

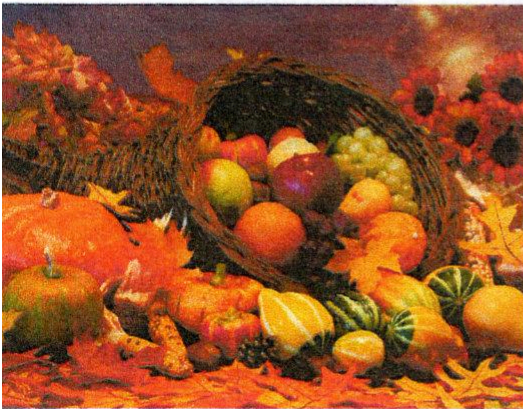
PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

MINI CONTACT OCTOBER 2023

FOREWORD

At the start of the Bible, in Genesis 1, God created the world with enough resources for everyone to have what they need however, in Genesis 3, after sin entered the world our relationship with God, each other and creation was broken. When we look around today it is very apparent that many of us have more than we need whilst others struggle for the basics to live a full and happy life. This disparity is not only evident between the developed and third world but also throughout our own country with the gap between the haves and have nots growing wider in the current cost of living crisis.

As we move into autumn we will soon celebrate harvest, a time to think about God's creation and everything that he provides. A time to think about how much we really need and how we can help others to live a fulfilled life. This year, at our harvest service, we will be collecting for Penwortham Food Bank a facility that helps many people who are struggling here in our local community. We hope, as a church, that our donations will help those who are in need not only get an immediate step up providing them with much needed supplements but also assist them in finding the support they need to develop and live their full and happy life.



Gillian (Price)

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

It was lovely to welcome the Scout group back into church at parade in September and to see some of the new Squirrels in attendance at the service. We wish them a year full of fun, developing new skills and making new friends.

Congratulations to Hilda and Basil Hurst who celebrated their Platinum Wedding Anniversary in September and to all those in our congregation who will be celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in the next month. Our thoughts are with all those who are suffering with illness at this time and to Gill Ashurst and her family, following the passing of Gill's mother in August.



HYLDA AND BASIL

Hylda and Basil Hurst celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 12 September.

They wish to thank everyone for cards and good wishes.

HARVEST - 8 OCTOBER - REMINDER

At our Harvest Festival service, we will be collecting non-perishable goods for the Penwortham Food Bank.

All contributions will be gladly received.

COMMUNITY EVENT – 23 OCTOBER

This will take place at 2.00 pm as usual.

There will be a speaker from Derian House.

The usual flyers will be out next week.

LEYLAND CRAFT FAIR – 21 OCTOBER

From 10.00 am to 2.00 pm, Leyland Church will be hold a Craft Fair, with cakes and stalls, at both front and back of the church.

THE HYMNAL (RECORDED HYMN MUSIC)

At present we have only 2 people who can operate the Hymnal machine for us. Jenny would like to retire, which leaves only 1.

This is not enough, and we need some volunteers to work it.

You don't have to be an Elder.

You don't have to manage fiddly discs.

Jenny has offered to teach volunteers how it works.

FLOWERS

01 October Bill and Sue Bradley-White
08 October HARVEST
15 October Alan and Margaret Edward
22 October Rita Taylor
29 October Jack and Margaret Tallo

05 November Barbara Dawson
12 November Gill Turner
19 November Marjorie Smith
26 November Alan and Beverley Strange

SERVICES

01 October	Holy Communion	Rev Martin Whiffen – NB 3 PM
08 October	Parade - HARVEST	Steve Mitchell
15 October	Family Worship	Linda McLanachan
22 October	Family Worship	George Grime
29 October	Family Worship	Rev Frank Kendall

05 November	Holy Communion	Margery Pitcher
12 November	Family Worship	Robert Bulloch
19 November	Family Worship	Steven Mitchell
26 November	Family Worship	Rev Clare Downing

CONTACT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

The next “CONTACT” will be the November issue.

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

See 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.

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Next issue date will be 29 October.