

CONTACT

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to

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

MAY GRACE AND PEACE BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE
IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND OF JESUS OUR LORD.

REMEMBRANCE DAY



11th November 2018



NOVEMBER 2018

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FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD

Dear Friends

There is so much change going on at present in the wider United Reformed Church isn't there ? - which has gradually infiltrated its way down to the day-to-day lives of local churches. Even though the need for major adjustments was predicted at least 10 years ago because of the inevitable drastic reduction in Stipendiary Ministry, nevertheless now it is here, there is a real feeling of insecurity amongst many members in the different churches known to me, about what the future holds for them.

I wonder why we all fear significant change so much. It is so much at the heart of nature and the way God does things. It is the needed process of renewal.

We are now into Autumn. Despite its beautiful colour it is a reminder to us all, that winter is on its way. But we also know that if we are patient, then we will see Spring come later. For God, there is no end. Every end is also a new beginning, because God operates in circles. If only we trusted that more !!



I have always loved having a bird feeding station. Before David and I moved to a bungalow 5 years ago, we had a house with a very large garden with no houses close by. It almost became like a nature reserve. We had a bird table just outside the kitchen window, which we kept well stocked up with seed, bread and fat balls during the colder months. It was fascinating to watch when we replenished the supply each morning, how the birds behaved. Sometimes there were 15-20 birds that flew in immediately around

that feeding station, but they didn't all feed at the same moment. There was a clear pecking order. More significantly, none tried to take more than they needed. They didn't try to hold onto their positions, but flew away, allowing the next bird to move in, and some even dropped bread off the table for the ground feeders to eat.

FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD cont'd

Maybe we should learn from the birds - to trust God is working in our lives for good, through all its many changes- and then we would not seek security by trying to hang on to church life "as it has always been". We are already seeing wonderful new talents emerging from within our own congregation. There is every reason to welcome it, so that our fellowship stays strong.



At the end of the day, it is how we each lead our daily lives that matters - whether we try to follow the way of Christ. There is an old Indian saying "When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner, that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice "

May God be with you all,
Shirley

A REMEMBRANCE POEM



I am not a badge of honour,
I am not a racist smear,
I am not a fashion statement,
To be worn but once a year,
I am not glorification
Of conflict or of war.
I am not a paper ornament
A token,
I am more.
I am a loving memory,
Of a father or a son,

A permanent reminder
Of each and every one.
I'm paper or enamel
I'm old or shining new,
I'm a way of saying thank you,
To every one of you.
I am a simple poppy
A Reminder to you all,
That courage faith and honour,
Will stand where heroes fall.
(Paul Hunter 2014)



MEMORIAL SERVICE - NOVEMBER 2018

A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of
VAL NICHOLLS
will be held at
Penwortham United Reformed Church
on Saturday 3rd November
at 1.30 pm

PURC EVENTS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

MEN'S GROUP

Meet: 2pm Monday 5th Nov
in the Guild Room
Topic: "Afternoon Surprise"
Led by: Nigel Lemon
Next Meeting : Mon 3rd Dec
(Nigel L)

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meet: 2pm Wednesday 7th Nov
in the Guild Room
Topic "Precious Items"
Led By: Brenda Kendall
Next Meeting : Wed 5th Dec
(Brenda K)

CRAFT GROUP

Meets: 2pm
Tuesday. 13th November
in the Guild Room
Next Meeting : 11th December

THE BUTTERFLIES GROUP

Meets for Tea/Coffee, a chat
and events discussion
every 2 weeks at 1 pm
in the Church Hall.
Meet: Nov 1st, 15th, 29th, & Dec 13th
Pat Duckworth



Messy Church meets at
Penwortham United Reformed Church
Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0GB
Saturday 2.30pm - 4.30 pm

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

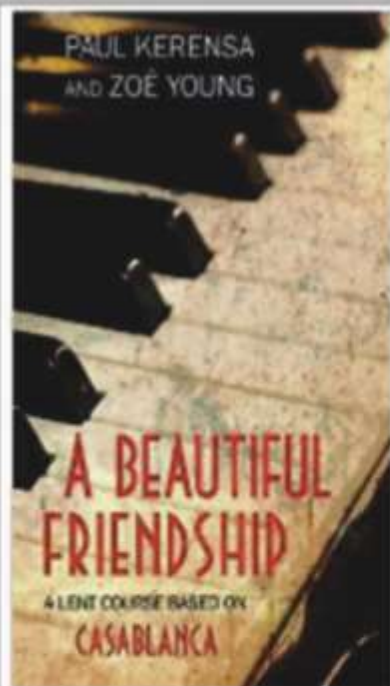
PURCMessychurch@hotmail.com - 07716129719/ <http://penworthamurc.org.uk>

Coming Dates are: 10th November
8th December

(Gillian P)



DISCUSSION GROUP - A BEAUTIFUL FRIENDSHIP - NOVEMBER



You are invited to come and join us in exploring a fresh perspective on the film *Casablanca*, looking at themes such as love, loss, faith and sacrifice that can help us reflect on the Gospel message in a new way. We shall first watch the film and then in the following 5 sessions look at extracts for further exploration.

Dates and times are currently planned to be on *Wednesdays*:

7.00pm	07 Nov 2018	Watch the film
7.30pm	14 Nov 2018	Session 1
7.30pm	05 Dec 2018	Session 2
7.30pm	09 Jan 2019	Session 3
7.30pm	13 Feb 2019	Session 4
7.30pm	13 Mar 2019	Session 5

Our reflections will be supported by the book "A Beautiful Friendship" and copies will be available.

OTHER EVENTS - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018



COMMUNITY Concert for PEACE

Saturday 10th November 2018

7.00pm Hindu Gujarati Society,

South Keendow Lane **PRESTON, PR1 8JN**

Tickets: \$5.00 each, \$5.00 (1 adult, 1 child),

\$15.00 (2 adults, 2 children) under 16

Availability from: www.dharmadharma.org.uk



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www.dharmadharma.org.uk - Always Remembered, Never Forgotten

www.dharmadharma.org.uk



HINDU GUJARATI SOCIETY
 SOUTH KEENDOW LANE

"Tirthatraya"



FURTHER ACTIVITIES - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018



CHRISTMAS GIFTS SHOPPING
Sunday 4th November
in the Main Hall at PURC
Gifts/Refreshments/Free Admission
All Welcome

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENWORTHAM - DECEMBER 2017



ADVENT SERVICE
The Churches Together in Penwortham
Advent Service will be held at
St Mary's Parish Church
on Sunday 2nd December at 3.00pm.
All are Welcome

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



UNICEF MITES SCHEME

www.unicef.org.uk/fundraise/fundraise-in-your-community/faith-groups/the-mite-scheme/

in the period 01 Jul to 30 Sep 2018 your Mites (5p coins) reached a total of £103-45p.

This is the most generous quarterly sum for some time and your generosity and patience in saving up the mites and donating them to this very worthy cause is very much appreciated; not least by our national co-ordinator, Keith Garner - so very well done.

Your donations contribute to the purchase of Oral Re-hydration Sachets, the cost of which is now 8p each. It is on the World Health Organization's "List of Essential Medicines" and the use of oral re-hydration therapy decreases the risk of death from diarrhoea by a staggering 93% and is extremely helpful for sick, as well as undernourished, children.

Collection Boxes are on the stage at the back as you come into Church. Do keep your Mites coming.

(Ed.)

CHARITY ARTICLE

Project Primrose

Over the last few years a number of our ladies have knitted 'fish and chip' jumpers which in the past we've donated to International Aid, for them to distribute to babies in need in different parts of the world. I don't know how many jumpers have been produced but it's a LOT! However International Aid told us that they can no longer use them so we needed to find another charity which would make use of them.

Browsing the Internet I came across Project Primrose. This charity was formed about 10 years ago by a group of people who were keen to make a difference to the lives of deprived and neglected children in South Africa. The charity's focus is helping to maintain the Ubuntu Orphanage in Duncan Village, one of the poorest townships in the Eastern Cape area of South Africa, where starvation and extreme poverty are part of daily life.



The orphanage has been renovated and expanded over the years and now houses around 40 children, providing them with a safe living environment, food, clothing and education. The charity also work in the local community supporting families, especially those with young children and babies.

We've sent about 80 knitted jumpers and 20 children's 'beanie' hats to Project Primrose for which they're very grateful.

So a big 'thank you' to all our church people who have produced these lovely colourful jumpers. And for anyone who would like to continue to use their knitting talents, International Aid have told us that hats, scarves and mittens are always most welcome. Please speak to me if you would like a pattern or some wool. *(Maureen W)*

(Many thanks to Maureen for finding this outlet for the jumpers (Ed.))

WHAT'S ON - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday	1st	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Ha
Saturday	3rd	10.30am	Coffee Morning	Side Roc
Saturday	3rd	1.30pm	Memorial Service- Val Nicholls	Rev'd Ni
Sunday	4th	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev'd S
Monday	5th	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Ro
Wednesday	7th	2.00pm	Women's Group	Guild Ro
Wednesday	7th	7.00pm	Discussion Group - Film	Side Roc
Saturday	10th	2.30pm	Messy Church	
Sunday	11th	10.30am	Family Worship (Remembrance)	Val Atki
Tuesday	13th	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Ro
Wednesday	14th	7.30pm	Discussion Group-Session 1	Side Roc
Thursday	15th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Ha
Sunday	18th	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev'd M
Wednesday	21st	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Roc
Sunday	25th	10.30am	Family Worship	Maureen
Thursday	29th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Ha

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday	2nd	10.30am	Family Worship	Rev'd M
Sunday	2nd	3.00pm	Advent Service	St. Mary
Monday	3rd	12.00noon	Men's Group - Lunch	for 12.30
Wednesday	5th	12.00noon	Women's Group - Lunch	for 12.30
Wednesday	5th	7.30pm	Discussion Group-Session 2	Side Roc
Saturday	8th	2.30pm	Messy Church	
Sunday	9th	10.30am	Toy Service and Parade	Jeff Bra
Tuesday	11th	2.00pm	Craft Group	Guild Ro
Thursday	13th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Ha
Sunday	16th	10.30am	Junior Church Nativity	Junior C
Sunday	23rd	3.30pm	Carol Service	Beverley
Tuesday	25th	10.30am	Christmas Day Worship	Worship
Sunday	30th	10.30am	Family Worship	Worship

*Holy Communion will be celebrated as informed by Church Notices
All Services have a Junior Church & Crèche (Pulpit Supplies: Brenda Kendall)*

Missional Partnerships



Supplement to “Contact”

This supplement includes the contents of a letter from Reverend Daleen ten Cate
Lancashire Area
Mission and Discipleship Mentor
for the URC – NW Synod
following the Lancashire - Southern Area
Missional Partnership “Get Together”
at Chorley URC on 6th October 2018
along with the text of two songs
that were sung during the
“Get Together”

Missional Partnerships

South Area Get-together



Dear All

A huge thank you for each and every one of you that came along and took part in our first Partnership Get Together, last Saturday. A special thank you to Chorley URC for hosting us and to the choir for their joyous performance. I came away feeling inspired and uplifted, after listening to the part every church plays in God's Mission. I cannot wait to see what God has planned for us as a Partnership together.

I would like to quote one of the members, because her words sum it up, so beautifully.

"Now we as a congregation have been given the opportunity to form a partnership with the other URC congregations in our area, to get to know each other, to use each other's strengths and support the weaknesses, to learn from each other and together make a greater impact on our communities"

I am looking forward to this journey together.
Yours in Christ

Daleen ten Cate

HALLELUJAH

(tune from Leonard Cohen's 1984 song "Hallelujah")

You've heard there is a Lord of Love,
Who reaches out from up above
But you don't look in that direction, do you?
He sent His Son on earth to live,
To know your pain, to share your grief,
To turn your sorrow into Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

It doesn't matter what you say,
The Lord of Love won't go away
He's waiting here, yes really. What's it to you?
There's a blaze of light in Jesus' Word
You'll feel its power when once you've heard
His words of love, amazing, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

There's nothing like the Saviour's Love,
It holds you close and fills you up.
It makes you whole; it's waiting right here for you.
And even when your life gets tough,
You'll stand before the Lord of Love
With nothing on your tongue but Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

(RB/CURC)

Hymn to the Tune – Londonderry Air

The God we love is looking for a people

Who will allow his Spirit full control,
Within whose hearts the truth will be established
And fan the flames of worship in the soul.

He looks beyond our calculated duty
For lives alert to all the joys of grace;
May we be found among their honoured number,
A people eager for the warmth of his embrace

The God we serve is looking for a people
Who will give due attention to his word,
Approaching scripture with a prayerful stillness,
Prepared to wait until his voice is heard
And who will move from hearing into action,
Allowing Christ to shape them day by day;
May we be found among their honoured number,
A people who will listen to him and obey

The God we preach is looking for a people
Who will proclaim his kingdom to the poor;
Who will not flinch when faced with opposition,
Who find the cross too potent to ignore.
They will explain the hope of resurrection,
Yet work for justice now for all the earth;
May we be found among their honoured number,
And show our neighbours how much Christ says
they are worth

The God we love is looking for a people
Who will be knit as one community;
Who will be glad to bear each other's burdens
And whose commitment fuels their unity
In lives like these the Spirit's gifts are nurtured;
By love and joy and peace their faith is known;
May we be found among their honoured number,
A holy people Christ is pleased to call his own.

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OFFERINGS AND ROTAS

Weekly Offering

(Gill T.)

23 rd	Sep	£594.00
30 th	Sep	£535.00
7 th	Oct	£569.00
14 th	Oct	£508.00
21 st	Oct	£517.00

Flowers

(Robert B./Cath A.)

4 th	Nov	Barbara Dawson
11 th	Nov	Robert Bulloch
18 st	Nov	Marjorie Smith
25 th	Nov	Beverley & Alan Strange
2 nd	Dec	Alan & Margery Owen
9 th	Dec	Milne & Doris McCutcheon
16 th	Dec	Robert Bulloch
23 rd	Dec	Maureen Whitlock
30 th	Dec	Christmas

Sunday Coffee

(Robert B.)

4 th	Nov	Rita Taylor and Joyce Boreham
11 th	Nov	Anne Hall and Gemma Strange
18 st	Nov	Viv Moore, April Rukin and Sue Bushell
25 th	Nov	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
2 nd	Dec	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward
9 th	Dec	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
16 th	Dec	Rita Taylor and Joyce Boreham
23 rd	Dec	Anne Hall and Gemma Strange
30 th	Dec	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward

Closing date for the December "Contact" is Sunday 25th Nov
Issue date for the December "Contact" is Sunday 2nd Dec



ASDA – SAINSBURY'S MERGER: THREAT OR OPPORTUNITY?



Banana Link has for many

years documented the race to the bottom in the banana industry, with supermarket buying power and unfair trading practices driving down the prices they pay to tropical fruit suppliers. This has a negative impact, threatening the survival of small -scale producers.

The recently proposed merger between Asda and Sainsbury's raises the prospect of an even more powerful buyer, able to exert even more pressure on prices by squeezing suppliers even further.

Sainsbury's have announced that the merger could lead to price cuts in their stores of "around 10 per cent on many of the products customers buy regularly". In the case of bananas, 3p off the current price per kilo, or 12p from the cost of a pack of eight Fairtrade bananas.

However, there is a potential upside. Sainsbury's and ASDA both have demonstrable commitments to ethical sourcing of bananas. 100% of Sainsbury's bananas carry the Fairtrade label. Both are members, along with Banana Link, of the World Banana Forum, which brings together stakeholders in the global banana supply chain to work towards consensus on best practices for sustainable production and trade. As NFU Scotland Chief Executive Scott Walker has said, *"there is an opportunity here for potentially the biggest player in the UK's retail sector to put in place a system of responsible sourcing and to end the spectre of Unfair Trading Practices by supermarkets"*.

The recent announcement by the European Commission of proposed legislation on unfair trading practices in global food supply chains comes as welcome news. By protecting small and medium-sized food suppliers against abusive practices of large buyers, it aims to address insecurity among supermarket suppliers, which directly impacts the most vulnerable people in the supply chain.

(Extracted from URC Commitment for Life - Stories for Change 157 (Ed.)



Evergreen

Laizah is part of the Mthombowesizwe Garden project which means evergreen. The women always sing and dance to songs of welcome when visitors arrive. They use the songs to empower themselves and bind as a group. Culturally women and children in this area of Zimbabwe do not go to the local shops. This meant there was much discussion as to how they could take produce to market to barter. Through discussion, involving Christian Aid partner Silveira House, this has been resolved.

At present Laizah grows onions and carrots. She has 6 children to feed so the garden has made a huge difference to their meals. She puts onions amongst the carrots to stop carrot fly, which she has learnt from being in the project. Through selling her produce she has joined the savings group and has also been able to send her children to school as she can now pay the fees and travel costs.

Sophia, another member, means wisdom. She is using that wisdom to teach others about the benefits of growing crops using conservation farming, a technique which involves strict measuring, controlled weighing and using basic hand tools. The group have become stronger together and there is increased confidence among the women members, which is good news for the next generation.

Operation Noah

This NGO, working on climate change issues, has launched 'Sālote' which is a short animated video. Its aim is to help Christians around the world recognise the human cost of climate change, and particularly its impact on women and children. The full video can be watched on their website, where you can also download an activity pack and factsheet for your church/home group during the Season of Creation: <http://operationnoah.org/resources/salote/> This is in partnership with the World Day of Prayer

(Extracted from URC Commitment for Life - Stories for Change 157 (Ed.))

PRAYER TOPICS NOT OFTEN IN THE NEWS

Laos - Dam Burst Follow-up Operation

In July, a hydroelectric dam under construction in the Sanamxay District of Attapeu collapsed releasing an amount of water equivalent to 2 million Olympic-sized swimming pools. It caused immediate flash flooding through several villages. Homes, roads and bridges were swept away. Several lives were claimed, hundreds went missing, and more than 6,000 lost their homes. Those that have been rescued are currently sheltering in make-shift tents. Please pray for protection for those that have been affected and pray that God will work through the organisations providing aid, to provide for those suffering. *(World Share)*

Papua New Guinea WIFIBibles available on buses

Christian Radio Missionary Fellowship (CRMF), a branch of Mission Aviation Fellowship based in Papua New Guinea, is installing WIFIBible devices onto buses used by the public. The WIFIBible allows people to download a wide range of free Christian resources like music, the Jesus film and access the Bible in their own languages on their smartphones, without the need for an internet connection. Please join us in praying that, through these WIFIBibles, many people would get to read and hear the gospel, accept Christ into their hearts, and bring those they know into relationship with him too. *(Mission Aviation Fellowship UK)*

India, Nepal & Bhutan Jesus over the radio waves

Kurux is a language predominantly spoken by three people groups in Eastern India, Nepal, and Bhutan. Now, gospel radio programmes are being produced in Kurux and broadcast weekly into these areas from powerful shortwave transmitters based in Northern Australia. Pray for the salvation of these people groups, that many will learn about Jesus for the first time through the radio programmes. Also pray that the disciples of Jesus who live in these places will boldly spread the Good News to others. (Reach Beyond)

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REMEMBRANCE DAY QUOTES

Maya Angelou

"When our perils are past, shall our gratitude sleep?"

Oliver Wendell Holmes

"Lord, bid war's trumpet cease; Fold the whole earth in peace."

William Havard

"The greatest glory of a free-born people is to transmit that freedom to their children."

Rudyard Kipling

"The tumult and the shouting dies; the Captains and the Kings depart: Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice, An humble and a contrite heart. Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet, Lest we forget—lest we



GLOBAL ANAGRAMS

Can you work out the name of each river or country from the following anagrams? Name lengths are shown in brackets.

RIVERS:

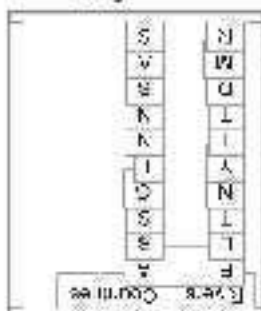
TRUE SHAPE (9)
 POLO IMP (7)
 IS GRIT (6)
 LINE (4)
 GET ZANY (7)
 TRIBE (5)
 HAS MET (6)
 A UBEND (6)
 SUMO IRIS (8)
 DRAGON IRE (3,6)

COUNTRIES:

ULTRA ASIA (9)
 BIG MULE (7)
 COLD ANTS (8)
 (8)
 NEAR GYM (7)
 NICE LAD (7)
 SLENDER
 THAN (11)
 ANY ROW (6)
 A SNIP (5)
 NEAR GIANT (9)
 LIZARDS
 WENT (11)

SOLUTIONS:

First letters only



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CARTOON CORNER



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BY NOW EVERYONE IN THE CONGREGATION KNEW THE PASTOR WAS GOING ON A CRUISE.

SERVICE VALUE?

Three boys are in the school yard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, 'My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him £50.' The second boy says, 'That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on piece of paper,he calls it a song, they give him £100.' The third boy says, 'I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!'

Courtesy Derek & Pat P

A man and his 12-year-old son were camping miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any money, so he asked his son to drop 10p in the offering plate from his pocket money as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented; "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key." His son replied that he thought it was pretty good value for 10p"
(from the internet - Ed.)

AFFICHE D'UNE ÉGLISE EN FRANCE

**Poster found in a Church in
France... (translated):**

**"When you enter this church
it may be possible that you
hear "the call of God".
However, it is unlikely that He
will call you on your mobile.
Thank you for turning off
your phones. If you want to
talk to God, enter, choose a
quiet place and talk to Him.
If you want to see Him, send
Him a text while driving."**



Courtesy Cath A

Remembrance Sunday



In the UK Remembrance Sunday is held on the second Sunday in November. It commemorates the contribution of the British and Commonwealth people who fought in the First and Second World War and later conflicts.

www.kidspuzzlesandgames.co.uk