

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 21st September

A Calling



It's about 13 years now since I first heard the call to be a local Preacher. I was 17 at the time, and a local preacher at my church asked me if I'd lead the prayers of Intercession at the carol service. I'd decided that prayers weren't so hard, so went in without preparing - when it came to the prayers, I had two lines and then

nothing, I left a really long silence and then said Amen at the end. The local preacher leading the service came to me at the end and said, "I loved your prayers, I loved the long gap you left in the middle for our own prayers, have you thought about being a local preacher?"

Wesley's Preachers started out of necessity more than a desire for lay preachers. At the time Methodist meetings saw a desire to be fed spiritually, which increasingly meant a need for more than just prayers, reading and scripture. Meetings followed the Anglican way of only clergy preaching. But as time passed, and Methodist Societies grew in number, John, his brother, and a few other ordained members couldn't be everywhere at once, so Wesley conceded the need for lay preachers. In a letter Wesley wrote "I do tolerate lay-preaching, because I conceive there is an absolute necessity for it; inasmuch as, were it not, thousands of souls would perish everlastingly."

Wesley decided that, even though these preachers may not be ordained, may not have had a university education, they more than made up for it in practical Christian experience. For Wesley it was the calling, or the hand of God upon the preachers that qualified them to preach, rather than their academic standing. He called them, "extraordinary messengers, raised



up to provoke the ordinary ones to jealousy" depicting the gifts God gave them, and the importance of the job they were doing.

For me it was certainly the hand of God on my life that led me down that path – that first prayer couldn't possibly have had an impact if it wasn't for God, and a similar desire to share that love that I've come to know. I didn't come to the table (or pulpit) knowing how to preach, but through God's steady guidance, I do know that I'm having some impact today.

Could it be that God is calling you today to something you don't feel qualified for? Is there something that you might feel out of your depth to do, but that you know is really important to be done? Let God lead you today into those new pastures.

Dean Lawson

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You are invited to the  
Family

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

At Kirkoswald Methodist Chapel

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 10am

Café Style worship led by

Revd Ros Watson

Kirkoswald School children taking part

Gifts for the Salvation Army Food Bank,



**Penrith**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Readings: Matthew 16:21-28 & Exodus 3:1-15

**2.30pm** ~ Cumbria Circuit Meeting

**6pm** ~ Circuit Service

**Skelton**

**10.30am** ~ Members Service

**Stainton**

**10.30am** ~ Morning Communion – Rev Julia Reid

**Cottage Wood Centre**

**6pm** ~ Circuit Service at PMC

**Alston Moor**

**11am** ~ Local Arrangement

**Langwathby**

**11am** ~ Morning Worship – Ray and Joan Wager

***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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Annual Pastoral Meeting

Monday 29th September at 7.30pm in the Ullswater Room at PMC.

This annual meeting is for anyone who is a Pastoral contact person or small group leader and for anyone interested in getting involved in PMCs Pastoral work.

We will review last year's pastoral work, lists and distribution of memberships cards.

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Weekly Diary

Monday 22nd September

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 23rd September

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

10am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson – 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 24th September

10am ~ 3Cs – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan for details

Thursday 25th September

3pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Mrs Lois Morton - Woodlands

Friday 26th September

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 28th September

Penrith: 10.30am Harvest Festival Service & Communion – Rev Julia Reid
7.30pm Encounter

Skelton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson

Stainton: 10.30am Harvest Festival Service – Mr Dean Lawson

Cottage Wood: 5pm Early Evening Worship – Rev Julia Reid

Alston Moor: 11am Morning Communion – Rev Mary Elliot

Gamblesby: 2pm Harvest Festival Service – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger

Kirkoswald: 10am Harvest Festival Service – Rev Ros Watson

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.



GAMBLESBY METHODIST CHAPEL



The Members and Little Acorns invite you to join them on

Sunday 28th September
at 2pm

Led by Morgan Tebb-Roger

We particularly invite local farmers to give
thanks for this year's Harvest.

Please bring tins to be donated to Food Bank
or produce to sell.

Service followed by light refreshments

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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.



## Walk for Ukraine

We want to help Ukrainian men, women and children who have lost limbs in the war.

We are planning on doing a 3.8 mile walk around St. John in the Vale taking in Castlerigg Stone Circle on **Sat 4th Oct..** We will meet and park at the point shown on the map, the second photo shows our route.

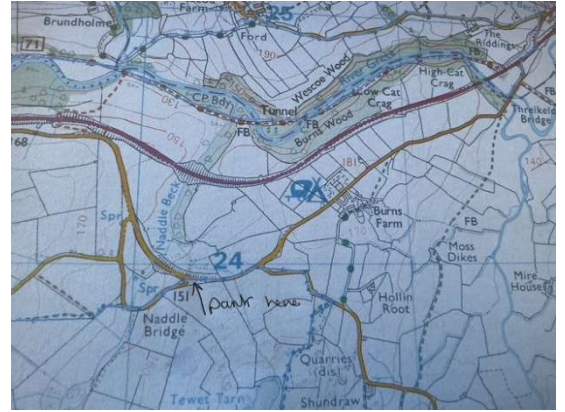
We will meet at 11am and leave by 11.15am.

Directions from Penrith, take the A66 towards Keswick. Go past the sign for St. John in the Vale at Threlkeld, stay on A66 but take next on the left. This road will take you past Burns Farm; continue on this road, ignore turn to the left and park at next junction which is shown on the top map.

We suggest people bring suitable shoes and a picnic, please wear Ukrainian colours Yellow and Blue if you have them.

We hope to raise some funds for Unity in Every Step they have a Just Giving page, please donate if you are able.

Thanks and Blessings, Chris. 07432243917



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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



You are very welcome to join us on
Monday, October 6th at 2pm in Penrith Methodist Church.

Our "All Together Fellowship" always begins with a short act of worship and ends with time for socialising and enjoying drinks and homemade cakes. In between we today welcome Jon Cook who will give a talk and visual presentation entitled :-

VISITING UKRAINE



IN WARTIME

Jon will share personal insights from his two recent visits to Kiev as well as updates from Ukrainian friends who have recently visited him.

Despite the war grinding on and continuing to cause devastation



Alpha Course Meeting

Christians faithfully
love those affected by
loss, grief and trauma.

to the people of Ukraine, it is
remarkable that the church is
responding to the crisis
and the suffering.



Friends



Soup Kitchen

They refuse to let
hate and fear
overcome.

The gospel goes on being held out as a beacon of hope in the darkness.

Our next "All Together Fellowship" is on **Monday November 3rd.**

Dickon Chaplin-Brice has been involved in the Threlkeld Quarry and Mining Museum for some 17 years. He will share stories and relate his experiences and knowledge of the history of mining in Cumbria.

John & Margaret

Cumbria Harvest Festival

Farmers are gearing themselves up for a first Cumbria Harvest Festival. Set for Sunday 12th October at 2:30pm farmers and members of our agricultural industry are preparing to gather at the beautiful, Grade 1 listed St Andrew's Church in Penrith to celebrate Harvest 2025. Assisted by Penrith Young Farmers Club the church will be decorated in a traditional harvest theme as they welcome all who work in agriculture and their supporters to celebrate harvest home. There will be a mix of readings and hymns with a sermon from the Bishop of Carlisle, The Rt Rev Rob Saner-Haigh.

This year also marks the 30th Anniversary of the Farming Community Network (FCN), a national charity with a very active Cumbria branch providing practical and pastoral support for all the farming community. Much of this through their Helpline 03000 111 999 which runs 365 days a year.

Rev David Newlove, Chair of the Cumbria Agricultural Chaplaincy, who are organising this year's event said "in this time of change and uncertainty in national agricultural policy that has been compounded by our unseasonably dry weather and all the stresses and strains of farming it is good that we can come together as a whole community to celebrate all that farmers do across our great County."

Everyone is welcome to join with Cumbria's farmers to fill the church with harvest praise in what is destined to be the beginning on an annual tradition.

Cumbria Harvest Festival

Sunday 12th October 2025

2:30pm

At St Andrew's Church, Penrith



*Celebrating the 30th
Anniversary of the
Farming Community
Network*





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!



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!

