

## FLOWERS

05 February Marjorie Smith  
12 February Mary Lambert  
19 February Ken Rickard  
26 February Barbara Dawson

05 March Hugh Dawkins  
12 March Mary Lambert  
19 March Vacant  
26 March Pauline Bennett

## SERVICES

05 February Holy Communion Margery Pitcher  
12 February Family Worship Elders : **NB no Parade**  
19 February Family Worship Rev Frank Kendall  
26 February Family Worship Rev Jim Wilson

05 March Holy Communion Rev Angela Robinson  
12 March Parade Steve Mitchell  
19 March Family Worship TBA  
26 March Family Worship Hylda Hurst

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### CONTACT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

**The next “CONTACT” will be the March issue**

“CONTACT” is also published on our web site, minus any personal or pastoral information not for general publication.

See [www.penwortham.org.uk](http://www.penwortham.org.uk)

If you have anything you would like to contribute to “Contact”, it will be most welcome.

Send it by e-mail to [z555brenda@gmail.com](mailto:z555brenda@gmail.com)  
or ring Brenda on 01772 748021 or deliver to 52 Kingsway.  
Thank you for any contribution.

**Next submission date will be Sunday 19 February**  
**Next issue date will be 26 February**

# MINI CONTACT FEBRUARY 2023

## NOTE FROM EDITOR

Hallo Everybody

This is the first slim-line “Contact”.

I don't have Alan's computer skills, or a fancy computer, but I aim to provide all information needed. If you want something to be included, you need to give or send it to me.

My details and the dates are on the back page.

Brenda Kendall

## FOREWORD

With new year's resolutions possibly forgotten and behind us we are provided with another opportunity in the Christian calendar this month to make changes to our lives through the period of lent.

During lent we often give something up, take something on – or both! But have we ever asked why? Is this because of tradition and the feeling of being obliged to sacrifice something due to our faith or is because we see a benefit in doing so.

Do the changes we make in lent bring us closer to God; deepen our faith; enable us to understand more about ourselves? Do they provide a benefit to either ourselves or others?

If you are considering what to give up, or start, for lent could you choose something that would benefit others. This could be anything, no matter how small, that could help yourself and possibly your wider community to grow.

Whatever direction you chose to take this lent, I hope that you find joy in your choices and that they contribute to your spiritual journey and strengthen your relationship with God.

Gillian Price



# COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON

at

**PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH**

**Liverpool Road, Penwortham, PR1 0QB**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 2.00pm**

**"MY LIFE  
IN  
BROADCASTING"**

*a talk by*

**BBC RADIO LANCASHIRE'S  
GRAHAM LIVER**



*The event will be followed by*

*Tea, Coffee and Biscuits*

*The cost will be £4.00*

*Do come along and bring a friend*



## A MESSAGE FROM NIGEL

This is rather a delayed note of thanks for the richly-signed card and chunkily attractive, hand-made, colour-glazed pottery cross which you kindly gave me back in November. As I write this, that cross is helpfully placed opposite me so that, among other things, I might recall the many lines of hymns which reference the Cross of Jesus. Their backgrounds encompass the whole breadth of the church: "When I survey the wondrous Cross (Independent/Congregationalist)....; Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Presbyterian)....; In the Cross of Christ I glory (Unitarian) .....; Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes (Anglican)"...., and so on.

But I can also reflect on the changes I have known in my 64 years as a preacher. First, that word has been dominant: a Methodist in 1958, I felt "Called to Preach" and was given a "Note to Preach" by the Circuit Superintendent Minister, as their terminology went; until comparatively recently, the Sunday Notices in most Nonconformist churches would include, "The Preacher next week will be ..." Then, for my first two preaching decades and more, it was customary for such as myself to head the sermon with a single Biblical verse or phrase: the titles I've used for more than thirty years came only later. Thirdly, preachers once chose readings and subjects which appealed to them or on which they had been thinking recently: the now widely-used Three-Year Cycle of the Joint Lectionary prescribes Sunday readings which challenge the preacher to find a link between four given scriptures from which to offer something to the congregation. And finally, the quite common use of the word Preliminaries to describe whatever preceded the sermon has long gone: we now realise that hymns, prayers, readings and sermon together make a full Act of Worship to God, week by week. I feel greatly privileged to have been involved in such activity for so long: without keeping a record of each service, this has been in at least 115 different places of worship. And so much of it has depended on congregations such as yourselves as well as what I have felt able to offer: so my thanks are to you for not only the tangible gifts but also your twenty-year presence and support.

NIGEL LEMON

### Eco-News:

**WaterAid:** In January we sent a cheque for £110 to WaterAid. This was from money collected in our pennies jar and we would like to thank everyone for their contributions.

**North-Western Synod-wide initiative to plant 500 trees during the Jubilee year:** A mature Portuguese laurel arrived from Newgate Nurseries in December and will remain in its pot in the border until spring. A member of the congregation very kindly donated the tree in memory of a loved one. The tree will be situated near to the two benches (which are currently in the Guild room) in the seating area which will be completed in Spring. The benches are from Embley's garden centre and were also kindly donated by two members of the congregation.

Gillian Ashurst

*Congratulations*



*We send our congratulations to Stewart Taylor on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, on Friday 27 January.*

### DATES

#### COFFEE MORNING AT CHURCH

21 February, Shrove Tuesday

12 o'clock till 1 o'clock

TEA / COFFEE / PANCAKES.

All welcome.

Jenny and Beverley

#### COMMUNITY EVENT

This will take place on 27 February at 2.00 pm.

Please see the attached flyer.

#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This will take place in Penwortham United Reformed Church on 3 March at 2.00 pm.

It would be good if this Church was well represented when it is being held in our own Church.

#### CHRISTMAS GIVING

£760 was sent to the Rosemere Trust from the Christmas collections.

£110 was sent to WaterAid from the penny jar.