

# CONTACT

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**PENWORTHAM**

**UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**



**JUNE 2022**

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## FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD

Things are starting to get back to a new normal. Penwortham Gala is going ahead (see page 6), albeit without the procession. We all need to try to take interest in things again or a lot of these traditions will have gone for good, which would be a shame, as these things bring the community together.

We have a lot to be grateful for, our church has a lot of talented people who have come out of their comfort zone and led services. People have helped each other, and been a listening ear when people were at a low ebb.

We have realised over the last two years that we can't take things for granted. Beverley and Jenny have done a sterling job over this period, which has taken a toll on their health. We will all have to step up in the future and support each other, even though things have to be done slightly differently.

We can all look forward to the future, a lot of you will have been on holiday or are looking forward to getting away for a few days. The weather is getting warmer, the days getting longer and the gardens starting to get colour in them again. Things are looking brighter and hopefully with God's blessing we will move on to our new future.

*Anne H*



## FAMILY AND FRIENDS

A few of our members have had covid in the last few weeks and it has left them feeling tired. But hopefully they are now on the mend.

Please pray particularly for :

J H, now out of hospital and recovering at home.

C W, now out of hospital and who has gone in a care home to be near his daughter.

S F, following an operation on 27<sup>th</sup> May

We wish everybody a speedy recovery.

Our best wishes go to anyone who will be celebrating a Birthday or Anniversary in June.

With Blessings

Anne H.



## PURC SERVICES - MAY & JUNE 2022

- 4 June Jubilee Service & Picnic - 12:00 -1400 (See Page 7)  
5 June No service  
12 June Penwortham Gala - Churches Together Service to be held in Hurst Grange Park at 11am.  
*(PURC will host this service if the weather is inclement)*  
19 June Family Worship - 10:30am Rev'd Angela Robinson  
26 June Junior Church Anniversary - 10:30am - Junior Church

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| 3 July  | Holy Communion | 10.30am | Rev Daleen Ten Cate |
| 10 July | Family Worship | 10.30am | Rev Rob Hoch        |
| 17 July | Family Worship | 10.30am | Gill Turner         |
| 24 July | Family Worship | 10.30am | TBA                 |
| 31 July | Family Worship | 10.30am | TBA                 |

Brenda K.

## PURC FLOWER ROTA - MAY & JUNE 2022

- 5th June. No Service  
12th June. Penwortham Gala  
19th June. Jean F  
26th June. Val T  
3rd July. TBA  
10th July. Jenny O  
17th July. Basil & Hylda  
24th July. Jean H  
30th July. Rita T



Jenny O.

# PURC CELEBRATION OF HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE



***On 6th February this year Her Majesty The Queen became the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, marking 70 years of service to the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and the Commonwealth.***

To celebrate we are holding a :  
**“Bring Your Own Picnic”**  
**for the Queen’s Jubilee**  
**on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June**  
**12.00 - 14.00**

Hopefully in the grounds of our church, but if not in the hall.

There will be a short service followed by fun, laughter and conversation with friends.

If you are coming please indicate on the list in church so that numbers can be assessed for seating.

**On this occasion we ask that everyone brings their own picnic (i.e. food, drink, utensils as desired).**

***Please try and come.***

*There will be NO Church Service on the Sunday - 5<sup>th</sup> June*

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### PENWORTHAM GALA 2022 - - - 11-12 JUNE

It is looking like there isn't going to be a procession this year for the Gala and there are only a few floats. So hopefully next year people will get more Involved.

The stalls and activities will still go ahead on Hurst Grange Park on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Stalls on Hurst Grange Park will be open, alongside the fairground from 12 noon on Saturday 11th June with the Mayor of Penwortham opening the event at 1pm. This will be followed by an afternoon of line dancing, street dancing, Caribbean dancers and entertainment from Double R Arts.

The Saturday evening entertainment will start with the Fabulous Females at 6.00pm, followed by a great Irish Duo, Shenanigans at 7.00pm and the the brilliant Ska Face will close the days entertainment.

The Church Service will also go ahead on the Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 11pm. Then it's fun for the children all afternoon. Teddy Bears Picnic at 12.30pm, circus skills, bubble blowing and hoola hooping all afternoon. If it is raining the service will be held in our church.

Please try and support this, we don't want to have to put an end to this occasion due to the lack of attendance.

***For all the details see the Gala Brochure at:***

**<http://www.penworthamtowncouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Gala-Brochure-2022.pdf>**

Anne H.



## LOCAL EVENTS AND OTHER INFORMATION - 2

**1. Christian Aid Week 2022** Thank you to all who supported 'The Week' especially those who gave up their time. This years total amounted to £588.80. As there are many demands on people's personal finance and several currently 'appeals' I'm sure the amount will be appreciated and put to good use by c. Aid. This year will be the last for me taking some responsibility for organising the PURC Christian Aid Week. I shall continue to support Christian Aid on a personal level but am not able to commit to more. Thank you for your support. Cath A.

**2. Penwortham Foodbank** - your continuing support is much appreciated. In these difficult times demand for this service remains high and the Foodbank is grateful for all your help.

**3. From 26 May to 5 June 2022 - Thy Kingdom Come**  
Consider joining the global wave of prayer calling all Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know the love and peace of Jesus Christ . You can also follow this link - [Thy Kingdom Come](#)

**4. Saturday 11 June 10:30am - 1pm at Central Methodist Church, Lune Street, Preston.** Come share coffee and cake as we mark the **formal opening of the refurbished Olive Grove coffee shop**. The Olive Branch book, gifts and Fairtrade shop will be open as well. All are welcome to come celebrate with us in the City Centre. (Ruth & Paul)

**4. Café for dementia sufferers and their carers – now 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly.** Blue Flamingo Café for dementia sufferers and their carers: held on the first Tuesday of every month, from 1.00 -3.00pm in St Michael's Hall, Ashton, with refreshments. Now due to popularity – extended to another session - on the third Tuesday of every month. Sufferers from strokes and Parkinson's disease are also welcome. Regular activities include music, a memory table and resources for carers. So that's 1st and 3rd Thursdays each month. (Meg)

### **5. Online Retreats with Donna Worthington**

Sun 5 June 2pm: Pentecost

Sat 18 June 10am: John Of The Cross' Spiritual Canticle

Wed 22 June 6.30pm: The Aramaic Lord's Prayer

2023 and 2024 Residential Retreats at St Oswald's, Whitby

On-line Retreats cost £20 per session. For more details and/or bookings, please see website <https://christianretreats.live> or contact Donna Worthington: [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk)

### HOW GOD CHANGES US

**'Work out your own salvation...for it is God who works in you...to will and to do...His good pleasure.'**

*Philippians 2:12-13 NKJV*

One of the ways God changes us is *through His Word*. 'All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work' (w. 16-17 NLT).

The story is told of a converted cannibal in the South Sea islands. He was sitting by a large pot reading his Bible when an anthropologist approached him and asked, 'What are you doing?' The native replied, 'I'm reading the Bible.' The anthropologist scoffed and said, 'Don't you know that modern, civilised man has rejected that book? It's nothing but a pack of lies. You shouldn't waste your time reading it.' The cannibal looked him over from head to toe and slowly replied, 'Sir, if it weren't for this book - you'd be in that pot!'

The Word of God had changed his life - and his appetite. If you're serious about changing your life, you have to get into the Bible. You need to read it, study it, memorise it, meditate on it, speak it, and apply it. 'But my faith is weak,' you say. Are you reading your Bible regularly? Are you studying it? Are you memorising it? No? Then how do you expect your faith to grow? The Bible says, 'Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God' (Romans 10:17 NKJV). Bottom line: the *Spirit* of God uses the *Word* of God to make us more like the Son of God.

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*(Margaret E)*



### **Moldova - support for Jews from Ukraine & Moldova**

The Jewish people of Ukraine are facing their greatest challenges following the Russian invasion of their country and the subsequent humanitarian crisis. Our missionaries have had to flee from their home in Odessa to neighbouring Moldova and they are now sharing the gospel with Jewish communities in both countries. We've found that many of Jewish people are increasingly open to talking about spiritual matters and a number have professed faith in Jesus. Please pray that the Lord will be at work among these communities and that many more will come to faith as they hear the Good News about Jesus. *(Int.Mission to Jewish People)*

### **Japan - performing arts at work**

Innovative ministries in Japan are seeking to use drama, music and dance to share the gospel. Creative ways of sharing the gospel open new avenues to reach many Japanese. Gospel music is popular and has provided a way to share the good news of Jesus with many who would otherwise not hear it. Ballet with Christian themes are accessible and relevant to many. Praise God for organisations using music, drama and dance to share the gospel. Please pray that the Lord will enable all using innovative ministries of this nature to proclaim the gospel faithfully and share hope and new life with many in Japan. Japan Christian Link

### **Algeria - persecution of Christians**

Recent months have seen the serious escalation of the Algerian authorities' campaign against the Protestant church. Several further Christians have been prosecuted and have received prison sentences connected with the peaceful practice of their faith. Several more churches have been closed, while others are in line to be closed. Please pray the authorities will respect the right to freedom of religion, charges against Christians will be dropped and convictions overturned, and churches that are closed will be permitted to reopen. Please pray the Body of Christ will flourish in Algeria and God's love will be known across the land. (Middle East Concern)

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## URC COMMITMENT FOR LIFE EXTRACT

Since 1967, Israeli checkpoints have been a common feature of the occupation. Of course, if you go on a standard 'pilgrimage' to Bethlehem, you might not notice going through the checkpoint because tour buses are simply waved through. But for most Palestinians, these barriers have become progressively more constraining of their movement. Members of the 2019 URC educational trip to IOPT had a taste of this in Hebron (see photo.)

Gaza has effectively been sealed off. It is extremely difficult to obtain a permit to leave or enter Gaza without a compelling justification. In the West Bank, there are over 700 holdups: from 60 or so military checkpoints to earth mounds and concrete blocks across roads to restrict or thwart movement by Palestinians. The cumulative effect of corralling Palestinians into approximately 190 enclaves, surrounded by settlements, settler-only roads and checkpoints renders the free movement of people and goods impossible for some, and for those able to travel, stressful, uncertain, expensive and time consuming.

Such restrictions violate International Human Rights Law. They cause significant human suffering. They separate families. They throttle the Palestinian economy and can turn a journey that ought to take ten minutes into a major schlep that could take hours.

Commitment for Life fully endorses the Christian Aid report, *Where is Palestine?* We make every effort to bring about a just and peaceful resolution to the ongoing oppression of ordinary Palestinians. Your support is deeply appreciated by our partners in Israel and Palestine



Members of the URC held up at a military checkpoint in Hebron in 2019

*Photo Ray Stanyon*



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## CROSSWORD

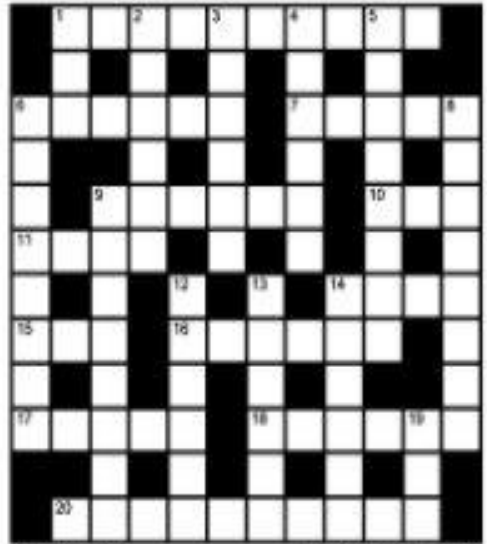
### QUICK BIBLE CROSSWORD I

#### Across

- 1 Remorse (10)
- 6 Consecrate (6)
- 7 Break a Commandment (5)
- 9 Make a hole (6)
- 10 Pot (3)
- 11 What Av became (4)
- 14 This initially watered the earth (4)
- 15 Samuel's mentor (3)
- 16 Small river (6)
- 17 Mount that Moses climbed (5)
- 18 Prophet in David's time (6)
- 20 Biblical garden (10)

#### Down

- 1 Take flight (3)
- 2 One of the twelve (6)
- 3 All living things (6)
- 4 Response (6)
- 5 Guardians of Eden (8)
- 6 The father of Levi (8)
- 8 Grow (8)
- 9 Forbearance (8)
- 12 Second longest book (6)
- 13 Statue metal (6)
- 14 Sister of Lazarus and Mary (6)
- 19 Wood splitter (3)



by Philologus

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### QUOTES FOR THE WEEK

**“Don’t give God instructions—just report for duty!”  
“Quote – Corrie Ten Boom”**

**“The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us”.**

**“Quote – R. W. Emerson”**

**“The will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you”.**

**“Quote – Author Unknown”**

**“God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfil His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.”**

**“ Quote - Dietrich Bonhoeffer”**



## Our Queen

by Chrissie Saunders

*Head of our Nation, Elizabeth our Queen,  
Of steadfast composure with radiant smile,  
So widely respected, regal, serene,  
Honouring her duties all the while.*

*When adversity she is forced to face  
Throughout many a long and trying day,  
She accepts it with dignity and grace,  
A quiet understanding as is her way.*

*Knowing of national and world affairs,  
She accepted her role as was her fate  
Showing those she meets just how much she cares;  
So, her jubilee we commemorate.  
Come now, let's join together hand in hand  
To celebrate her reign across the land.*

*Chrissie is from the IoW and her poem was graciously acknowledged by HM The Queen, from whom she received a card. Published with permission.*

## CARTOON

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"You need to stop watering the pulpit."



## WORDSEARCH FOR HM THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

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**BirthdayParade  
Commonwealth**

**NineteenFiftyTwo  
PlatinumJubilee**

**SeventyYears  
Thanksgiving**

**Flypast**

**PURCPicnic**

**TheQueen**

**JubileeBeacons**

**Realms**

**TwentyTwentyTwo**

**Monarch**

**Service**

**UnitedKingdom**

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### "CONTACT" MAGAZINE INFORMATION

**Dear Reader**

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**Next issue date will be 28June**

*Ed.*

