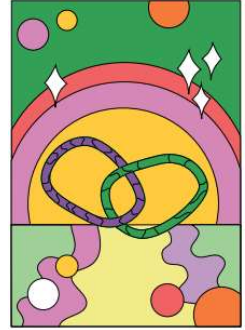




East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April

### Words for Passiontide



We often take words for granted. They are spoken or written and are part of life every day. Some words, however, are special and perhaps only used on specific occasions and words associated with this season of the Christian year are examples of this.

- Passiontide – This is the period of time for the last two weeks of Lent. It begins this Sunday and takes us to Easter Day. During these last two weeks of the life of Jesus he experienced ridicule, trial and condemnation to death. He also knew higher moments when God's presence and power were very real.
- Hosanna – A word associated with Palm Sunday but having its origins years before. Roger Jones' Musical 'Pharaoh to Freedom' tells of the cry of the Hebrew slaves in Egypt. Their call of 'Hosanna' was a petition to God "Save us we beseech you". The Book of Exodus tells of their release from Egypt by God under his servant Moses. When used on Palm Sunday it can be seen as a cry for Salvation and that Jesus is able to save.
- Remembrance – This word was used by Jesus as he shared in the Passover meal with his disciples. He took bread and wine and invited them to share this "In remembrance of me." We continue to follow that invitation today.
- Denial and Betrayal – two disciples who 'got it wrong'. Peter denied being a Jesus Follower and Judas betrayed Jesus to the Authorities so that he could be arrested. Dark words for this Season and a reminder of the sinfulness of the human heart.
- Mocking and Suffering – Words that sum up the events of Good Friday. The life of Jesus led up to the crucifixion, a mystery that Christians have always grappled with. Yet in the events of that day, those who have faith, believe that God's love was at its greatest and through Jesus' giving of himself we can be forgiven and know a new life in him.
- Resurrection – The culmination of these two weeks is Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection when there are cries of Hallelujah. To fully appreciate what that means, we must travel through the weeks of the Passion.

This is summed up in the following Meditation:

What do we mean by Passion?

It can be overwhelming feelings towards others, perhaps those who feel passionate about the same things as ourselves; perhaps it's the passion of relationship.

But God, in the time of your Passion we think of something which goes almost beyond our understanding. You, the Great King of Heaven, sharing life on earth through the person of Jesus the Son.

His passion embraced compassion – empathy with and for those he met. But more than that, His was a love that was all giving and that love could not be overcome by the taunts and actions of cruel men.

Condemned to death without a true trial; put to suffering because of being a God who differed from what was expected; hung on a cross to die by those who thought to see you defeated for ever.

This was the passion of self-sacrifice and love held out to all who would recognise that here is The Saviour of the World. You Lord continue to offer that love today, inviting us to accept your challenge to follow you and travel beyond death to the new life of Easter.

May we respond and as we take your giving into ourselves, may we be filled with passion for your way and your work, so that we are compelled to share with others the news of a Passionate God.

*Mrs Lois Morton*

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**Thanks**

Thelma and I have been so very touched by the letters and cards we've received following the sudden and so unexpected death of our son Duncan. He will be a great loss to our family, his friends and his colleagues in the transport industry all over the country.

We'd like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and prayers as we soldier on building up our renewed life amongst our new neighbours and friends here in Newcastle: many of whom visit Cumbria and the Lakes as often as they can!

Duncan's funeral will be held at the Newcastle West Road Crematorium, at 10.30 am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April followed by refreshments at the Benwell Hill cricket club opposite.

Graham & Thelma



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Worship Lead Service – Rev David Milner  
Reading: James 1:1-8 & 12-18

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**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 and Joan Wager

***There are alternative Anglican services available.  
For details, please see the EEMC website: [www.eastofedenmc.org.uk](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)***

This Sunday at 5pm at Langwathby Chapel –

♪ Taize

A short reflective service of readings, prayers and Taize music

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**2pm** ~ All Together Fellowship – Church/PMC

**7.30pm** ~ Zoom Prayer Meeting –

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

*Meeting ID: 955 474 1253*

*Password: 2YaB4F*

## **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Service – Mrs Lois Morton - Church/PMC (*Reading: Mark 14 3-9*)

**11am** ~ 4F – Ullswater/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 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

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

**7.30pm** ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan for details

## **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

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

## **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

**Penrith: 10.30am**

**Patterdale: 10.30am**

**Skelton: 10.30am**

**Stainton: 10.30am**

**Cottage Wood: 5pm**

**Kirkoswald: 10am**

Café Church – Mr Fred Setters – Ullswater/PMC

Morning Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway

Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

Early Evening Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

EEMC Service

## **Circuit Office Request**

I am now on annual leave for the month of April, and I ask that you be patient with your requests to the Circuit office in my absence.

Niamh will be in the Circuit Office 9am-1pm Monday – Friday, however she only has one pair of hands! and some requests may take longer than usual.

Thank you very much!  
Sarah





## Lent Lunches 2025



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



### Lent Meetups

Let's meet on **April 16th** 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/](http://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](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)*



## **Redevelopment Coordinator – Role Spec**

**Job Title:** Redevelopment Coordinator

**Responsible to:** Pioneer Minister, Church Council.

**Timeline:** 6 - 12 months

**About the Project:** In 2019 the Bridge youth centre was sold due to repair and maintenance costs. This came with the proviso that the money from this sale would be used for a like-for-like replacement within church premises. This has led to designs being drawn up and plans made for the redevelopment of the Sandgate room into a café/co-working space. This would provide a functional space for youth work, a space suitable for the recent influx of remote workers and generally improve the room for conferencing. We're looking for someone who would be willing to turn these plans into a reality, working with the existing steering group and liaising with contractors to see the practical work done. The plans are there, and church council has approved it, we just need someone to work out what can be done by contractors and what can be done by volunteers.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Work with members of the existing project steering group to familiarise yourself with the project vision.
- Liaise with PMC Property team and keep updated on plans
- Obtain quotes from contractors, building a picture of costs and a timeline for completion.
- Liaise with the operations manager, giving them a good idea of when work will be taking place and how this will impact bookings.
- Work with Pioneer Minister to gather a volunteer team who will help complete appropriate tasks.
- Provide quarterly written reports to church council, keeping them updated of progress.

*If you'd like to have an informal conversation about this role, please contact our Pioneer Minister, Morgan, on [outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk).*



***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



### **Donation Request**

On Sunday 6th April, Esther Hulme will be running the London Landmarks Half Marathon for Tommy's, a fantastic charity centred around baby loss and making pregnancy and births safer.

This is a big challenge for her, so any donations would be really appreciated!!  
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/esther-hulme-1727004510637?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/esther-hulme-1727004510637?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



### **JPIT Internships**

Are you a young Christian who is passionate about issues of justice and peace? Do you want to explore the intersection of faith, policy, and politics, and potentially pursue a career in one of these fields?

Each year, there are opportunities to work with the Joint Public Issues Team for a year as an intern. The internships open for applications in the spring, for roles which usually run from September-August.

Please see the following link for more information:  
<https://jpit.uk/internship>







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 8<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – Lune Valley Methodist Hub
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 10am - 3.30pm - Wigton Road Methodist Church, Carlisle**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 10am – 3.30pm – Penrith Methodist Church**
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 3.30pm –Cockermouth, Lorton St Church**
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – Online
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:patersonj.dso@nwedmethodists.org.uk) to book your place.**





**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



# 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



## **Penrith Music Club – Junior RNCM** **Concert**

***Saturday 19th April at 2.30pm at PMC***

The season ends with our annual afternoon concert by musicians from the Junior Department of the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, showcasing some of the most promising musical talent of the future – an uplifting and enjoyable end to our season.

Tickets are £10 in advance or at the door (Free for students)



"Exceptional Musician"

# Simeon Wood

"A show  
filled with  
music  
and  
laughter"

"Very funny  
and  
hugely  
entertaining,  
a great  
night out"

*Simply  
Breathtaking*

There's  
something for  
everyone in  
this show that  
promises to  
enthrall  
your socks off.

## Brampton Methodist Church

Main Street, Brampton CA8 1RS

Friday 25th April @ 7.30pm

Tickets: £10 for adults and £2 for 12-18 year olds

Available to buy from Half Moon Wholefoods, Brampton

Or contact Millie - [bramptonmethodists@gmail.com](mailto:bramptonmethodists@gmail.com)

Refreshments available during the interval



# CUMBRIA METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN



## **MWiB invite you to** **'Past and Present'** **at Port Carlisle**

### ***Port Carlisle Methodist Church***

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**10:30 – 15:00**

**Coffee and lunch provided**

**Cost £10**

***Numbers limited so book early***

**To book contact**  
**Rev Jackie Betts 01768371598**  
**[j.betts 321@btinternet.com](mailto:j.betts321@btinternet.com)**  
**by 9<sup>th</sup> May**  
**Including any dietary requirements**



After coffee/tea on arrival there will be worship led by Jackie Betts followed by a talk about the history of the chapel by Harold Bowron. After lunch; there will be time to walk/sit by the sea, or do various activities in the chapel inspired by a sheet of Points to Ponder prepared by Jackie. The day will end with an epilogue given by David Newlove.

Numbers are limited so please book (with any dietary requests) with Rev Jackie Betts on 01768371598 or [j.betts321@btinternet.com](mailto:j.betts321@btinternet.com)

Costs £10, paid on the day.

## 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)

**Find our Sunday services on YouTube**

**Follow us on Twitter @PMCmethodists and on Facebook**

**Let's stay connected with one another!**

