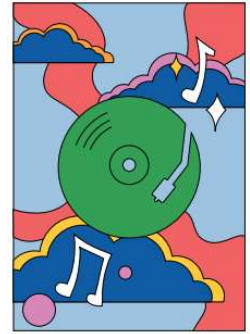




East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April

### The Unexpected Hero

I'm not sure if you've ever met your hero. They say you never should.

Well, I met mine once when I was about seven. I got the opportunity to meet Barry Chuckle of the Chuckle Brothers through a family friend who worked at a theatre they were performing at. So, we turned up before the show



and met him out a back entrance where he was having a cigarette and was understandably quite tired. Whilst this didn't completely ruin my perception of the Chuckle Brothers, the innocent seven-year-old me was quite taken aback to see one of my childhood heroes smoking- something I'd been taught was very bad for you.

There's a reason they say you should never meet your heroes. It's because often, they're not as you expect them to be. Not always in a bad way, just an unexpected way. Jesus was that unexpected hero to many. Whilst his existence was foretold, most people would have expected a military leader to ride into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. One dressed in white flowing robes atop a large stallion and with an impressive entourage in tow. Instead, they saw a man that looked like them. He had dirty, travel weary feet. He wore plain clothes atop an unimpressive donkey. And he was followed by a rag-tag group of working-class people.

Jesus wasn't the hero people expected. But he was the one who showed them what God's love looks like. He was the one who showed them who the power really lay with. He was the one who showed them a different kind of world is possible.

So, when we look for the Christ in this world, I would suggest looking to the rich, attractive, and powerful might not be the best place to start. Instead, I would look to the homeless person curled up in a doorway, the refugee desperate to build a new life, or the addict stuck in their endless cycle. Christ is revealed to us

in unexpected ways and through unexpected people as the person of Jesus demonstrated. Let's not shut ourselves off to those whom we might deem 'less holy' than ourselves. But be open to encountering God at the margins of society this Palm Sunday and beyond.

*Morgan Tebb-Roger*



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Café Church – Mr Fred Setters – Ullswater/PMC  
Reading: Mark 11:1-11

**Patterdale**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway

**Stainton**

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

**Cottage Wood Centre**

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

**Kirkoswald**

**10am** ~ EEMC Service

***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 14<sup>th</sup> April**

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

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

**6.15pm** ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/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 15<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Service – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger - Church/PMC

**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.*)

## **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

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

**2pm** ~ Langwathby Community Fellowship – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

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

## **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

**10.15am** ~ Meeting Point – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

## **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday**

**7.30pm** ~ Woodlands Collective – *Meet at PMC for car share*

## **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**2pm** ~ Junior RNCM Concert – Church/PMC

## **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Day**

**Penrith: 10.30am** Morning Communion – Rev Tim Cooke

**Skelton: 10.30am** Morning Communion – Rev David Milner

**Stainton: 10.30am** Morning Communion – Rev Gillian Belford

**Cottage Wood: 6am** Easter Sunrise Service – Rev David Milner

**Alston Moor: 11am** Morning Communion – Rev Mary Elliot

**Langwathby: 11am** Morning Communion – Dr Peter Bowes



## **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).*






**NORTH WEST ENGLAND  
METHODIST DISTRICT**

# District Online Worship

**Palm Sunday**

**Sunday 13 April at  
6.30pm**

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

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  
or direct message us on  
Facebook



## 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!

## 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>





## Revelation! Reflections on the Passion

Paintings from the  
Methodist Modern Art Collection

Kirkby Stephen Methodist Church

14 – 28 April 2025

Admission free

[ksaandtcircuit.org.uk](http://ksaandtcircuit.org.uk)

The Methodist Church  
Kirkby Stephen, Appleby, & Tisbury Circuit

Methodist Modern  
Art Collection



Langwathby Community Fellowship

Wednesday, 16 April at 2pm at the Chapel

*A craft afternoon with Gordon Edgar*

*This meeting is open to everyone and includes refreshments*



Langwathby Methodist Church

Thursday, 17 April - from 10.15am

“Meeting Point” – a coffee morning open to all, ending with a “thought for the day”

# 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



**Join us on Maundy Thursday for**

# **A last evening with Jesus**

**We will reflect on events of the last supper and the Garden of Gethsemane over bread, wine and Taize music, as Jesus' life nears its end.**

**Penrith Methodist Church  
Thursday 17 April 7:30PM**





## 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)





We'd love you to join us, at PMC, for our  
Easter Sunday Celebration!

# Absence to Encounter

Celebrate New Life!

Decorate the empty cross with flowers!

Share Communion together!



Sunday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am  
Penrith Methodist Church  
Wordsworth Street, Penrith



"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



Just to remind people that our next “ All Together Fellowship “  
gathering is on **Monday, April 28th, at 2pm in church.**

We will welcome **Sheila Fletcher** who will give a talk and visual presentation about the life of the **Rev George Bramwell Evens**. He was most famous for his  
” **Out with Romany** “ radio programmes on “ **BBC’s Children’s Hour** “. As a radio broadcaster and writer, he loved to walk in the countryside and talk about the plants and animals that he came across.

More details will be given in next week’s bulletin.

John & Margaret

### **Help needed please!**

We could do with a couple of people being willing to help as welcomers and stewards at day-time events such as funerals. It would only be very occasional for an hour or two.

If you would be willing to help, please let Niamh know. Thanks!

Rev Tim



### **Easy Eco Tip – April:**

#### **Spend time in nature.**

Spending time appreciating God’s creation can be an act of worship. Nature can be experienced when we notice an insect, hear a bird sing, feel the earth beneath our hands or even when we watch a documentary. There is strong evidence that nature is also good for our mental health. Try to immerse yourself in nature every day, even for just a few minutes and give thanks to God for His good creation.

Further ideas can be found at  
[www.arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/](http://www.arocha.org.uk/ideas-to-enjoy-nature/)





PENRITH  
METHODIST CHURCH

# Coffee Morning

For Christian Aid



COFFEE - CAKE - PLANT SALE

10AM TO  
12 NOON

17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025



**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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**Circuit Administrative Assistant: Niamh Ryan**

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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**

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

