



East Cumbria **Methodist** Circuit



## **Weekly Bulletin**

### **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

#### **A “Different Christian”**



Are you a different Christian when you're away from home? Perhaps it's something to do with the lack, or change, of structure. Meaning that maybe you don't pick the Bible up as often as you would usually, or find the time to pray at the same points as you might usually? Or perhaps it could be because you're away with people you don't usually live with, family or friends? Again, disrupting

the rhythms of life or just having different expectations of you? Or maybe it's just getting away from the usual and the known, and taking a break from the usual that means a discontinuing of the usual. I know, at least, that these are some of the reasons I've had for being a “different Christian” when I'm away or on holiday.

There are a few people in the Bible that manage to maintain their faith away from home, Joseph, Daniel, Saul/Paul, to name a few. And whilst I'm not suggesting that I, or we, completely abandon faith when away from home, to live a rock and roll lifestyle. “What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas,” but I do think there are things to learn from these characters and stories when we're away from home, and more than just “staying the course”.

Sometimes it requires us leaving home, leaving the comfortable and the known in order for God to be able to speak to us in ways he might not when we're at home. Would any of the disciples have done any of the things they did, or saw the things they did if they just stayed at home when Jesus asked them to follow him? Would the Israelites have found the promised land, or heard the Law at the foot of the mountain, or seen all the things they did, if they just stayed in Egypt (even if they did grumble all the way!).



So, if you're going away this summer. Just consider what sort of a Christian you'll be whilst away. And maybe, even be open to God speaking to you whilst away from the normal.

*Dean Lawson*

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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



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### **EMERGENCY MINISTERIAL COVER IN AUGUST**

Dave Milner has offered to provide emergency cover in August, so if you need a minister in an emergency then please phone him on 07597639314

If you are unable to get hold of Dave then please phone Kathleen Williamson on 01768 862641 and she will find a minister for you.

**NOTE: This is for emergencies only**





**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Worship Group Lead Service – Mr Michael Boone

Readings: Genesis 18:20-32 & Colossians 2:6-15 (16-19)

**7pm** ~ Encounter – Sandgate/PMC

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion – Rev Gillian Belford

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Joint Service with Skelton

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

**Alston Moor**

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

**Kirkoswald**

**10am** ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

**Gamblesby**

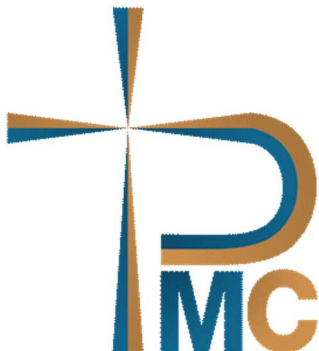
**2pm** ~ Afternoon Worship – Claire Slee

**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)***



**Church Council Meeting**

Please note that there will be a Church Council Meeting following the PMC Morning Service this week.

# Weekly Diary

## **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**9.25am** ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

**2pm** ~ Bible Fellowship – Skelton Methodist Church

**7.30pm** ~ Zoom Prayer Meeting –

*All are welcome to join, please use the Meeting ID below,*

*Meeting ID: 955 474 1253*

*Password: 2YaB4F*

## **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson – Church/PMC

**11am** ~ 4F – Ullswater/PMC

**7pm** ~ Blencow HG – The Hollies, Blencow (*We meet twice monthly at 7pm on a Tuesday. Contact Steve on 07711 088448 for further details.*)

## **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

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

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

## **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

**Penrith: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Mrs Carolyn Dickinson

**Skelton: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

**Stainton: 10.30am**

Morning Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

**Cottage Wood: 5pm**

Early Evening Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Alston Moor: 11am**

Morning Worship – Alex Dunstan

**Nenthead: 5pm**

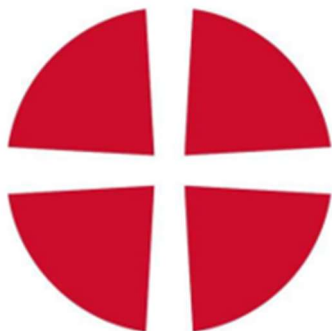
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**Culgaith: 11am**

Local Arrangement

**Langwathby: 11am**

Morning Worship – Joan and Ray Wager



## **Alston Service Change**

Please note that the Alston Services on the 20<sup>th</sup> of July (Worship with Alex Dunstan) and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August (Communion with Rev Mary Elliot) have been switched.



# The Methodist Church

## **Cumbria Methodist Circuit is looking for a Property Co-Ordinator**

We are looking for a Circuit Property Co-ordinator to take a lead role in managing, maintaining and supporting the effective stewardship of property across the Circuit.

The post holder will be the key contact for all Circuit Property matters, whilst also helping churches ensure their buildings are safe, compliant and well maintained. A small Circuit Property Group will be available to support you and provide additional local knowledge where necessary.

Our properties play a key part in our outreach and have an important role in our work with local communities which we hope to continue and expand where necessary.

**Salary:** £25,000-£27,000

**Start date:** September 2025

**Work base:** Home based in the Cumbria Circuit.

**Duration of contract:** Permanent

Due to the nature of the role, it is a genuine occupational requirement that the post-holder has a sympathy with the Christian faith, and is able to engage respectfully and meaningfully with its values in the course of their work.

**Closing date for applications:-** 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Interviews:-** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August at Penrith Methodist Church

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

**For further details and application form contact: Sarah Mulheron-Summers  
[admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk) / 01768 862787**

## Thank You



This is to say a very big "Thank you" for all the messages, calls, cards, prayers and support which I have received since Averil suffered her stroke. She is comfortable and lucid at times, but a scan this week has revealed considerable brain damage, so the future is uncertain at present.

Thank you all, - it has been a time when the words "Church Family" have meant so much.

Gareth

### PMC Coffee Rota

We have a lot of gaps in our PMC Sunday Tea and Coffee Rota. If you would be interested in helping out, please sign up on the rota in the kitchen – any help is much appreciated!



## FUN TUESDAY

**Time: 10.30-12.30pm**

**on Gamblesby Village Green**

**during the school summer holidays**

**Come along and enjoy a couple of hours playing or crafting while the adults enjoy a coffee and a chat at HeBrews**

**Children of all ages welcome**

**Contact: Claire Slee 07756932116**



Keswick Convention celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, with the theme 'Transformed'. Morning Bible teaching, evening celebrations and much more.

<https://keswickministries.org/2025-convention-transformed/>



# LEJOG - AMOR

Raising funds for  
Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team – Welfare and Social Fund

JustGiving QR Code:



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Patterdale Mountain Rescue Association Ltd  
Account Number 50218061  
Sort Code 20-66-97  
Quote Ref: LEJOG-AMOR

Those who know me know that I love the mountains, and that I am a member of Patterdale Mountain Rescue Team. Sadly, a knee injury has forced me into early retirement from the Team, but I can still cycle! So my parting gift to the Team is to raise funds for their welfare and social fund, by attempting to cycle from Land's End to John O'Groats, but by a unique, off-road, and very mountainous route!

I have designed this route myself, to go over and/or through almost all of the major mountain areas of the UK mainland, as much as possible on tracks and off-road. As I **love** the mountains, I've called it **LEJOG..... AMOR:**



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It will be about **1,600 miles** with **170,000 feet** of climbing.

Please support the Team by donating. Details at the top of this flyer. I'll put updates and other links in the Just Giving page.



**THANK YOU!!!**  
**Morris**

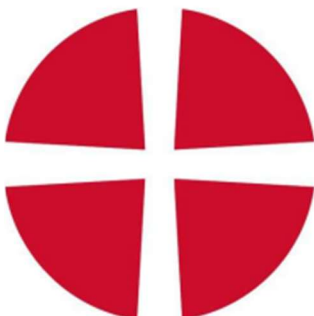


The link to the JustGiving page is as follows:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/morris-lejog-amor-pmrt>

Any donations are much appreciated!

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## Prayer Handbook 2025/26

'Our Story Our Song', the new Prayer Handbook, will be available to order until 27th July on the list in Reception. The handbook is a resource shared by Methodists throughout the world. It contains prayers for every day of the year, each day linking with different Christians at home and abroad. A large print edition is available if required.

The price is £4.15 per copy for a bulk order.

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](mailto:kathleenwilliamson135@btinternet.com)

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

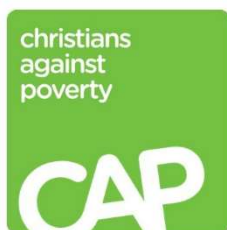
Cottage Wood Centre is on the back road from Penrith to Calthwaite  
Postcode – CA11 9PL

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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*



## **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.**



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### **MWiB Residential**

Methodist women in Britain are holding their usual residential at Thornleigh in Grange-over-Sands from 10<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The cost is £185, of which a £50 non-refundable deposit needs to be paid by 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

Kathleen Williamson will be going, so transport is available if anyone wants to go.

Brochures with application forms are available at the back of the church or from Kathleen.



## **Skelton Chapel Anniversary**

The Members of Skelton Chapel would like to thank everyone for their support and presence at our 160th Anniversary last weekend. We had a great time.

Here's to the next 160 years!



## **Easy Eco Tip – July:**

### **Plastic Free July.**

This is a great opportunity to review where you might be able to reduce single-use plastics in your life. Being part of Plastic Free July will help you find great alternatives that can become new habits forever. Paying attention to what we consume and its effect on God's earth, can lead us not into guilt, but into action and prayerful determination to see change where it's possible. Read more about the effects of plastic at [arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer](http://arocha.org.uk/plastic-summer).



## **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:

#### Superintendent Minister:

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

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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)

**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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