



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 15th June

**“Peace, peace,’ they say, when there is no peace.”
[Jeremiah 6.14]**



Claude Monet
“Water Lilies”
(painted after 1916)
National Gallery, London

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/paintings/claude-monet-water-lilies>

As a teenager, during the school holidays I would often hop on the bus, which conveniently (and in those days, cheaply) would take me into the centre of London. There, I discovered the National Gallery and the bookshops of the Charing Cross Road. From the entrance of the National Gallery in Trafalgar Square, I would climb the steps into the hall with Rodin’s “Kiss”, and then turn right.

In that first room there was Van Gogh’s sunflowers, and there was Henri Rousseau’s tiger. But then turn back right on yourself again and... There it was. My first love! I was fifteen years old, and nobody had told me that such beauty existed. Why wasn’t the whole of London packed into this room? The Water Lilies... The painting was enormous, and the room was quite small, so standing next to the canvas felt as if you had dived into the lily pond. Surrounded, the world disappeared.

Years later I was able to visit Paris and went to the gallery at The Orangerie. Not just one painting, but two whole oval-shaped rooms filled with Monet’s Garden. And, once again I was instantly in love.

Here is calm and peace, repose and tranquillity. In my imagination, I lie back in the gardens. My eyes are half closed. There is a haziness, a shimmer of summer sunlight across the pond. If I concentrate, I think I can hear the buzz of the insects, some bird song... The Garden of Eden? Well, not exactly. At least, only a garden near Paris in the summer of 1916.

Woah! Hold up! When? Where? Look again at the label next to the painting! Is this right?

We are in France sometime shortly after 1916. The trenches of the Western Front and the Somme (where the battles began on July 1st, 1916) are only about 90 miles away to the east. It's said that the explosions of the mines and the barrage guns could be heard in this Garden. Monet's younger son, Michel, has just been called up to join the army, and one of his step-sons from his second marriage is already in the trenches.

Do these facts put a new perspective on Monet's famous Water Lilies? In these paintings there are no horizons. We never need to lift our heads up, to see what might be happening off in the distance. We are self-contained within this peace-filled garden. Is this escapism, then? Burying my head in the sand, and wishing that the big, bad world would just go away? Close my eyes to the war-filled world, and close my ears to the sound of the guns?

Or is it rather the wish, the dream, to see a world at peace? Perhaps, as I sit with the water-lilies, I should be thinking, "Why isn't all the world like this? And... what must I do to be a peace-maker?" How do we find our way back to the Garden? As the Old Testament prophet said, "They'll trade in their swords for shovels, their spears for rakes and hoes. Nations will quit fighting each other, quit learning how to kill one another. Each man will sit under his own shade tree, each woman in safety will tend her own garden." Micah 4. 3-5 (The Message)

Time, then, for a spot of gardening?

Rev Dave

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### **Carlisle Refuge Collection**

A big thank you to anyone who helped in any way to the donation and pick up of no end of items for Carlisle Refuge. A van full to overflowing and a car similarly loaded up!!

The staff also asked me to pass on their appreciation for the continued support.

A date for your diaries: 20th October 2025, the next collection. Reminders will be given nearer the time.

Anne MacDonald



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Café Style Worship – Mr Fred Setters  
Reading: Mark 12:28-34

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Ian Newton

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Members Service

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr David Pepin

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Communion – 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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SAD NEWS

I'm sure a number of you will remember Ray & Judith Booth, Ray playing the organ for many years.

Ray sadly passed away very suddenly on the 24th May. His funeral will be held on Monday 23rd June at 2pm, a link to his funeral service if anyone would like to watch is below:

<https://watch.obitus.com/login/mhu25z>

(It is under Philip Booth as he was Philip Raymond)

Username: zofi1674

Password: 997052

Please remember Judith in your prayers.



Weekly Diary

Monday 16th June

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 17th June

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

10am ~ Morning Worship – 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 18th June

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 for details

Thursday 19th June

10.30am ~ Meeting Point – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

2pm ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

Friday 20th June

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 22nd June

Penrith: 10.30am

Skelton: 10.30am

Stainton: 11am

Cottage Wood: 5pm

Alston Moor: 11am

Kirkoswald: 10am

Gamblesby: 10am

2pm

Traditional Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone

Ullswater Mission Community Service at Dalemmain
– Rev Tim Cooke

Early Evening Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Morning Worship – Rev Mary Elliot

Little Acorns

Afternoon Worship – Mr Dean Lawson



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 15th 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 13th 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





Langwathby Community Fellowship

Wednesday, 18 June at 2pm

A Summer Outing and Tea (details from Gordon Edgar)



Langwathby Methodist Church

Thursday, 19 June - from 10.15am

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

Thank You!

PMC would like to express our thanks to Margaret Leighton for carrying out the monthly checks on all the first aid boxes around the church. Margaret has spent many hours making sure that everything is in date and replacing items where needed. It has been greatly appreciated over the years!

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Margaret has decided that it is now time for her to step back from this role, and we are looking for a volunteer to take over!

It's an easy role to fill!

- come into PMC once a month, check all the items in the first aid boxes (there's a simple checklist in each one!)
- refill any items from the stock cupboard in the office
- make a note of anything that needs ordered & pass this to Sarah or Niamh for the stationery order
- sign the first aid file to mark the check complete

If you could spare 30 minutes to 1hr a month and think you'd be able to help out, please get in touch with the office.



# TIM & TRACE'S FAREWELL SERVICE AND LUNCH

SUNDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
SERVICE 10.30AM  
LUNCH TO FOLLOW

SADLY WE WILL BE SAYING GOODBYE TO TIM & TRACEY AT  
THE END OF JUNE.

WE WILL BE HOLDING AN INFORMAL LUNCH FOLLOWING  
THE FAREWELL SERVICE.

TO HELP WITH NUMBERS, PLEASE COULD YOU ADD YOUR  
NAMES AND DIETARY REQUIREMENTS TO THE LIST IN THE  
GLASSHOUSE AT PMC (OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE).

IN ADDITION, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF CAKES/TRAYBAKES (NO FRESH CREAM).  
PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF INGREDIENTS FOR THOSE WHO  
HAVE ALLERGIES/INTOLERANCES



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Gamblesby Tea on the Green

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





Rev. Dave's leaving service

As you are all aware, Rev. Dave's leaving service is on Saturday 26th July, 5pm at Penrith Methodist Church.

Refreshments are to be served after the service and we would like some help with this from all of the churches in the Circuit.

If you are able to bake a traybake or a cake, please get in touch with Sheila Mallinson - sheila.mallinson@gmail.com or 01768 885362



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**The Cumbria Circuit are looking for Volunteers**

**Archivist**

**Circuit Stewards**

**MDR**

**Prayer  
Secretary**

**Manse  
Secretary**

**EDI Officer**

**Circuit Treasurer**

**Lay Employment  
Secretary & group  
members**

**Circuit  
Meeting  
Secretary**

**LP & WL  
Secretary  
& Tutors**

**And many other roles**

Please either fill out an Expression of Interest form or contact  
Rev David Newlove by email [revdavidnewlove@gmail.com](mailto:revdavidnewlove@gmail.com)  
or via

Penrith Methodist Church, Wordsworth Street, Penrith CA11 7QY





# The Methodist Church

**Cumbria Methodist Circuit is looking for a**

## **UPPER EDEN LOCAL LAY-PASTOR**

### **Are you passionate about ministry?**

Working as part of a team lead by an ordained minister, you will be ministering primarily with 8 churches along the Fellsides of the Pennines in the beautiful Eden Valley in East Cumbria, a deeply rural setting between the Yorkshire Dales and Lake District. There is a town church at Appleby and seven village congregations. The work will also support the Ecumenical East of Eden Mission Community, potentially as Joint Leader.

**Salary:** £23,500 year ( plus Accommodation – Langwathby Manse)

**Start date:** (1<sup>st</sup> September 2025)

**Work base:** Manse – Langwathby

**Duration of contract:** Fixed Term 2 year contract.

An occupational requirement exists for the post holder to be a practising Christian in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Closing date for applications: - 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Interviews:- Mid July 2025

The successful applicant will require a satisfactory Enhanced DBS disclosure and successful completion of safer recruitment checks.

**For further details please contact:**

Rev Stephen Radford [stephen.radford@methodist.org.uk](mailto:stephen.radford@methodist.org.uk) / 017683 71202

**For an application form please contact:**

Circuit Administrator [ksatcircuit@gmail.com](mailto:ksatcircuit@gmail.com) / 07513881798

# CUMBRIA METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN



Methodist Women  
in Britain



## *Afternoon Tea*

### *Cottage Wood Centre*

**THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**2pm - 4.30pm**

**Rev Barbara Fairburn from Arnside**

***‘Things look different from here’***

**Stories of Life in Sweden**

**Cost £10**

***Numbers limited so book early***

**To book contact Kathleen Williamson 01768 862641**

**kathleenwilliamson135@btinternet.com**

**by 25<sup>th</sup> July including any dietary requirements**

Cottage Wood Centre is on the back road from Penrith to Calthwaite  
Postcode – CA11 9PL

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### **Diary Date**

November 10-12<sup>th</sup> 2025 - “Together at Thornleigh”,

*“One fine day” with Hilary Evans – Past President of MWiB*

## **Congratulations**

We at PMC would like to congratulate Michael and Helen Brunskill on their Silver Wedding Anniversary, which is taking place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.

Have a great day, both of you!



## **Easy Eco Tip – June:**

### **Join in with a nature and climate initiative.**

One of A Rocha UK's firm beliefs is that we are more likely to nurture and defend God's creation if we spend time enjoying it. Joining in with wider initiatives also reminds us of the power and encouragement of being part of communities and taking action together. Churches Count on Nature, 30 Days Wild, and The Great Big Green Week all take place across June. Join an awareness-raising event or nature count as an individual, with your household or church. Find out more at [caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs](http://caringforgodsacre.org.uk/churches-count-on-nature-faqs), [wildlifetrusts.org/30-dayswild](http://wildlifetrusts.org/30-dayswild) and [greatbiggreenweek.com](http://greatbiggreenweek.com).



## **Ukraine**

In spite of hopes and promises, Ukraine still desperately needs our help. Some of the urgent and ongoing needs are:

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Paracetamol
- Washing Powder
- Nappies for babies
- Sanitary Towels
- As always, CANDLES (Preferably plain wax ones, either new or partly used)

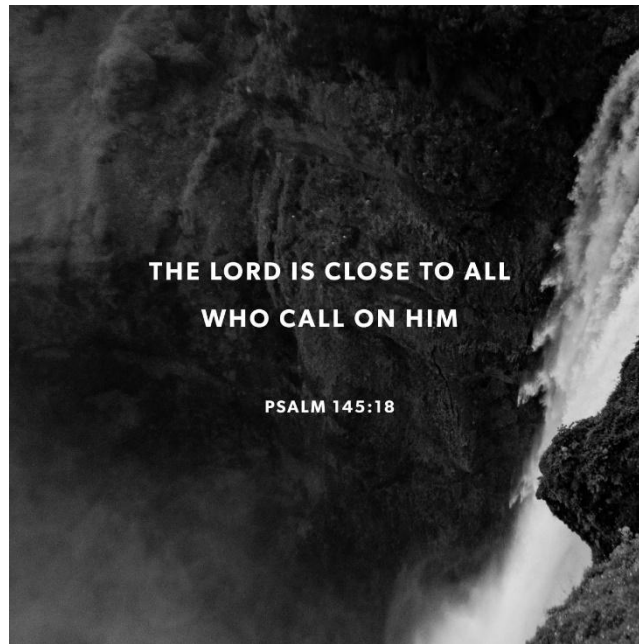
If you can give just one of these items you will be making someone's life a little bit easier.

Many thanks.





## Thought for the week...



### Contact Details:

#### Co-Superintendent Ministers

**Rev. Tim Cooke:** 01768 890465 or email: [tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk](mailto:tim.cooke@methodist.org.uk)

**Rev. David Milner:** 07597 639314 or email: [dave@revmilner.plus.com](mailto:dave@revmilner.plus.com)

**Pioneer Enabler: Morgan Tebb-Roger:** 07949 156051

or email: [outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:outreach@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

**Circuit Pastoral Worker: Dean Lawson:** 07897 736024

or email: [laypastor@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:laypastor@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

**Stainton Outreach Worker: Trace Cooke:** 01768 890465

or email: [tracecooke1@gmail.com](mailto:tracecooke1@gmail.com)

**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

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

**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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