

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 14th September

Lost

People who know me well know that I am always losing things – keys, glasses, umbrellas, gloves etc.. I spend a lot of my time trying to remember when I last had an item, where I might have left it, where I had it last.



On a journey also, we may arrive in a strange town or city and know where we need to be but somehow manage to lose our way. The building we are looking for may be quite near but with one-way systems, no right turns etc. we don't seem to be able to reach our destination. Just as a "by the way", this never seems to be much of a problem when I am with my girlfriends, we just keep trying and laugh about it. However, when I was with my husband it was a different story - it seemed to cause major problems and we ended up with a bit of an atmosphere in the car – sound familiar?

There are also times when we can seem to be lost, we are worried about family matters, medical problems, personal relationships, or perhaps, at the moment, financial worries and no-one seems to be quite on our wave length and we don't know which way to turn. We feel alone and lost and God seems to have disappeared from our horizons.

I wonder if Peter felt lost and alone after he had denied Jesus. He had been the one with the grand gestures, the quick answer and now look what he had done; he'd blown it, big time. Would the other disciples want anything to do with him? Probably not. He was on his own, lost. I wonder if the disciples felt abandoned and afraid when Jesus was crucified. They'd given up a lot, had life changing experiences, it was all fine when Jesus was with them but now they were on their own – lost. And after the joy of the resurrection I wonder if, when they were sitting in the upper room following his ascension into heaven, they were scared, no one to guide them, what to do now, they'd feel lost. Jesus had promised that he would never leave them and that he would send his Holy Spirit to them but I wonder if the promise seemed real. I would imagine



that although they were together they would each have their own thoughts, perhaps they would bicker and disagree without Jesus there to hold them together.

Then at Pentecost they received the Holy Spirit and the whole situation changed, they felt the presence of God, right there with them and they were able to do great things.

I am sure there are people who can pinpoint a time when they felt lost and afraid and then they felt God's presence with them and, whilst the problem was not immediately solved, they felt a peace and a strength which wasn't there before.

It's a frightening experience feeling lost, particularly when you don't feel as though there is anyone with you. It's a frightening experience when God does not seem to be with us and we just feel as though He's beyond our reach, but I know that I'm not lost to God. He knows exactly where I am because He's here with me and oh, that goes for you, too.

Sue Graham

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### **Averil Cozens - An Update**

Averil has now been discharged from the Cumberland Infirmary and has moved to Riverwell Beck Care Home (near to the hospice in Carlisle). She has a lovely room and is starting to settle in and with the aid of both the staff (great!) and a specially ordered chair, is both able to be dressed and to socialise a little with others in the day-room. It is hoped that this will be her permanent home and I do thank you all for your messages, thoughts and prayers. They have been so very much appreciated.

Gareth



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Thank You

Heather and I wish to thank you for all for your prayers, good wishes, concern and support. It is so much appreciated by us both. Heather remains in hospital as her condition continues to be monitored. Your loving prayers mean so much to her.

Lawrence



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Andrew Callaway
Reading: Luke 14: 25-33

Skelton

10.30am ~ Harvest Service & Communion – Rev Julia Reid

Stainton

10.30am ~ Joint Service at Dacre CofE

Cottage Wood Centre

5pm ~ Early Evening Communion – Rev Julia Reid
(Church Council to follow)

Patterdale

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Renwick

5pm ~ Early Evening Worship – Celia Ramnath

Alston Moor

11am ~ Harvest Service – Rev Andy Morsman

Gamblesby

10am ~ Little Acorns
2pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Mrs Jan Blackshaw

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship – Celia Ramnath

There are alternative Anglican services available.

For details, please see the EEMC website: www.eastofedenmc.org.uk

Alpha

Alpha starts again 2nd October in a home for the first time, Chris and June's, Tea Rose Cottage Edenhall CA11 8SX 7-9pm

If you or someone you know have questions, doubts, are just curious or just need refreshing then come along!
Contact Chris on 07748988033 or
chris.swift443@btinternet.com

Numbers limited!



Weekly Diary

Monday 15th September

9.25am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

6.15pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7.30pm ~ Penrith Music Club Concert – Church/PMC

Tuesday 16th September

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

10am ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Ruth Combellack – 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 17th September

10am ~ 3Cs – 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 18th September

10.15am ~ Meeting Point – Langwathby Methodist Chapel

2pm ~ Parklands HG – Upper Link/PMC

Friday 19th September

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 21st September

Penrith: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

2.30pm Cumbria Circuit Meeting

6pm Circuit Service

Skelton: 10.30am Members Service

Stainton: 10.30am Morning Communion – Rev Julia Reid

Cottage Wood: 6pm Circuit Service at PMC

Alston Moor: 11am Morning Worship – Local Arrangement

Langwathby: 11am Morning Worship – Ray and Joan Wager

Fair Trade Christmas Cards

There are leaflets showing the cards available in the right-hand leaflet rack outside the glasshouse. If you would like to order some please return the leaflet and order to Heather Tomlinson's pigeonhole. Cards will also be at the Christmas Fair Trade Coffee Morning on Saturday 8th November.

Many Thanks.



Penrith Music Club – Leon McCawley
(Piano)

Monday 15th September at 7.30pm at PMC

Leon McCawley was described by International Piano in 2021 as “One of today’s most impeccably musical pianists” and has been delighting audiences worldwide since winning both the First Prize in the International Piano Competition in Vienna and Second Prize at the Leeds International Piano Competition in 1993.

This is his third visit to Penrith.

Tickets are £20 in advance or at the door (£5 for students)



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**LANGWATHBY COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**

Winter programme starts - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm

***“Let’s Dance Cumbria” with Maz Burgess***

*followed by refreshments*

**This is an Open Meeting – everyone is welcome!**

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“Meeting Point”

Come for Coffee & Conversation!

from 10.15, Thursday, 18th September

Visitors welcome!

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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.





We meet for our next "All Together Fellowship" on  
**Monday, October 6th at 2pm in Penrith Methodist Church.**

As always, you are very welcome.

There will be a talk and visual presentation by **Jon Cook.**

The title is "**Visiting Ukraine in wartime**"

Jon will share personal insights from his two visits to Kiev in the last year, as well as updates from Ukrainian friends who have recently visited him in Penrith.

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

John & Margaret

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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

Great North Run Fundraiser

Isabella Sharrock would like to thank everyone who has kindly donated to her Great North Run for Shelter, it is most generous and much appreciated. There is still time to donate if you didn't get chance to before:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/isabella-sharrock-6?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL



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
- 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...



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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

PMC Website: www.penrithmethodist.co.uk

Find our Sunday services on YouTube

Follow us on Twitter @PMCMethodists and on Facebook

Let's stay connected with one another!

