

PENWORTHAM UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

MINI CONTACT NOVEMBER 2023

FOREWORD

Dear Friends

We are now in 2023 and the Jewish nation is still without a homeland. 3000 years ago Moses led his nation to the Promised land out of slavery in Egypt. They never found that destination and remained a nation without a land. In the time of Jesus the Roman army controlled the life of his kinsmen. And today we watch the horrors that are happening daily to innocent people throughout. Let us pray for sense to prevail and a solution for everyone to be established.

Bill McCartney

EDITORIAL

Remembrance Day traditionally remembers those who lost their lives in two World Wars. This is right and proper. Without their sacrifice, we wouldn't have the freedoms and prosperity we have today.



In addition, however, it is right to remember not just the Israel/Palestine situation, but also those suffering in Ukraine. The Ukrainians have demonstrated perseverance and a quite astounding ability to use new weaponry. But in both places civilians are still suffering mightily.

We pray for a just ending to both these conflicts, and peace everywhere

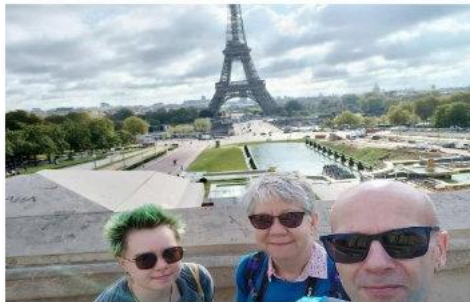
Brenda (Kendall)

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Congratulations to Heather Robbins who celebrated her 90th birthday in September.

We have received a thank you card from Team 15 of the Longton 'explorer' scouts to thank Church for all the support given whilst fundraising for their expedition. They have now returned from their expedition in north Macedonia and earned their explorer belt. In next month's Contact I will include a detailed account and some photographs.

It was lovely to see the Squirrels on Parade again in October. They are in red tops and aged between 4 and 5. Congratulations to Ruth, Angus and Cara Rhodes who enjoyed an almost 2 week trip around Europe. This was in celebration of their Pearl (30 years) wedding anniversary and two significant family birthdays including Cara's 18th birthday last December. They visited Paris, Heidelberg, Berlin, Prague, Vienna and Rome. The cities were full of iconic buildings, churches and towers to climb. Although they walked miles and visited lots of iconic places, the adventure was paced by travelling mostly by train, sitting and watching the landscape go by, reading and chatting and left them with many happy memories.



Joyce Duckworth has been in a hospital for a couple of days but is now OK. Our thoughts are with Sue and Bill Bradley-White who are suffering ill health. Derek Woodburn is now out of hospital and recuperating at home. He is grateful for our thoughts and prayers and looks forward to seeing us soon. It was a pleasure to visit June Mortimer and she thanked us for the flowers we sent in October. She is well and very interested in Church news.

To those who are unwell or cannot join us in Church, and all those who are sad, we send our best wishes and want you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Best wishes,
Gillian (Ashurst)

UNICEF MITES SCHEME

Your Mites Scheme contributions for the quarter ending 30 September 2023 amounted to £69.45p, equating to 868 life-saving sachets of mineral salts. The contributions are very much appreciated by UNICEF, to whom the collections are sent quarterly, with e-mail acknowledgement received by the Elders from the Mites Scheme Coordinator, Keith Garner.

www.unicef.org.uk/fundraise/fundraising-ideas/faith-groups/the-mite-scheme/

Alan (Edward)

LEYLAND URC - SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

There will be a Christmas fair from 10.00 am, finishing with a Christingle service and the switching on of the Christmas lights.



Thank you to everyone who has donated loose change for WaterAid. We have raised £88.00 since January. This has been sent to WaterAid to support them in continuing to ensure everyone, everywhere has a sustainable source of clean water.

Gillian (Ashurst) for Eco-Church.

COMMUNITY EVENT 27 NOVEMBER

There isn't space here for the flyer.
Please see the loose sheet.

Editor

LOOSE SHEET

COMMUNITY SOCIAL AFTERNOON

at

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

Monday 27th November 2023 at 2.00pm

*An Afternoon Of
Musical Entertainment*



with the



STRUMMERS AND WARBLERS
UKULELE BAND

All are Welcome to this Event

*The event will be followed by
Tea, Coffee and Biscuits*

The cost will be £4.00

Do come along and bring a friend



FLOWERS

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

03 December Doris McCutcheon
10 December Debra Owen
17 December Robert Bulloch
24 December Robert Bulloch
31 December VACANT

SERVICES

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

03 December Junior Church Nativity
10 December Parade Rev Anton Muller
17 December NO MORNING SERVICE
17 December 3.00 pm Carol Service
24 December NO SERVICE
25 December Family Worship for Christmas
31 December Family Worship Rev Frank Kendall

CONTACT MAGAZINE INFORMATION

The next "CONTACT" will be the December/January 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.

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 26 November.

Next issue date will be 3 December.