

# PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

## MINI CONTACT MAY 2023

Dear Friends

Welcome to the May magazine. This month begins with a Coronation and ends with Pentecost – so it is a month of celebration.



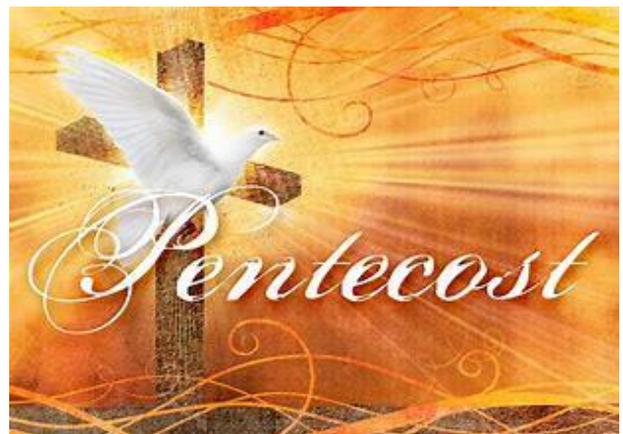
There are details inside this magazine of how Penwortham United Reformed Church will be celebrating the Coronation. I do hope a good number of you will be able to join us for lunch.

The Elders will set out tables and chairs – you will not be asked to sit on the ground. This proved to be a very satisfactory arrangement when we did it for the Queen's celebration last year.

But, But, while we are celebrating, let us remember those who are lonely or ill, and perhaps call on them.

But do enjoy yourselves.

With every good wish,  
from Brenda



## NEWS FROM AGM

I would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the Church AGM on 16th April, and to all those who have agreed to stand in whatever capacity for a further term of office. Thank you particularly to Derek Poulton who retired as Fire Safety Officer and Gill Turner who retired as our Treasurer (even though she will remain involved to a lesser degree) and also to Oliver Gunning who volunteered to act as the Fire Safety Officer.

New items which were agreed by the meeting include: the Elders taking Communion out to people unable to attend church; a new Mission initiative to support Palestinian Olive farmers; and for the Elders to review the possibility of the church employing a part-time children and young peoples' support worker. Further details will following due course. Robert

## NEW MEMBERS

At the AGM on 16<sup>th</sup> April, nominations for Lynda Green, Pam Sumner, Hilary Slack and Non Thomas to become Members of the United Reformed church were received, and agreed

All four people have been worshipping with us for some time, but it is nevertheless a pleasure that they have decided to formally join our church and we are such that they are all wished well by all in the congregation.

Arrangements will be made to receive them formally in due course.

## THE CORONATION - SUNDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023

It was decided at the AGM that we would hold a similar gathering at for the Queens Platinum Jubilee last year.

Following morning worship on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May we will gather in the Hall or outside if the weather permits, or both, to share a time together to celebrate the King's Coronation. Please bring anything you would like to eat and drink or indeed share with others.

BILL AND CELIA MCCARTNEY write:

Thank you for your prayers, flowers and cards. It has been a difficult time, and still is for our family. It helps to know people care.

### A GREAT-GRAND-DAUGHTER FOR HEATHER ROBBINS

Evelyn Elizabeth Bronwen Ferguson was born at Derby Hospital on the 21<sup>st</sup> March, weighing 8 lbs 9 oz.

Congratulations to the parents Charlotte and James Ferguson.

### THE MITES SCHEME

Contributions for the quarter ending 31 March 2023 was £23.05p equating to 288 life-saving sachets of mineral salts. The contributions are very much appreciated by UNICEF.

## JOYCE BOREHAM WRITES:

Thank you very much for all the donations for International Aid

These were delivered to the Warehouse on April 3<sup>rd</sup>:

1 duvet; 4 Bibles; 1 very big blanket; 11 medium blankets; 12 mittens; 5 headbands; 2 snoods; 6 hat and mitten sets; 56 hats; 9 baby jumpers; 7 6-12 month jumpers; 6 1-2 year jumpers; 3 scarves; 9 ladies jumpers; 3 hedgehogs

## BLISTER PACKS FROM PILLS

Superdrug in Preston will only accept used blister packs from individuals, and we are considered to be an organisation. Unfortunately, this means that Viv and I are no longer able to collect your blister packs at Church and take them to Superdrug on your behalf. Therefore, please would you ask a family member or friend to take them into Superdrug on your behalf.

Thank you to everyone who recycles their blister packs and supports our Eco-Church status.

Gillian and Viv.

## CHRISTIAN AID

Barbara Edmondson writes:

Unfortunately I am unable to continue with an active role in Christian Aid. Therefore, we will not be distributing envelopes around Penwortham but I have had some sent to me that will be available in Church for your donations.

We shall continue to support the work of Christian Aid by advertising fund raising efforts through Cath Greenlees, and also in Church when needed.

Thank you for all your efforts in the past and I hope you will continue to support Christian Aid in the future.

# COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON at

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

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2.00pm**

A Representative from  
**International Aid Trust**  
will present a talk on their varied work  
in countries including:



**UKRAINE**  
**SIERRA LEONE**  
**MOLDOVA**  
**INDIA**



**UNITED KINGDOM**  
**TRANSYLVANIA**



*The event will be followed by  
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits  
The cost will be £4.00  
Do come along and bring a friend*



## FLOWERS

07 May	Alan and Beverley Strange
14 May	Martin and Kirsty Mills
21 May	Derek and Pat Poulton
28 May	Derek Woodburn
04 June	Margaret and Alan Edward
11 June	NO SERVICE - Penwortham Gala
18 June	Allen and Gill Turner
25 June	Jean Frew

## SERVICES

7 May	Holy Communion	Anton Muller
14 May	Parade	Leo Roberts
21 May	Family Worship	TBA
28 May	Family Worship	TBA
04 June	Holy Communion	Jennifer Liddell
11 June	NO SERVICE – Penwortham Gala	
18 June	Family Worship	Rev Jim Wilson
25 June	JC Anniversary	Junior Church

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## CONTACT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

**The next “CONTACT” will be the June 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.

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Thank you for any contribution.

**Next submission date will be Sunday 21 May**

**Next issue date will be 28 May**