

# CONTACT

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## PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,  
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,  
so the Lord God will cause righteousness  
and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Isaiah 61:11 NRSV(A)*

# MAY 2019

## FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD

When Jenny asked me if I'd write something for the Contact magazine, I felt quite honoured. I think it's such a good little magazine. Not only is it informative and shares good news and announcements with everyone, but lets people know who are maybe not well, or can't make it to church, that we are still "in contact" with them in thought and prayers. After Jenny had spoken to me two things came into my head.... Firstly "What shall I write about?" and secondly "This might help me tick off one of the things on my THINGS I'D LIKETO DO list".

I don't know if any of you have a list like that. I wrote it many years ago, it's not very long and it's quite ordinary. There's nothing like ...Climb Mount Everest or Swim with dolphins. It includes.... Have a picture taken with Micky Mouse/Buy green shoes/Learn to play the piano. I've achieved the first two. I've tried to achieve the third one, but the patience to learn the scales didn't go well with my need to be an instant Liberace with, or without, candelabra and sparkly jacket.

However, this little article might help me towards a little half tick beside the "Write a Book" section on my list. I have the title in my head. I've had the title for many years. I'm not going to share it with you in case I do get around to it. Also, because I think it's quite a good title, probably better than anything I might put in the book.

I, of course, have written many things over the years of a "made up" nature. However, this was mainly because I had to as a means to an end e.g. A levels and a Degree, not because I wanted to explore the joy of writing. My thoughts on..." Did Othello really love not wisely but too well?" or "Describe Satan's character at the beginning of Paradise Lost" don't really give you a sense of achievement that writing your own experiences probably would. I have an admission to make here. I wrote many pieces on "Paradise Lost", but I've yet to read the whole thing. I made up for it by reading books and articles other people had written about it.

## FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD cont'd

One of the reasons why my book has only got as far as the title is my lack of focus and, up until I retired, my lack of time. I do enjoy books and reading but if I'm honest I'm quite easily distracted. When I'm on holiday with friends, some of them will be on their third book and I'm on the third chapter of the first book. It's because I'm more intrigued by why a man has moved his sun bed three times, or why there are plant boxes only on every second balcony!!

There's a famous American short story writer who spent some time in prison for embezzlement. To pass the time he wrote stories and published them under the name O'Henry. This was, apparently, the name of one of the guards who looked after him. Of course, I don't want to go to that extreme to find the time to write!! So, I'm hoping this first "published" adventure of my writing might eventually spur me on to write my novel. If it does, I will put Jenny and the Contact magazine in the thanks at the beginning.

Linda McLanachan



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The Men's Group enjoyed a musical afternoon on the 1<sup>st</sup> April (courtesy of Hugh); but top of the agenda was a significant birthday celebration with Noel Bracewell who celebrated his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. Stewart Taylor had baked a cake to mark this special occasion and Noel blew out the candles before tucking into the excellent confection. We are all looking forward to joining in the next celebration too!!

*(photo from Hugh D)*

## MELODY MAKER



Many congratulations to Cara Rhodes who recently successfully navigated her Saxophone (Grade 3) Jazz Examination **with Distinction**. Very well done Cara !!

## PURC "AT HOME" EVENT - MAY

At Home



### AT HOME SOCIAL AFTERNOON

There will be another "At Home" Social Afternoon on **Tuesday 28th MAY, starting at 1.30 pm**. Please place your name on the list in the foyer if you are able to attend this social afternoon. We will start with a musical quiz and then have tea /coffee and cake followed by ??? - YOU can decide what you would like to do, please tell **Maureen, Linda or Rita** of your ideas, we want the afternoon to be a pleasant time amongst friends. *From Linda, Maureen and Rita*

## NOTICE - NEW SOUND SYSTEM

The new sound system is up and running. At last! There is still some work to be completed, especially in the hall, which hopefully will be finished in the next few weeks.

We will then have a very practical system which will meet all our requirements well into the future.

Thank you to everybody who offered help and advice, it has been very much appreciated.  
*Jenny and Beverley*

## PURC REGULAR MEETINGS - MAY/JUNE

### WOMEN'S GROUP

**Meets: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 2.30pm in the Guild Room**

**Topic: "Memoirs of the Guild" Speaker: Hylda Hurst**

**Next Meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> June** *(Brenda K)*

### THE BUTTERFLIES GROUP

**Meets for Tea/Coffee & Chat and events discussion every 2 weeks at 1pm in the Church Hall.**

**Next Meetings : 9<sup>th</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> May** *(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](mailto:PURCMessychurch@hotmail.com) - 07

<http://penworthamurc.org.uk>

**Coming Dates are: 11<sup>th</sup> May / (Note : Jun 8<sup>th</sup> is Penwortham gala**

*(Gillian P)*

*So No Messy Church!*

### MEN'S GROUP

**Meets: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 2pm in the Guild Room**

**Topic: To be confirmed**

**Next Meeting : 1<sup>st</sup> July** *(Nigel L)*

## AREA CHRISTIAN AID MEETING IN MARCH



It was pleasing to hear about several successful fundraising activities including the Band Night at St.Mary's which raised at least £120 for Christian Aid.

Longton continue to offer a varied selection of fundraisers including a very worthwhile curry evening and the annual walk and cycle. Thanks to those who have arranged or attended these activities.

Barbara and I look forward to hosting a new Christian Aid Week venture, the coffee and cakes event mentioned in March and April Contacts, and hope that it will be well supported.

Note: **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May** is PURC **coffee & cakes** event!

There will be Christian Aid Week fundraising locally too, for example a bucket collection at Riversway Morrison.

Also Christian Aid collecting tins locally, in Longton Post Office for example. If anyone would like to place tins in Penwortham shops, eateries or takeaways please see Barbara or Cath.

The signed posters for "Climate Justice" will have been taken to HSBC when you read this. You may see publicity. Also see [caid.org.uk/bigshift](http://caid.org.uk/bigshift)

Fairtrade Fortnight had been successful, despite film difficulties, with a focus on chocolate production.

You may have seen the "Dear Prime Minister" cards to send which were available in church.

Also see [fairtrade.org.uk/shedeserves](http://fairtrade.org.uk/shedeserves)

New technology may be with us soon! We heard about ways of contributing using contactless equipment which will be trialled by some C of E churches.

At the next meeting that Barbara and I attend we will be hearing feedback from Christian Aid Week. We trust it will be positive news. Let's work together to make Christian Aid Week worthwhile.

*Barbara E & Cath A*

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 12-18 MAY 2019



Thank you to those who have already “signed up” to be envelope distributors and collectors. Just a reminder that this year there is the opportunity to deliver but not collect the new “no reply” envelopes. Perhaps some church members and friends, or uniformed young people, may be able to help with these?

Barbara and I would also like to ask for **volunteers** to help make **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> coffee and cake morning** a success. We plan to offer refreshments and a raffle, possibly a plant stall.

The idea is to boost the contribution to Christian Aid that our church can make given that many of our congregation, for various reasons, cannot help with “door-to-door” collections. So, if you are able to **contribute** a cake to go with the tea, coffee and juice which will be available, or help to serve drinks, wash up, or help with the raffle, **your help would be appreciated!**

We hope that having church open at this time on a Saturday morning will give members of the public, as well as the congregation, the opportunity to engage with Christian Aid Week and provide a “drop off” point for envelopes.

If you are able to help in any way to support Christian Aid Week at PURC please speak with **Barbara E or Cath A** . Many thanks.



## WHAT'S ON MAY/JUN 2019

### *May 2019*

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

### *Jun 2019*

Saturday	1st	1030am	Coffee Morning	Side Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship &amp; Holy Communion</b>	<b>Worship Group 2</b>
Monday	3rd	2.00pm	Men's Group	Guild Room
Wednesday	5th	2.30pm	Women's Group	Guild Room
Saturday	8th		Penwortham Gala	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th</b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Ecumenical Service</b>	<b>Penwortham Gala</b>
Thursday	13th	1.00pm	Butterflies - (to be confirmed)	Main Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>16th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Ernest Wrenall</b>
Wednesday	19th	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Side Rooms
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Family Worship</b>	<b>Rev'd Shirley Farrier</b>
Thursday	27th	1.00pm	Butterflies - (to be confirmed)	Main Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30th</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Junior Church Anniversary Service</b>	<b>Junior Church</b>

**All Services have a Junior Church & Crèche**

*(Pulpit Supplies: Brenda Kendall)*

## OFFERINGS AND ROTAS

### Weekly Offertory

*Gill T*

31 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	£502.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	£547.00
14 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	£604.00

### **Flowers**

*Cath A/Robert B*

5 <sup>th</sup>	May	Alan & Beverley Strange
12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Derek Woodburn
19 <sup>th</sup>	May	Derek & Pat Poulton
26 <sup>th</sup>	May	Maureen Whitlock
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jun	Alan & Gill Turner
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Penwortham Gala
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Jean Frew
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jun	Val Tiffin
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Vacancy

### Sunday Coffee

*Robert B*

5 <sup>th</sup>	May	Viv and Graham Moore & Sue Bushell
12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
19 <sup>th</sup>	May	Linda Coppin and Barbara Baird
26 <sup>th</sup>	May	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jun	Rita Taylor and Joyce Boreham
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Penwortham Gala
16 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Viv and Graham Moore & Sue Bushell
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jun	Joan Kidman and Celia McCartney
30 <sup>th</sup>	Jun	Maureen Whitlock, Margaret & Alan Edward

**Closing date for the May "Contact" is Sunday 19 May**  
**Issue date for the May "Contact" is Sunday 26 May**

## THANK YOU



.....for supporting us in the sale of "chickens", we have raised over £180, which will be donated to **Derian House & The Rosemere Cancer Centre.**  
**from Maureen, Gloria and Rita.**

(very well done to our knitting trio for these attractive Easter items for these good causes ..Ed)

## SOME PRESTON CHURCHES EVENTS IN MAY

### **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Effective Listening courses at Central Methodist Church, Lune St.**

Those who have attended the Effective Listening courses held by One2One Listening may be interested to develop their Listening skills further into Modules 2 and 3 over the next couple of months. New courses are being held on the 14th May and 11th June. Contact [info@one2onelistening.org.uk](mailto:info@one2onelistening.org.uk) to book a place. Costs are £35 and £60 and places are limited so you are encouraged to book early  
Tel : 07542076603.

**Saturday 25 May - Retreat: The Interior Castle, at The Xaverian Mission Spirituality Centre** 169, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR28HE, beginning at 10am for coffee, start at 10.30am, finishing at 4pm. People are asked to bring packed lunches.  
Cost - £20 each. [Donna Worthington - [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk)].  
Exploring the 7 dwelling places of prayer in St Teresa's pioneering work. A mixture of study, reflection, spiritual journeying, stillness and prayer.

## PENWORTHAM GALA- ADVANCE NOTICE - JUNE 2018

This year's gala will once again consist of a procession through the town culminating in a weekend of fun and festivity at Hurst Grange Park. **The Gala will this year take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June** with lots of interesting things to see and be a part of.

**The Ecumenical Service (with hopefully good weather) will be at 11.00am on 9<sup>th</sup> June**, if inclement, another venue will be arranged. Please bring fold up chairs and for anybody needing a lift please see  
*Anne Hall.*

**Can you assist in this year's Ecumenical Service.** If you can, please speak to *Anne Hall* for details.



## Cyclone Idai Devastates Eastern Zimbabwe

At least 89 people have died in Zimbabwe after Cyclone Idai tore across the eastern and southern parts of the country. Idai has deepened the suffering of a nation already grappling with economic and ecological woes.

The scale of destruction is unprecedented. Chimanimani has been cut off. Torrential rains and 170km winds swept away roads, homes, bridges and knocked out power and communication lines.

Nick Mangwana, the secretary for ministry of information, confirms 89 deaths. Most affected areas are not yet accessible, with high winds and dense clouds hampering rescue flights. Two pupils and a worker at a secondary school in Chimanimani were among those killed. A boulder crashed into their dormitory. Soldiers helped rescue the surviving 200 pupils and staff trapped at the school.

Zimbabwe, a country of 15 million people, is already suffering. The UN estimates that 5.3 million people will require food aid. Christian Aid is well positioned to compassionately respond to crises such as this.

We wish our partners every blessing as they work to address this latest environmental catastrophe.

*(Above is extract from CfL- Stories for Change -- Zimbabwe - 2019.03)*

In all, the countries affected have been Madagascar, Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe in which over 1000 people have died. A cholera outbreak ensued in the storm's wake, with more than 4,000 confirmed cases and seven fatalities by 10 April. And over 1 billion US\$ worth of damage and over 3 million people affected.

*(Update)*



### Rohingya Refugees Denied Schooling



Kefayat Ullah walked to school in southern Bangladesh in late January. To his dismay he'd been expelled despite being a top student in his class. A government investigation had outed him, along with dozens of his classmates, as a Rohingya refugee. "Our headmaster told us that Rohingya students have no rights to study here... We went back home crying."

For years, Bangladeshi schools have quietly admitted some of the Rohingya. But the new influx has tested the hospitality of the Bangladeshi government. The recent expulsions highlight the struggle of hundreds of thousands of children desperate to study in the world's largest refugee settlement.

More than 730,000 Rohingya fled Myanmar after a military campaign in late 2017 that the United Nations has said was executed with "genocidal intent". Thousands more, like Kefayat, were born in Bangladesh after their parents fled earlier waves of violence. Though Myanmar says it is ready to welcome back the refugees, northern Rakhine state, from where they fled, is still riven by ethnic tensions and violence, and the U.N. has said conditions are not right for them to return.

In the camps, many children study by themselves from tatty textbooks, often carried from Myanmar. A temporary school in the Nayapara camp is staffed with Rohingya volunteer teachers. The head teacher said they had no official permission to operate.

At the camp, expelled students share their stories of studying at Bangladeshi schools. Some of their classmates were cruel, said Kefayat. "They used the word 'Rohingya' to tease us," he said. "Nevertheless, we were happy. We need education." Kefayat Ullah has dreams of becoming a journalist. "We feel sad when we see the local students studying in a nice place," he said. "Now we are always worried and thinking – what will we do?"

*(Extract from CfL- Stories for Change  
- Bangladesh - 2019.03)*



## PRAYER TOPICS

### ***Pakistan -Security measures needed for Punjab churches***

Churches in Pakistan's Punjab province have been instructed to put security measures in place by the provincial government because of fears of an attack. The authorities issued a notification to close or seal churches in the province if adequate measures were not taken. Please pray for those Christians in Punjab province amid this latest threat of attack. Christians in Pakistan feel particularly vulnerable after the hardliner reaction to the acquittal of Christian prisoner Asia Bibi. Asia, who was falsely accused of blasphemy, spent ten years behind bars, eight of which were on death row.

*(Release International)*

### ***Colombia - Freedom of religion or belief in Colombia***

Pray the Colombian government would recognise the rights of indigenous peoples and put in place legislation that will protect the right to freedom of religion or belief for all Colombians, including those living on indigenous lands. Pray for lasting peace in Colombia. "Move in power in the hearts of the government and the leaders of the illegal armed groups; protect those who are working for peace and justice in the country and bless their efforts richly."

*(Christian Solidarity Worldwide)*

### ***A South East Asian Country -Freedom from opium addiction***

In a country in mainland Southeast Asia, growing opium is a major problem for the Yam\* community. One young man said, 'I'm addicted to opium. I don't like God. That's why I don't go to church anymore.' But lives are being changed through the sharing of Bible stories in several languages throughout this country. Pray for freedom from addiction for these individuals and freedom for their community. Pray that they will see the church as a place where they can meet with a loving and healing God and that God would provide alternative crops, like coffee, for them to grow. \*name changed for security reasons

*(Wycliffe Bible Translators)*

[www.globalconnections.org.uk](http://www.globalconnections.org.uk)

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# WORD SEARCH

## 2 Kings 12

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- conspiracy
- hole
- Jehoshaphat
- scribe
- snuffers
- vessels of gold
- bowls of silver
- chest
- Hazael
- Jehoiada
- priests
- sin money
- trumpets
- workmen
- carpenters
- forty years
- Jehoash
- Jerusalem
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- trespass money
- vessels of silver

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*But the fruit of the Spirit  
 is love, joy, peace, patience,  
 kindness, goodness,  
 faithfulness, gentleness and  
 self-control...*

Galatians 5:22-23.

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## CHURCH SIGNAGE



## PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action.

One of the nice things about problems is that a good many of them do not exist except in our imaginations.

To err is human; to blame it on someone else is really human.

Too many people are praying for mountains of difficulty to be removed, when what they really need is courage to climb them.

He has the right to criticize, who has the heart to help.

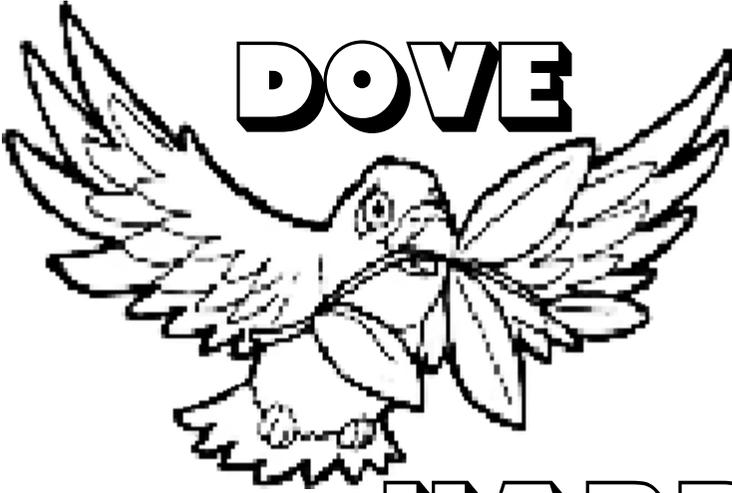
If you want to get even with someone, start with someone who has helped you.

When you speak, remember that God is one of your hearers.

Sometimes leaving in a huff is our favourite form of transportation.

*(courtesy Livingston Church of Christ)*

**DOVE**



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