



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May

**“I’ll show you my faith by my work.” (James 2.18)**

As Christians, disciples of Jesus, when is the right time to roll our sleeves up and take action in building God’s Kingdom? And, when is the right time to stop, and to be still in his presence, listening for the whisper of his voice, sitting quietly at his feet? What is the right balance between action and stillness?



**Diego Velazquez – “Christ in the House of Martha and Mary” (1618) National Gallery**

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cristo\\_en\\_casa\\_de\\_Marta\\_y\\_Mar%C3%ADa,\\_by\\_Diego\\_Vel%C3%A1zquez.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Cristo_en_casa_de_Marta_y_Mar%C3%ADa,_by_Diego_Vel%C3%A1zquez.jpg)

What’s going on in this painting, I wonder. The trouble is no one is quite certain. Is that a painting on the wall in the top right corner? Or is it a serving hatch or a mirror, through which we see into the next room?

For what it’s worth, here’s my best guess... The serving girl is working away hard on the left to make an aioli from the crushed garlic. She looks a bit grumpy, though, doesn’t she, as if she isn’t best pleased to be here. The older woman behind her points to the picture on the wall, as if to say, “Think about the story of Mary and Martha. You’re just like Martha, complaining all the time about all the work that you’ve been left to do, without any help. Stop grumbling and get

on with it!" I guess, then, the poor girl's reaction might well be to reply, "It would be great if I could leave all this, go and sit down, and listen to the stories of Jesus. But that won't get this aioli made."

In Luke's gospel, the story of Mary and Martha is immediately after the parable of the Good Samaritan. I wonder why he chose to put the two stories in juxtaposition like that. Mary has "chosen what is better" by leaving the chores of the kitchen behind in order to get closer to Jesus and sit at his feet. But the Good Samaritan does NOT say, "Well, it's time that I listened to some of Jesus' teaching. Pouring oil and wine onto wounds can wait until later." No, instead of hurrying off down the road like the others, so that he can get to the temple to worship and read the Scriptures, he's going to show his faith through his actions.

There is always work to be done and jobs to attend to. Perhaps the older woman is simply saying, "Stop moaning. Stop grumbling and grouching. Get on with the task set before you..." Do we work grudgingly or happily? Do we get the right balance between action and contemplation? Moreover, do we work only for reward and recognition, expecting some sort of payment at the end, even if it is just an acknowledgement, a bunch of flowers or a Thank You? Is this Martha's mistake in being so grumpy and grumbling? Was she doing the work expecting praise?

Ever felt under-appreciated?

Why did the Good Samaritan do what he did? What was his motive... if any? Did he do it for reward or acknowledgement? And, in the end, is that why this girl is so grumpy? "No one appreciates all this hard work I'm doing..."

**This Sunday marks the start of Christian Aid week.** Perhaps now might be the right time to roll our sleeves up (like the servant girl in the painting) and put faith into action.

*Dave Milner*

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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.arochoa.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25](http://www.arochoa.org.uk/what-we-do/target-25) and pray for the rejuvenation of these crucial pollinators.





**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Baptism – Rev Tim Cooke  
Readings: Isaiah 43:1-8 & 49:15-16

**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 Centre**

**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

***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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**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.

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**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 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 13<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**10am** ~ Easter Offering Service – Rev David Milner - 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 14<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

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

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

## **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**2pm** ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

## **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**

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

## **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**10am** ~ Coffee Morning and Plant Sale – Ullswater/PMC

**1pm** ~ Langwathby May Day – Langwathby Village Green

## **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Penrith: 10.30am** Social Justice Service

**Skelton: 10.30am** Joint Service with Stainton

**Stainton: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

**Cottage Wood: 5pm** Early Evening Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger/  
Social Justice Group

**Alston Moor: 11am** Morning Worship – Alex Dunstan

**Langwathby: 11am** Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

**Kirkoswald: 6.30pm** Third Sunday Service

# The Methodist Church welcomes Pope Leo XIV's election

**The Methodist Church welcomes Pope Leo XIV's election, and we offer our prayers for his papacy.**

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Methodist people cherish our place in the worldwide church, and our relationships with the Roman Catholic Church at local, national and international levels. We look forward to ever more opportunities to share with our Catholic siblings in the mission of the Church. We pray that all church leaders listen to the voices of the poor and the oppressed, and speak out for justice, as we share God's love.



Pope Leo XIV.

*(Riccardo De Luca/AP)*

## A prayer on the election of Pope Leo XIV

*God of all grace,*

*we thank you that in every generation you reveal your love for the world, and set before your people your word of life and hope.*

*Bless and guide your servant, Pope Leo XIV.*

*Give him the assurance of your love, and pour your Spirit upon him: may his ministry reflect that of your Son Jesus, and let him be a bold witness to your love and truth.*

*Bless our siblings in the Roman Catholic Church as they welcome their new Holy Father. May he lead their Church with wisdom and grace.*

*Together with Pope Leo unite all Christians as a holy people, bearing hope and peace within the human family, and always attentive to the most poor and marginalised.*

*In the name of our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ we pray.*

*Amen.*



## **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**



**With Zoe Abernethy**  
A Christian Aid  
Church Engagement  
Officer for the North  
West



**NORTH WEST ENGLAND  
METHODIST DISTRICT**

## **District Online Worship**

**Launch of Christian Aid Week**

**Sunday 11th May at  
6.30pm**

Christian Aid Week  
11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025



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

# Skelton Show

## **Opportunity to Bless!**

We have been given an unexpected opportunity to help staff the ticket gates at Skelton Show on July 5<sup>th</sup> this year.

As we have done in previous years, we will need 12 people in total to work a shift on a rota basis. And as well as a way of us getting involved and blessing our community, Skelton Show will donate £500 for the church too! Plus – you will get free entry to the show!

If you could help, please let me or the office know by next Saturday – 17 May.

Many thanks

Rev. Tim

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## **3Generate**

Tickets are now on sale for 3Generate, you can buy tickets here:

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/3generate/>.

3Generate volunteer sign-ups are also now open – and what better way to find out more than from past volunteers sharing their experience from last year!

There truly is a place for everyone to volunteer at 3Generate, no matter your experience, skills, or ability. We have a wide range of roles including working directly with young people in venues, stewarding, and registration.

Find out about all the available roles, and sign up

here: <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/ministries/children-youth-family-ministry/3generate/join-the-delivery-team/>.





**Together  
we can  
beat  
extreme  
poverty.**

Join us this Christian Aid Week.  
11-17 May 2025



Sign up at [caid.org.uk](http://caid.org.uk) or scan this QR code:  
#7DaysToMakeADifference



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Langwathby Methodist Church  
Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> May - from 10.15am

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

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Langwathby May Day  
Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm  
On the Village Green

Visit our stall in the Marquee!

Langwathby Methodist Church – “We Love Langwathby!”



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.

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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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Our next " All Together Fellowship "  
is on **Monday, June 2nd, at 2pm in church.**

All are welcome to come and enjoy a presentation which we have called  
" **Cornish Gems** ".

Central to the talk will be pictures and videos showing the stunning Cornish coastal scenery with its cliffs, coves, and quaint fishing villages.  
We will visit lovely gardens Including Trebah, Heligan and St Michael's Mount.  
Also, we think that you will enjoy hearing some sea shanties sung by the Fisherman's Friends at the famous Minack Theatre at Porthcurno.

Come along and join us for this afternoon get together if you are able.

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

John & Margaret

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## Children Worldwide

Invite you to a  
**Re:Fuel Breakfast**  
on



**Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**9.30am - 11.30 am**

**Salvation Army, Hunter Street, Penrith**

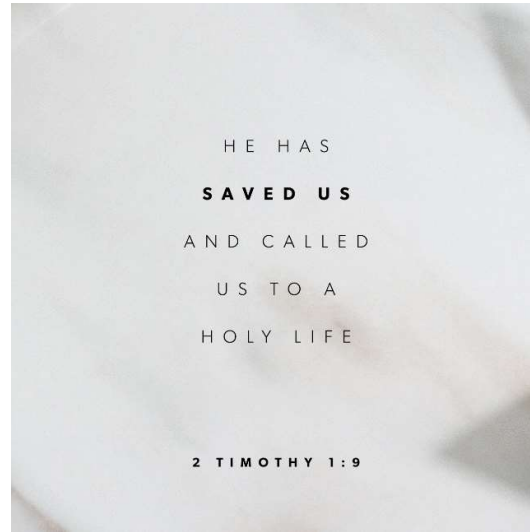
**Come and join with others who work to reach young families with the love of God in a language they understand.**

As it is the month of prayer for Toddler Groups organised by Make them Count we will spend time praying for our work with Under fives and share ideas for storytelling .



There will be no charge but if you could indicate you are coming by emailing [cncw23@gmail.com](mailto:cncw23@gmail.com) it would be very helpful in preparing breakfast.

## Thought for the week...



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

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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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