

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Mini CONTACT APRIL 2023



Wishing you every Blessing for a happy Easter



FOREWORD

Dear Friends, Whenever I feel down or need peace of mind I always go to the countryside or just imagine I am there!

This picture is of Hawkeshead Church in the southern lakes. We had a holiday there last Autumn and if I close my eyes I can still see the wonderful view from our cottage. We were staying not far from the path where my husband Allen took this photo, and we had an uninterrupted view across the valley

to the hills the other side of Lake Windermere. The colours changed with the clouds and never stayed the same. Very relaxing and peaceful.

Often when we visit the Lakes I will go for one of my favourite walks while Allen tackles something more challenging! We often stay in Borrowdale, a valley going from Keswick down Derwent Water. The first walk is round the shore of the lake from Grange back to Keswick. Whatever the season the view across the lake is spectacular again to the hills on the far side of the lake around the village of Watendlath, made famous by Walpole's books about the Herries family. For my second walk I take the bus up to Rossthwaite and walk back along the river. The water is so clear and this route is very quiet except for the birds and animals. There is always something different to watch.



We found these belted Galloways at the bottom of Tarn Howes on a very grey day. None were in sight until the farmer arrived on his quad bike and shouted for them. It took ages for them to arrive from all directions for their feed.

I hope you all have a place to go to cheer you up like me!

Gill Turner

Church A.G.M. Sunday 16th April 2023.

The A.G.M. will form part of worship on 16th April and I hope that as many people as possible will try to attend.

There are a number of important issues and new initiatives which the Elders wish to present, along with the usual business and appointment of Officers etc.

With that in mind, I would ask everyone to consider the part we each play in the life of the Church; a life which I feel has become slower and less focused due to all that has happened to us through the Covid pandemic and its aftermath, along with other uncertainties which developed within the South Lancashire Missional Partnership and the absence of ministerial support.

As life continues to become more "Normal" it is to be hoped that we can again form a new basis for fellowship and find a way forward which will restart our social and mission activities.

Our Treasurer, Gill Turner, announced at the A.G.M. in 2022 that she would be standing down from the role this April. The Treasurer of the church does not need to be an Elder. The meeting can agree to appoint a Treasurer from outside the church, as has been suggested by the Synod, but this would be a paid post. Other posts also need to be filled and details of these will be provided prior to the meeting. I would ask you to think prayerfully about how you can help our church. On a positive note, I currently have nominations for four new Members wishing to join the church. If anyone would like to know more about becoming a Member, please speak to me or any of the Elders.

Likewise, any Member wishing to know more about the duties of Eldership are welcome to speak to us accordingly, as we are currently working with only seven people.

It is hoped that several of the reports will be circulated prior to the meeting, and should anyone wish to have an item of business added to the agenda, please ensure that you provide me with the details not less than seven days prior to the meeting. I look forward to seeing you on 16th April, and remain,

With all good wishes and warmest regards,

Robert Church Secretary.

Friends & Family

It has been sad to report that Colin Whalley passed away peacefully in hospital on 21st March. The service in celebration of Colin's life will be held at Charnock Richard Crematorium on Tuesday 11th April 2023 at 10.30am.

The funeral of Celia & Bill McCartney's son Gary was held on 20th March and was a fitting celebration of his life and talents.

Beverley & Alan Strange are to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary in mid-April, and we wish them good wishes and many congratulations.

Ken Rickard is currently spending time in the Brambles Rest Home.

We are pleased to know that Doreen Baker is now back in her home following a period of respite care.

In March a number of people have been unwell. Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers, along with all the church family.

February Social Event

The recent social event at which Graham Liver of BBC Radio Lancashire, gave a talk which was very entertaining, and approximately 70 people attended. Many thanks to Anne Hall for all her planning and hard work; the people who attend all enjoy time together and chat with a cuppa afterwards. This is a really nice way for us to welcome Penwortham into our buildings.

Rita Taylor



CHURCH FLOWERS

02 April	Doris McCutcheon
09 April	Graham & Viv Moore
16 April	Linda McLanachan
23 April	Sue Tennant
30 April	Barbara Baird

CHURCH FLOWERS cont'd

07 May	Bev & Alan Strange
14 May	Martin & Kirsty Mills
21 May	Derek & Pat Poulton
28 May	Derek Woodburn

SERVICES.

All commence at 10.30am unless stated otherwise.

02 April Family Worship Revd Martin Whiffen **NB**
3pm

06 April Maundy Thursday James Mawdsley **NB**
7.30pm

07 April Good Friday Churches Together in
Penwortham Walk of Witness. Penwortham
Methodist Church at 10.00am, followed by
Joint Service at 11.00am.

09 April Easter Communion Robert Bulloch

16 April Family Worship & AGM The Elders

23 April Family Worship TBA

30 April Family Worship Gill Turner

07 May Family Worship Revd Anton Muller

14 May Parade Service Leo Roberts

21 May Family Worship Gill Turner

28 May Family Worship Margery Pitcher

The next "Contact" will be the May issue.

"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 your item by email
to: penworthamurc@gmail.com

Next submission date will be Sunday 23rd April. The next

May issue date will be 30th April.

Go Green (er) for Lent and Easter



The link below has ideas of how we can try to be more eco-friendly during Lent (unfortunately it arrived too late for the March edition of Contact). Some of the ideas are:

- Go plastic free
- Switch off from digital
- Buy less or second hand
- Buy local or in bulk
- Spend more time in nature
- Invite wildlife into your garden

<https://arocha.org.uk/go-green-for-lent/>

Gillian Ashurst

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON at

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

Monday 24th April 2023 at 2.00pm



Steve Williams
presents a talk on



UNSUNG LANCASTRIANS

The event will be followed by

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

The cost will be £4.00

Do come along and bring a friend

**There have been many men and women
in the County over the years whose
stories have never been told - from
entrepreneurs, Suffragettes, social
campaigners, newspaper editors,
soldiers and even a President of FIFA.**