



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## Weekly Bulletin Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May

### Fairy Tales



We are in the Season between Easter and Pentecost when we traditionally remember the Appearances of the Risen Lord Jesus. Have you tried to imagine the feelings of those who lived through this period? They began with the desolation of Good Friday, continued with the uncertainty of Holy Saturday and hardly dare

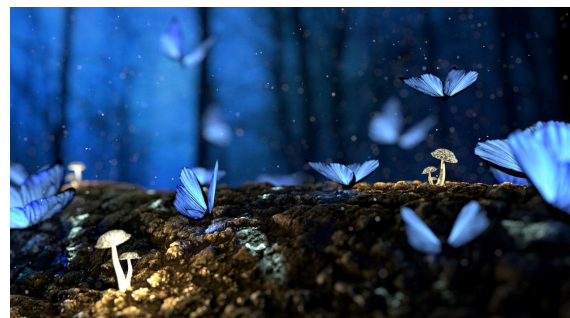
believe the events of Easter Day. Then they met the Risen Christ in different locations and circumstances and had to try to understand what it all meant for them. This was not made easy by the words of Jesus when he told them to wait for a gift (The Holy Spirit) and they would then have more work to do.

You could not make this story up and yet if it was heard by someone with no knowledge of the Christian faith it would read somewhat like a Fairy Tale. Is this just a work of fiction, telling a story which might have a moral to it?

What are Fairy Tales? They are the work of writers who told a story which is often far fetched, set often in a bygone time, which may give pleasure and interest or be scary to young children. I read a story of a young child who had been learning about moral values – right and wrong – kindness to overcome injustice etc. When Fairy Stories were read to her she objected. The characters showed meanness not kindness. Bad things happened which could have played out so differently. Why were they told like this? The Mother used her imagination and turned the stories around to find the good in the accounts and the child went to sleep far more happily.

We read in [2 Peter 1:16](#) from the Living Bible:

*'For we have not been telling you fairy tales when we explained to you the power of our Lord Jesus Christ and his coming again. My own eyes have seen his splendour and his glory.'*



Peter, along with the other early followers of Jesus, came to see that the words and actions of the Risen One were far from Fairy Tales. Rather these would become their whole experience and by following his command they would begin to change the world.

We have a Living Gospel to lead us to a Living Faith. No Fairy Tales here but a promise of a God who is alive.

*Mrs Lois Morton*

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**Penrith**

**10.30am ~ Social Justice Service**

Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9 + Matthew 5:1-12

**Skelton**

**10.30am ~ Joint Service with Stainton**

**Stainton**

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

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**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**

***There are alternative Anglican services available.***

***For details, please see the EEMC website: [www.eastofedenmc.org.uk](http://www.eastofedenmc.org.uk)***



**PMC Sunday Coffee Rota**

We currently have some gaps in our Sunday Coffee Rota – if you would like to be involved and volunteer your time to help, please sign up in the kitchen.

Any help is much appreciated!

## Weekly Diary

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup> May**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Service – Mrs Lois Morton - Church/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 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

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

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

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

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**3pm** ~ Afternoon Communion – Rev Tim Cooke - Woodlands

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

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

### **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Penrith: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone

**7.30pm**

Encounter

**Skelton: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Stainton: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Rev Tim Cooke

**Cottage Wood: 5pm**

Early Evening Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

**Alston Moor: 11am**

Morning Worship – Janet Robinson

**Kirkoswald: 10am**

Morning Communion – Rev Mary Elliot



## **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)



# 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/>.



### **GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS**

- Methodist Women in Cumbria in Zoom link up with Methodist Women in Argentina!

Good Friday 2025 included a 'first' for the Cumbria – Argentina partnership when 4 Cumbrian women shared in a Good Friday time of reflection with women from across Argentina through a Zoom link. It had been an enthusiastic and spontaneous invitation from Ana Bustos, co-ordinator of 'FeMMA' (the Argentine equivalent of MWiB), with little opportunity to prepare! However, what couldn't be understood in all the talking in Spanish was conveyed through the warmth of participants in Argentina to each other and to 'Cumbria!' Occasionally someone expressed something in English and Cumbria were able to give a greeting (in Spanish!) and share a Taize song which was much appreciated. There was a strong sense of us being held together through the Holy Spirit during readings, prayer and individual 'testimony' on the theme 'Jesus- remember me'.

The atmosphere was one of joy and warm hospitality, along with listening to people's stories – with sensitive support and care being conveyed on 'chat'. For the Cumbrian four it was a very special experience to mark Good Friday. We could have chosen to opt for a future occasion so we could be better prepared – but it seemed right to 'just do it' and rely on God to enable the special closeness which emerged.

Joan Wager April 2025

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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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PMC Presents

# 4F

MAY  
TUESDAY | **27** | 11AM-2PM  
2025

*A fun family event featuring:*



**Crafts**  
**Games**  
**Food**



## SUMMER DATES (BOOKING ESSENTIAL):

29th July 2025: 11am-2pm  
5th August 2025: 11am-2pm  
12th August 2025: 11am-2pm  
19th August 2025: 11am-2pm



**TO BOOK CONTACT:**  
[admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)







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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### **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.

# 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.

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## **Gamblesby Tea on the Green**

Before the EEMC Easter Offering  
Service at Gamblesby at 6.30pm on  
Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June, people are invited to  
bring a picnic and share fellowship on  
the village green from 5pm. Hot and  
cold drinks will be provided.





### **Collection for Carlisle Refuge**

A van is coming to collect any items we may have on **Monday 9th June at 10am.**

The Refuge would be very grateful for the following items either new or clean and as new:

- Bedding
- Towels
- Men's Clothes
- Ladies Clothes
- Children and Babies Clothes
- Any items for Children and Babies, toys, equipment i.e. prams, cots, buggies
- Any items to help displaced families set up a new home, kitchen equipment, crockery, cups etc.
- Toiletries
- Colouring books for adults and children
- Coloured pencils and crayons.

All the above items will make a huge difference to families and individuals that find themselves in the unenviable position of being homeless for any reason. Please place items in sealed plastic bin liners, carefully labelled as to what is in the bag.

Please tell your friends and family about this event and anyone you know who has helped in the past. Thank you so much your help, no matter how little it will make a huge difference.



## Thought for the week...



### Contact Details:

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**Circuit Administrative Assistant: Niamh Ryan**

**Premises Manager: Lindsay Wilson**

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

or email: [jovarley@capuk.org](mailto:jovarley@capuk.org)

**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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