr will be settling into his new bungalow in Chester.

We have been very blessed that John retired into our Circuit along with his late wife, Joyce in 1996. He has been involved as a Supernumerary Minister ever since. Among many other things, he has covered ministerial duties at some of the chapels and mentored trainee Local Preachers. He also became involved in taking weddings at Gretna!

There is never a dull moment when John is around and he has been a good friend to many people.

We will miss you John and wish you well on your move to be nearer your family.

We also wish you a very happy 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday this Saturday!



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND METHODIST DISTRICT**

# THE EQUIP SERIES



**12.03.  
2024**

**7.30PM-8.30PM**

**MONTHLY  
ONLINE EVENTS**

**HOSTED ON  
ZOOM**

**ARRIVE FROM  
7.20PM FOR A  
7.30PM START**

Come along to this information evening and be equipped as we move towards the launch of the North West England District. The evening will include:

- Devotions
- Space to be equipped spiritually
- An update from James Tebbutt, our new District Chair (subject to Methodist Conference)
- An update from each sub group, to increase our knowledge and understanding of how the new district will look and feel
- Q and A session

These events will take place once a month at varying times, to ensure all are able to participate if you would like to.

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS, PLEASE  
EMAIL [NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:NWEDCOMMUNICATION@OUTLOOK.COM).**

## Thought for the week...



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**Administrative Assistant: Maureen Brunskill**

**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

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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)

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