



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 31st March



The End is Just the Beginning!

As I write this devotion, I am stuck in two minds. When some of you read this, we could still be in 'Holy Week' as we spend time thinking about the last days of Jesus in the lead up to his crucifixion on Good Friday. But if you read this on Sunday, or after, it will be Easter and we will be celebrating that Jesus is risen!

So, what to reflect on? The sadness and sorrow (albeit it with gratitude) for Jesus going to the cross – or the joy and victory of Easter Sunday?

My conundrum reminded me of so much of the life that we all live. For aren't our worlds – isn't this world - a mixture of both joy and sadness – ecstasy and agony – and everything else in between?



Nature echoes the same thing. Just a few weeks ago I couldn't hear any birds singing, and the trees and our gardens were all lifeless. All seemed dead. And yet, here we are now with lambs skipping about, the birds all singing, and everything coming to life in glorious colour. It's the way life revolves.

And friends – isn't this the message of Easter? When all seemed hopeless, and tragic - when all was at its darkest – this was the moment that preceded the joy of Jesus rising from the dead. Sin and death had been defeated! Love had won! New life was made possible, and a new world had come into being!

The end was really just the beginning!

So, please hear this. Wherever you are in your life right now; Whatever grief you feel, or pain you bear; Whatever worries weigh you down; However hopeless

things may seem – it is not the end. It might be the end of one chapter – or one movement in a symphony. But the finale is coming! The good bit is just around the corner. And soon there will be a new day, a new dawn, a new beginning.

Because God's victory that first Easter is your victory too. That life He rose to, is a life He wants you to know, and inhabit, and claim. After the night, the sun rises. And because the son rose – you too have the hope of a new beginning!



I promise you - God hasn't finished working with you yet. He's got so much to do - to resurrect, and bring life, and joy, and victory – in your life.

So, say it with confidence: Hallelujah! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed – Hallelujah!

Happy Easter!

Rev. Tim



Penrith

10.30am ~ Easter Celebration with Communion ~ Rev. Tim Cooke
Reading: Mark 16: 1 – 8

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 Centre

6.45am ~ Easter Sunrise Service ~ Rev. David Milner

Alston Moor

11am ~ Easter Communion ~ Rev. Keith Speck

Gamblesby

10am ~ Easter Communion ~ Rev. Chris Blackshaw

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Weekly Diary

Monday 1st April – Bank Holiday

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

NO Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

NO Monday Zoom Prayer

Tuesday 2nd April

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

10am ~ Midweek Service – Rev. Andrew Callaway – Church/PMC

NO CAP Job Club – Beacon/PMC

11am ~ 4F – Ullswater/PMC

NO Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 3rd April

NO 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

10am ~ Coffee Morning - Skelton Methodist Church

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

7pm – 8pm ~ Cottage Wood Monthly Prayer Time - *We are continuing to pray at home, and all are welcome to take part for any or all of the hour.*

Thursday 4th April

NO Thursday Tots - Ullswater/PMC

2pm ~ All Together Fellowship – Church/PMC

Friday 5th April

NO Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

3pm ~ Thanksgiving Service for the late Grattan Bowen – Church/PMC

6.30pm ~ Bunny Drive – Cottage Wood Centre

Sunday 7th April

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

Skelton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Mrs Lois Morton

Stainton: 10.30am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Gillian Belford

Cottage Wood: 5pm ~ Early Evening Worship ~ Mr. Morgan Tebb-Roger

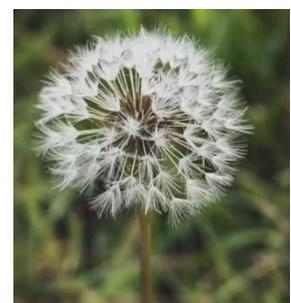
Alston Moor: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Local Arrangement

Nenthead: 5pm ~ Evening Worship ~ Pennine Praise

Culgaith: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. David Milner

Langwathby: 11am ~ Morning Worship ~ Rev. Keith Speck

**Remember the clocks spring forward on
Easter Sunday!**



Join us on our journey through
HOLY WEEK

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



Churches Together in Penrith Services

Good Friday

Walk of Witness from Penrith Tourist Information Centre at 12 noon.

Ecumenical Service in St Andrew's Church at approx. 12.30pm.



Easter Sunday morning

Easter Sunrise Service at 6.30am on Penrith Beacon with members of Penrith Town Band.

NB - with Easter being early and the clocks going forward **it will be quite dark.**

BRING A TORCH and wear suitable footwear.



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

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.



Encounter

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

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The next of our "All Together Fellowship" meetings is on

**THURSDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL at 2pm in the Church.**

Following a short act of worship, we will have a great display of highly acclaimed home grown talent.

A few people will give brief presentations coming under the heading of "Every picture tells a story".

Reflections, memories and favourite / memorable moments will be shared.

Afterwards, there will be refreshments, as usual, and opportunity to have a good chat.

**PLEASE NOTE that we meet again on Monday, April 29th, when Fred Setters will give a talk and visual presentation entitled "Does Radio Have a Future".**

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

**John & Margaret Gore.**

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Thanksgiving Service

A Thanksgiving Service will be held for the late Grattan Bowen on Friday 5th 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.

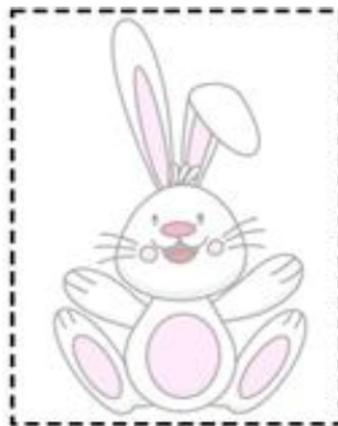


Please support Joseph fundraising for his scout expedition and come to Cottage Wood for a

Bunny Drive

(like a beetle drive but with more rabbits)

Friday 5th 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

Spare Mobile Phone

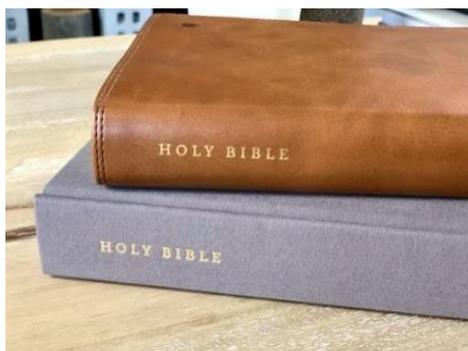
I have a friend who's mobile phone is broken & she can't afford to buy a new one. Does anyone have a spare one that they don't use anymore?

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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### 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.

## 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. ***We just need the first two weeks of June now.***

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

Thanks, Rev. Tim.

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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.**

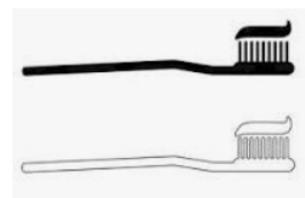
PLEASE HELP UKRAINE!

**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.

We wish everyone a happy Easter, Sarah & Maureen.

## 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](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)

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

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