



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 4th May

An Old Friend

Do you know the feeling of meeting an old friend after a long time? Do you feel happy? Joy? A sense of comfort? I remember one time when I was at university, having just got back from summer, I'd organised to meet a friend I think the day after I got back. I was meeting him outside my flat, and seeing him walk down the street I couldn't help but smile and hug him as we met again, and remember the joy I felt in seeing him again.



I wonder what it would have been like for the disciples seeing Jesus on the beach after his resurrection at the end of John's Gospel. They're at the stage of already having seen Jesus alive again, so there isn't the same fear of him being a ghost. But they're not at the stage of knowing what to do, they haven't received the Holy Spirit. So I imagine it's a confusing time. Not knowing where to go or what to do. Which I think is why they probably just go back to fishing.



And then they see Jesus from the shore, and after he tells them to throw their net to the other side, John and Peter know that it is Jesus on the shore, and Peter rushes to join Jesus.

John 21:7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake.

I can only imagine the joy and euphoria that Peter would have felt knowing that Jesus was there on the shore again. The friend he thought he had lost. The friend that he loved and trusted so much. The friend who knew all the answers and would help with Peter's confusion about what to do now.

Do we ever feel that excitement when we meet Jesus again? Do we ever meet him as an old friend we've not seen for a while, or are we just living life with Jesus and miss the excitement and joy? Why not try this week to meet Jesus like an old friend after a while. Try to meet him with that joy and excitement. Or at least meet him as someone who knows all the answers when life is confusing and uncertain.

Dean Lawson

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### Easy Eco Tip – May:

#### **Support pollinators.**

Nothing says Spring like the buzz of a bee! But bees are declining because of habitat loss, climate change and agricultural intensification.

**Tuesday 20 May** is World Bee Day, so look around to see how you can improve habitats for bees and other pollinators - even small efforts make a difference.

Read more about bees, butterflies and habitats that support them such as wildflowers, in our Target 25 resources at [www.arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25](http://www.arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25) and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.



### Cottage Wood Chapel Anniversary

The Cottage Wood Centre are celebrating their Chapel Anniversary on **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May**.

There will be a bring and share tea at **3.30pm** ahead of the service at **5pm**, which will be led by Dean Lawson.

All are welcome to join us for this time of thanksgiving and celebration.



### Printer Cartridges Available

Julia Andrews has some printer ink cartridges (of the type to the left – JET TEC) available if anyone has a compatible printer and would like some.

Please get in touch with her at 01768 891585 if you are interested.



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Worship Lead Service – Rev David Milner  
Reading: Joel 2:18-32

**Skelton**

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

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Chapel Anniversary – Mr Dean Lawson  
(Bring and Share Tea at 3.30pm)

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Rev Mary Elliot

**Nenthead**

**5pm** ~ Pennine Praise

**Culgaith**

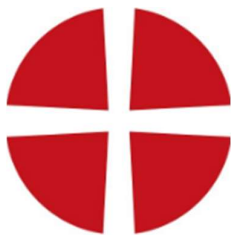
**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Chapel Anniversary – Rev Richard Teal

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

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This Sunday at 11.00 –
Langwathby Methodist Church
165th Anniversary Service to be led by Rev Richard Teal
(past Chair of Cumbria Methodist District and President of the Methodist
Conference)
All are welcome!

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This Sunday at 5pm at Langwathby Chapel –

♪ Taize

A short reflective service of readings, prayers and Taize music

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

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

## **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Service – Miss Kathleen Williamson - 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 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am** ~ Coffee Morning – Skelton Methodist Church

**10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

**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.*

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

## **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30am** ~ Oasis – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

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

## **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

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

## **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**7.30pm** ~ Penrith Singers Concert – Church/PMC

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Penrith: 10.30am**

Baptism – Rev Tim Cooke

**Patterdale: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Skelton: 10.30am**

Morning Communion – Rev David Milner

**Stainton: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson

**Cottage Wood: 5pm**

Members Service

**Alston Moor: 11am**

Morning Worship – Mr David Pepin

**Kirkoswald: 10am**

Chapel Anniversary – Mr Dean Lawson

**Gamblesby: 10am**

Pet Service – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

**Renwick: 5pm**

Early Evening Worship – Rev David Milner





# UPDATE 3

## Preparing for the Cumbria Circuit

**Thank you** for working with us on the developing of our new Countywide Circuit. Our Implementation Group and Sub Groups are busy on a myriad of different tasks, seeking to balance those things which are right and set, with attention to new ways and opportunities that are now before us. It's an exciting time. We are keen in all this to communicate where we are up to, and the areas we are currently working on. If you don't hear then please do ask and continue to make your suggestions. Remember, we are creating this new Circuit together.

### Appointments

We are currently undertaking the TUPE process for our current Circuit employees - the legal process for transferring employees from one employer to another. Once we have completed this process we will appoint roles across our administration team.

There will be some Circuit-wide appointments to be made including to finance and property support and we are putting this process in place.

Key to this (and our Methodist structure) are our Circuit Stewards. We envisage 6-8 Circuit Stewards and will advertise for these in May. Role outlines and expressions of interest forms will be available shortly.

It was good to see many of you at your Circuit Meetings and thank you for your endorsement on one progress. If you would like a copy of the outline booklet (either printed or digital) then please ask your Minister or email me at my email address below.

David Newlove

### The Cumbria Circuit Launch Service

11:00am, Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August  
At Penrith Methodist Church

We have spent a lot of time considering the best time, date and location for our launch service. Aware that it will not be convenient for everyone we are endeavouring to create some relay points to which we can stream the service.

It is at our Launch Service where we will acknowledge the changes we have made from moving from eight Circuits to one, appoint our Superintendent and Deputies and where we will welcome our new Ministers to the Circuit.

Please do attend if you are able

**Worship & the Word**  
online  
Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025

**Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 6:30pm**

- Join live on zoom - ask your Minister for the code
- Watch on Facebook - Cumbria Methodist Circuit
- Watch back on Youtube - @CumbriaMethodists

**An act of online worship and preaching connecting Methodist's across Cumbria**

We are launching a monthly Sunday Evening zoom service for those who wish to join. It will be a lovely opportunity for us to gather and worship together without having to travel. Joining details available from your Minister. The recording will also be available for use at other times.

For a copy of this update and a monthly email on our progress please sign up with Hayley on [hayley.edmondson@methodist.org.uk](mailto:hayley.edmondson@methodist.org.uk)

Contact: [revdavidnewlove@gmail.com](mailto:revdavidnewlove@gmail.com)

**The Cumbria Circuit Implementation Group**  
**April 2025**



## **Leaving Presents for Dave and Tim**

Individuals and Churches are all invited to donate towards leaving gifts for Dave and Tim.

Please follow the instructions below for how to donate.

Please be aware of closing dates to give us time to buy gifts.

If you are paying by bank transfer please remember to add the reference so we know what the money is for.

### **Donations for Tim Cooke**

Donations can be made in the following ways **by 15<sup>th</sup> June**

- By bank transfer to  
Bank CAF Bank  
Sort Code 40-52-40  
Account Number 00032900  
Account Name Penrith Methodist Church  
Reference Tim
- By cash to the circuit office
- By cheque payable to Penrith Methodist Church to the circuit office

### **Donations for Dave Milner**

Donations can be made in the following ways **by 13<sup>th</sup> July**

- By bank transfer to  
Sort Code 20-66-97  
Account Number 80387401  
Account Name Gamblesby Methodist Church  
Reference Dave
- By cash to John Slee or any circuit steward (we will be visiting your churches to discuss multi-site churches)
- John is also able to take contactless payments.
- If absolutely necessary by cheque made payable to Gamblesby Methodist Church to John Slee, 7 Pear Tree Way, Penrith, CA11 8WA

Any queries then please contact Kathleen Williamson

[kathleenwilliamson135@btinternet.com](mailto:kathleenwilliamson135@btinternet.com)



The Members and Little Acorns invite you to join them

# **Gamblesby Chapel**

## ***PET SERVICE***



**Sunday 11 May at 10am**  
**On the Village Green**

*Bring your Pets along for a short service outside  
the chapel led by Jan Blackshaw*

*Pets of all shapes and sizes welcome*

**Service followed by light refreshments**



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As seen above, the PMC gardening team are holding a plant sale at Penrith Methodist church from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 17 May.

We would welcome your custom and donations of plants to sell. Plants can be brought on the day or left in the smaller car park between the boundary wall and the rhubarb plants during the preceding week.

Skelton Methodist church are holding a

## **Fish and Chip Supper and Quiz**

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 6:30pm

**Tickets are £10** and are available from

Kathleen Williamson, Lois Morton or Jean Parker.



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## Thought for the week...



## Contact Details:

### Co-Superintendent Ministers

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**Circuit Office:** 01768 862787 or email: [admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

(Open 9am - 1pm, Monday to Friday)

**Circuit Operations and Administrative Manager: Sarah Mulheron-Summers**

**Circuit Administrative Assistant: Niamh Ryan**

**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

**Eden Debt Centre Manager (CAP):** Jen Dixon: 07799 271710

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**Debt Coach:** Jo Varley: 07464 939138

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

