

Annual Church Meeting



SUNDAY 1ST JUNE, 10.30AM

Current Statistics

Membership - 171

Friends - 64

ACM Welcome message

Dear friends,

It's my pleasure to once more introduce you to this booklet we produce for our Annual Church Meeting, here at PMC – which gives some detail of the events and activities that make up the life of this church.

The A.C.M gives us a great opportunity to pause and reflect on all that has gone on in our church over the past year, and to be reminded of how much there is that is going on.

You know, as I glanced at previous ACM booklets, and what was written before – it would be relatively easy for me, in this introduction, to just 'copy and paste' much of what was said last year, or the year before, or the year before that – with a few tweaks and amendments here and there.

And that can give us a problem. Because it's so easy for us to become immune to all that happens in this place in the name of Jesus. We become over-familiar with the stories, and the narrative, and the initiatives and activities that go on week after week.

'Familiarity breeds contempt', they say. I looked the phrase up on Google, and it means that if you know someone or something very well, you can easily become bored with them and stop treating them with respect or stop paying attention to them. I wonder of what we do at PMC can become like that? What we do fails to 'wow' us anymore.

This is my last ACM with you before I 'sit down' in July. I've been your Minister here for 10 years, and after all that time, it's easy for me to become too familiar with all that goes on here. But please know this, as we come to our ACM once more.

What you do here, the things you do faithfully day in and day out to build the kingdom of God; the way we make people know they are loved and valued and belong; the activities and initiatives that declare the love and the worship of our amazing God are truly wonderful.

When I leave, I will look back on the last 10 years and feel immense pride at being privileged and blessed to have been part of such a God loving, people loving family who deeply care, and give sacrificially, and hold one another, and put God at the centre of our lives.

And you should feel proud too – and blessed and privileged to be part of this amazing church.

From the diverse and inclusive worship, to the Outreach we do to serve our community; From the sense of family and love we feel for one another, to the message of God's love we share with those who know nothing of it; From sharing with each other both the laughter and the tears of our lives, to the work we offer for the glory of God, I am truly thankful, and filled with gratitude.

And I hope you are too.

Rev. Tim

Finance Report

This is an updated report as given to PMC Council March 2025 (the figures now include an additional grant expected from circuit to help with our costs of doing mission).

Using five months of data with which to predict our position at the end of this financial year (August). Bear in mind this is a basic extrapolation of core income to date versus what we budgeted for expenditure. A significant adjustment downwards to our expenditure due to Circuit halving our Assessment this year is included in the figures:

24/25 budget

Income

Prediction

giving	98,667
gift aid	19,917
Grants	17,200
lettings	34,385
other	8,750
total	178,919

Expenditure

as budgeted

Assessment	34,400	50% reduction
salaries & expenses	62,800	
Rent	8,700	
utilities etc	43,250	
church/office	12,050	
property	33,500	
total	194,700	

deficit -15,781

As you can see, even with the generous help from Circuit, if we spend the entire budget will are still predicted to draw on our dwindling reserves to make up the difference.

Last year the Property Team managed to come in significantly under budget which improved our end of year accounts significantly (over £20,000). However, because there are several property projects (boiler replacement, roofing works, etc) that may require us to respond quickly in addition to their current budget we

ought to consider previous 'savings' more as 'deferred expenditure'.

The Treasurer team continue to highlight to Circuit that a restructuring of how the core costs of staff and buildings is needed which better match the reality of PMC's income. The new Cumbria Circuit will use the church site as their hub. A meeting with David Newlove (new Circuit Superintendent) and Stephen Radford (Circuit Finance working group) will be arranged in September to discuss the future financing of the shared building.

Continued thanks to all who support us financially in addition to the significant volunteer work done in support of our ministry and mission.

Treasurer Team



A loud crash and glass falling from skylight above the lift heralded Storm Eowyn's arrival, with further widespread damage occurring even as we boarded up the hole. Repairs were eventually completed by middle of April with most of the considerable cost to be covered by our Insurers.

PROPERTY REPORT

Another dramatic event saw 4 people rescued from the lift in

September due to a fault in the UPS unit. We have had ongoing problems with the replacement unit while our lift contractor is reluctant to engage in meaningful dialogue to resolve issue.

Less exciting, but equally time consuming, was the Electrical Condition Report (required every 5 years for all fixed wiring in building). This uncovered a few minor faults requiring subsequent remedial work, but also a lot of bad labelling of circuits on our largest distribution board. It will be easier for those following in 5 years! Annual 'Portable Appliance Testing' condemned a toaster and revealed a most unsatisfactory situation under the sound desk. A small committee drawn from both Tech and Property teams met on site and agreed that having several additional sockets added to the ring circuit would allow PJ to safely re-connect present equipment with scope for future developments.

Many of you will have noticed the arrival of the new dishwasher early in our financial year, but who could locate the new water heater recently required for the toilet?

Since our former young, energetic, technically qualified Property Steward left, property matters have perforce become even more of a team effort. Mentored by Jim Irving, with his long experience and knowledge of both our building and how things happen at District level and beyond, Steve Clements mainly worries about Budget matters, insurance and deals with energy suppliers. He and Dave Fortey continue trying to discern the best way forward in heating the building.

Saving PMC a lot of money each year, the 'A Team' (Ian Mutch and Mike Wicker) carry out a highly varied, often risky, frequently dirty and sometimes just high, range of hands-on jobs. I just hold the ladder and find the lamps/parts/tools. Brian Gardiner is ever willing to assist, but more likely to be found repairing chairs in the Sanctuary or wielding a paintbrush. Lyndsay Wilson of course is regularly in the building sorting all sorts of issues and knowing when to call on the volunteers.

With the retirement of Tim and Tracey we will lose our Chairperson, leadership representative, note-taker and decorating enthusiast! The average age will also leap upwards.

Health and Safety had reached a very good standard, with a monitoring system on our Property Database, but our record keeping is no longer up to date.

We desperately need someone to take the lead or at least assist with this aspect of a Property Stewards responsibilities.

Meanwhile we few will continue to do 'All we can, with everything we can, for as long as we can!'

Don Agus



The emphasis this church puts onto engaging with its community is forever amazing to be a part of.

You will read so many wonderful and encouraging reports in this booklet that highlight the work of so many amazing people who wish to share the love of God through taking action.

I want to say a huge thank you to all those that have given their time and energy to play a part in PMC's outreach. From 4F that provides a safe space and a hot meal for families over the school holidays, to our annual Holiday Club that provides a fun filled week for children in our community during the summer, to the weekly community that is Lunch Club who meets every Friday, and the Tuesday night youth club. The teams of people that make this happen have all been amazing and I'm so excited to see how God is moving and will continue to move through our outreach projects over the next year.

Morgan Tebb-Roger

Encounter continues to meet on the last Sunday of the month in the Sandgate room when availability allows.

It includes a short time of worship that's followed by a reflection and discussion around tables, finishing with another block of worship.

We've found this to be a really fruitful time and invite anyone who's curious to come along and check it out for themselves.

Morgan Tebb-Roger



Youth Club

Junior Youth Club continues to meet at 7:30 on Tuesday evenings as it has done for many years, being a constant in the outreach and community work of the church. PMC opens it's doors to provide a safe space for 7-11 year olds to enjoy themselves for an hour.

Activities include football, dodge ball, table tennis, table football, crafts, a space to sit and chat or just running around, making as much noise as possible! It's maybe not for the faint hearted! In the summer term it is great on a lovely evening to be out in St Catherin's field watching the group enjoying themselves.

Numbers are normally quite low at the start of the new session, as quite a large proportion of the group will have been Year 6's who will have moved on to secondary school after the summer break. However, from a group of 5 or 6 the numbers climb steadily, and we are now back up at around 30 young people. Again, quite a few of these will leave in July and as yet there isn't anything regular for them to go on to. Hence we get asked 'Can we not keep coming on a Tuesday Night?'

The regular leaders are Aerin, a trainee Youth and Children's Worker here in Penrith and myself. Morgan has managed to be there most weeks, but when he isn't we are supported by a group of willing volunteers on a rota basis—namely Alison, Bea, Kath, Helen and Tracey.

Every week is a constant reminder of how much I miss Allan Stout, who sadly died vey suddenly last October. Although not a member of the church, Allan helped out at youth club every week for nearly 30 years and was so reliable in organising the snacks and supervising games so you can imagine how much he is missed. Please continue to remember his wife Christine and sons Mark and Jonny and family as they adjust to not having him here.

With Morgan's duties changing, he will not be available that often for Youth Club so I would like to ask if anyone feels they could help out on a rota basis. On weeks that I am unable to be there, Youth Club can't run unless there is a male leader to help out. So, I would be grateful if you feel you could help.

On a positive note, it is great fun and very worthwhile! We are looking forward to hopefully having our regular end of term trip to Walby Farm Park but before you know it, it will be September again.

Gareth Brolly

Holiday Club

Our 2024 Holiday Club took place last July and the theme was 'Planet Protectors'.

Always a huge undertaking with around 25 volunteers needed each day to make it happen, Holiday Club serves the families in our community by giving a fun filled week to the children, and free childcare for their parents/carers!

We saw around 60-70 children throughout the week whilst still maintaining space for the leaders to form quality relationships with their teams. As always, the team of people that made this happen (of which there are too many to list) were amazing and I can't thank them enough for all that they did! I would like to give a shout out to the likes of PJ and Bea who put in an incredible amount of work behind the scenes and up front when delivering the sessions!

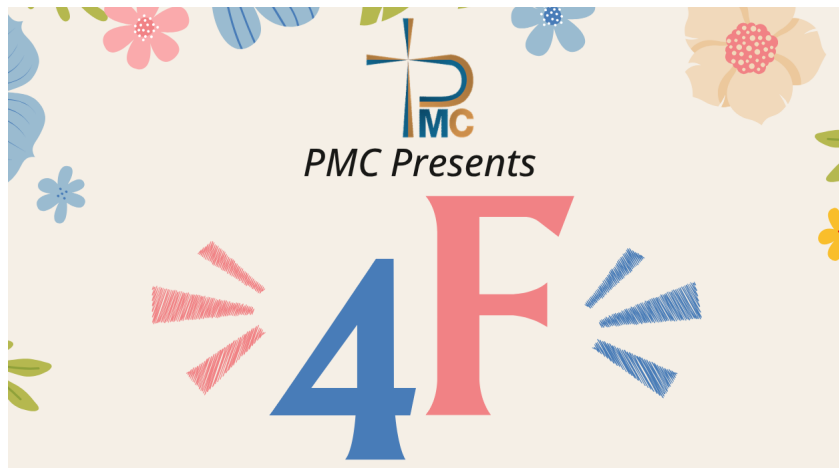
Holiday Club 2025 is taking place between 21st and 24th July this year and will be themed around the Circus.

I'm excited to see what this year holds, how God wants to move through this event, and how the team will come together to deliver an amazing few days for all those involved.

We are a bit shorter on volunteers this year so if you or anyone else is willing to lend a hand on one or all of the days, that would be massively appreciated!



Morgan Tebb-Roger



Our regular gatherings in the school holidays continue to thrive, with regular attendees, who have now become good friends and some new faces each time.

Interestingly as we've now been going for 7 years some of the children are now outside our target age range of primary school children. I often meet some of these families in town and it's always good to have a little catch up, thankfully some families now find themselves in a better position financially as both parents are able to work. Recently we have also become aware that one or two grandparents bring their grandchildren, they always say it's great to go somewhere they are comfortable.

Conversely HAF, the government grant making body, are now having to tighten their criteria for funding. This is understandable with the governments need to make continuing cuts. At the moment we are holding our own but very soon it may mean we have to make some difficult decisions relating to the external providers we have enjoyed, such as Action Ants, Zoobidoo, and the annual outing to Walby Farm Park, which the families have particularly enjoyed.

We are extremely grateful to the small body of volunteers we have, many of which are grandparents or of an age that they very well could be. We are, as always, looking for younger volunteers to join our team.

Special thanks must go to Tim and Tracy who have supported the venture from the start, and encouraged Ruth and I when we were faltering and losing faith in our initiative. I'm confident they have got as much out of the venture as the rest of the volunteers and the families that come long.

Warm thanks to all who have supported us, either financially, practically or in prayer.

Ruth and Anne



We are now into our thirty third year, hard to believe!

Numbers are set at a steady forty to fifty each week, if everyone were to come I believe we would be near sixty people. Faces come and go, and there are always new faces coming along, all with their own personal needs and often with gifts. Quite a number of attendees are more than happy to transport others and help with others physical needs. I am never in any doubt that God is with us in all that we do.

The volunteers are all very faithful, many have no other association with the church but as with the clients we welcome all with love. Without exception each of the four teams do a marvellous job, but equally each team would be happy to welcome at least one other team member (particularly between 11:50 and 1:30).

While supporting the community, we also support each other in times of joy, illness and hardship.

Anne MacDonald

PMC JUSTICE TEAM

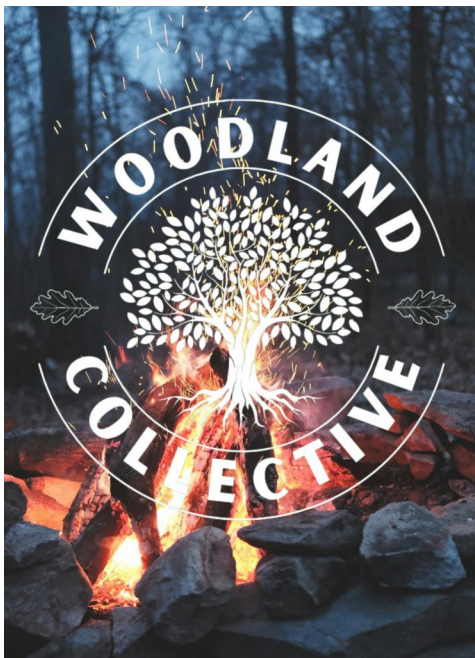
At PMC, we believe that it is our responsibility to stand for justice in the name of Jesus.

The PMC Justice Team is committed to bringing social justice issues to the forefront of our focus as a church, challenging members when it comes to how we actively engage with these topics.

We have hosted a Justice Service once a quarter which aims to focus on an area of social justice, and highlight ways Christians can engage with it both through PMC and in the community.

This is not an exclusive group, but a team that all are encouraged to engage with. So, don't hesitate to ask about what we do and how you can take part in this movement of justice.

Morgan Tebb-Roger



Woodland Collective is a space that is hosted once a month in a way that promotes healing, growth and community in the amazing creation that surrounds us.

It is for those seeking to grow in their faith, those seeking healing from hurtful experiences with religion, and those wanting to build community with others.

During this time, we spend a short time individually connecting to the place we're in whilst reflecting on what is on our minds and hearts. The group then gathers around a fire and, if we feel able to, share what is going on for us as we roast marshmallows and sip on a warm drink.

This tends to naturally flow into various discussions, deepening the friendships we share with one another.

Since it started, WC has seen a consistent group form that meet regardless of how poor the weather might be. I'm looking forward to increasing the frequency of these gatherings to fortnightly over the summer months so we can make the most of the good weather and grow consistency for those who attend.

Morgan Tebb-Roger

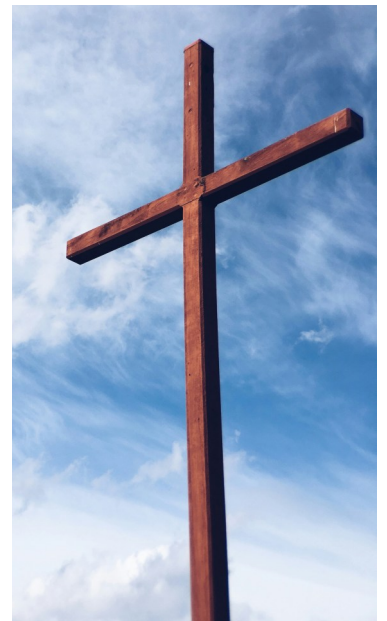
Stewarding

We currently have three stewards (plus Morgan as he is able) and ten welcomers for Sundays. Tuesday service cover is now down to just two.

Ideally, we'd have more support for Tuesdays and the Sunday steward role – could that be you?

It's a rewarding practical act of service to enable others gather for worship.

Training is provided and you could be given a taster by shadowing someone else.



Shane McNicol
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The Pastoral Team continue to meet monthly, praying and identifying folk for visits, cards, flowers, home communion.

The flower team have several folk stepping back from many years of service due to health and relocation, leaving the remaining team stretched. They do an amazing job of distributing flowers of up to 6 households a week!

Tea/ coffee on a Sunday morning has proved to be more popular by being served directly after the service in the same room. We are now registered with the council with a 5* food hygiene rating for the Sunday lunches, the next one being 29th June and then they will stop through the summer months.

Home groups continue to provide support to their regular attendees, and some have new members joining. If you would like to join a group please feel free to contact the leaders to try out some of the groups - often the frequency, day and time dictate which one is suitable for you. The contact people are Don, Judith, Alison, Laura & Steve, Charles & Naomi, Morgan, and Mike & myself.

We have several folks visiting PMC with a view to finding a new church home, for a variety of reasons. This takes an investment of time and numerous cups of coffee, etc. We held an informal meeting on Monday 12th May, where 9 new folk (6 sent their apologies) joined Tim and the pastoral team. This gave us the opportunity to share with them how PMC operates in the bigger organisation of Methodism and the work we do locally.

We are busy! at times feel daunted by the tasks we try to do, but mostly feel blessed to be in such a caring church family. I have only mentioned the pastoral work overseen by what is called the 'Pastoral Team', there is so much more done by folk that we don't always know about, which is amazing. Thank you!

*Angela Wicker
Pastoral Secretary*

PMC House Groups



If you aren't part of a House Group and wish to join, please do get in touch with any of the below groups or contact the Circuit Office.

Fellside House Group

We are a group of 13 people, that supports and encourages each other with prayer and friendship. We continue to meet fortnightly on a Thursday, 7.15pm - 9pm in various homes.

We talk, eat cake, watch You tube, pray, discuss the bible and talk a bit more! If you'd like to join contact Mike and Ange 0780 8801 229

Angela Wicker

Parklands House Group

We are a small group now, as several of our friends have moved away. We meet in an afternoon at PMC and take it in turns to guide our thoughts and conversation.

We use the Magnet magazine, Bible study from the Methodist website, topic from our personal Bible study, Celtic Christianity notes and the Methodist Prayer Handbook.

Our time together always ends with tea, cake and plenty of chat.

Judith Joyce

Living Room

Our young adults house group, Living Room, continues to meet every Wednesday. As much as possible we begin with a meal whilst we catch up on each other's weeks. Following this we will dive into a course, have a discussion over games, or, when the weather permits, take the discussions outside into nature (usually down by the lake).

We see a consistent group of young adults attend, both those associated with PMC and those who aren't. All value being part of a community of friends that can discuss faith, pray for one another, and act as a support network if needed.

Morgan Tebb-Roger

Blencow HG

Blencow Housegroup continue to meet on alternate Tuesday nights. We start at 7pm with a drink/biscuit (or sometimes cake!) and a catch up before moving into a study and discussion from 7.30 onwards.

We are an ecumenical group, with some from PMC and others from St Andrews church in Greystoke. We range in age from 30s to 70+!

We are currently using one of the Scripture Union Life-builder series to study the "I am" sayings of Jesus in John's gospel. Our discussions are often wide ranging (sometimes heading in quite unexpected directions!) and thought-provoking, providing a "safe space" for questioning and learning from one another.

We usually hold a social "bring and share" supper a couple of times a year with partners/families and others invited along too.

If you are interested in joining us one evening (or more!) to see if this group seems right for you, then you would be very welcome- please give us a call on 07711 088 448.

Steve & Laura Clements

Omega House Group

After 10 years as a member, I'm still not sure why we are called 'the end'?

We meet weekly for most of year, now regularly in Stainton, to praise, pray, study the Bible and enjoy each other's company over tea and cake.

Several of us take turns to lead, and we are now drawing to the end of a study of John's Gospel. The American author of our guide does ask a few weird questions, but has also led us into some deep and meaningful discussions.

Of late our evenings rarely pass without someone confiding their misgivings about another American who is much in the public eye. He often also features in our Prayer Time together with other international calamities.

We make use of the Methodist Prayer Handbook to remember fellow Christians around the world and the UK. Always there is time to share with the Lord the joys, sorrows and problems of our families and other loved ones.

If you don't already have the loving support of a small group, why not join us?

Don Agus



Choral Group

We are a group who enjoy singing together for an hour each week. We particularly enjoy singing in harmony—soprano, alto, tenor & bass.

We begin each week with hymns, including ones to be sung at the Tuesday morning service, for after all Methodism was 'Born in Song' - fundamental to our Methodist roots.

We contribute an anthem to the Tuesday service about once a month and appreciate the encouragement from the preachers.

This year we sang a programme of Christmas music at Woodlands MHA, and in April we sang for the All Together Fellowship a programme of Spirituals which were much enjoyed by all. Over the Easter period we were privileged to contribute to the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

We close each practice with a short reflection by different choir members.
My thanks to all our loyal, committed members.

We welcome any who enjoy singing to join us on Monday evenings, 6.15pm at PMC in the Sandgate room.

Heather Tomlinson

Supper Club

Supper Club continues to be an outreach initiative which is appreciated and valued by those who are part of it. The emphasis rests firmly on friendship and getting to know people, the enjoyment of eating together being an added pleasure.



Looking at the year which has just past, the social get together at our house in Morland last July was a happy occasion. A small group had a nice local walk, a highlight being a hard fought competitive game of pooh sticks in Morland Beck. Following our return, we joined with the rest of the group and all tucked into a nice spread of drinks and cakes.

Supper Club meet ups took place from September to November inclusive. We had a break during the Christmas and New Year and then resumed in March, running for four months.

In early February we staged an evening of fun, fellowship and refreshments at PMC. Everyone was welcome to this event which we called 'A Quiz Night and More'. There were a good number of teams taking part, the members of which answered quiz questions and engaged in a game of 'Call My Bluff'.

Currently we have 37 people in our Supper Club family.

Please get in touch if you would like to join us and we will tell you how it works. You would be very welcome!

John & Margaret Gore

Monday Morning Walks

Every Monday morning walkers either meet at the Methodist Church, where lifts are arranged ready to depart by 9.25am, or go straight to where the walk starts. People are notified by text or WhatsApp the day before for the location of the start of the walk.

The walks vary, usually up to 4 miles in length and are usually within half an hours drive from PMC. We walk at a leisurely pace and take a drink and a snack with us, arriving back at the PMC around 1 pm. Numbers vary (about 10) as people are free to join in at any time, and some walkers bring their friendly dogs as well.

We are a friendly group who have a lovely time, good exercise and enjoy breathtaking scenery as well as each others company. All are very welcome to join in whether or not associated with the Church.

A reminder to anyone joining us, to bring a drink, snack and to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the varied weather conditions. Feel free to just turn up any Monday about 9.15am just outside the Methodist Church.

Please contact Andrew Chatfield if you require further information on 0776 184 2709

Andrew Chatfield





In the period from June 2024, our “ All Together Fellowship “ gatherings have continued to be very successful. They have clearly been popular and well attended, numbers often nearing 60 people. The mix of a short act of worship, followed by talks/visual presentations and ending with refreshments, has been much appreciated and enjoyed.

In July’s meeting a humorous session was followed by a full afternoon tea. One autumn get together featured Hardwicke Drummond Rawnsley, the co-founder of the National Trust, and on another occasion we were given an entertaining view of the life of a vet.

In November’s meet up, those present were invited to get on board for some great train journeys and the year ended with a Christmas miscellany. Some content was light-hearted but also included a showing of ‘On Angel Wings’, a magical animation of the nativity story.

The new year began with a look at the sport of lacrosse:- we were enlightened and impressed by the skills demonstrated by the speaker and a fearless audience volunteer!

In the first of two other meetings we were taken on a walk along the Cumbria Coastal Way, and in the second it was really good to have the Choral Group singing for us again, the afternoon of music being much enjoyed. In between these two sessions, Rachel Smith spoke to us about the red squirrel’s struggle for survival in Cumbria – all the donations, which totalled £410, were given to the ‘Penrith and District Red Squirrel Group’.

On another occasion we were introduced to ‘Romany’ (Rev George Bramwell Evens) who took part in BBC Children’s Hour in the mid 1900’s, while in June we visit Cornwall, taking in the beauty of the coastal scenery, the gardens and the quaint fishing villages.

In concluding this report, we want to sincerely thank the many people who support us and help in numerous different ways.

The encouragement and gratitude which we receive is much appreciated.

John & Margaret Gore

Tech Team

The PMC Tech Team, covering sound, projection and live stream, finds itself in a very similar position as last year!

The Tuesday service has a bunch of folks who looks after sound for that service, led by the wonderful Gareth. Sunday's team has shrunk even further than last year, at my current count we have 8 people attempting to cover everything. 15 services a quarter, 3 positions to fill each service, means 8 people are trying their best to cover 45 "shifts" - no wonder there's often gaps in what we can provide!

Behind the scenes, we continue to keep our technical offering maintained - tasks that go unnoticed like tidying and sorting cables, fixing gear, and even rewiring the entire sound desk that had become quite "Frankensteined" since it's installation however many decades ago! Looking forward this year we also hope to change the software we use for our projection, making it easier for the office to prepare our lyrics and slides, whilst still keeping things simple for the volunteers running it on a Sunday.

We could really use some more people to volunteer to take the pressure off our current roster. The three roles have varying complexities, with live stream and projection being the easiest, and sound needing just a bit more experience.



If you think you can help with any of these things, please speak to PJ or another member of the Tech Team. Training, including opportunities to shadow others, will be provided!

PJ Mulheron-Summers



CHRISTIANS AGAINST POVERTY

Eden Cap Services

The year started fairly quietly which allowed Jen and Jo valuable time and space to connect with other services providing health and wellbeing support throughout Eden.

Since January, Jen also got the opportunity to speak at 4 different local churches sharing vision and opportunities for individuals to connect.

Both these pieces of work have been very valuable and fruitful. Since February the Debt Centre has had a flurry of new referrals (new appointments are currently booked up all the way to the end of July) and there has been fresh interest in people wanting to join the befriender team. The team have also had some helpful discussions around funding which they hope will open up opportunities for increased financial stability for the future.

The Debt Centre is continuing to see clients go debt free which is wonderful however, with the complexities of people's lives Jen and Jo often find the people they are working with require increased amounts of time and support. The outworking of this is often collaborative working with other professionals, regular visits, supporting people with phone calls and advocacy work.

The Job Club remains temporarily closed and plans to re-launch in September 2025.

Opportunities:

Pray: There are regular opportunities throughout the year to get together to pray for the work of CAP here in Eden. This is foundational to all the work that goes on.

Volunteer: There are many opportunities to volunteer at the Debt Centre and the Job Club, with flexibility in the amount of time and level of commitment needed.

Give: Financial support enables the work of CAP to keep going in the area

To register your interest or find out more please contact Jen: jendixon@capuk.org

*Jen Dixon
Eden CAP*



Minutes of PMC ACM 23rd June 2024

Review

Sadly this year we said goodbye to Irene Dobbinson, Keith Scott & Grattan Bowen. Patricia Coop, Cathy Taylor & Ruby Morton have moved away from Cumbria.

Last September our Circuit (Penrith) merged with KOAM to form the East Cumbria Methodist Circuit. In Sept 2025, subject to Conference approval, we will merge as one whole Cumbria Circuit.

PMC's 150th celebration was a huge success & a great legacy to all the people who worshipped here & hosted wonderful events.

Finance

This financial year, our anticipated income will be £186,000. Our outgoings are expected to be £251,000 - £64,000 deficit.

Inflation this year will be 10%

This is the last time that we will be able to use our reserves to fund deficits. The matched funding has accumulated £10,000 - £12,000. There is still time to increase your giving to be part of this matched funding. But generally, PLEASE give more money if you can & please pray about the situation.

Fortunately, we have been given £20,000 in grants & Circuit are now paying 30% towards both Morgan's and Sarah's salary.

A heartfelt thanks was given to the Finance Team.

It was agreed by members of Church Council to sign last year's accounts.

Property

- The lettings cover PMC's day to day Property costs. But this is a listed building which is very expensive to maintain.
- Our very old boiler is a concern & a working group has been set up to try to source a suitable eco-friendly replacement. They are working with The Churches Trust for Cumbria.
- The Ullswater Room has been sanded & badminton lines put down.

A huge thanks was given to the Property Team.

Worship

Different Sunday Service styles; Tuesday morning worship; monthly Encounter & Woodland Collective.

Thanks was given to all the people involved in these services: stewards, welcomers, flower arrangers, those on the coffee rota, tech team, worship group and organists, etc.

PMC activities

- Youth Clubs - the children & parents mostly have no other experience with church. Helen is stepping down from the Junior Youth Club in September. The Senior Youth Club is exploring joining with other church youth clubs from September. Please pray about this. More help is needed with both youth clubs.
- 4F needs more help. It receives funding for school holiday events so is able to do more.
- A new Alpha course is being launched in September
- The Refuge work continues & is a real legacy from Keith Scott
- The monthly Monday All Together Fellowship is very popular
- Weekly choral group
- We reflected on much other activity in the church, including CAP, Lunch Club, Monday walking group, house-groups, and the work of the Pastoral team

The importance of discipleship was emphasised & a huge thank you was given to all involved & to PMC's staff - Sarah, Niamh, Lindsay, Morgan & Tim.

Election of Officers

Rachel Smith, Sophie Peterson & Charlie Thornton have become members of the Church Council. Lauren Reid (formerly Frost) has stepped down.

Reflection

Alison spoke about PMC being a river & where we are in that river. Are we paddling, waist deep, diving in or swimming? It is a source of nourishment. We were invited to write & discuss where we are fed/nourished in our church family. How have you been touched by the Holy Spirit & where have you felt blessed?

Ezekiel 47: 1-12 was retold & we were asked how the vision spoke to us - e.g. the river; the Valley of the Dead Sea, the fruit trees, the mixing of fresh & salt water. How is the vision applicable to PMC? We are encouraged to swim, but to what extent do we stay on the bank? Are we tentative in our faith, or are we stepping out? It is a vision

of prosperity. Comments were about being more confident in talking about Jesus in the various groups we host & to keep doing what we're doing well.

- The Prayer chain was mentioned & the fact that we're there for each other.
- The new sign outside PMC - everyone is welcome as they are & are completely accepted

Tim's message

In a river there are ripple effects. At PMC we may only see a small stream. We can't see what God is doing 'down-stream' with the seeds we are planting. But God is at work & we have to continue being faithful. We can try to dam the river & keep things to ourselves or we can channel the stream to keep God's work flowing.