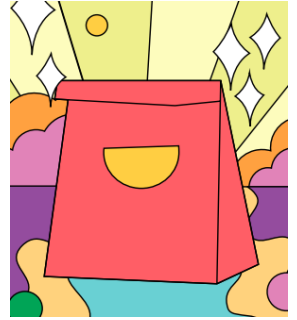




East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 9th March

The Journey has Begun

So, here we are again. The first week of lent. The journey to the cross has begun. The journey that ultimately ends with the greatest act of love this world has ever seen. This journey that lies before us is one that involves controversy, pain, betrayal, denial, sacrifice, friendship and love.

It is hard to comprehend the sheer rollercoaster of emotions those who were part of this narrative went on. The lessons learned, the mistakes made, and the tears that were shed. It's quite easy to have a detached view, one that feels relatively safe or reminiscent. A nice tradition that we do each year. But when we really focus on what this journey entails, we get a taste of how daunting this must have been for those walking it. Perhaps that's the reason we sometimes wish to detach from it or rush through to the joys of Easter Sunday.

But as we journey through this ancient story that lays the foundation of our faith, I wonder which element might speak to you most this year. Is it the friendship shared between Jesus and his disciples, or the betrayal Jesus faced? Is it the injustice of it all that reflects the despair you feel when you see the state of this world, or the way Jesus faces that injustice that inspires you to act?

This journey is one that has shaped our lives. A narrative we hear every year and yet it continues to teach us so much if we let it. And there lies a choice- to carry on with our day-to-day lives and enjoy the long Easter weekend when it comes around. Or to step into this journey and see how it might transform our lives this lent, in turn empowering us to transform the world like the participants of this story did.



So, my invitation to you- join me on this journey through lent. Open our minds and hearts to the ways this ancient story might continue to shape us. And let's see what new things we might discover and old things we are reminded of as we journey towards the cross.

Morgan Tebb-Roger



Penrith

10.30am ~ Worship Lead Service – Rev Tim Cooke
Readings: Colossians 1:15-22, Philippians 2:5-11

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Skelton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Members Service

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Communion – Rev Mary Elliot

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson

Gamblesby

10am ~ Little Acorns

2pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Renwick

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Reminder – Change of number

From March 1st Rev Dave Milner will no longer be available on 01768 863209. Please use his mobile number instead, **07597 639 314**.



Weekly Diary

Monday 10th March

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Penrith Music Club Concert – Church/PMC

7.30pm ~ Zoom Prayer Meeting –

All are welcome to join, please follow the link and use the Meeting ID below,

<https://zoom.us/j/97958259742?pwd=oiRL9sKL0a5HLaFltJwuT09krXA7Ug.1>

Meeting ID: 979 5825 9742

Password: 585914

Tuesday 11th March

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

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

1.30pm ~ Prayer Meeting – Church/PMC

7pm ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (*We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Tuesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.*)

7pm ~ Omega House Group – Sunningdale, Stainton

7.30pm ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

Wednesday 12th March

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan or Sarah for details

Thursday 13th March

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

Friday 14th March

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

7pm ~ Woodland Collective – meet at PMC for car share

Saturday 15th March

9.30am ~ Seedy Saturday - PMC

Sunday 16th March

Penrith: 10.30am

Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Skelton: 10.30am

Morning Worship – Ian Newton

Stainton: 10.30am

Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

Cottage Wood: 5pm

Early Evening Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

Alston Moor: 11am

Morning Worship + Church Council – Rev David Milner

Langwathby: 11am

Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Kirkoswald: 6.30pm

Third Sunday Service – Rev David Milner

Important Gift Aid Reminder FOR PMC MEMBERS

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The Income Tax Year ends on 5th April 2025 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).

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.

Giving Envelopes

The new regular giving envelopes are now available and can be found in the pigeonholes for those who use them.

If you don't currently use the giving envelopes and would like to, please contact the Circuit Office.



Penrith Music Club – Solem String Quartet

Monday 10th March at 7.30pm at PMC

Praised for their “immaculate precision and spirit” (The Strad) and “cultured tone” (Arts Desk), the Solem Quartet has established itself as one of the most innovative and adventurous quartets of its generation. A 2020 awardee of the Jerwood Arts Live Work Fund, one of 33 artists selected from more than 1200 applicants, the Solem Quartet takes its place amongst some of the UK’s brightest artistic voices.

Tickets are £20 in advance or at the door (£5 for students)



Lent Lunches 2025



Thursday 13th March – Church in the Barn,
12pm - 1pm (Newton Road, Penrith, CA11
0FP)

Friday, 21st March – St Andrews Church,
12pm - 1pm (St Andrews Place, Penrith,
CA11 7XX)

Tuesday 25th March – Penrith Methodist
Church, 12pm - 1pm (Wordsworth Street,
Penrith, CA11 7QY)

Friday 4th April – St Catherine's Church,
1pm - 2pm (Haydock Centre, Drovers Lane,
Penrith, CA11 9EL)

Wednesday 9th April – Quakers, 12pm -
1pm, Friends Meeting House (Meeting House
Lane, Penrith, CA11 7TR)

Defibrillator Training

Please note that the Defibrillator training
scheduled for 13th March at PMC has been
CANCELLED, as one of the trainers is no longer
available.

We are looking to reschedule this for a date in
April, and will include something in the notices for
those interested as soon as the information is
available.



Lent Meetups



Ash Wednesday (March 5th) marked the beginning of **Lent**, a season remembering Jesus Christ's time spent in the wilderness as he contemplated the future direction of his life and ministry.

What is your life, your purpose, perhaps your place in God's world. What does your future hold...is it one of hope or uncertainty, eagerness or despair?

The next few weeks leading up to Easter Day when Christians celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection, can be for us and you too, a time to reflect on the place you are in in your life now and the direction you're going.

Let's meet together for six Wednesday evenings from **March 12th, 19th, 26th, April 2nd, and 16th** (or however often you can manage), at **19:30 hrs, Robin Hood View Cottage, Winskill** (Peter and Hazel Bowes' home), for friendship, reflection and refreshments.

You'll be more than welcome! Just come!



Lent Reflections

It you'd like to sign up to The Methodist Church Lent Reflections you can do so at;

www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/soul-food/

Easy Eco Tip – March:

Take time to reconnect with God and creation during Lent.



Delve deeper into the Bible to see how we are not apart from creation but a part of it. There are lots of excellent resources to support you, including The Whole Easter Story: Why the cross is good news for all creation at www.arocha.org.uk/the-whole-easter-story

This new resource for Lent 2025 invites us to explore the broader impact of the Easter story for all of creation through Bible readings, reflections, and stories from A Rocha's global conservation efforts.

For more eco-tips, sign up to A Rocha UK's Wild Christian email: arocha.org.uk/wild-christian



Seedy Saturday

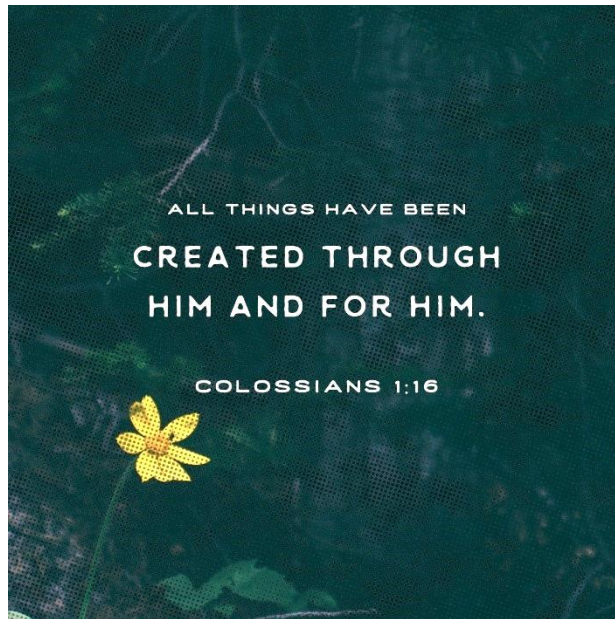
FREE give and take event for sharing seeds, plants, pots, gardening tools and books.

15th March, 9:30am to 2pm
Penrith Methodist Church

- ✓ Talks
- ✓ Information Stands
- ✓ Tool Sharpening
- ✓ Refreshments



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!

