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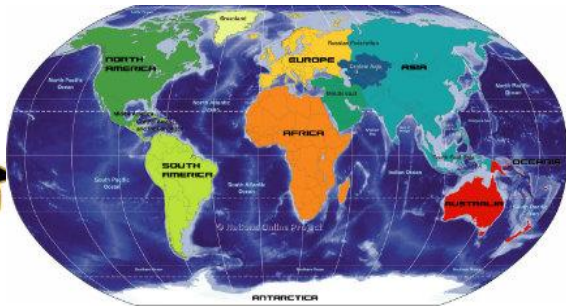
introduces and welcomes

YOU

to

PENWORTHAM

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Armistice
Day
Thursday 11th
November
2021

**"Your sun will no longer set;
your moon will no longer
wane. The Lord will be an
everlasting light for you and
your days of mourning will be
ended.**

Isaiah 60 v 20

Remembrance
Sunday
14th
November
2021

NOVEMBER 2021

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FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD

Dear Friends,

For me, November is always a time of remembrance. Not only because of Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday, but also family anniversaries and other significant events which have occurred during this month.

I personally feel that remembrance and reflection can be very important, as it is often good to remember both positive and negative events in order to place current happenings into a truer and more meaningful perspective.

It is therefore constructive not to see our failures and indiscretions in a totally negative light, but as part of our learning and development as human beings, when hopefully we may benefit from our mistakes and know ourselves more clearly.

Conflict in the world and in our lives is never very far away. Sometimes it is forced upon us and often we bring it on ourselves. At times of national crisis forgiveness may be seen as treason, times of peace allows for the forgiveness of ourselves and all others.

The interesting thing about Christianity is that Jesus seldom, if ever, commented about public policy and affairs of state. In both Islam and Judaism, our two sister religions, there is considerable direction in the foundational documents about governmental policy – but not in Christianity. Jesus refers to War only once, and that was to illustrate a point, when he said a king would be foolish to pit his army against a more powerful foe.

We are perhaps unable to make peace with the enemies of our country, but we can make peace with our individual and personal conflicts. Will being at peace with ourselves encourage those around us to feel that peace, and help them with their own troubles and anxieties? I think this can help.

Recently we have all had time to reflect during the Covid lock-down and certainly there have been reasons for us to be anxious and perhaps even angry. As matters ease, we hope and pray that life will resume more normality and we can all return safely to church. I believe that if a church is not a place where peace is practised, it has lost its way – and I hope that certainly isn't true of us?! So how do you and I practice peace on a personal level?

Firstly, we must try never to do anything with the intent to hurt. No matter what the provocation. To a person's face or behind their back. This includes gossip. And because I am a sinner and I sometimes do these things; I must follow this through to apologise sincerely both to the person and to God.

FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD continued

Secondly, I must learn to tame my own reactions to others – which, as an opinionated person, I find this is hard. If I made someone angry, would I want them to shout and say “You IDIOT!?” No, I would hope for a quiet word in private; “I got upset when you did that.” The Golden Rule must be “Treat others as you want them to treat you.”

Remembrance Sunday reminds us of the evils of war and conflict, but also those who gave their lives for the benefit of others to uphold a greater good. As Christians, people of peace, we must always try to be the first to extend the hand of friendship and forgiveness for in doing so we are loving God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength.

With all good wishes,

Robert



FAMILY AND FRIENDS NEWS

REDACTED. FOR WEB

Some of our Junior church children and their parents have been unwell recently, we wish them all a speedy recovery.

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To those of you who have ongoing appointments or are waiting for surgery, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Our best wishes go to anyone who is celebrating a birthday/ anniversary in November.

And finally..... Covid is still with us and will be for the foreseeable future, but we must learn to live with it, by wearing our masks and washing our hands at regular intervals, we will be OK, we are still taking precautions at church, and would love to see you at one of our services in the coming weeks.

With every blessing

Your Elders.



November Services

7 th November	Communion at 10.30	Rev. Angela Robinson
14 th November	Remembrance at 10.30	Worship Group
21 st November	Family Service at 10.30	Junior Church
28 th November	1 st Sunday of Advent and Toy Service	Worship Group

December Services

5 th December	Christmas Communion at 10.30	The Elders
Followed by Coffee and Mince Pies		
12 th December	Junior Church Nativity at 10.30	
19 th December	NO MORNING SERVICE	
19 th December	<u>CAROL SERVICE at 3.30</u>	The Elders
25 th December	<i>CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE</i> AT 10.30	Worship Group

NO SERVICE ON 26TH

PURC NOTICES AND INFORMATION



WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING

Ladies, we can meet again on
1st December 2021 at 2.30pm
Put it in your diary now
(Jean Frew)

WOMEN'S GROUP BIRTHDAYS

The Women's Group send their best wishes to:

Valerie H and Phyllis H

who have a birthday in November

Many Happy Returns

(Jean Frew)



PURC ECO CHURCH ARTICLE



As part of our Eco Church theme, Junior Church are planning to create a quiet area in the Church grounds.

We intend to include a bench that you can use anytime you wish, and surround it with shrubs and flowers.

We would like to use recycled materials, and so if anyone has a nice garden bench that could be used, please let us know.

Thank you very much.

Junior Church and the eco team.

UNICEF MITES SCHEME

Thank you to those who continue to support the Mites (5p/10p coins) .



These mites remain very important to the welfare of children around the world suffering from dehydration, malnutrition and other dehydrating illnesses like cholera. They provide essential "re-hydration salts" which are frequently life saving.

We have received a sincere "Thank You" from the UK Mites Coordinator, Keith Garner, for the £30.00 received from PURC for the quarter ending 30 September 2021. Each sachet costs approximately 8p so our £30.00 purchased 375 sachets.

When you come to church your Mites can be placed in the Mites Boxes, on the stage.

If you would like your Mites to be collected call Alan on 01772740129.

For more information click ["Mites Scheme"](#).

PURC COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENT

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON
at

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB

on

Monday 8th November 2021 at 2pm

An afternoon event exploring

"EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN OF WINCKLEY SQUARE "

All are welcome

to this event to hear about some of the
extraordinary women who have been associated
with Winckley Square, Preston.

The event will be followed by Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

The Cost will be £4.00

Do come along and bring a friend.



***This event is being sponsored by PURC and organised
by Anne Hall. Anne will be grateful for help
on the day with refreshments etc.
Please speak to Anne if you can assist.***

URC NW SYNOD-LANCASHIRE SOUTH MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

The Commissioning Service for this partnership of neighbouring U.R.C. churches was held at Penwortham URC on Saturday 23rd October 2021 at 2pm.

Mr Derek Estill, former URC Moderator, presided and the sermon by Rev'd. Daleen ten Cate, the partnership mentor, was read by Rev'd. Lawrence Heath-Moore, NW Synod Central Area Mentor (*Covid restrictions prevented Daleen from attending*).

Music for the occasion was led by a Longridge group "Apples of Gold" with keyboard, drums and voices. Members from each church took part in the service with readings and prayers. A representative from each church signed the Commissioning Declaration and each congregation will display this declaration in its Church Bible enabling all to read this symbolic act of commitment. So we go forward in partnership with sister churches in Leyland, Chorley, Adlington, Fulwood and Longridge.

We pray now for future ministerial appointment to guide us in developing the partnership to its full potential.

"Pour out your Spirit afresh on us now and commission us as the Lancashire South Missional Partnership that we may trust you and find your purpose as we journey together. (from the Commissioning prayer)

A recording of the ZOOM transmission is being made and the link will be circulated by NW Synod as soon as it is available.

Stewart Taylor



LONGRIDGE



PENWORTHAM



FULWOOD



LEYLAND



CHORLEY



ADLINGTON

A REFLECTION

“WHAT GOES AROUND COMES AROUND”

‘Give, and it will be given to you.’ Luke 6:38 NKJV

In the late nineteenth century, a member of parliament went to Scotland to make an important speech. He travelled to Edinburgh by train, then took a horse-drawn carriage southward to his destination. But the roads were bad and the carriage became mired in mud. A Scottish farm boy came to the rescue of the team of horses and helped to pull the carriage loose. The member of parliament asked the boy how much he owed him. ‘Nothing,’ the lad replied. ‘Are you sure?’ the politician pressed, but the boy declined payment. ‘Well, is there anything I can do for you? What do you want to be when you grow up?’ The boy responded, ‘I want to be a doctor’. The member of parliament offered to help the young Scot go to university, and sure enough he followed through on his pledge. More than a half century later Winston Churchill lay dangerously ill with pneumonia: stricken while attending a wartime conference in Morocco. A new ‘wonder drug’ was administered to him, a drug called penicillin that had been discovered by Sir Alexander Fleming. You’ve guessed it: Fleming was the young Scottish lad who came to the aid of the member of parliament. And the member of parliament was none other than Randolph Churchill, Winston Churchill’s father. Yes, what goes around comes around. Jesus told the truth when He said, ‘Give, and it will be given to you.’ So, when God tells you to sow a seed of kindness into the life of someone else, it’s because He has a harvest of blessing waiting for you somewhere down the road.

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PRESTON AND DISTRICT EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Mon 08 7.30pm [Resound Worship’s Doxecology Concert Tour](#) at Carey Baptist

Thur 11 10.00am CAP Job Club @ Penwortham Community Centre,

Fri 12 [Patrick Regan from Kintsugi Hope](#), at St Cuthbert’s 7.30pm

Tuesday evenings in November: [TT Christus Centre](#) presents Christian Literacy

Online Retreats November & December with Donna Worthington

Sun 07 Nov at 2.00pm: **IGNATIAN TRAINING**

Wed 24 Nov at 6.30pm: **SOUL-JOURNEY**

Sat 27 Nov at 2.00pm: **THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING**

Mon 29 Nov at 2.00pm: **THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING (repeat)**

Fri 17 Dec at 6.30pm: **ADVENT RETREAT**

All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated. For bookings, please see the website <https://christianretreats.live> or Donna at drworthington@live.co.uk

WORLD PRAYER NEWS

Across the World People meet The EasyEnglish Bible

Many people across the world are reading "Meet Jesus)" by Mike Raiter, following on from "30 Days with Jesus" by Michael Green. Pray that these EasyEnglish Bible reading plans will reach many of the people who most need to hear about Jesus in clear language. Praise God for the team who prepared the EasyEnglish Bible and books, and ask for wisdom as they consider producing another reading plan. *(Mission Assist)*

Ethiopia - Horn of Africa - A Time of Transition

Ethiopia is going through a time of transition with prevailing economic and socio-political challenges. A recent peaceful election has been undertaken yet there has been political disruption with social unrest in parts of the country. Pray for continued peace and stability through inclusive national dialogue and concerted reconciliation measures. Thousands of people have been displaced in Northern Ethiopia exacerbating the growing number of Ethiopian refugees suffering in different countries and in refugee centres. Pray that the Lord's eyes are on those in need and that he would work and provide in unimaginable ways among the poor and vulnerable in Ethiopia. *(Life in Abundance International)*

Japan - East Asia - Problems for the Christian Church

The vast majority of Christians in Japan are women. Owing to Japanese working hours, men have very little time or energy free for church or other Christian events. The lack of Christian men is a self-reinforcing problem - few men in a church enforces the misconception that church is primarily a place for women, which in turn risks putting off other men from attending. Praise God for those Japanese men who are walking in the faith. Please pray for the Lord to remove all the obstacles that keep men in particular from professing faith in the Lord Jesus and from going on to follow him wholeheartedly. Also for many good role models of men who are seriously following Christ to emerge across Japanese society. *(Japan Christian Link)*

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WORDSEARCH - EVENTS AND ASSOCIATED NOVEMBER ITEMS

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AdoptionWeek	EnterpriseWeek	RoadSafetyWeek
AllSaintsDay	Fireworks	StAndrewsDay
Autumn	GMT	StressAwareness
Bonfires	November	TownPlanningDay
ChildrenInNeed	Remembrance	WorldTVDay

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Dear Reader

The next 'Contact' will be a "December 21/January 22" Issue

'Contact' is also published on our Website (minus any personal 1
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 21 November

Next issue will be 28 November

Ed.

CARTOON



"Our songbooks are being upholstered to match the pews so we'll be singing off the slides."

POETRY PIECE

METHODIST MEMORIES FROM ROCHDALE

I remember our old Church organ,
Boys sat behind a red curtain
to pump up the bellows for wind power,
Sometimes it faded, I'm certain.

I remember our old Church choir,
Two tenors who sang at high pitch,
Five sopranos, two altos, four basses,
Thus to make the sound ultra rich.

We sang anthems on special occasions,
"All in the April evening", in Spring,
"The valleys stand so thick with corn",
Gave Harvest time a real ring.

The choir sat four steps high,
Girls and ladies all wore their best hats,
The men of course wore suits and ties,
In days past they mostly wore spats,

We met in the vestry about six,
Just us and an elderly Deacon,
To encourage, give confidence, a prayer,
In case just one of us should weaken.

We trooped into Church with our music,
The congregation would then arise,
"Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"
The choir introit would reach for the skies.

Sadly, that old Chapel is long gone.
It turned into a carpet warehouse,
But the sounds of that intrepid choir,
Could awaken a lingering church mouse.

Hylde Hurst



I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD



JOHN 8:12