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introduces and welcomes
YOU
to

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Lent

† Palm
Sunday

† Maundy
Thursday

† Good
Friday

EASTER
SUNDAY

EASTER
Blessings

APRIL 2019

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FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD



Whenever I feel down or need peace of mind I always go to the countryside or just imagine I am there!

This picture is of Hawkeshead Church in the southern lakes. We had a holiday there last Autumn and if I close my eyes I can still see

the wonderful view from our cottage. We were staying not far from the path where my husband Allen took this photo, and we had an uninterrupted view across the valley to the hills the other side of Lake Windermere. The colours changed with the clouds and never stayed the same. Very relaxing and peaceful.

Often when we visit the Lakes I will go for one of my favourite walks while Allen tackles something more challenging! We often stay in Borrowdale, a valley going from Keswick down Derwent Water. The first walk is round the shore of the lake from Grange back to Keswick. Whatever the season the view across the lake is spectacular again to the hills on the far side of the lake around the village of Watendlath, made famous by Walpole's books about the Herries family. For my second walk I take the bus up to Rossthwaite and walk back along the river. The water is so clear and this route is very quiet except for the birds and animals. There is always something different to watch.



We found these belted Galloways at the bottom of Tarn Howes on a very grey day. None were in sight until the farmer arrived on his quad bike and shouted for them. It took ages for them to arrive from all directions for their feed.

I hope you all have a place to go to cheer you up like me!

Gill Turner

NW SYNOD NEWS ARTICLE ABOUT PURC MESSY CHURCH



2: Messy Church at Penwortham URC

At 2:29pm, on Saturday 9th March there were 4 children attending the Messy Church at Penwortham URC. However, at 2:30pm there were suddenly 34 children there. Where did they come from?

The programme was jam packed with stories, crafts, experiments and food activities etc. - all in the name of Mothering Sunday. Alex's food table reminded me of the parable of the 2 fishes and 5 loaves and Jesus' compassion-filled heart. How there will always be enough for every one and some left overs, if we are willing to share. Thank you very much to all the volunteers for making the children in your community feel welcomed. You are a real blessing to these children and their parents



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 - 07771://penworthamurc.org.uk

Coming Dates are: April 13th / 11th May *(Gillian P)*

THANK YOU - SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKES

A Big Thank You to Beverley, Jenny and Pauline for the excellent pancakes freshly prepared and served up on Shrove Tuesday. Thanks too to the helpers providing the drinks and toppings. Below is a photo - courtesy of *Maureen W* - which includes Jenny's pancake tossing demonstration!!



ITEMS FOR YOUR APRIL DIARY

IMPORTANT DIARY NOTE - PURC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held after the service on *Sunday 28th April 2019*
Please do try to come along

MISSION BOXES



Please could those with Missionary Boxes bring them to Church during April for the half yearly count.

Many thanks. Gill T


Easter

PURC REGULAR MEETINGS - APRIL

MEN'S GROUP

Meets: Monday 1st April at 2pm in the Guild Room
Topic: Hugh's Musical Afternoon, Led by: Hugh Dawkins
Next Meeting : 29th April (Nigel L)

WOMEN'S GROUP

Meets: Wednesday 3rd April at 2.30pm in the Guild Room
Topic: "Bhopal" Led by: Emma Whitlock
Next Meeting: 1st May (Brenda K)

THE BUTTERFLIES GROUP

Meets for Tea/Coffee & Chat and events discussion
every 2 weeks at 1pm in the Church Hall.
Next Meetings : 11th/25th April (Pat D)

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group has now closed for regular meetings.
Thank you to all the members for making it such a fun and enjoyable
group and for the contributions made to other church activities.

OTHER PURC EVENTS - APRIL/ MAY

Thinking of becoming a member ?

We will be having an informal meeting on **Wednesday 10th April** to talk about membership, if you are interested and would like to know what's involved in becoming a member of our church, please come along on the 10th **at 2pm** in the Guild room.

Bev and Jenny.



AT HOME SOCIAL AFTERNOON

There will be another "At Home" Social Afternoon on **Tuesday 28th MAY, starting at 1.30** with a quiz. We hope that you will come along, bring a friend, and enjoy some fellowship and of course tea/coffee and cake. Ask **Maureen, Linda or Rita** for more information and we will remind you in MAY Contact.

EASTER 2019



Churches Together in Penwortham - Good Friday Walk of Witness and Joint Service.

As you may be aware we forgo a Good Friday Service at our own church and support the joint service organised by our ecumenical friends within Churches Together in Penwortham. This year Penwortham Methodist Church, on Leyland Road are hosting the events. Proceedings will commence with the Ecumenical Cross being carried in procession around a route in lower Penwortham. The walking group will form in front of Penwortham Methodist Church at 10.00am, returning to the church for the Joint Service which will begin at 11.00am. Please support this important event and join us for the Walk, the Service, or both. Everyone is welcome. Should you require a lift to the church please speak to your Elder, Anne Hall or myself. See Notice Board for map of walk route.

Many thanks, Robert Bulloch

SOME PRESTON/PENWORTHAM CHURCHES EVENTS IN APRIL

Th 4, Fri 5 & Sat 6 April, 9.30am: Women's event -

"Alive and Kicking" at **Bethel Church** Please register at :

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alive-and-kicking-tickets-52705902774>

Saturday 6 April, 10.30am: Prayer workshop at the **Carmelite Monastery** All welcome! Please bring packed lunch;07515253762 gilliancoxhead@hotmail.co.uk for information.

Friday 12 April, 10.30am-11.30am at **Cop Lane Coffee Shop, Cop Lane, Penwortham.** "Friday Focus" Faith Group. Discovering God in our everyday lives - chatting and sharing our faith over a cup of coffee! Everyone welcome! We meet the second Friday in every month. [Karen Rufus]

Saturday 13 April, 2.30pm on: "Come & Sing event - "Olivet to Calvary" at **St Leonard's Church, Penwortham.** Preston Orpheus Choir are organising a "Come & Sing". An afternoon workshop from 2.30 to 5.30pm followed by an evening performance at 7.00pm.

Singers £10, audience £5. More details inc. Registration form at

www.prestonorpheuschoir.org . [Mick Gardner]



ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US
AS WE APPROACH EASTER
REFLECTING UPON
CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR ALL PEOPLE
AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION



We mark Jesus important
entry to Jerusalem with a service in
Penwortham United Reformed Church
at 10.30am Sunday 14th April 2019



A Service of Reflection with Holy Communion
in Penwortham United Reformed Church
at 7.30pm Thursday 18th April 2019



A Walk of Witness with
Churches Together in Penwortham leaving
Penwortham Methodist Church, Leyland Road
at 10.00 am Friday 19th April 2019



A Good Friday Act of Worship with
Churches Together in Penwortham in
Penwortham Methodist Church, Leyland Road
at 11.00am on Friday 19th April 2019



An Easter Sunday Service of Celebration in
Penwortham United Reformed Church
at 10.30am Sunday 21st April 2019

WHAT'S ON APRIL/MAY 2019

April 2019

Monday	1st	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	3rd	2.30pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
Saturday	6th	1030am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
Sunday	7th	10.30am	Family Worship	Elizabeth Fletcher/Elders
Wednesday	10th	2.00pm	Talking About Membership	Guild Room
Thursday	11th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Saturday	13th	2.30pm	Messy Church	
Sunday	14th	10.30am	Palm Sunday Family Worship	Rev'd Nigel Lemon
Wednesday	17th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
Thursday	18th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Worship Group 1
Friday	19th	10.00am	Good Friday Walk of Witness	Penwortham Methodist
Friday	19th	11.00am	Good Friday Service (CTiP)	Penwortham Methodist
Sunday	21st	10.30am	Easter Sunday	Carole & Henry Rose
Thursday	25th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Sunday	28th	10.30am	Family Worship	Worship Group 2
Sunday	28th	12.00noon	Annual General Meeting	Follows the Service
Monday	29th	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room

May 2019

Wednesday	1st	2.30pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
Saturday	4th	1030am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
Sunday	5th	10.30am	Family Worship	Geoff Tolley
Thursday	9th	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Saturday	11th	2.30pm	Messy Church	
Sunday	12th	10.30am	Parade Service/Family Worship	Steven Mitchell
Sunday	12th		Christian Aid Week Begins	
Wednesday	15th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
Saturday	18th	TBA	Christian Aid-Coffee&CakeMorning	
Sunday	19th	10.30am	Family Worship	Rene Kendall
Thursday	23rd	1.00pm	Butterflies	Main Hall
Sunday	26th	10.30am	Family Worship	Frank Kendall
Tuesday	28th	1.30pm	"At Home" Social Afternoon	

All Services have a Junior Church & Crèche (Pulpit Supplies: Brenda Kendall)

OFFERINGS AND ROTAS

Weekly Offertory

Gill T

17 th	Feb	£554.00
24 th	Feb	£547.00
3 rd	Mar	£540.00
10 th	Mar	£454.00
17 th	Mar	£745.00
25 th	Mar	£545.00

Flowers

Cath A/Robert B

7 th	Apr	Sid Senior
14 th	Apr	Alan & Margery Owen
21 st	Apr	Easter Sunday
28 th	Apr	Barbara Baird
5 th	May	Alan & Beverley Strange
12 th	May	Derek Woodburn
19 th	May	Derek & Pat Poulton
26 th	May	Maureen Whitlock

Sunday Coffee

Robert B

7 th	Apr	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
14 th	Apr	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
21 st	Apr	Rita Taylor and Joyce Boreham
28 th	Apr	Anne Hall and Gemma Strange
5 th	May	Viv and Graham Moore, Sue Bushell
12 th	May	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
19 th	May	Jean Henley, Linda Coppin, Barbara Baird
26 th	May	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward

Closing date for the May "Contact" is Sunday 21 ~~Apr~~
Issue date for the May "Contact" is Sunday 28 thApr

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019 - REMINDER

Christian Aid Week- May 12-18th2019



In light of Cyclone Idai, agencies like Christian Aid are in need of our help more than ever. Apart from our usual house-to-house collection during Christian Aid Week we are also having a coffee and cake morning on Saturday 18th May. Any help, donations for the raffle and plants would be much appreciated. We will be asking people to deliver and collect envelopes as normal before the week starts and if anyone who hasn't collected before would like to help, please see

Barbara or Cath.

Don't forget the concert by Leyland Band at St. Mary's on the 4th April which is advertised on the notice board. Proceeds to Christian Aid. It should be a good night.

A PRAYER FOR ALL COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY CYCLONE IDAI

Shelter in the storm,
light in the darkness,
hope even in a living hell,
God be with our sisters
and brothers
in Mozambique,
in Malawi,
in Zimbabwe.

Behind the numbing numbers are
the names of loved ones.

Behind the staggering statistics are
life stories still to be told.

God, help us be with our sisters and
brothers – gather us close so we
open our spirits and share. Your

world is our global neighbourhood. Help us forge the rain-driven path
together, for only together can we weather the storms.



Kunja Ntandula managed to rescue
her children from flooding by
climbing a tree.

Photo: Christian Aid/Frank Kowere

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/resources/churches>

PROVIDING HELPING HANDS - SHORT STORY

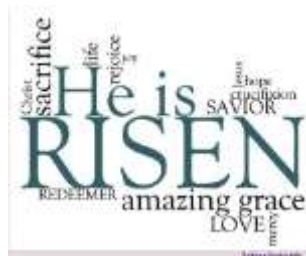
A mother, wishing to encourage her son's progress at the piano, bought tickets to a performance by the great Polish pianist Ignacy Jan Paderewski. When the evening arrived, they found their seats near the front of the concert hall and eyed the majestic Steinway waiting on the stage. Soon the mother found a friend to talk to, and the boy slipped away.

At eight o'clock, the lights in the auditorium began to dim, the spotlights came on, and only then did they notice the boy - up on the piano bench, innocently picking out "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star." His mother gasped in shock and embarrassment but, before she could retrieve her son, the master himself appeared on the stage and quickly moved to the keyboard.



He whispered gently to the boy, "Don't quit. Keep playing." Leaning over, Paderewski reached down with his left hand and began filling in the bass part. Soon his right arm reached around the other side and improvised a delightful obligato. Together, the old master and the young novice held the crowd mesmerized with their blended and beautiful music.

In all our lives, we receive helping hands - some we notice, some we don't. Equally we ourselves have countless opportunities to provide helping hands - sometimes we would like our assistance to be noticed, sometimes we don't. Little of what we all achieve is without learning from others and without support from others and what we receive we should hand out.
(Author Unknown)





El Salvador and Honduras

The divide between the richest and the poorest in El Salvador and Honduras is incredibly high. Indigenous communities bear the brunt of this inequality.

State-run health centres are often unequipped for indigenous cultures. Women from these communities are far less likely to use them. Childbirth risks are high.

Family planning is culturally sensitive. Underage pregnancy in indigenous communities are significantly higher than other groups. These groups often do not know their rights to reproductive and sexual health. Education is urgently needed to help them call on their governments for justice.

Christian Aid' project in the region is helping over 200,000 women of child-bearing age – and more than 560,000 in the target areas will indirectly benefit.

Church questions Amnesty Proposal

Catholic Church leaders in El Salvador have strongly criticised a government proposal that would grant amnesty to those who committed serious crimes during the country's civil conflict in the 1980s and early 1990s.

The Episcopal Conference of El Salvador said that it would be "unjust" law to protect the perpetrators of heinous crimes while offering no reparations or protections for victims of human rights abuses. This is in response to a proposed reconciliation law tasked with leading to truth, justice and reparations for victims of the conflict.

More than 75,000 people were killed and 10,000 others went missing during the US backed, decade-long conflict in El Salvador.

*(Extract from CfL- Stories for Change
- Central America - March 2019)*



PRAYER TOPICS

South Sudan - Church growth for the Laarim people The Laarim people in South Sudan have started an indigenous church. Last month was the first ever Laarim-led worship service in the village of Yei. It was a service complete with Laarim gospel songs accompanied by a drum, and the telling of a Bible story by a Laarim youth. This is one of numerous little churches sprouting up in different villages throughout Kimatong. Pray for these churches to grow and spread throughout this people group. (*AIM International*)

Bosnia & Herzegovina - Spiritual awakening for faith in Jesus The post war (1992-1995) socio-economic situation is troubled and recovery is slow. Bosnia and Herzegovina still struggles with poverty. Organised crime syndicates thrive and prohibit the country from joining the EU. The "brain and youth drain" sap Bosnia's potential; 60% of young people want to leave the country. Pray for economic transformation and for a new generation of Bosnians to stay and help the country to develop. Pray for God to bring deep healing and reconciliation from the hurt and divisions created during the war. Pray for a spiritual awakening – for people to come to faith in Jesus Christ, in a country where only 0.1% of the population are evangelical Christians. Pray for the summer camps 2019, where children and young people will have the opportunity to hear the gospel. (*Transform Europe Network*)

Greece -Women at risk in "the worst refugee camp in the world" Moria refugee camp in Lesbos, has been described as "the worst refugee camp in the world". People are living in very difficult crowded conditions and the atmosphere in the camp is highly charged. Living conditions are basic and frustrations bubble over quickly. Moria is a particularly dangerous place for women. There is a closed section for women who are alone, but after 11pm the door is open, and anyone can come in because there is no security guard at night. Safety is a big issue. Pray for a solution to this massive problem and for the Christians working with refugees on Lesbos, that their compassion will bring hope. Pray that they would share God's love with gentleness and respect. (*Reach Beyond*)

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WORDSEARCH

Easter Word Search

FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS

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QUOTES FOR EASTER

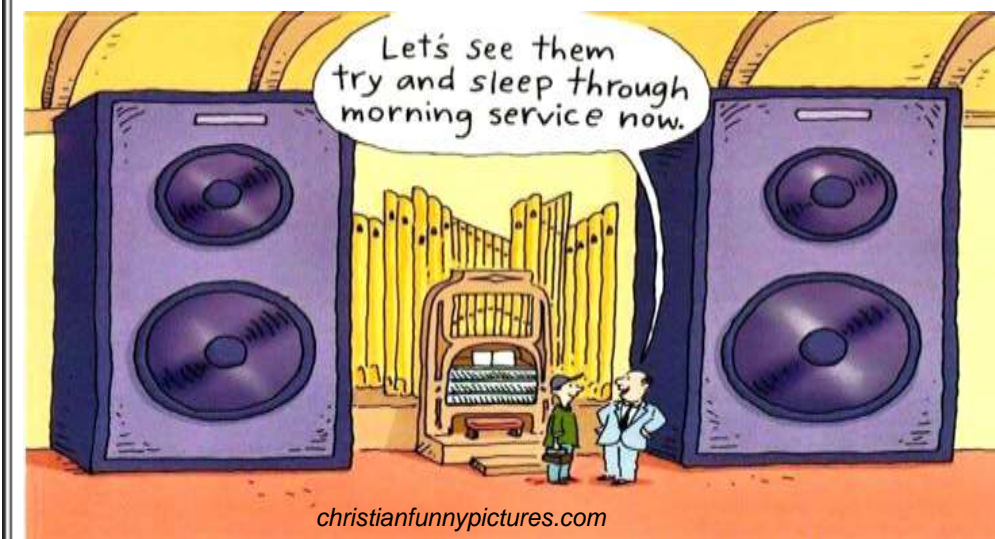
Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

~ **(Jesus Christ** – John 11:25, 26)

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." ~ **(Martin Luther)**

"The stone was rolled away from the tomb, not to permit Christ to come out, but to enable the disciples to go in. ~ **(Peter Marshall)**

CARTOON



NOAH'S ARK HUMOUR

Q: Which animals took the most luggage into the ark?

A: The elephants, because they brought their trunks along.

Q: In what order did Noah exit the ark?

A: He came forth.

Q: What kind of bottling did Noah do on the ark?

A: He preserved pairs.

Q: Why couldn't the occupants of the Ark play cards?

A: Because Noah was standing on the deck.

Q: Why did Noah have to discipline the chickens on the Ark?

A: Because they were talking with "fowl" language.

Q: When was the first meat identified in the Bible?

A: When Noah took Ham into the ark.

Q: Who was the greatest investor in the Bible?

A: Noah - he was floating his stock while others were in liquidation.

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The Empty Tomb



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