

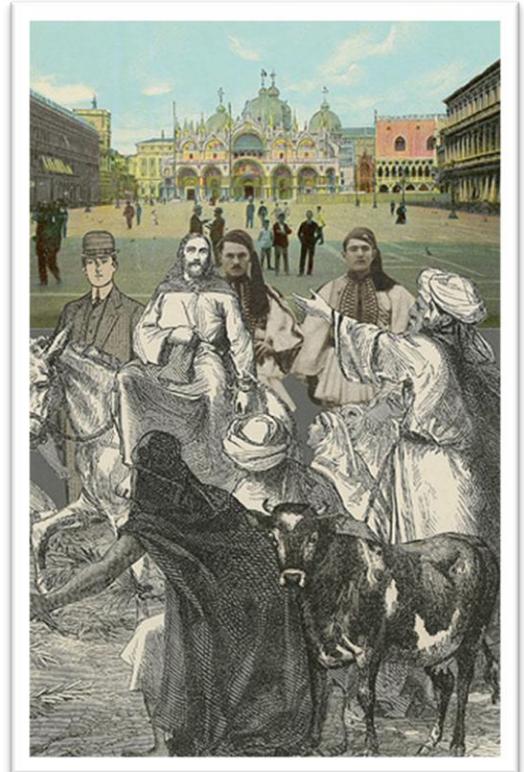


## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March

### Palm Sunday

And Jesus rides triumphantly into Jerusalem, as the excited crowds welcome the Messiah with shouts of "Hosanna!" The King of the Kingdom has come!

But, here is an art work from Sir Peter Blake's "Venice Suite", which I saw in a gallery in Derbyshire back in 2016. This is not Jerusalem, though. The backdrop is San Marco Square in Venice. (Blake produced a series of 20 collages, of which this is one to celebrate Venice's Biennale in 2007.) And, Jesus is not surrounded by crowds of cheering 1<sup>st</sup> Century visitors for the Passover, excited that the long awaited Messiah has arrived to liberate them from Roman rule.



Peter Blake has made a bit of a living out of cutting up old books and magazines, and then pasting the images back together as collages - most famously, perhaps, for the album cover of Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band. The mixing up of images from different original sources can make for some pretty surprising results.

Here, in this particular collage, there is a juxtaposition of Venice in the background while Jesus rides into the city on a donkey in the foreground. In front of him a man with a calf seems startled, and a man in Arabian dress points towards him. An Edwardian man in a bowler hat looks out uninterestedly. Two Greek soldiers in national dress also don't seem that bothered, and in the background, people are even less concerned by what's going on. There certainly don't seem to be crowds of people with branches and cloaks, all shouting "Hosanna!"

I guess the question kind of being asked here is along the lines of, if Jesus were to pay a visit to Penrith today (Or Potters Bar, or Peterborough, or Preston...) how would He be welcomed? Would there be crowds of excited people expecting revolution? Or would there be polite, bored indifference?

As Christians, we believe that Jesus **is** here, every day. We are His body, the Church. And each day, in and through us, Christ makes his entry into Penrith and the surrounding villages. We are His feet, hands, and lips, at work to build His Kingdom here. From Debt Centres and Food Banks to little random acts of kindness, perhaps unnoticed, King Jesus builds His Kingdom amongst us.

So, as Jesus enters, each day through the ministry and mission of His people, how is that welcomed, I wonder? Is it even noticed, and should we be that concerned if it isn't? So, perhaps Peter Blake is right. King Jesus enters Venice today (and Penrith) not with wild acclamation, but gently and quietly, as we His people learn to serve with the same humility that Jesus first showed on a donkey's back.

Rev. Dave



#### **Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

*'From Despair to Deliverance: The Power of God's Unfailing Love'*

Readings: Psalm 31: 9 - 16; Psalm 107: 1 - 3 & 17 - 22;

Ephesians 2: 1 - 10

#### **Skelton**

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

#### **Stainton**

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

#### **Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Mr. Michael Boone

#### **Kirkoswald**

**10.30am & 11.15am** ~ Joint EEMC Services ~ See below for details

**There are two Palm Sunday services at Kirkoswald for the whole of the East of Eden Mission Community. Starting at the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am, there will be an all-age, family friendly service before walking down through the village with a donkey for a quieter, meditative service in St. Oswald's Church at 11.15am.**

**People are welcome to come to either or both services.**



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

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

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

**NO** Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

**2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

**7pm** ~ Holy Week Service – St. Peter's Church, Langwathby

**7.30pm** ~ Monday Zoom Prayer

## **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

**10am** ~ 'He Brews' Coffee Club – Gamblesby Methodist Chapel

**10am** ~ Midweek Service – Mrs Lois Morton – **Stainton Methodist Church**

**10.30am** ~ CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

**7pm** ~ Holy Week Service – St. Cuthbert's Church, Great Salkeld

**7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

**NO** 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

**1.30pm** ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

**7.30pm** ~ Holy Week Service – Cottage Wood Centre

## **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Maundy Thursday**

**NO** Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Holy Week Communion Service – Church/PMC

## **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday**

**NO** Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Holy Week Service – Skelton Methodist Church

## **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

**9.30am** ~ Easter Flower Workshop – Ullswater/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Easter Fire Vigil with Communion - Melmerby

## **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Easter Sunday**

**Penrith: 10.30am** ~ Easter Celebration with Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke

**7pm** ~ **No** Encounter Service

**Patterdale: 10.30am** ~ Easter Worship ~ Rev. Andrew Callaway

**Skelton: 10.30am** ~ Easter Communion ~ Rev. David Milner

**Stainton: 10.30am** ~ Easter Worship ~ Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Cottage Wood: 6.45am** ~ Easter Sunrise Service ~ Rev. David Milner

**Alston Moor: 11am** ~ Easter Communion ~ Rev. Keith Speck

**Gamblesby: 10am** ~ Easter Communion ~ Rev. Chris Blackshaw

*Join us on our journey through*  
**HOLY WEEK**

**MARCH 25 - 7PM** | ST PETER'S, LANGWATHBY  
TAIZE STYLE SERVICE | **MONDAY**

**MARCH 26 - 7PM** | ST CUTHBERT'S, GREAT SALKELD  
CELTIC STYLE SERVICE | **TUESDAY**

**MARCH 27 - 7:30** | COTTAGE WOOD CENTRE  
LED BY KATHLEEN WILLIAMSON | **WEDNESDAY**

**MARCH 28 - 7:30** | PENRITH METHODIST CHURCH - IONA HOLY  
COMMUNION LED BY REV. TIM AND OTHERS | **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**MARCH 29 - 7:30** | SKELTON METHODIST CHURCH  
LED BY LOIS MORTON | **GOOD FRIDAY**

**MARCH 30 - 7PM** | MELMERBY  
EASTER FIRE VIGIL WITH COMMUNION | **SATURDAY**



### **CHANGES TO SERVICES**



#### **Tuesday Service**

A reminder that there is a change of venue for the Midweek service on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. This will be at Stainton Methodist Chapel instead of PMC this week.

#### **Encounter**

Please note: There is no Encounter Service at PMC on Easter Sunday. The next one takes place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.



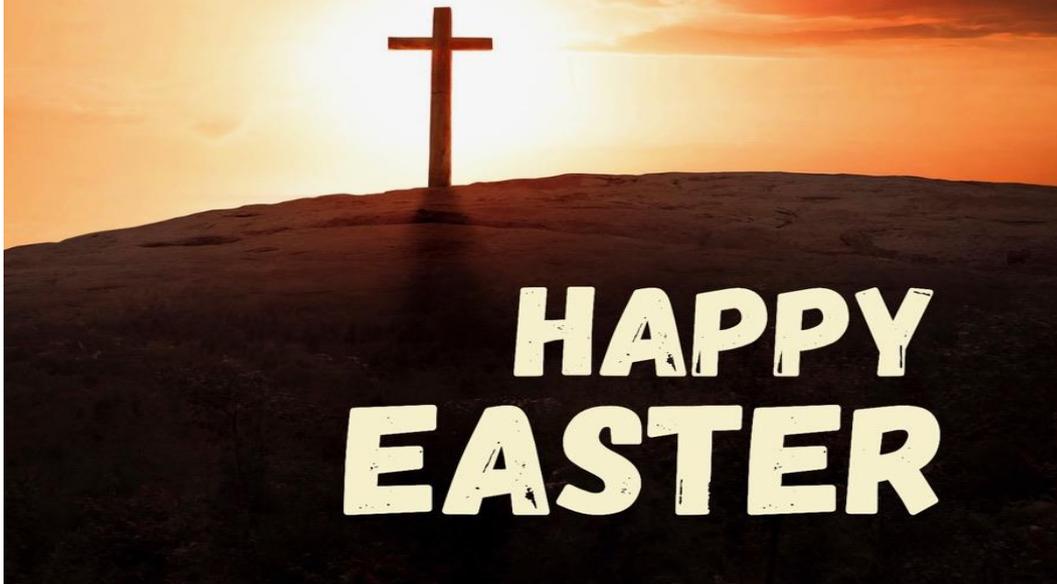
**Join us at PMC for Holy week and Easter**

**Maundy Thursday - 'Seven Actions'**

Meet at 7:30pm for a contemplative, reflective time as we remember the events of Maundy Thursday, and Jesus' last night with his friends. Led by Rev. Tim, Morgan Tebb-Roger, and Sarah Mulheron. To include Holy Communion.

**Easter Sunday - 'He is not here - He is risen'!**

Meet at 10:30 for a celebration of Easter as we rejoice together in the hope we have in the resurrection of Jesus! Bring some flowers to decorate the cross into a symbol of new life!



**PMC Easter Sunday**

Please remember to bring a couple of flowers with you to decorate our Easter cross



**Easter Offering envelopes are available if you wish to make a donation.**



# Easter Flower Workshop

Saturday 30th March, 9.30am

Join us to create Easter Flower Baskets which will be used to decorate the church windows and then distributed into the community following the service.

There are various ways to be involved in the workshop:

1. Come along and make up a basket - tea, coffee & biscuits provided!
2. Donations of flowers, foliage or cash would be very welcome.
3. If you have any suitable baskets available please leave them in the reception area before the workshop



**4F@PMC**  
Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith, CA11 7QY

**Tuesday 2nd April**  
11am-2pm

**Tuesday 9th April**  
11am-2pm  
with Action Ants

Join us for games, indoor sports and arts & crafts, plus a lot more...  
A hot lunch and drinks are provided.

To book your place contact  
[admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

Department for Education #HAF2024 Westmorland & Furness Council



**If anyone can save egg boxes for the craft activities for 4F, please leave them in the glasshouse.**



## Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Service will be held for the late Grattan Bowen on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm at PMC.

Please continue to hold his wife Val, their children Kimberley and David, their grandchildren, and all the family in your prayers.

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## Spare Mobile Phone

I have a friend who's mobile phone is broken & she can't afford to buy a new one. Does anyone have a spare one that they don't use anymore?

If so, it would be a great blessing if you can let me have it & I will pass it on.

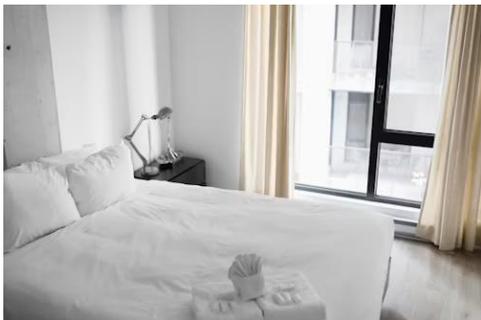
Kath Davidson.



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## Student Minister

In June, we have a student Minister with us doing a placement in our Circuit. Cassie is in her final year of training at Queen's Foundation, and will spend the month shadowing Rev. Tim, Morgan, Rev. Dave and Tracey - as well as getting involved and helping in all the life of things in the Circuit.



Cassie will need somewhere to stay while she is with us. So, are there a few of you willing to put Cassie up for a week at a time? Queen's will pay each 'home' £50 for each week she is with you, to help with costs.

If you can help, please speak to Sarah in the office.

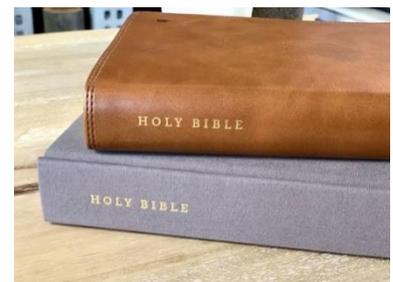
Thanks, Rev. Tim.

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## Spare Bibles

I've been having a clear-out of some of my books and have a few spare Bibles I no longer need. I've left them in the reception area. If you can make use of any of them - please help yourself!

Rev Tim.



**There is still time to apply for the CAP Debt Coach position.  
Applications close on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**



## **Eden CAP Debt Centre**

is seeking to appoint a  
**Debt Coach**

The post is a Part-Time permanent position, 8 hours per week

The salary offered is £5542 per annum. (£25,979 full-time equivalent)

An application form, job description and a person specification are available from:

[joncook@capuk.org](mailto:joncook@capuk.org)

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 1pm

Interviews will be held 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

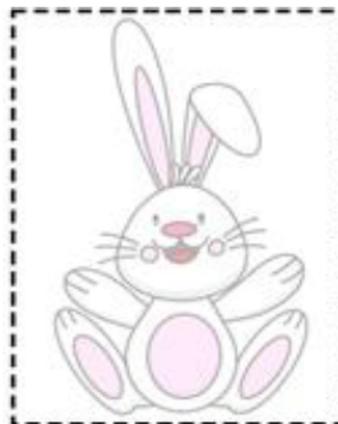
**Please support Joseph fundraising for his scout expedition and come to Cottage Wood for a**

# **Bunny Drive**

(like a beetle drive but with more rabbits)

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 6.30pm  
Cottage Wood Centre  
Refreshments provided

To reserve your ticket,  
please contact Alison on 07788464236 or ask at the centre  
Donations accepted on entry



**Roverway 2024**

Monday 22 July to Monday 5 August 2024, Norway

In memory  
of Keith Scott



## Carlisle Refuge Collection

It's time for a Spring clean!

Our next Refuge collection date is Tuesday 16th  
of April at 9:30am.

Please bring donations to PMC on the day from 9am.

Small household items, washing up products, long life food  
and clothing appreciated. No appliances. Please bag and label.  
Think of what you might need when moving to a new flat with little  
or nothing!

**IMPORTANT:**

Please only donate clean items (with some life left in them) which  
you would be happy passing on to a friend :)

Are you free on the day to carry, load the van, or  
be on call to drive up to Carlisle if need be?  
Contact Rebecca Frost (07805697325) or leave a  
message with the Church office.



## CTfC and NCT, Meet Church Funders Training Day

Churches Trust for Cumbria and National Churches Trust are holding a Training day to meet major Church funders.

The morning session will consist of presentations from some of the top funders for churches. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and a chance to network and chat. The afternoon sessions will take the form of two workshops on Tourism and Heritage to help unlock your churches potential and help you to become an attractive prospective grantee.

The whole day is free of charge and is provided in partnership by CTfC and NCT; as part of the "Cherish" project. Cherish grants fund offers between £500 and £10,000 for small repairs and maintenance to help keep churches in good condition and prevent expensive repairs.

10am-3pm 19/04/2024

Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth St, Penrith CA11 7QY

To register please visit - <https://forms.office.com/e/wpVeJWX1Xg>

# thank you!

Next Thursday, 28 March, will be Maureen Brunskill's last day of work at PMC.

As most of you know, after 11 years, Maureen is leaving her position as Administrative Assistant and seeking different challenges.

Maureen has been a tremendous asset to PMC and the wider Circuit, and has dedicated so much time to serving the church and working to keep everything moving!

She has done so much more than the job description ever stated, and worked over and above anything expected of her – including covering for Michelle and Sarah when they have been away, helping with catering, and getting involved in helping with the smooth running of larger events held.

I am sure you will join us in thanking Maureen for her devotion, willingness to turn her hand to anything, her professionalism, and all she has done for PMC and this Circuit – and all she has done in helping to build God's Kingdom in this place.

Maureen – we wish you, and Alan, Philip and James, every blessing in your future. You are loved members of our family here. Thank you for all you have done. May you know God's love and joy in all your lives!

Rev. Tim, Rev Dave, and all at PMC and East Cumbria Methodist Circuit.



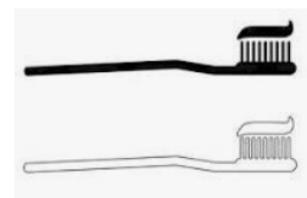
# PLEASE HELP UKRAINE!

**New candles – Old candles – Ends of candles –  
Any candles**

These will be taken to an orphanage and refugee centre in UKRAINE where they will be made into TRENCH CANDLES, which are used for light, heat and even cooking.



The soldiers also need (in good condition) **socks, woolly hats and gloves.** AND (NEW) **toothbrushes, toothpaste and razors.**



We are also collecting **anything related to children** for the orphanage and refugee centre.

They need toys and clothes in good condition.



**All items can be left in the blue box in reception.**

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## Circuit Office

A reminder that the Circuit Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

**Thought for the week...**



**Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return.**

**Truly appreciate those around you.**

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**Administrative Assistant: Maureen Brunskill**

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**Debt Coach:** Jen Dixon: 07799 271710 or email: [jendixon@capuk.org](mailto:jendixon@capuk.org)

**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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