



Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 22nd June

Differences

How do you like your eggs (in the morning)?
Do you prefer them runny or hard?

This is often a source of “friendly argument” between me and my friend. He prefers them runny, and I prefer them hard. I dislike runny yolks, they’re messy and kinda have a weird sticky oily texture, and think they taste better hard. Whereas my friend believes the opposite. And to be honest. That’s fine, isn’t it? To enjoy eggs in different ways? It doesn’t mean we can’t be friends still. There are many other things we disagree on that don’t matter so much and even things that do matter. But we can still be friends even though we disagree on things.



The Tower of Babel story in Genesis (11:1-9) seems to suggest that our differences drive us apart. And looking at the world today, reading, or watching, the news, it’s very easy to come to the conclusion that our differences are driving us apart. Somehow as the world gets more and more global, I could quite easily videocall someone on the other side of the planet thanks to the internet, we also seem to be becoming more and more insular, sticking to the groups of people that agree with us and share the same beliefs. Anyone who disagrees with us is wrong, and anyone that is wrong must be bad.



But that’s not true, is it? If we all thought and acted the same way, life would be incredibly dull, wouldn’t it? Think of all the food or art or songs or films or clothes or buildings or... that wouldn’t exist if we all thought and acted the same. Our differences help to make life vibrant and interesting. And, if it’s a good thing that we can disagree on things like, food and art and songs and films and clothes and buildings and... could it be a good thing that we have differing opinions on other things too?

Paul tells us in Galatians 3:26-29 that our differences shouldn’t separate us, that Jesus came so that we could all be united, all be one in Christ Jesus – in direct contrast to the story of the Tower of Babel. So, in an increasingly diverse and divided world, let’s try to put our differences aside and work together for once,

and celebrate the fact that we don't all think the same. For, after all, if we did all think the same, who would eat the Bounties and Snickers in a tub of celebrations?

Dean Lawson

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**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Traditional Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger  
Readings: Genesis 37:1-3; 31-36 & Colossians 3:12-17

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Michael Boone

**Stainton**

**11am** ~ Ullswater Mission Community Service at Dalemain – Rev Tim Cooke

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

**Alston Moor**

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

**Kirkoswald**

**10am** ~ Morning Worship – Rev Mary Elliot

**Gamblesby**

**10am** ~ Little Acorns

**2pm** ~ Afternoon Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

**Great Salkeld**

**6pm** ~ Local Arrangement

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

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



**Happy Birthday!**

We at PMC would like to congratulate Olive Jackson, who will be celebrating her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

We hope you have a great day,  
Olive!



## Weekly Diary

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> June**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger - Church/PMC

**11.15am** ~ PMC Pastoral Meeting – 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 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am** ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

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

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

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

**3pm** ~ Afternoon Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson - Woodlands

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

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

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

**Penrith: 10.30am**      Leaving Service for Rev. Tim Cooke

**Gamblesby: 6.30pm**      EEMC Easter Offering Service



## **Leaving Presents for Dave**

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

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 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)



## **Keyboard for Sale**

Elizabeth Pearson is looking to sell a Yamaha Tyros 4 Keyboard that belonged to her husband Harold. It is in great condition.

You are welcome to visit to see / play and discuss price.

Elizabeth can be contacted on 01768 867715



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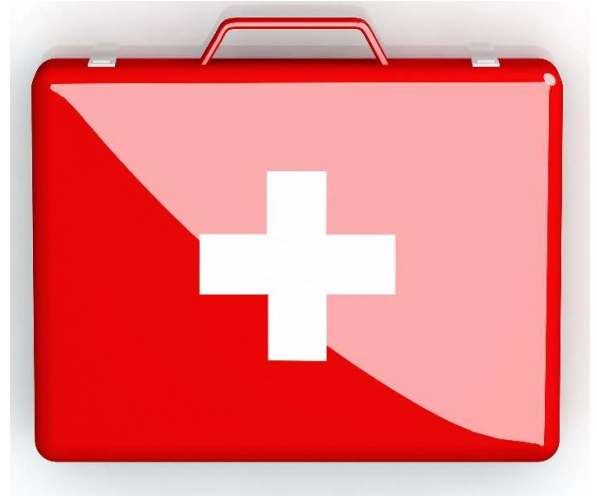
Margaret has decided that it is now time for her to step back from this role, and we are looking for a volunteer to take over!

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.

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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



# 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.





The next meeting of our "All Together Fellowship" is on

MONDAY, JULY 7th, at 2pm in the Church.

Our session on this occasion will take a light-hearted look back at
"THE GOOD OLD DAYS"

It will feature a humorous miscellany of readings, musical interludes
and visual nostalgic sequences.

A full afternoon tea will be served in the Ullswater room afterwards.

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

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

Programmes for our meetings up to Christmas are now available.

John & Margaret

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## Rev. Dave's leaving service

As you are all aware, Rev. Dave's leaving service is  
on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:sheila.mallinson@gmail.com) or 01768 885362





# 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



## 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

## **We Don't Want Your Old Books, Thank You!**

Regular users of our church library will have noticed that a few weeks ago, a group of concerned members had a Saturday morning sort out.

All the tatty books with yellow pages, spines falling off and worse were taken to be recycled.

Items that still had some use in them, but perhaps not for PMC were divided between the Oxfam Book & Media shop in Kendal and the Book Aid shop in Barnard Castle

What is left is a much smaller collection of items which we hope will be an attractive and useful collection for PMC members and friends.

There is no need to sign items out, and with a smaller collection, we felt that a catalogue was not really necessary, and there was no-one to do that on-going work anyway.

So, please **do not** dump your old books etc in the church library, but please **do** leave any recently published (within last 10 years!) books of interest which other people might enjoy or find useful - for example, more novels with a Christian theme.





## Eden CAP Debt Centre

### New Befriender Training

**Monday 18th August 2025, 10am-12noon**

**at Church in the Barn, Penrith**

*The Eden CAP Debt Centre delivers **free, face to face debt help** to households across the Eden Valley. Volunteers can get involved supporting our experienced coaches and befriending clients.*

To book your place or get more information please contact:

**Email: [jendixon@capuk.org](mailto:jendixon@capuk.org) or call/text 07799271710**

**always hope.**

CAP Services are managed by Penrith Methodist Church in association with churches across Eden

### 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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