

Weekly Bulletin

Sunday 23rd November

New Year



The title above suggests that I am not reading the Diary/Calendar correctly. After all it is not 31st December yet. That is only one New Year. The Methodist New Year commenced on 1st September and this Sunday is the end of the Liturgical Year. Next Sunday we start again on Advent Sunday. In addition, we all have our personal 'New Years'. Our Birthdays signal the next chapter of our lives.

This leads to the question "How many times can we 'start again?'" We all have days which we wish had been different. Perhaps we have spoken or acted in ways which we later regret – if only the day could begin again. Or maybe we have been faced with difficult situations and not known what to do. A new day may bring a better perspective to the problem. Occasionally the day has been so good that we would like to relive it all over again.

St John tells of Nicodemus who visited Jesus. In the conversation Jesus tells him that to be part of the Kingdom of God he must be 'born again'. This seemed an impossible new start. for how could anyone enter again into the mother for a second birth? Jesus explained that a person needs to be born of water and of the Spirit. This spiritual awakening gives a new start 'the Jesus Way'. Jesus continued with the well-known words of John 3.16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son -whoever believes in him will have eternal life.'

As human people with human frailties we know that we can fall far short of this new life but God's forgiveness is available to us and we need this again and again. Each time we experience that forgiveness and love it is another 'new start'.



We must also remember that each day is precious in its own right for God has given it to us. Some words from Hymn 476 in StF:

*Thank you God for the time that is now,
For all the newness your minutes allow*

*Thank you God for the time that is past
For all the values and thoughts that will last.*

*Thank you for hopes of the day that will come
For all the change that will happen in time.*

Thank you that now is the time of our life.

Lois Morton



Penrith

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Morgan Tebb-Roger
Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-9

Skelton

10.30am ~ Members Service

Stainton

10.30am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Julia Reid

Cottage Wood Centre

3pm ~ Afternoon Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Alston Moor

11am ~ Morning Worship – Rev Mary Elliot

Gamblesby

11am ~ Little Acorns

2pm ~ Afternoon Communion – Rev Ros Watson

Kirkoswald

10am ~ Morning Worship – Mrs Lois Morton

There are alternative Anglican services available.

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

Please note that there will not be any Notices next week due to staff absence – they should return as normal the week after.



Monday 24th November

9.25am ~ Monday Walks – Meet outside PMC

12 noon ~ Funeral Service – Church/PMC

6pm ~ Choral Group – Sandgate/PMC

7pm ~ Carols by Candlelight Rehearsal – Church/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 25th November

10am ~ Morning Worship – Mr Lawrence Tomlinson – Church/PMC

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

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 26th November

10am ~ 3C's – Cottage Wood Centre

1.30pm ~ Wednesday Get Together - Skelton Methodist Church

7.30pm ~ Living Room HG, contact Morgan for details

Thursday 27th November

7.30pm ~ Thornton HG – (*Contact Charlie for info at 07846 597163/cfthornton1@aol.com*)

Friday 28th November

12 noon ~ Lunch Club – Ullswater/PMC

Saturday 29th November

9.30am ~ Advanced Safeguarding Training – Ullswater/PMC

Sunday 30th November

Penrith: 10.30am Café Style Worship – Chris Hulme
7pm Encounter

Skelton: 10.30am Morning Worship – Mr Dean Lawson

Stainton: Ullswater Mission Community - Greystoke Parish Church

Cottage Wood: 3pm Members Service

Patterdale: Ullswater Mission Community - Greystoke Parish Church

Kirkoswald: 10am United EEMC Service – Rev Ros Watson



Do you have a working knowledge of property and land and their use and maintenance?
Do you have a desire to help the Methodist Church fulfil mission and ministry through the effective, innovative, and sustainable use of our properties?

If so, we are keen to hear from you.....

The Role

The North West England Methodist District (NWED) is seeking to appoint an additional District Property Secretary. The role is home-based, with travel throughout the District. The District Property Secretaries will work in collaboration with the churches and circuits within the District, and provide oversight of the properties owned by the District. The postholders will provide support and assistance to a range of stakeholders on property-related matters, in the context of Methodist Church governance.

NWED

NWED covers the geographical areas of Cumbria, Lancashire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, and parts of Cheshire and Derbyshire. Within this are inner city, industrial, post-industrial, suburban, and rural areas – no two towns are the same.

The District embraces a rich breadth and variety of theological perspectives and worship styles. A range of fresh expressions of Church (messy church, café church, arts-based projects, digital spaces etc.) are nurtured without neglecting the other, more traditional, expressions and all are equally valued.

We exist primarily to advance the mission of the Methodist Church in our District by supporting churches and circuits (a circuit is a group of churches served by a team, including one or more ministers). The District seeks to support each circuit and church to meet the needs of their members and the communities in which they serve, offering opportunities to worship, work and learn together.

Find out More

The application closing date is midnight on 30th November, 2025.

Please download the full job description and person specification, along with the application form. Application forms are to be submitted to: nwed.recruitment@gmail.com

For an informal and confidential discussion about the role, please contact Heather Fergusson, District Secretary: Administration and Compliance on Tel: 01772 372160 (Ext: 103) or Email: fergussonh@nwedmethodists.org.uk



Carols by Candlelight - "The Light We Carry"

Would you like to be part of this year's *Carols by Candlelight*?

Our Christmas service, **"The Light We Carry,"** will be held on **Friday, 12 December at 7pm** at Penrith Methodist Church — a beautiful evening of music, reflection, and community.

Everyone is welcome to join the choir — **no matter your vocal ability!**
We'll be practicing on **Monday evenings, 7-8pm, starting in November.**

Come and share in the joy of the season as we celebrate the Light that shines in all of us.

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### Flower Rota

The ministry of flowers has been a very important part of our Church's outreach. Following the beautiful flower arrangements being enjoyed by our congregation on Sundays and Tuesdays the flowers are distributed to those who are ill, bereaved or celebrating some event.

However we are very short of volunteers to help give out the flowers and would greatly appreciate some help with this task.

We generally work the rota on a monthly basis but if anyone is willing to help in any way we would be most grateful.

For further details please contact Anne or Ruth.





### **Averil Cozens.**

The service of thanksgiving and celebration for Averil will be held at Penrith Methodist Church on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November** at **12.00 midday**. All are invited.

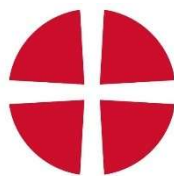
There will be a buffet in the hall (Ullswater) following the service.

It is being livestreamed and if you would like to view the service, please contact me for the link to join it.

(It would be appreciated if any attending could avoid wearing black please.)

Gareth

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Advanced Safeguarding Course

There is an in-person Advanced Safeguarding Course at PMC on **Saturday 29th November**, from 10am until 3:30pm. Please remember you need to renew your advanced safeguarding within 4 years of your last Advanced certificate or you will need to begin again with Foundation level.

In-person courses are not very frequent, so please do book onto the course on the **29th November** if this is your preferred mode of training and your existing certificate is coming due for renewal...or you feel that Advanced Safeguarding is necessary for your role and you've already completed the Foundation course.

The booking link is : [NWED - Advanced Safeguarding Training | Eventbrite](#)



You are welcome to our final "All Together Fellowship" of 2025.
Monday December 8th at 2pm in Penrith Methodist Church.
Come along as, during Advent, we prepare for the birth of Jesus.

We have put together a programme which includes readings, poems and opportunities to sing well-known carols.



There will be humorous items and visual presentations which will focus on **JOY, PEACE, HOPE and LOVE.**

'The time draws near the birth of Christ'.



A present that cannot be priced
Given two thousand years ago
Yet if God had not given so
He still would be a distant stranger
And not the Baby in the manger.



As usual, to conclude our "All Together Fellowship" experience, you have a warm invitation to socialise and enjoy seasonal refreshments.

PLEASE NOTE that our first meeting of 2026 is on
Monday, January 19th at 2pm in Church.

Julia Reid will tell us about her life as a Methodist minister.
Programmes for January to June 2026 meetings will be available soon.

John & Margaret

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Christmas Party

Tuesday 30th Dec

11.45 - 3.30

Christmas meal

followed by



Party



Booking essential

please email

[admin@penrithmethodist.](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

[co.uk](mailto:admin@penrithmethodist.co.uk)

Family name - no of adults

no of children



Christmas Gift Bag Appeal

Can you give a financial donation to the CAP Eden District Christmas Appeal?

Give our clients a Christmas gift of vouchers for groceries, an Argos voucher for children's presents and Christmas treats

Donations will help support clients who are working with the debt centre

Giving Instructions: Bank transfers can be made to: Sort code 20-66-97
Account No 83540006

Please use reference 'CAP Blessing 2025'

Cheques can be paid to Penrith Methodist Church General CAP account

PMC Church Office, Wordsworth St, Penrith, CA11 7QY



Deadline for donations Sunday 23rd November

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## Easy Eco Tip – November:

### **Measure your carbon footprint.**

Take an audit of your individual or household carbon footprint and repeat each year to see if you can reduce it! There are lots of ways to do this, from switching energy suppliers to changes in your diet. Some great tools to use are available, for example the carbon calculators provided by Climate Stewards at [www.climatestewards.org/carboncalculators](http://www.climatestewards.org/carboncalculators), and Creation Care [www.creationcare.org.uk](http://www.creationcare.org.uk), offers a specific resource for households giving ideas and helping you track your progress. As you look at different areas of your life, offer each area or action to God as an offering.



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Ukraine

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

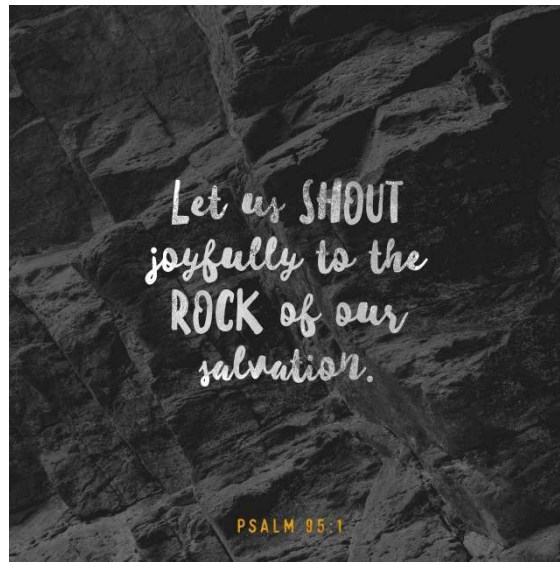
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Paracetamol
- Washing Powder
- Nappies for babies
- Sanitary Towels
- As always, CANDLES (Preferably plain wax ones, either new or partly used)

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:

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Rev Ros Watson: 07923 044709 or email: ros.watson@methodist.org.uk

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Circuit Pastoral Worker: Dean Lawson: 07897 736024
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(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
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Debt Coach: Jo Varley: 07464 939138
or email: 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

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!

