



Weekly Bulletin Sunday 7th September Unity



'Make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.'

Philippians 2:2

'I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment.' 1 Corinthians 1:10

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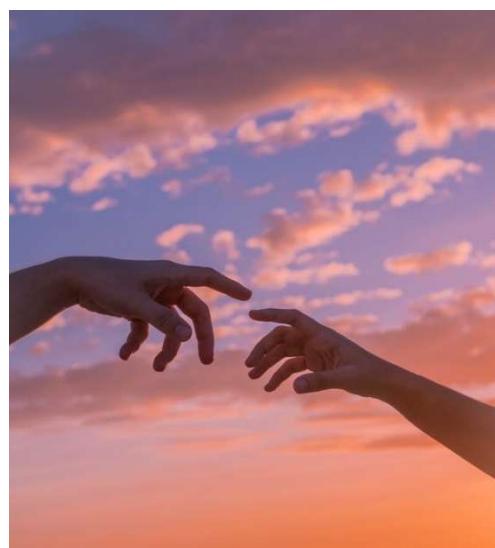
Paul's letters make some reference to the importance of Christian unity, with of course the imagery of the church being a body, different parts but all working together as a whole. And we are so connected, Paul says later in 1 Corinthians, that when one part suffers, all the other parts suffer as well (12:26).

It's clear from Paul's concerns that divisiveness fuelled by selfishness was as much of an issue in the early church as it sadly is today. Paul himself knew suffering at the hands of the Corinthian church which he later describes as a 'painful visit' having had his teaching rejected and his apostleship ridiculed.

Some of you might remember the devotion I did a while back about the Lord's prayer with its emphasis on the plural: our Father, give us our daily bread, forgive us, lead us and deliver us.

Of course, Jesus himself prayed in earnest for us in John 17:22 *'that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one'.*

So the phrase 'we are in this together' is an entirely appropriate way of thinking about church.



Here's a lovely quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer: 'It is the voice of the Church that is heard in singing together. It is not you that sings, it is the Church that is singing, and you, as a member of the Church, may share in its song.'

What a privilege it is to be able to share in the 'song' of the church, being united together for the purpose which Jesus prayed for us, which Jesus says is this: '*so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*'

Shane McNicol

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**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Rev Julia Reid  
Readings: Jeremiah 18: 1-11 & Luke 14: 25-33

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

**Stainton**

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

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**5pm** ~ Early Evening Worship – Miss Kathleen Williamson

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Alex Dunstan

**Nenthead**

**5pm** ~ Pennine Praise

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship - Celia Ramnath

**5pm** ~ Taize

*There are alternative Anglican services available.*

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



## **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**9.25am** ~ 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 9<sup>th</sup> September**

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

**10am** ~ Morning Communion – Rev Julia Reid – 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.*)

**7.30pm** ~ Junior Youth Club – Ullswater/PMC

## **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

**10am** ~ 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

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

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

## **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

**1.30pm** ~ Take Tea Out – Cottage Wood Centre (*Contact Sheila Mallinson to book*)

## **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

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

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

**Penrith: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway

**Patterdale: 10.30am** Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

**Skelton: 10.30am** Harvest Service & Communion – Rev Julia Reid

**Stainton: 10.30am** Joint Service at Dacre CofE

**Cottage Wood: 5pm** Early Evening Communion – Rev Julia Reid (*Church Council to follow*)

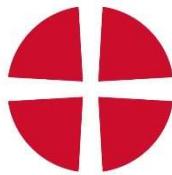
**Alston Moor: 11am** Harvest Service – Rev Andy Morsman

**Kirkoswald: 10am** Morning Worship – Celia Ramnath

**Gamblesby: 10am** Little Acorns

**2pm** Afternoon Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

**Renwick: 5pm** Early Evening Worship – Celia Ramnath



## **A CHANCE TO MEET THE NEW METHODIST TEAM**

As you already know, September brings two new Methodist members of staff to the East of Eden Mission Community. Both posts are being shared with the Appleby Section to lead mission along the East Fellside.

Ros Watson will be our part time Supernumerary Minister and Celia Ramnath will join us as Local Lay-Pastor.

Ros will live in Appleby Manse and Celia in Langwathby Manse. They have both now moved in this week.

You are therefore invited to meet them both at the HeBrews coffee morning in Gamblesby Chapel on **Tuesday 9 September** from **10.30am to noon**.

Celia will also be leading the service at Langwathby on **Sunday 7 September** where you are also invited to stay for coffee after the 11 am service.

Please spread the word across the area. All are welcome.

I very much hope that you will use these opportunities to both welcome and get to know Ros and Celia.

We continue to pray for them and their ministry amongst over the coming years.

Regards John

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 Interested in joining the Worship Group?
We'd love to welcome new members!

Come along on **Monday, 29th September** at **7pm** in the church for an evening to play, pray, and practice—and probably a bit of a jam session too. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or just want to explore being part of the team, all are welcome!

If you're keen but can't make it that evening, please contact the church office to let us know.





Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing and coffee morning will be here at PMC on Saturday 11th October from 10.00 am. All are welcome to come and help or watch while having coffee!

Finish your knitting of teddies, glove puppets, hats, mitts and scarves.

Look for small toys, cars, soft toys, balls, crayons, **sharpened** pencils, pens, rubbers, colouring books, paper, playing cards, flannels, soap, combs, toothbrushes, socks, t-shirts etc

There are leaflets in Reception to guide you if you need ideas or if you want to do your own box.

Remember no liquids, sweets, toothpaste, war related items or damaged items.

We are always grateful to receive donations towards transport costs as well.

The deadline to complete boxes is mid-November.

Thank you - Judith Joyce

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## Great North Run Fundraiser

Isabella Sharrock, daughter of Kerrie and David, is once again doing the Great North Run. This time for Shelter, she says:

"Hello, I am doing the Great North Run 2025 for Shelter, a charity that defends the right to a safe place to live and supports those facing homelessness. I am very fortunate to have a place to call home and hope that doing this run will help raise funds so that more people can be supported to have a safe place to live.

Thank you for your support!"

The fundraiser can be found through the following link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-sharrock-6?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-sharrock-6?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)



Alternatively, you can make donations to the Circuit Office.

## 4F

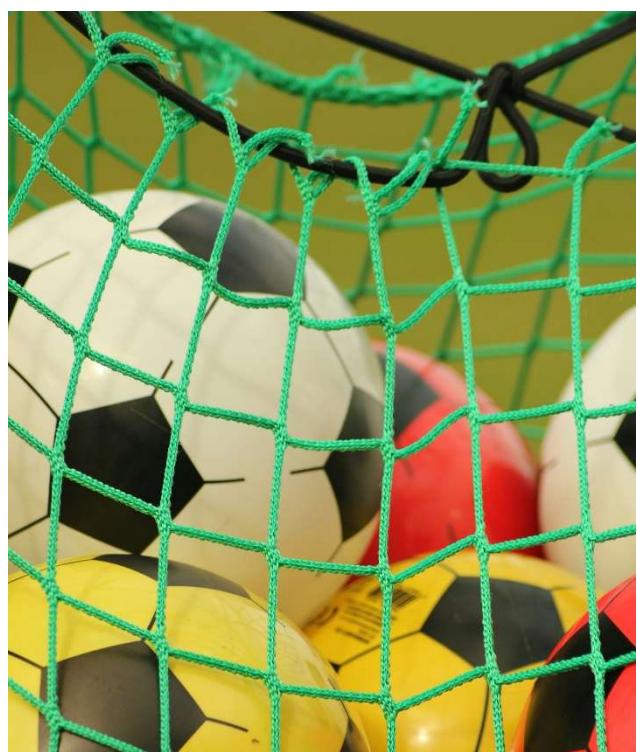
After the shortest of school Summer Holidays and a break from most regular activities within the Church, one activity continued through the summer break - 4F. We were blessed with the right kind of weather for each activity; Crafts, Board Games, Indoor Sports, lots of chat and generally letting off steam. A great morning with John French, Action Ants with his story telling through physical Activities. All this as well as sharing a meal together. Our final week and I think the hi-light for the families was a visit to Walby Farm Park. Ruth and I were struck by how many families told us they could not afford a day's outing such as that without our help.

We are immensely grateful to our very loyal volunteers and the grant we were able to attract from HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme). At times there was doubt as to whether we would receive that grant, the government having tightened up on who is and isn't entitled. In the end the grant met our costs for the four weeks with good housekeeping and some personal contributions.

We are already looking at a program of events for the coming months. Once again, we will be challenged by the grants we may or may not receive but more importantly we envisage significant problems with attracting volunteers with the right skills and youth on their side. Ruth and I urge you to prayerfully consider if you can help in any way. The families need a lot of love and stimulation with new and wholesome activities.

Thank you for your continued support in this very important act of outreach.

Anne MacDonald



## Small coins for All We Can

The total raised in the last financial year was £240. Please continue to support the work of All We Can by collecting your small coins.

Thank you.  
Judith Joyce



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## Easy Eco Tip – September:

The **Season of Creation (1 September - 4 October)** is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. During this period of the church calendar, many churches celebrate Harvest, thanking God for His provision through the land and food that is grown. It's a time when churches and congregations are called to pay special attention to the responsibility of humanity for the Earth and for all that lives upon it, and to pray for our world. Explore A Rocha UK's season of creation resources at:

<https://arocha.org.uk/what-we-do/season-of-creation/>

## Ukraine

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

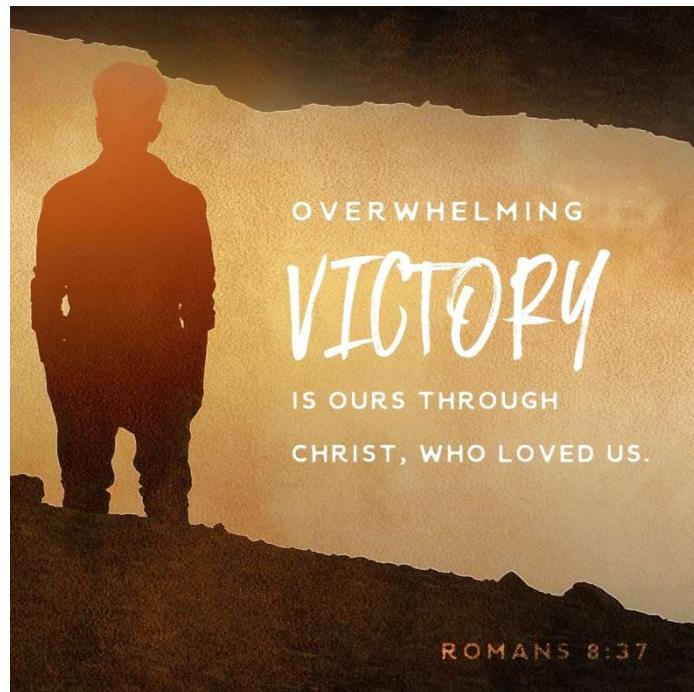
- Soap
- Toothpaste
- Paracetamol
- Nappies for babies
- As always, CANDLES (Preferably plain wax ones, either new or partly used)
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes
- Washing Powder
- Sanitary Towels

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...



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**Circuit Administrative Assistant: Niamh Ryan**

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**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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