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introduces and welcomes

YOU

to

PENWORTHAM

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it; Ps. 24 v1 (NRSVA)**

JULY 2021

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FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD

Now we are slowly coming out of Lockdown, our lives are starting to get a little bit busier. Some of us have managed to get away for a few days. I got to spend some time with my son Stephen. I have only seen him three times during the Pandemic, so it was lovely to see him again.

We are managing to get to meet up at Church more often, although it is in a slightly different way, it is still nice to see each other again for a short time in worship.

Our Scout Group are starting to meet face to face again which is nice to see.

The weather is getting better, days are getting longer and our gardens are looking more colourful. It makes us realise how much we have to be grateful for, and we should never take it for granted.

Hopefully it won't be too long before things get better and we can get back together again, but till then be patient and stay safe

God Bless

Anne



FAMILY AND FRIENDS



By the time you read this we will have had two more services back in church.

We hope to have a service every other week in July but it depends on whether we can get enough people to 'preach'.

We will keep you informed via the usual channels.

We wish everyone celebrating in any way in July our very best wishes.

Our love and blessings to you all.

Your Elders.

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WOMEN'S GROUP BIRTHDAYS

The Women's Group send their best wishes to:

**Brenda Kendall, Marjorie Pennington
& Margaret Edward**

who have a birthday in July

Many Happy Returns

Jean Frew



IMPORTANT NOTICE - PURC SERVICES - JULY 2021

The dates for forthcoming services at PURC are as follows:

July 11th and July 18th - *these two services will not be identical.*

July 4th, 25th - ***no services planned.***

Services of Holy Communion will be notified
as and when arrangements are made.

Pending further advice from URC NW Synod, restrictions on numbers still apply so, as we go to press, it remains necessary to ***book your place*** for each service by contacting either Jenny or your Elder.

A REFLECTION

TAKE A LOAD OFF YOUR MIND

‘ Learn to live freely and lightly’

Matthew 11:30 (*The Message*)

Jesus said: ‘I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly’ (v.28-30 MSG). Note the words, ‘I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.’ It’s good to know we don’t have to worry about things, figure everything out, or carry the burdens in our lives. It can actually be quite refreshing to realise that we don’t need to know everything about everything! We need to get comfortable saying, ‘I don’t know the answer to this predicament, and I’m not going to worry about it because God’s in control, and I trust Him. I’m going to relax in Him and live freely and lightly!’ When we’re overburdened with the cares of life - struggling, labouring, and worrying - we need a mental and emotional break. Our minds need to rest from thinking about resolving problems, and our emotions need to rest from being upset. Worry robs us of rest and its benefits. So, the next time you find yourself worried and anxious, remember, you can ‘live freely and lightly’. All you have to do is rest in the assurance of God’s love, provision, and guidance. If someone asks you what you’re going to do about your problem, tell them you’re not thinking about it right now. If they ask you why, tell them you’ve turned it over to God, and you’re trusting Him to work it out for you

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LOCAL EVENTS

16.07.21 Kintsugi Hope/Patrick Regan- Bouncing Forwards tour @ St Cuthbert’s on Friday 14 July, 6pm and 8.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and available here: <https://www.kintsugihope.com/tour> There’s some more info about the book that sits behind the tour here: <https://www.kintsugihope.com/bouncingforwards>. There’s also a promotional video here: [Bouncing Forwards Promo Video Final Final .mp4](#) [Mark Bradford]

Online Retreats - July

Sat. 10 July or 10am -1pm God in all things

Mon 12 July 10am -1pm God in all things

Sat 24 July 10am -1pm The Handless Woman

Retreats cost £20 each For bookings see the website

<https://www.christianretreats.live/> or contact drworthington@live.co.uk

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTION 2021 - UPDATE

We are grateful to Barbara and Cath who have provided a further update to the Christian Aid week collections reported in the June edition as follows:

“Once again Barbara and I would like to thank all who supported Christian Aid Week. This year at the final count PURC raised over £750. Penwortham Churches total is over £2000 with gift aid to be added, and there would be online donations too. Fantastic.

2021 saw a second CAid Week taking place under pandemic restrictions so these totals are heartening. Christian Aid supports those living in poverty around the world and this year the focus was on communities affected by the climate crisis.



1.7m people in need are reached by CAid humanitarian programmes.

57k volunteers gave their time and talents during CAid Week.

12k churches took part in fundraising activities.

Online reports (see christianaid.org.uk) of activities and challenges include car washing, a water bucket challenge and 300,000 steps challenge. And one that caught my eye

Rev. Andrew Kimmitt ran 15km from Loch Spey to Garva Bridge, then cycled 135km to Fochabers, swapped his bike for a kayak and paddled to Spey Bay. This traverse of the whole course of the River Spey raised an amazing £2720!

However you supported Christian Aid Week “thank you” for making it a success.”

Barbara E. & Cath A.

MUSICAL INTERLUDES

If you enjoy music you may be pleased to know that the **recitals at St Georges in Preston** are re-starting. I have been given the dates as June 30th, July 21st and Aug 18th with other dates from Sept to follow, all being well.

You might also be interested in ‘**Song of the Prophets: A requiem for the Climate**’ which is 12 mins long, 4 movements Creation, Ruin, Recovery and Redemption. Go to christianaid.org.uk and to sign up to access.

Let us look forward to more music and hopefully singing to enjoy in future.

Cath A.

URC NEWS

Congratulations to our NW Synod Mission and Discipleship Mentor - Rev'd Daleen ten Cate. The URC announced on 8 June:



“URC Mission Enabler wins CTE prize

This year's winner of the MA in Mission prize is the United Reformed Church's **Rev'd Daleen Ten Cate**, Mission Enabler for the URC's North Western Synod. Daleen's MA dissertation 'A critical examination of the theological basis of a Christian Charity engaged in community ministry' was deemed by the judges to be a robust and rigorous piece of work which clearly engaged a

community of practice out of deep relationship. Churches Together in England (CTE), alongside the Mission Research Network set up the MA Mission Prize to draw out high-quality, recently passed MA theses to add to a small but growing repository of MAs and PhDs which will be made available on its new website. When launched later this summer, the resource will include about 50 MAs and 20 PhD theses.

Daleen receives a £100 cash gift and an opportunity for the MA to appear in an edited format (6,000 words) in the recently launched journal Ecclesial Futures, published by Wipf and Stock, which she will be working on with her dissertation supervisor. The judges said they were impressed by the passion and level of engagement that Daleen showed in her work and the way in which she had rolled up her sleeves and got her hands dirty volunteering for six months, building relationships and the level of reflexivity was significant.

Daleen completed her MA in Contextual Theology through Luther King House in Manchester and practices her ministry just outside Blackburn as Missional Discipleship mentor across 37 churches in Lancashire. Originally from South Africa and an Afrikaaner, Daleen moved to the UK 22 years ago learning English at a local village school.

Daleen said that at heart she wasn't an academic but a practitioner who really just wanted to put faith into action, saying: "It is the most important thing for me." Daleen worked with Urban Outreach, the charity her MA work focused on, as part of her placement. She worked particularly with the Eve Project which focuses on women who have just come out of prison.

In South Africa Daleen says she was often told: "You are quite liberal", but she didn't fully understand what that meant. For her it was just about doing what Jesus does.

Daleen credits her academic success to her tutor, the Revd Dr Noel Irwin and the staff at Northern College and Luther King Centre, Manchester".

(via Jenny)

Bird baths.

<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to/diy/how-to-make-a-bird-bath/>

This is a link to the Gardener's World website. It explains how to make a bird bath from a plant pot and saucer.

If you would like a bird bath and can't access the link, the instructions are below:

Scrub the base of a terracotta pot to clean it.

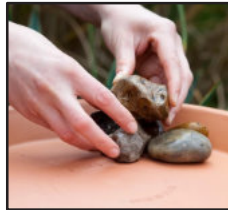
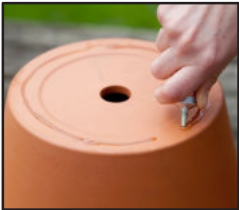
Apply a generous layer of waterproof glue or tile adhesive to the base.

Place the saucer on the base of the pot, settling it into the glue.

Leave to dry for 24 hours.

Place the bath in a suitable spot, such as the edge of a border.

Add stones so birds can perch to drink. The stones will also enable bees to drink without danger of drowning.



Gillian Ashurst

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENWORTHAM

Foodbank Steering Group Report 24 May 21.

Temporary Operational Procedures

When the first lockdown was announced we changed the way we ran the Friday drop- in— starting on 20 March 2020. We have since run 62 sessions under the revised procedures— that is every week, although the Christmas week session was on Tuesday the 22nd and not Friday 25th.

Full formal reviews haven't taken place every 4 weeks as normal, and we have been giving out pre-packed bags plus fresh produce, while making provision for vegetarians and also, to some extent, those requiring halal. We have however taken brief details from new-comers and got GDPR consent forms signed and the weekly register completed. We have done our utmost to operate a COVID safe environment.

We have also undertaken a handful of home deliveries each week, chiefly in the first lock- down at the request of SRBC.

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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENWORTHAM - cont'd

Foodbank Steering Group Report as at 24th May 2021

User Numbers

Since 20 March 2020, we have assisted 95 new Food Bank users along with some of the familiar faces. In 2020, we helped 165 households. We gave out 1707 parcels, enough to feed 4370 household members. There were 53 sessions, so that is an average of 32.2 people collecting food and 82.45 people fed per week. It works out at an average of 10.3 visits per household. There have been 21 sessions in 2021YTD. We have assisted 104 households so far this year. We have given out 723 parcels enough for 1,851 household members. That is an average of 34.4 people collecting food and 88.14 people fed per week. It works out as an average of just over 7 visits per household. So the trend is upwards, but not dramatically so. We are assisting more households but they are so far typically making fewer visits each. Our busiest session was the Christmas distribution when we saw 55 people. On the Friday immediately after the first lockdown was announced we saw 40 people. It had been 27 the previous week. Our busiest week in 2021 so far has seen 44 callers.

Donations

People have been very generous. A number of regular givers have swapped from giving food to giving money. We have also benefitted from unexpected larger financial donations which will not be repeated. At the same time, we have been given gifts of food from unexpected sources— the government boxes for those required to shield, uncollected free school meal parcels, and surplus stock from South Ribble's holiday hunger scheme. Local cafes and businesses have given unsold stock and UCLAN have redirected food and drink to us. We have also received large one-off food donations from individuals. The wave of giving has now 18 weeks since 31 March 2021, the date of the interim financial statement, we have spent another £783. This pattern of spending will continue until at least October. Our local schools valiantly collected tins at Harvest Festival time in 2020 and may well do again this year. We are now buying primarily from Morrisons in Bamber Bridge at 15% discount and benefitting from gifts of surplus stock including frozen lines. Norma Blackburn is liaising with Sophie, the store's Community champion.

Environmental Health

The Community Engagement team at SRBC have asked all the local food banks to register with Environmental health as Food Businesses. We have done so and are now potentially open to inspection. All volunteers are very conscious of the importance of respecting use-by dates (best before dates can be exceeded) and also the safe use of the freezers. We would like as many volunteers as possible to undertake a basic Food Safety course online and the Food Bank will pay the fee. We are still investigating this. (via Anne Hall)

WORLD PRAYER NEWS

Guatemala - Central America - Churches in Guatemala

Pray that local Guatemalan churches would recognise their responsibility and calling to share a holistic gospel with those in their own communities, and that they may find new, creative ways to do so. For unity, reconciliation and forgiveness between the different political, ethnic and religious groups, and for justice and equal access to services for those most at risk. For God's protection over the Guatemala team members, as they live, work and travel in a country with a high incidence of violence and for their health and wellbeing during the Covid-19 pandemic. That God would raise up many more Guatemalans to serve cross-culturally within Guatemala, as well as in other countries, and that churches would be willing to support them long term Islands - Evangelism in the Caribbean (Latin Link)

Bolivia - Central South America -Children at risk in Bolivia

Viva's partner networks in four cities of Bolivia are impacting the lives of 50,000 children through the collective action of 203 churches and organisations. Child protection training for church and ministry leaders has moved online during the pandemic, with encouraging numbers of people attending. Pray for the networks focus on four thematic areas: supporting street children, protection from violence and sexual abuse, children struggling at school, and developing recreation to help prevent street life and abuse. Pray that children in Bolivia, in desperate need, would find support through churches in the networks. (VIVA)

Worldwide - Indigenous publishing under a year of pandemic

Give thanks that not one of the 20+ indigenous publishing ministries that Langham partners with has been squeezed out of business. It has been very difficult for some and challenging for all but give thanks for the level of creativity and sheer perseverance involved. Pray for health and political safety, for renewed vision, opportunity and vigour going forward. Please also pray for strength and protection for Langham Preaching leaders. Langham Preaching work is involved in several countries where persecution is a day-to-day reality for Christians. Often in these countries the work flourishes despite these huge personal challenges.

(Langham Partnership - UK & Ireland)

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POETRY PAGE

DAWN CHORUS

I've told of my sight of a sunrise
And marvelled at nature's glory,
In Summer there is further wonder,
A twist to that visual story.



For those who awaken early,
And welcome the start of the day,
May be greeted by the dawn chorus
of birdsong, a glorious lay.

The Song Thrush begins the choir,
Joined by the Dunnock and Robin,
There's twittering from the Blue Tit,
And soon the whole garden is throbbing.

Each bird seems to rival another,
Even Doves join in with their cooing,
The birds sing for joy, proud of their nesting,
Their young, and also their wooing.



The air throbs with their voices,
But loudest of all is the Blackbird,
He sits high, throws his voice at the sky,
Among their clamour he knows he'll be heard.

This, another of nature's marvels,
Enjoyed early by only a few,
A gathering of unrehearsed voices,
Briefly, when the day is brand new



Hylida Hurst



WORLD MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS - T to V

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Dear Reader

'Contact' has reverted to a monthly issue as lockdown restrictions ease. This will be kept under review.

'Contact' is also published on our Website (minus any personal or pastoral information not for general publication).

See www.penworthamurc.org.uk

If you have anything you would like to contribute to "Contact" it will be most welcome. Send by e-mail to purcmagweb@talktalk.net or a text to 07538976140 or call Alan Edward on 01772740129 or deliver to 27 Hazel Close. **Many thanks to those contributing.**

Next submission date will be 25 July

Next issue will be 01 August

Ed.

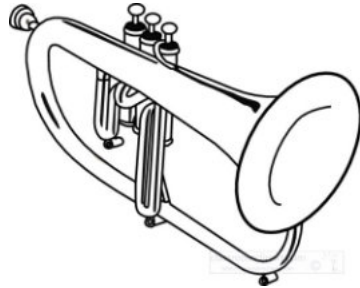
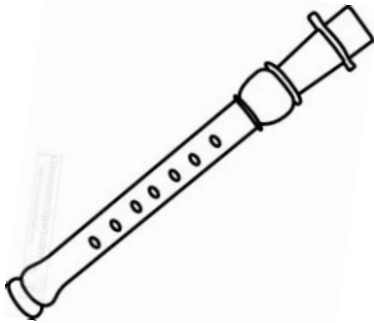
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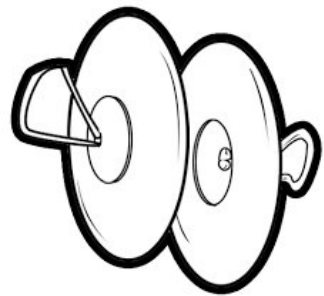
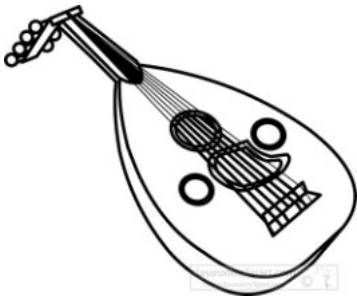
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