



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 30th March

The Landing Stage



A mother and her son are standing on the landing-stage saying their “goodbyes”. He is about to begin the adventure of life, leaving home for the first time, to board a ship and join the navy. Mum gives him a farewell hug and a kiss, before the steamboat behind them takes him away.

Thomas A.F. Graham
“Going to Sea”
(c. 1885)

Cartwright Hall Art
Gallery, Bradford
<https://batch.artuk.org/discover/artworks/going-to-sea-23522>

[There’s also a slightly different version in the Victoria & Albert Museum, London, called “The Landing Stage”]

Put yourself in the picture... I wonder how you would feel if you were in the young boy’s shoes right now. Embarrassed? “Mum, I’ll be all right. Stop fussing...” Or apprehensive? What’s it going to be like? Is he at all scared? Or is he excited? His horizons are going to be extended, and he’ll go to places he never imagined. How would you feel in the mother’s place? Does she feel a sense of loss? The child she loves and has nurtured and cares for, is about to leave and set out on his own. Perhaps she is frightened for him. It’s a big world out there and now there will be no one to watch over him and protect him. What does she say to him as they part?

Letting go is very hard, but now he needs to make his own way through life and stand on his own two feet. He does look very young though! Although she may be parted from him by many oceans, her love for him will never stop. Wherever he goes she will carry on loving him.

How many times is a similar scene played out - Mum stands at the school gates as their little child disappears round the corner of the classroom door. Or a teenager leaves home for university, or to set up in their own flat for the first time.

There are plenty of Mums in the Bible, too. I wonder how Hannah felt when she had to say goodbye in the Temple to her beloved son Samuel and leave him in Eli’s care. And how did Mary feel the day that Jesus walked out of the carpenter’s

workshop to first begin his ministry? I guess the truth is that wherever our own children might go, as they grow up and set out on life's journey on their own, we will always continue to love and cherish them.

Although the Bible most often compares God to a Father – Abba, Daddy – there are also some verses where the comparison is with a Mother. In Isaiah 66:13 God says: “As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you...” And the Psalmist can say in Psalm 131.2 “But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.” And the hymn writer puts it like this: “Then to thy need, He like a mother doth speed, Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.” (StF 88)

So, it's good to know that whoever we are, and wherever the adventures of life take us, God's love for us will always be with us.

Rev Dave



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Phil Gough

Reading: Luke 15:1 – 3, 11b - 32

7pm ~ Encounter

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

Skelton

10.30am ~ Members Service

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – Rev David Milner

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

Langwathby

11am ~ Service at St Peter's

Kirkoswald

10am ~ All Age Service – Rev David Milner

Gamblesby

2pm ~ Mothering Sunday Service – Bea Hulme

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Weekly Diary

Monday 31st March

9.30am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

2pm ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Zoom Prayer Meeting –

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

Meeting ID: 955 474 1253

Password: 2YaB4F

Tuesday 1st April

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

10am ~ Brunswick Easter Service - 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 2nd April

10am ~ Coffee Morning – Skelton Methodist Church

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

2pm ~ Choral Group – Church/PMC

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.*

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

Thursday 3rd April

10.30am ~ Oasis – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

2pm ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

7.30pm ~ Eden Singers Concert – Church/PMC

Friday 4th April

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 6th April

Penrith: 10.30am

Worship Lead Service – Rev David Milner

Skelton: 10.30am

Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

Stainton: 10.30am

Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

Cottage Wood: 5pm

Early Evening Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

Alston Moor: 11am

Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Nenthead: 5pm

Pennine Praise

Culgaith: 11am

Morning Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

Langwathby: 11am

Morning Worship – Ray & Joan Wager

Lent Lunches 2025



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)



Lent Meetups

Let's meet on Wednesday evenings on **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/





Are you passionate that PMC use its building to serve our community? Do you have Project Management experience?

At our recent Church Council, PMC once again committed to following through on its intention of converting the Sandgate room into a more versatile and accommodating space that can be used for conferencing, youth & community.

We have a keen working group already formed who have some great ideas on what to do! All we need now is someone to project-manage turning this vision into a reality.

Is this something you may be able to help with?

If so, please contact Rev. Tim or Morgan in the first instance to chat through what may be involved.

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***Baptisms in the Lake!***

We are delighted that on June 1<sup>st</sup> we have at least one of our members being baptised in the lake at Ullswater!

Baptism is a great way of giving witness to wanting to follow Jesus, and to making a public declaration of what God is doing in your life.

Is this something you may fancy being part of? Or maybe, you might want to re-affirm the baptismal vows that were made on your behalf when you were baptised as a baby?

If you'd like to chat about the possibilities, please speak to Rev. Tim



# Gamblesby Methodist Church



## Mothering Sunday

A short service to celebrate all  
mothers!

Led by

Bea Hulme

(National Youth President from Penrith)

on 30 March 2025

at 10 a.m

Everyone welcome  
Refreshments

The poster features a background of yellow and white daffodils. At the top, there are two decorative boxes, each containing a green treble clef and musical notes. The central text is arranged in four rectangular boxes with green borders. The first box says 'Eden Singers presents'. The second box says '“Sing into Spring!” Music by John Rutter, Offenbach, Irving Berlin, Franz Lehar, Benny Andersson, Bill Withers'. The third box says 'Thursday 3rd April 2025 7.30pm Penrith Methodist Church'. The fourth box says 'Tickets £10 Available on the door and at Styleline Hair and Beauty. Price includes interval refreshments.'

**Eden Singers**  
**presents**

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**Benny Andersson, Bill Withers**

**Thursday 3rd April 2025**  
**7.30pm**  
**Penrith Methodist Church**

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**and at Styleline Hair and Beauty.**  
**Price includes interval refreshments.**

#### **Eden Singers Concert Refreshments**

Anne Isherwood requires some help to serve concert refreshments on the evening of 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

You would be required to help set up refreshments at 7.15pm, serve refreshments during the interval and help tidy away.

If you are available and would like to help, please contact the church office.

Thanks





We meet for our next "All Together Fellowship"  
at 2 pm in church on **MONDAY, APRIL 7th.**  
Sit back, relax, and listen to the Choral Group singing a  
selection of hymns and other pieces of choral music.  
Our fellowship always ends with opportunities to meet  
others, have a chat and enjoy refreshments.



NOTE that we meet again on **MONDAY, APRIL 28th.**  
Sheila Fletcher will be giving a talk and visual presentation  
entitled "Romany, of BBC Children's Hour".  
"Romany", the Rev George Bramwell Evens, was a Methodist  
minister who based his children's books and talks on the sights  
and sounds of nature while walking in the Glassonby area.

John & Margaret





## wholehearted monthly

For the next **Wholehearted Monthly on 8<sup>th</sup> April** the main session (from 7pm) speaker will be Rowan Williams and for the second part (from 8pm) the Global Relations room will have a focus on Ukraine, the session will be:

**“Being Church and Doing Mission in a warzone” - with Rev. Oleg and Yulia Starodubets (National Leaders of the United Methodist Church in Ukraine)**

Register for Wholehearted Monthly here: [Wholehearted Monthly Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

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Advanced Safeguarding Training –online & in Cumbria/North Lancs

- Tuesday 8th April, 10am – Lune Valley Methodist Hub
- **Monday 2nd June, 10am - 3.30pm - Wigton Road Methodist Church, Carlisle**
- **Tuesday 3rd June, 10am – 3.30pm – Penrith Methodist Church**
- **Wednesday 4th June, 10am - 3.30pm –Cockermouth, Lorton St Church**
- Saturday 7th June, 10am – Online
- Tuesday 10th June, 1pm – Online

To book onto the online sessions, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/nwed-advanced-safeguarding-training-3606929> or scan the QR code.

Dates in bold are in person training with DSO Julie Paterson. Please contact Julie on patersonj.dso@nwedmethodists.org.uk to book your place.

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### **Car Parking at PMC**

Please note that parking at the church will be limited from **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025** for up to a week, due to work being done to the roof.

Let's do **LUNCH**  
**SUNDAY 6TH APRIL**  
Following the PMC Service



Serving Hot Pork Rolls, Stuffing and Apple Sauce, followed by fruit salad.

Please let Ange know about any special dietary requirements at 07808 801229

Donations are welcomed and much appreciated.



With speaker Rev  
Phil Gough, District  
Secretary for  
Ministry and  
Vocations



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND  
METHODIST DISTRICT**

# **District Online Worship**

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 13 April at  
6.30pm**

District Online Worship is held on the second Sunday of every month. For the Zoom code (which remains the same), please email [prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk](mailto:prayer@nwedmethodists.org.uk) or direct message us on Facebook

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PENRITH METHODIST  
CHURCH

11am - 2pm

8th April 2025

15th April 2025

inc. Zoo's too!

The Zoo that comes to you

**Fully  
Booked**

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



# HOLY WEEK

## CALENDAR OF SERVICES

**APR  
14**

**HOLY  
MONDAY**

Saint John's, Melmerby  
**7pm**  
Taize Worship

Saint Cuthbert's, Great  
Salkeld  
**7pm**  
Celtic Worship

**HOLY  
TUESDAY**

**APR  
15**

**APR  
16**

**HOLY  
WEDNESDAY**

Gamblesby Chapel  
**7pm**

Penrith Methodist  
Church  
**7.30pm**  
Rev Tim Cooke & Others

**MAUNDY  
THURSDAY**

**APR  
17**

**APR  
18**

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**

Skelton Methodist  
Church  
**7.30pm**  
Mrs Lois Morton

# Easter Flower Workshop

**Saturday 19th April - 9am to 12 noon**

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



## Daylight Savings Reminder

Just a reminder that the clocks will be going forward on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March.**



## **Bank Holiday Reminder**

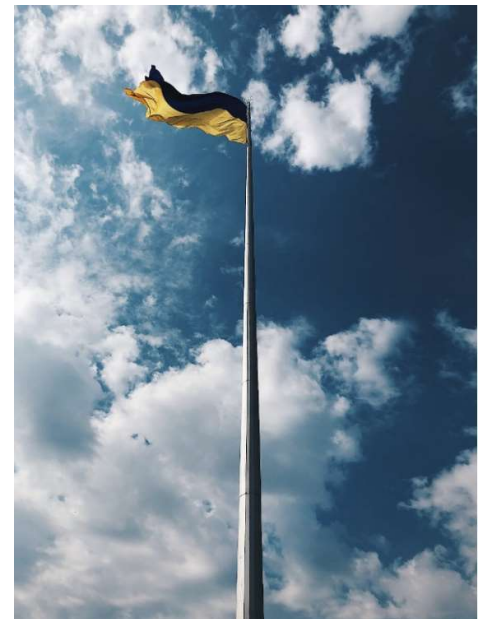
Just a reminder that the Circuit Office will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday.

## **Ukraine**

Again many thanks for your generous donations for Ukraine – so much appreciated. Steve is particularly asking for summer clothes, sanitary towels, disposable nappies, sweets and dried food – and more plain wax candles.

He plans to be in Cumbria in the next two weeks. The journey will cost him approximately £4000 – if you can help with a cash or cheque donation, however small, he will be very grateful. Heather will ensure it is paid directly into his bank account.

Many thanks.



## **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](http://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](mailto:arocha.org.uk/wild-christian)*



## Thought for the week...



*May I know myself  
loved, healed,  
accepted and  
forgiven, just as I  
am.*

*And may I be a  
means of grace for  
other people too,  
Lord. Amen.*

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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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