

# CONTACT

introduces and welcomes  
**YOU**  
to

# PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



## LETTER FROM OUR MINISTER

### **Collaborating**

This is one of those words with negative and positive connotations. If you use it in the context of being occupied by a foreign occupier you have one image, and if you are gathering people together to achieve a common goal you have another. Collaborating is about cooperating, working together, joining forces, teaming up, working in partnership, pooling resources and acting as a team. So let us be positive and collaborate together, and with our neighbours, for the sake, visibility, and challenge of the Kingdom of God.

This is our goal. The living out of justice, peace and love within each of our lives, our fellowship, community, and the wider world is what we are about as Church. It is the Kingdom that Jesus declared, lived out, died for, and the Resurrection is God's power vindicating him, and empowering us, to live likewise. It is the Kingdom we are about, and that can be as much of a challenge to us who attend church regularly as it can be to those who have never set foot inside. Some of the aspects of our life together clearly express this goal, and for some it's harder or debatable. So the first task is to think about what we do in the light of this goal. This could encourage us to expand some aspects and minimise others, and it should help us clearly state who we are, why we are, and where we are going.

The next is to think about how we can all contribute to enabling our life together to happen and develop. We all have a part to play, whatever our age, availability, ability, aptitude or attitude. We each are able, and called, to make the life of Christ visible.

We can then take a wider view and see what activities in our neighbourhood also express the Kingdom and then explore how we can encourage them. A wider view takes in our ecumenical neighbours to see how we can help each other, seeing what is possible rather than fixating on our differences. Still wider we can look to our fellow URCs and determine how we can share the resources we have to express our Reformed view of our faith.

Working together is a practical but also a spiritual need, as together we discover the height, breadth and depth of the Kingdom.

**With every blessing, Rev'd David R. Coaker**

## A POEM

### SUPPORT FROM OTHERS

Don't tell me that you understand.  
Don't tell me that you know.  
Don't tell me that I will survive,  
How I will surely grow.

Don't come at me with answers  
That can only come from me.  
Don't tell me how my grief will pass,  
That I will soon be free.

Accept me in my ups and downs.  
I need someone to share.  
Just hold my hand and let me cry  
And say, "My friend, I care."

*Author Unknown - contributed by Rev'd David*

## UNITED REFORMED CHURCH - GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2016



### URC General Assembly 2016 'People of the Way' - Church & Society update

The General Assembly of the United Reformed Church took place between 8-11 July in Southport. At the Assembly, the United Reformed Church:

- Gave its support to a treaty banning nuclear weapons
- Adopted a new Environmental Policy
- Voted in favour of allowing congregations to decide whether or not to carry out same sex marriages
- Became the newest member of the Churches Mutual Credit Union
- Made a statement concerning Brexit, and how it feels the Church should respond.

*(An extract from PRAXIS - the public issues newsletter of The Baptist Union of Great Britain, The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church and The Church of Scotland)*



Three film nights, a meditative service and six discussion evenings.

Penwortham  
United Reformed Church



**You are welcome to pick and choose!**



**Film night: Shadowlands  
7.00-9.30pm Wed 7th Sept**

The tragic, true story of British author C.S. Lewis' love affair with American poet Joy Davidman.



**Film night: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe  
7.00-9.30pm Wed 14th Sept**

Lucy, Edmund, Susan and Peter, four siblings find themselves in the world of Narnia through a magical wardrobe while playing a game of 'hide-and-seek' at the country estate of a mysterious professor.

**Discussion evenings Wed, 7.30-9.00pm**

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| 28th Sept | 1 | Living in the shadows             |
| 5th Oct   | 2 | Living with the beyond            |
| 26th Oct  | 3 | Living with the unexplained       |
| 9th Nov   | 4 | Living with what we've been given |
| 23rd Nov  | 5 | Living with absence               |

**Meditative Service Sun 4th Dec 6.30pm**

Reflective worship on the themes of death and resurrection using Lewis' words.



**Film night: Prince Caspian  
7.00-9.30pm Wed 30th Nov**

The story continues as Prince Caspian tries to defeat evil King Miraz and the four child heroes return to find that 1300 years have passed.

**Discussion evening Wed, 7.30-9.00pm**

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| 7th Dec | 6 | Facing the disbelief of others |
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**Copies of the book to accompany the discussions will be available at the back of church - £3 suggested donation in offertory.**

## PURC EVENTS AND INFORMATION - SEPTEMBER 2016

### MEN'S GROUP

**Meets:**  
2.00pm Monday  
5<sup>th</sup> September  
In the Guild Room  
**Topic: Nearly 60 Years Apart**  
**Led by Nigel**  
**Next meeting: 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

### WOMEN'S GROUP

**Meets:**  
2.30pm Wednesday  
7<sup>th</sup> September  
in the Guild Room  
**Topic : Senegambia**  
**Next Meeting : 5<sup>th</sup> October**  
*(Brenda K)*

### CRAFT GROUP

**Meets:**  
2.00pm Tuesday  
13<sup>th</sup> September  
in the Guild Room.  
**Craft : Corn Dollies**  
**Next Meeting :**  
11<sup>th</sup> October  
*(Barbara D)*

### THE BUTTERFLIES GROUP

**Meets fortnightly on**  
**Thursdays**  
**in the Church Hall**  
**For details speak to :**  
**Pat Duckworth**  
*(Pat D)*



**Messy Church meets at**

**Penwortham United Reformed Church**  
**Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB**

**Saturday 2.30pm - 4.30 pm**

Messy Church is a fun family event  
aimed at 0-11 year olds.

PURCMessychurch@hotmail.com - 01772 462229

<http://penworthamurc.org.uk>

**Coming Dates are:**

September 10<sup>th</sup>

October 8<sup>th</sup>

November 12<sup>th</sup>



## PURC EVENTS AND INFORMATION - SEPTEMBER 2016



### MITES



***During July/August your Mites (5 penny coins) donations  
Reached 1331 totalling £66.55 - well done!!***

***Do keep them coming.***

As you are aware, the money raised buys sugar and salts rehydration sachets to give to very young children of Third World countries to help prevent dehydration when ill or undernourished.

***This saves lives.....So please keep saving your Mites  
and bring them to church every Sunday***

*(Joyce M)*



### NANCY'S NEWS



Since last reporting to you a total of

**30 Baby Vests**

along with some **Baby Hats** as well as  
**5 Blankets** and **19 filled shoe boxes**  
have been taken to **International Aid**.

The contributions from all involved are  
very much appreciated; not least by  
the ultimate recipients. Thank you.

*(Nancy F)*



### **INTERNATIONAL AID - SHOE BOXES**

We are all familiar with the excellent work done by International Aid and other charities in providing "shoe box" gifts to those in need particularly, but not exclusively, at Christmas time. The PURC contribution is always welcomed and this year, thanks to an advance receipt of boxes we can make an early start in our preparations for this effort. Shoe boxes will be available for collection from the end of August onwards, either from the "stage" or by speaking to Nancy.

Thank you all in anticipation.

*(Nancy F)*

## CHRISTIAN AID EVENTS



Christian Aid Autumn Fair  
and Coffee Morning  
Saturday September 24th  
10.30am - 12.00 noon  
at St Andrews Church, Longton.

Donations for the stalls - cakes, biscuits and preserves, books, DVDs, jigsaws and plants, and bottles of any kind (wine, soft drinks, sauces etc....) for the bottle tombola would be very welcome.

There will be a selection of plants, including winter-flowering pansies and cyclamen for sale and a Fairtrade stall with crafts, food and Christmas cards.

Tickets cost £1.50 and this will include tea or coffee, and cream scone with jam or a selection of biscuits and cake. No charge for children and the event will include some games and children's activities.

If you would like more information please contact Cath Greenlees 01772-613500



Quiz in aid of Christian Aid  
at Fulwood URC  
October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

Fairtrade Stall, light refreshments.

Please speak to Barbara Edmondson, Cath Addison or  
Maureen Whitlock if you would like further details.

## WHAT'S ON

### September

Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd David Coaker</b>
Monday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
		7.00pm	Study Group – 'Not a Tame Lion'	
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Messy Church	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Ernest Wrennall</b> <i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Study Group – 'Not a Tame Lion'	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Harvest &amp; Parade</b>	<b>Revd David Coaker</b>
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Elders Meeting	Side Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Revd Geoff Tolley</b>
Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Study Group – 'Not a Tame Lion'	

### October

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship with Holy Communion</b>	<b>Revd David Coaker</b>
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
		7.30pm	Study Group – 'Not a Tame Lion'	
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup>	2.30pm	Messy Church	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Revd Shirley Farrier</b>
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Room
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Parade Service</b>	<b>Revd David Coaker</b>
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Elders Meeting	Side Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Revd Nigel Lemon</b>
Wednesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Study Group – 'Not a Tame Lion'	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Revd Paul Pells</b>

All services have Junior Church and crèche



## OFFERINGS AND ROTAS

### Weekly Offertory

26 <sup>th</sup>	June	£585.30	24 <sup>th</sup>	July	£617.30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	July	£476.10	31 <sup>st</sup>	July	£613.00
10 <sup>th</sup>	July	£563.00	7 <sup>th</sup>	August	£507.30
17 <sup>th</sup>	July	£423.23	14 <sup>th</sup>	August	£299.20

### Flowers

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Bill & Celia McCartney
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Phyllis Hopkin
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Harvest
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Bill & Sue Bradley-White
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct	Colin & Pat Whalley
9 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Alan & Margaret Edward
16 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Rita Taylor
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct	Barbara Johnson
30 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Barbara Dawson

### Sunday Coffee

4 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Rita Taylor, Nancy Fox
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Vacant
18 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Joan Kidman, Celia McCartney
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Oct	Margaret & Alan Edward, Maureen Whitlock
9 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Anne Hall, Beverley Strange, Gemma Strange
16 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Viv Moore, April Rukin, Sue Bushell
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct	Rita Taylor, Nancy Fox
30 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Vacant

Closing date for the **October** edition of Contact is **25<sup>th</sup> September**  
The next edition will be available on **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

## OTHER NOTICES



LIGHT FOUNDATION PRESENTS

# PRESTON INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

We warmly welcome you to share respectful dialogue in a neutral space to learn about faith based views on the meanings of life.

Come and join us at our Monthly gatherings, on the

**1ST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH (7.30PM - 9PM)**

- \* Open to people of all Faiths and non from all backgrounds and ways of life
- \* A non-judgemental forum for open and honest conversations based on mutual respect
- \* An opportunity to understand and get to know others perspectives, traditions and practices
- \* Discussions and ideas that unite and concern us as a community
- \* Encouraging working together for the common good
- \* Light Refreshments provided

We hope to create a concrete opportunity to build and strengthen working ties between faith and non faith communities in Preston.

Venue: Quakers Meeting Hall  
189 St Georges Rd • Deepdale • Preston • PA1 6NQ

No prior booking is required, but if you are interested in attending, and require further information, please email [info@light-foundation.co.uk](mailto:info@light-foundation.co.uk) or SMS/Call 07794949217

MEETINGS SPONSORED BY: Choma Zone Take Away  
All Charcoal Grilled Freshly made food, St Pauls Road, Preston

## ARTICLE - THE SILVER LINE



The speaker at the Seniors event on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August was Ian Williamson from Silver Line, the free confidential helpline for older people. Ian gave us a brief history of the charity:

Silver Line, which was set up in 2011, was the brainchild of Dame Esther Rantzen, who had experienced unexpected loneliness following the death of her husband. The aim of the charity is to support vulnerable older people, signpost them to projects and services, and break through the stigma of loneliness and isolation.

Ian told us that the helpline, which is based in Blackpool, receives over 10,000 calls each week and the number is expected to increase over the coming years. Another aspect of Silver Line's work is a 'befriending' service where volunteers ring an older person each week for a chat and to provide friendship. Ian told us of a 94 year old volunteer who has befriended a 57 year old, and they regularly speak each week for a catch-up. Some volunteers write friendship letters regularly to the person they're paired with.

Ian emphasised that the power of human contact shouldn't be underestimated especially for older people who suffer intense loneliness – (reckoned to be 1 in 10 of over 75 year olds) and the volunteers are vital to reducing that loneliness and improving many older people's lives. And the volunteer role is very rewarding. To be a Silver Line telephone friend you will need access to the internet and be able to commit to a phone call of approximately 30 minutes at the same time and day each week, for up to a year. Training is provided.

The Silver Line number is free to call: 0800 4 70 80 90

*(Maureen W)*



Extracts from URC's  
Commitment for Life  
Stories for Change –  
2016

CENTRAL AMERICA - Nicaragua

Masculinity/noun - 'possession of the qualities traditionally associated with men'.

What connotations does masculinity have in your group of friends? In your school or university? In your church or youth group? All over the world this word, masculinity, has different associations. But In Nicaragua, a culture based around the definition of masculinity causes domestic violence, increases gang culture and challenges society. This puts pressure on men to demonstrate strength, destruction and aggression towards others to demonstrate their superiority. It pressures men to be decision makers and breadwinners. If men cannot fulfil these criteria, they often turn to violence to reinstate their power and as a way to deal with their frustrations.

Today Nicaraguan women have larger public roles and employment opportunities. Yet machismo culture is still a pressure for men to be breadwinners and as a result, many men look to crime and drugs to reaffirm their identities when traditional gender roles are broken down. Machismo affects men and women in Nicaragua: men adapt to the expectations that this places on them and women have to accept that violence and decision making is a man's role in the household.

Christian Aid is working with an organisation called CEPREV who are all too aware of the problems of gang culture and pressures of machismo.

CEPREV is working with gang members and their families to find solutions to the ongoing problems in Nicaragua. Bayardo Fargas is a former gang member and drug dealer whose life has been transformed with CEPREV. (Cont'd.....)

## URC - COMMITMENT FOR LIFE ARTICLE Cont'd

He was the leader of a gang who sold cocaine and robbed houses at gunpoint. He knew of the work of CEPREV but was sceptical: "I didn't trust them to begin with. I thought they were spying on me, so I'd usually tell the boys [other gang members] not to trust them. But slowly I realised their intentions were good and heartfelt. They treated me with affection and love."

During this process Bayardo dismantled his gang, handed over his weapons and stopped taking drugs, even though it was a difficult and long process. He's proud of his achievements: "You have to have willpower. It was my goal to change and now I have a family and job."

Many of Bayardo's former gang members are also working or studying for a better future. And because Bayardo is so thankful to CEPREV, he volunteers to help other young men leave a life of drugs and crime.

CEPREV's ongoing and powerful work has transformed the lives of many men and their families, who now understand a new way of being a man, connecting with their feelings and expressing them instead of returning to violence. Indeed the work of CEPREV has led to the dismantling of around 120 gangs in the past few years.

*This article was first produced in The Christian Aid Collective 'Do Not Tiptoe' Magazine: The Gender Issue*



## CROSSWORD

### Bible Word Search: CHOOSE TO SERVE GOD (Joshua 24)

W S S E N T I W T A E K U C O  
L H P I O T X C B K V W O C T  
L I O W K H R R H Z O I G R X  
A E X L J Y A V W Q X Y B B C  
A W A O E H Z U W Z X S E B U  
Z S N R A H M Y E N P J P F E  
M B Q M S T E Q W G O G Q S G  
H Q Q V Z I C A B S K H O M Y  
I W L R U E G I R S E O A W P  
G C P H A A O A G T H R E E T  
N I N L U U D K Q C B F V T I  
P L R V H M O S E S J F I E A  
H X D C S O S I A N V C M D N  
G F N H O G G P S G L I N Y S  
P V P G J D W P E V R X J F U

ABRAHAM  
GOD  
MOSES  
WITNESS

CHOOSE  
ISRAEL  
SERVE

EGYPTIANS  
JOSHUA  
WHOLE HEART

#### Instructions:

Find and circle the words from the list. Words may be forward, backward, vertical, or diagonal within the puzzle.

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## QUESTIONS TO ANSWER - NOT SO DIFFICULT!!

1. Would you say that band-leaders who do not work at it full time are semi-conductors?
2. If mineral water has flowed through rocks for many years; why does it have a use by date?
3. So what was it they went back to before “drawing boards” were invented?
4. How is it that the third hand on a watch is called the second hand?
5. If Australia is “down under” is the UK “up over”?
6. Why don't we call the “rush hour” the “slow hour”.
7. What is the Roman numeral for “zero”.
8. Why does the day “break” and the night “fall”?
9. How is it that sheep don't shrink in the rain?
10. If you succeed, despite trying to fail, which have you done?
11. Before sliced bread, what was the best thing?
12. If a person is described as selfish are they a fishmonger?
13. Is an inept optician an “eyedropper”.
14. Why is it that a “pharmacist” doesn't help out on a farm?
15. Are two physicians a “paradox”?

## CARTOON

“And when it starts raining just point, click and you close the window!”



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# Harvest Fruit and Vegetables

