

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

MINI CONTACT JUNE 2023

FOREWORD

I know for me, I can often wish time away and I've felt challenged over the last few weeks to slow down and find God in the everyday things. I wonder how often we miss Well, May was quite the month for gatherings wasn't it?

I wasn't able to attend the coronation lunch after Sunday but I do hope those that stayed enjoyed it. I was able to pop along to the Scouts' fun day, the following Monday, and it was great to bump into a number of members of the congregation. It's so important to join in with them when we can and it was great to see the church (and the car park) packed with families. It was also wonderful to see Penwortham so busy for Penwortham Live on the Friday and Saturday night and all the different businesses that took part. Onwards now to the Gala!

May has also been a very busy time for me with my work in Mersey Synod, which is the reason I wasn't there much on Sunday mornings. I've found myself taking more Sunday services as we all find it harder to fill the preaching rota. I look forward to being more regular in June.

As I write this, the sun is shining and spring finally feels like it's here (I hope it still feels like that whilst you're reading this). I always feel more positive when the weather is fairer and it's been really good to take our puppy, Ace, out for walks when it hasn't been pouring or freezing. It helps me to look forward to the Summer and plans for school holidays. I wonder what you are most looking

forward to this year? God's presence because we're rushing from one thing to another? It's certainly true for me.



I'm reminded of the verse from Psalm 62:5. "For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him". As we go about our days this month, may we take time to slow down and be more aware of the presence of God and all that God has in store for us and not take what we do have for granted.

Bless you,

Steven

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Anne writes: "A few members of our congregation have been feeling unwell and some are undergoing tests. Please keep these people in your thought and prayers, and remember the members of our congregation who are housebound and can no longer join us in fellowship.

May they know that we are thinking of them and wish them all well."

I am pleased to report that we are aiming to serve tea & coffee after the service on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting in June.

A small rota has been formed to carry this out, and I am sure that we are all grateful to the willing volunteers.

This will no doubt add something which has been missing from church life for some time and I look forward to this welcome change.

Robert

PENWORTHAM GALA. 10TH & 11TH JUNE 2023.

This annual event will see Churches Together in Penwortham hosting the Tea Tent on Hurst Grange Park on Saturday 10th June alongside all the usual happenings.

On Sunday morning the ecumenical service will be held in the Park at a time to be confirmed.

In the case of bad weather, the service will be held at Penwortham United Reformed Church.

I'm sure we can look forward to a pleasant weekend.

Robert

NEW MEMBERS

We are delighted that several of our congregation have asked to become members. Daleen Ten Cate will induct them on 9 July, during normal service.
Robert

Induction of Revd Clare Downing – Transitional Moderator of North Western Synod

As you are aware, Clare's induction is taking place on Saturday 10th June at 3pm at Chorley United Reformed Church.

Synod hopes that as many people as possible will attend and share this happy occasion in the life of our Synod. Revd Fiona Bennett, Moderator of General Assembly is presiding, and the Revd Dr John Bradbury, General Secretary of the United Reformed Church will be preaching. It promises to be an uplifting occasion when the Synod can come together to celebrate a new chapter in North Western Synod's life.

There will be refreshments following the service and an opportunity to meet and chat with friends old and new.

If you would like to attend, let Kerry at the Synod office know for catering purposes. Kerry can be contacted by phone on 0161 769 1122 or by email on office@nwsynod.org.uk.

FLOWERS

04 June Margaret and Alan Edward
 11 June NO SERVICE - Penwortham Gala
 18 June Allen and Gill Turner
 25 June Jean Frew

02 July Val Tiffin
 09 July Bill and Celia McCartney
 16 July Jenny Oliver
 23 July Basil and Hylda Hurst

SERVICES

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

02 July Holy Communion Martin Whiffen – NB: 3.00 PM
 09 July Parade Rev Daleen Ten Cate
 16 July Family Worship Rev Frank Kendall
 23 July Family Worship TBA
 30 July Family Worship Hylda Hurst

CONTACT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

The next "CONTACT" will be the July and August issue

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See 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

or ring Brenda on 01772 748021 or deliver it to 52 Kingsway

Thank you for any contribution.

Next submission date will be Sunday 23 June

Next issue date will be 30 June

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON at

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

Monday 26th June 2023 at 2.00pm

The Afternoon Will Focus On



"Creating Our Dream"



A Talk By

Guy Topping

Managing Director of Barton Grange Group



The event will be followed by

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