

CONTACT

introduces and welcomes

YOU

to

PENWORTHAM

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Praise the Lord!
Praise God in His sanctuary;
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

NOVEMBER 2022

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FELLOWSHIP FOREWORD

Oh, No!

Not November again! The clocks have gone back, the afternoons are darker, and quite suddenly everything can seem as dank and dismal as typical November weather (not to mention the UK's economic prospects) - all nowadays prefaced by the increasingly ghoulish and pointless Halloween. It can all be quite dispiriting.

But November starts with All Saints' Day, when we traditionally sing the great hymns that celebrate the lives of saints past and present. Why not use those to get our spirits up, if they need it, in or out of church - and sally forth cheerfully in the lively spirit of great Christian men and women? - with, if we like, the warmth of Bonfire Night to spur us on.

How we spend the darker months will, of course, depend on our circumstances. For me, it means getting back into the routine of going to the gym now and then, and trying to do some reading.

And maybe finding time to do some serious housework

Whatever we do, ideally we need some exercise of the body; some exercise of the mind (perhaps with a bit of scripture to help); some relaxation; and, if possible, some encouraging social contact. There is Christmas next month. And in 3 months' time there will be signs of another Spring.

So Hip, Hip, Hooray for another November!

Brenda



PURC SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022

6 th Nov.	Holy Communion	10.30am	Margery Pitcher
13 th Nov.	Remembrance Sunday Family Worship	10.30am	Linda McLanachan
20 th Nov.	Family Worship	10.30am	Rev'd Frank Kendall
27 th Nov.	Family Worship	10.30am	George Grime
4 th Dec.	Junior Church Nativity	10.30am	Junior Church
11 th Dec.	Parade Service	10.30am	Scouts
18 th Dec.	Carol Service	3.00pm	Robert Bulloch
25 th Dec.	Christmas Day Family Worship	10.30am	Robert Bulloch

(Brenda KI)

FAMILY AND FRIENDS



To those who are unwell at home, in residential care or in hospital we send our best wishes and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

We trust Junior Church had fun during their October half-term and will equally enjoy being back to learning and doing new things.

It was good to welcome Pat Poulton back at the recent community event in church and we wish you every blessing in your continued recovery at home, with Derek's assistance.

Remember the Elders' team in your prayers and support them as they, often behind the scenes, continue to cover many of the pastoral, practical, financial and administrative aspects of this fellowship, as well as leading worship when necessary.

Thank you to all those who ensure that Church Music, Scripture Readings, Flowers, Junior Church, Events, Refreshments, Bookings, Charity Support, Churches and Scouts liaison and more are sustained; also thank you to those who are good neighbours and always available to lend a hand and encourage.

(Ed.)



PURC FLOWER ROTA NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2022

6 th Nov.	Barbara D
13 th Nov.	Gill T
20 th Nov.	Marjorie S
27 th Nov.	Alan & Beverley S
4 th Dec.	Doris McC
11 th Dec.	Debra O
18 th Dec.	Robert B
25 th Dec.	Robert B



(Jenny O)

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON

at

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB

Monday 28th November 2022 at 2.00pm

AN INTRODUCTION TO GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

BY

DAVID WELLS



*The event will be followed by
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits
The cost will be £4.00*

Do come along and bring a friend



In aid of



Penwortham Bead Group

United Reformed Church



What can you make with beads? Almost anything; Jewellery, Christmas decorations, memory trinkets.... Come and meet our lovely beading group and see what you can do!

We meet on 3rd Saturday of every month Liverpool Road, Penwortham
10.30 till 12.30.

Tea/coffee biscuits available

Bring your own cup

Admission is £5



PURC INFORMATION

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOONS

Thanks to Anne Hall, we at PURC have hosted a series of excellent Community Social Afternoons of which the last for 2022 will be on **28th November at 2.00pm** and will be an introduction to Guide Dogs for the Blind. (see Page 4). Look out for the 2023 events.



The most recent past events have been:

Penwortham Nature at its best.

On the **26th September** over 40 people enjoyed our Community Social event, when Peter Smith a local wildlife photographer gave a slideshow of all the wonderful birds, flowers and animals to be discovered within Penwortham & Longton. Peter has printed calendars and will have a “nature book” with lots of photos and articles on sale for Christmas; he regularly posts on ‘Penwortham Past and Present’. We hope to invite him back again for a different slideshow in the coming months.



Children’s Book Illustrations. On the **24th October** we were taken back to our childhood days and the books we used to read, as Linda McLanachan explored some of the illustrations that accompanied both the well known titles from authors, such as Hans Christian Andersen, A.A. Milne, C.S. Lewis, Beatrix Potter and Enid Blyton, as well as interpretive animation images from the big screen. It was a very interesting session enjoyed by all present.



If you haven’t yet sampled one of these events do come along, your support will be much appreciated. With thanks from Anne and her helpers.
(Rita T)

PURC ECO CHURCH

Christmas Crackers you can recycle!

The Christmas crackers shown are from Dunelm, are reasonably priced and can be recycled.

Some retailers are now producing crackers that can be recycled, so please check before you buy and support our Eco Church status.

If you are creative, you can make your own crackers using toilet roll, paper and string!
(Gillian A)



A REFLECTION

DO YOU LOVE GOD'S WORD? **'Heaven and earth will pass away,** **but my words will never pass away.'**

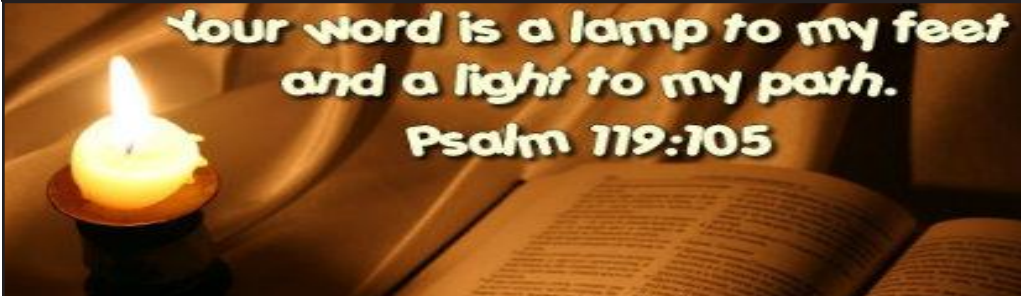
Matthew 24:35 NIV

One of the first books to come off the printing press when it was invented was the Bible. And it's still the world's best-selling book. An anonymous author has written: 'It contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the fate of sinners, and the happiness of believers. It is a light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveller's road map, the pilot's compass, the soldier's weapon, and the player's game plan. It's a mine of incredible wealth, and a river of genuine joy. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Christ is its grand subject, your good its design and the glory of God its end. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be spiritually healthy. Read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully. Let it fill your memory, rule your heart, and guide your steps. It is given to you in life, will be opened at the judgment, and be remembered for ever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labour, and judge those who trifle with its sacred contents.' The Bible is 'The word of our God which shall stand forever' (see 1 Peter 1:25). Most of us respect the Bible; the trouble is we don't read it daily and put it into practice.

After hearing a discussion on various translations of the Bible, one man said: 'I prefer my mother's translation, because she translated it into everyday life. Are you doing that?'

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Stoke-on-Trent, ST64JF. and taken from UCB 'Word for Today'
-free copies are available for the UK at this address or
online at www.ucb.co.uk/read (Margaret E)*



**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
Psalm 119:105**

WORLD PRAYER NEWS

PAKISTAN - GOSPEL RADIO

Feba Pakistan operates and broadcasts in an environment where there is insecurity and the constant threat of violence. The team is helping to address local issues and change attitudes in Pakistan by training local broadcasters. Please pray for creativity and inspiration for the production teams, artists and writers as they work together to communicate the Gospel message effectively and sensitively through a variety of platforms and broadcast media. Pray that the message of hope will reach the hearts of all those listening and engaging with the team (*FEBA Radio UK*)

CAMBODIA - SUPPORT FOR MISSIONARIES' CHILDREN

WEC helps to recruit for Hope International School in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, which some of our children attend. Please pray that God will provide for the school financially and give them the staff they need. Pray blessings on the recruiting process; pray that gifted teachers, wherever they are living in the world, will hear about these opportunities and come to serve at Hope School and at other schools teaching missionaries' children elsewhere too. (*WEC International*)

RWANDA - FOOD DISTRIBUTION

At the time of writing, 35% of children in Rwanda under the age of five were chronically malnourished, according to the World Food Prog. Please pray God's blessing over our partner's food distributions to marginalised families. About 120 families received food packages in the last quarter, including families with children who need to eat well to be able to tolerate strong medication. (*Bethany Children's Trust*)

SENEGAL - THE BIBLE IN JOLA LANGUAGE

For nearly 15 years, WEC missionary Miran and her colleagues have been translating the Bible into Jola. Recently literacy teams have been going into Jola villages, teaching the people to read and write in their own language while sharing Bible stories. Now the Jola Bible is printed and arrived in Senegal. The formal launch took place in Sibanor on 2nd July. Praise the Lord that now the Holy Spirit can speak directly through Scripture to these people. Pray for every copy to bless Jola believers and bring salvation to whole families and communities. (*WEC International*)



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CHURCHES TOGETHER IN PENWORTHAM EVENT



**DEMENTIA
AFFECTS ALL OF US**
- DIRECTLY THROUGH FAMILY
- INDIRECTLY THROUGH
FRIENDS AND CHURCH

Pam Kehoe, Admiral Nurse with Dementia UK is coming to help us understand and explore how we can respond as individuals and Churches

12noon Sunday 20th November
St Leonard's Church
Marshalls Brow, Penwortham PR1 9JA

Soup & Sandwich lunch provided

Please let Nick know if you're coming to help with catering

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INFORMATION AND EVENTS IN THE PRESTON AREA

Sat 19 Nov, 7pm. St. Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group Concert at **Wycliffe Church** A concert by Penwortham St. Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group is being held at Wycliffe Memorial Church, Tulketh Brow, Ashton, Preston PR2 2SH on Saturday 19 November at 7pm. Everyone welcome. Please find poster attached. Admission Free

Retreats with Donna Worthington

On-line:

Sat 12 Nov 2pm: Resting in God, Held by God, Supporting others...

OR also **Mon 14 Nov 10am**

Thur 17 Nov 6.30pm: Reflecting Theologically on who we are

Thurs 1, 8, 15 Dec (3 weeks) 6.30pm: Exploring Fairy Tales

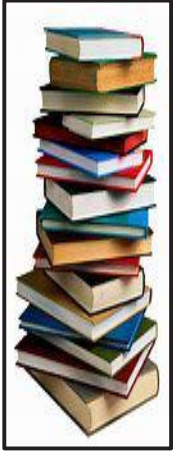
Sun 11 Dec 2pm: Wisdom from the Desert

On-line Retreats cost £20 per session.

Also: ***In Person: 11th Nov:*** Explore 'The Fox and The Lamp' (Preston venue)

For more details and/or bookings, please see the website <https://christianretreats.live> or Donna at: drworthington@live.co.uk

POETRY PIECE - ON READING



Reading has been my main hobby,
Since childhood it has to be said,
From Enid Blyton to Kenneth Graham
Thousands of books have I read.
Dickens easy book "A Christmas Carol",
I read at school aged eleven,
I loved the story and the style,
You could say I was in seventh heaven.

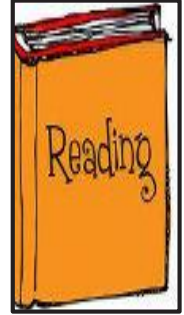
Dickens continued with tales
of Two Cities and Great Expectations,
Then came Lorna Doone on Exmoor,
But from Dickens there were no deflections.

I had a spell reading facts,
Enjoying many an interesting biography,
Usually with some adventure,
Exploring vicariously, geography.

Jane Austen I met years later,
Mr Collins , Mrs Bennet, five sisters,
Real people, I felt that I knew them,
Girls, humorously looking for misters.
Wuthering Heights was never for me,
Bronte's moors and characters too rough,
Jane Ayre was readable, not favourite,
Allowing that life then was tough.

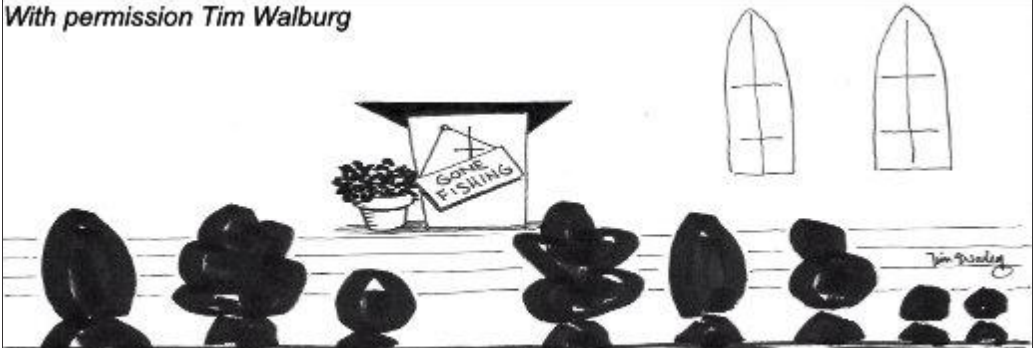
I still like a good book,
I should say my taste is variable.
With glasses for reading, I'll continue
As a book worm as long as I'm able.

Hylde H



CARTOON

With permission Tim Walburg



Their new pastor was such an expert negotiator that he was able to get weekends off.

A WORDSEARCH FOR ALL SAINTS DAY - 01 NOVEMBER 2022

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David

Mary

Andrew

George

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John

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CONTACT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

Dear Reader

The next 'Contact' will be the December 22/January 23 issue

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

See www.penworthamurc.org.uk

The next "Contact" will be the last from the current Editor for the next 12 months. We are looking forward to alternative arrangements for 2023 and wish the new Editor every blessing in their endeavours.

Next submission date will be 20 November

Next issue date will be 27 November

Ed.

ALL SAINTS DAY



NOVEMBER 1st