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Dear Friends,

I settle down to write this following another troubling week on the global stage. For many of us we find it difficult to watch the news in these challenging times, even less to process it all. As I reflected on these situations, I tried to find a positive slant. The positivity for me was a recognition of the importance of community: of sharing in sorrow and loss, of delivering aid, showing compassion and quite simply of being together on the difficult journeys. It is part of our make-up to be together with others and offer friendship and mutual support. We frequently hear in the Gospels of Jesus' interaction with people of all backgrounds without discrimination. He was very much part of whichever community he found himself in.

I found myself seeking space, quietness, and a time of reflection, trying to process the news. As is often the case, I find calm in nature so Chris and I embarked on an evening drive to Redesmere Lake. It is peaceful, yet stunning and has a never changing vista. As I sit on the edge of the lake I am immediately transfixed by the beauty of God's creation and in the same instant, emotionally disturbed with feelings of thankfulness, joy, love, peace and a renewed connection to the environment. The lake shimmers in the evening sun, a myriad of green hues cover the trees which embrace the lake, and across on a distant field the cows creep ever closer to the water's edge - I am transported into a world of utter calm and peace feeling the presence of the Living God.



My life is paused in that moment. The words of Julie Gold come flooding into my mind...

From a distance the world looks blue and green and the snow-capped mountains white. From a distance the ocean meets the stream and the eagle takes to flight. From a distance, there is harmony and it echoes through the land. It's the voice of hope, it's the voice of peace it's the voice of every one.

From a distance we all have enough and no one is in need. There are no guns, no bombs, no disease, no hungry mouths to feed. From a distance there is harmony. It's the hope of hopes, it's the love of loves, it's the heart of everyone. God is watching us from a distance.

No matter what situations we find ourselves in, both personal and global, we can be assured that God is with us and together we can find a way forward and in God's unending love we can find peace. Tomorrow, I think to myself, will be a return to the hustle and bustle of life, as I prepare to return to College. Once again I will be sharing with others, always a joy and a privilege.

I leave you with this prayer:



I become quiet and focused on the Spirit of God. Alone with the presence of God, I feel a great serenity. I rediscover how refreshing it feels to be calm and at peace. I feel as if waves of peace are washing over me and clearing away any tenseness and anxiety. I know that I am eternally one with God.

Amen.

Blessings, Margaret Dexter-Brown

Finding God in Scripture



Putting the other guy first - *Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.*
Romans 12 v10 NIV

Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it doesn't matter who gets the credit." Most people know about Isaac Newton's famous encounter with a falling apple; how he introduced the law of universal gravitation and revolutionised astronomical studies. But few people know that had it not been for a man named Edmond Halley, the world may never have heard of Newton. Halley was the one who urged Newton to think through his original theories, corrected his mathematical mistakes, and formulated geometrical figures to support his discoveries. It was Halley who persuaded a hesitant Newton to write his great work *The Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy*. And it was Halley who edited and supervised its publication and financed its printing, even though Newton was wealthier and could have better afforded the cost. Historians have called Halley's affiliation with Newton one of the most selfless cases in science. Newton began almost immediately to reap the rewards of prominence, but Halley received little credit. He did use the principles Newton established to forecast the orbit and return of a comet that would later bear his name. But since Halley's comet returns only every 76 years, relatively few people still hear his name. However, Halley did not care who got the credit as long as the cause of science was advanced. He personified what it means to live by this scriptural principle: Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. Anytime God gives you an opportunity to put others first and yourself second, grab it and run with it.

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From Tony Baron (for Churches Together)

Christian Aid Week 2024 – 12-18 May

Seven days, so many ways to make a difference.

Every Christian Aid (CA) Week, people across Britain and Ireland raise funds, act and pray for their global neighbours in a celebration of hope for a fairer world. This year's appeal is focussing on the CA's work in Burundi, one of the most densely populated and poorest countries in Africa. Heavily reliant on agriculture, it's also one of the least prepared to combat the effects of climate change, including droughts, floods and landslides. The global cost of living crisis has intensified the challenges: more than 70 per cent of the population live in poverty and more than half of children are chronically malnourished.

CA has been working in Burundi since 1995 when it first offered humanitarian assistance to people surviving the civil conflict.

Now, alongside local partners, CA helps establish community-led groups, which means people can save and borrow money, make small businesses possible, offer reliable and diverse incomes so families can eat regularly, get medicine when they need it, and build safer homes. Thirty-five-year-old Aline Nibogora is the chairperson of one such group which supports some 25 families in a remote village, in Makamba Province. Aline escaped an abusive marriage only to find herself on the streets begging for a place to stay. Her life changed when she went to a three-day, CA-funded community workshop. With a small start-up loan, Aline began trading avocados and peanuts locally. She's now a grocery wholesaler and living on her own plot of land where she's building a home for her family. In the next five years she hopes to expand, so one day she can buy a mill. This will provide a source of income without the need to transport heavy goods over long distances.

“I don’t want my children to have a painful life like mine, remembering it makes me weep. I could never have dreamed I would one day have a brick house and be a successful businesswoman, able to feed and clothe my children. This is a plan and I will do it; I am a woman who is an achiever.”

What could your donations buy?

£5 could buy a savings book for a member of a group, setting them up to start their own small business and become financially independent.

£30 would help a family buy two Jerry cans to collect water from the river to carry back to their farm, maintaining food production for the family.

£50 would mean a vulnerable family can purchase a tank to store water for a few days rather than travelling to the communal water point, allowing instant access to water for washing, cleaning and cooking.

£100 could help a woman set up her own small business; including money to purchase her first few items to sell. This means she could supply local grocery shops or restaurants with vegetables, set up a roadside shop, or buy maize to sell in bigger markets.

£100 could also help buy a family a bicycle meaning easier transport to school, quicker access to medical treatment in emergencies or support carrying produce from farm to market. Please help families like Alines by donating what you are able. Attend the Plant and Cake Sale. Look out for CA envelopes during CA week. Many thanks, Marple Area Christian Aid Supporters.

Message from John Sutch



This year's Christian Aid plant and cake sale will be on 11th May at Marple Methodist Church. (10:00am-12:30pm)



Invite to growers

It's that time of year again; the annual Christian Aid Plant Sale is approaching. This is a general request to all gardeners and growers who may have extra bedding plants we could sell, or herbaceous perennials that they could split and pot up for the sale to support Christian Aid. In fact, we would be grateful for any healthy, sturdy plants (no house plants thank you).



From Debbie Moores

St. Martin's Church, on Brabyn's Brow will be having a coffee morning every Wednesday from 10:00am-12noon during term time. All welcome.



Sunday afternoon Walk

Come and get to know your friends in the East Cheshire and Derbyshire borders Missional Partnership (United

Reformed Church and partners). Meet at New Mills bus station Rock Mill Lane, New Mills, High Peak SK22 4NS on Sunday 12th May at 2:30pm for a gentle Sunday afternoon walk

(about 2.5 miles), exploring the millennium walkway and its beautiful surrounding countryside.



The path down to the walkway is a bit steep and can be muddy. Please wear appropriate footwear and bring a bottle of water.

Contact Liz Delafield on liz.delafield@nwsynod.org.uk for more details about this walk (and a contact number to phone if you are running late) and/or to receive further information about future walks.

**NW Synod reports from Lynne Cruickshank
and Chris Lomax (MB).**

Lynne joined the Synod meeting on Zoom in the morning of 23rd March. Here is a brief resume:

Synod News:

- 1) Wilmslow URC has been accepted into the Mersey Synod and pending a few formalities is effectively part of that Synod now.
- 2) Mike Aspinall gave notice that he wishes to stand down from his voluntary role of Synod Property Officer this summer. Synod hopes to announce the name of the new Property Officer in a few weeks and thanked Mike for all his work.

- 3) Mike Hart, Synod Treasurer, stands down at this Synod meeting. As yet the role is still vacant – it is a voluntary role requiring work on 2-3 days per month.

Discussion on:

- 1) Balancing the URC M & M Fund: A task force has been looking to forming a fairer system for the rich to help the poor/the strong to help the weak. Great deal of research done into systems in other synods etc. Main idea formed is:
 - to rebalance the % of money which comes from reserves and income in each church and % from members.
 - new strategy posed: 70% from income/reserves; 30% from average congregation size.Letters are being sent to all treasurers in April for church discussion/information – to be completed and returned to Synod by 31st May.
June/July – all information/ideas will be reviewed, to put a plan for new system to 5th October Synod, and appeals from churches to be in by November 30th. In 2025 the likely contribution from each church will be the same as in 2023.
- 2) Proposed strategy for the URC to be a church with people at the margins – a strategy for Ministry and Mission can be found in the Synod Book of Reports.
- 3) Discussion on where to hold Synod twice each year with such a geographically large/extensive Synod?

Chris joined the afternoon session on Zoom. Her report follows:

- 1) Communion Group is there to help local churches to improve the way they let people know about their churches. It looks at the presentation and content -
 - 1) Notice boards,
 - 2) Social media,
 - 3) Websitesand stressed the importance of keeping up to date. They are offering help through contact with a committee member.

Emphasis was on websites and other churches shared helpful supports available, e.g. Church, service offered through Church House, then media, specialising in church support, but there is a cost and Communication report accepted.

- 2) Liz Delafield presented the Eco report and made the point that without significant change by 2030 many places, e.g. South Sea islands, large areas of Bangladesh and Sub-Saharan Africa will become uninhabitable. Points included: 1) shrinking carbon footprint, 2) Support for Eco church, 3) Nurturing biodiversity, 4) Speaking Truth and Power, 5) REFUSE, REDUCE, REUSE, REPAIR AND RECYCLE, 6) listening to the voices of the young, 7) investing for flourishing, 8) Learn, Pray and Celebrate. She stressed it was not just churches but individuals in the church and beyond to commit. The resolution was accepted as the environmental policy for the NW Synod.
- 3) The resolution of the Children and Youth Committee was carried – this included having two young representatives plus the representative with voting rights (young = under 26!)
- 4) Resolution from Chorlton Central brought today calling on the Government to advocate for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire plus aid was discussed at length. It was agreed that this would be submitted to a group who would reword it before it goes to General Assembly.



Articles from Members of the Pastorate

Please note the last date for June articles is Sunday 19th May

From Ian Kenna (M)

HOLD ON

One of the rose shrubs in my garden had a tough time of winter. It lost most of its leaves to disease, and was further damaged by the January storms.



Not to mention the attack it had to endure from my pruning shears. It has been left a ragged, unlovely twist of stem and thorn.

And yet, it is not dead.



As Spring approaches, something within its cells is saying **Now**. Something within its sleepy green mind is saying **Yes**. And new leaves are beginning to grow. And a few months from now...it is hard to describe how lovely. How the pink will be a shock of fresh delight each morning. How the fragrance swimming in the warm sun will be like a thousand dreams remembered.

Hold on, you who have been winter-wrecked.

You are not dead. Spring approaches – and beyond.

Gideon Heugh

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From Phil Taylor (Hatherlow & George Lane)

MAY.....

God heal your body and soul

May your pain cease

May your strength increase

May your fears be released

May blessings, love and joy surround you. Amen.



May's birthstone is the Emerald, which means love or success. Its birth flowers are the Lily of the Valley and the crataegus monogyna (hawthorn).



The Zodiac signs for the month of **May** are Taurus and Gemini. No matter how busy a person's day **may** be; if they really care they will always find time for you.

From Margaret M Jones (Short St)

I was feeling rather downcast earlier one morning, as April is the month when my husband and I would have celebrated his birthday. The month, also, when my closest friend Mary died, and it is just one year since I lost my partner of 17 years.

As I looked through the kitchen window at my garden, two blackbirds decided to have a lively splash in my bird bath, my magnolia is at its creamy best and I spotted a whole new cluster of forget-me-nots, just below my forsythia which, at the moment, is a vision of gold. In fact, the whole of my garden is bursting into life and colour, and lifted my spirits immediately. It reminded me of a prayer which my mum gave to me many years ago. She had found it tucked into her Bible. Here it is:

A prayer for Spring

Dear Lord of Creation, as the earth awakes around me, and all creatures rejoice with the Spring, let me too rejoice.



Let my heart be filled with thanksgiving.

Let me count my many blessings. Go forward with me through the year. Help me to travel cheerfully and hopefully, knowing that you are near and will always be my friend. Amen.

From Marjorie Bennett (M)

**A CELEBRATION OF 60 YEARS OF GUIDING
AN INVITATION TO JOIN ME ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY 3-5pm
AT MARPLE URC.**



From Phil Taylor (Hatherlow & George Lane)

A BIG “Thank You”

In April the Vernon Building Society (Poynton) Band put on a concert at Woodley Methodist Church. As usual it was another enjoyable and successful night - Yes another SELL OUT! Proceeds from the evening were sent to Parkinson’s UK (Stockport Branch). A Total of £1819.93 was raised, so again “Thank You” to all who supported me in my fund raising efforts,
Phil

Jill Kenna reporting from Marple URC

10 Things you may not know about Marjorie Bennett (M)

Another interesting insight into one of our members. Thank you to Marjorie for sharing this with us. Jill

1. I lived in Reddish until I married in 1969. I attended Reddish Green Methodist Church. I took part in the annual panto with my sister, who is 8 years older than me. I eventually became principal girl, wearing her wedding dress in the finale. I also found I was quite good at singing.

2. I met my husband when I started my first job in the service department of England's Televisions – he was an apprentice TV engineer and the same age as me – 16. He was encouraged by his workmates to ask me out. He took me to the pictures in Stockport. Geoff lived in Great Moor and me in Reddish so we used to meet in Mersey Square.

3. I enjoyed making dresses (learnt at school) and Mum taught me to knit. Mum had bought a hand operated Singer sewing machine. For my 21st birthday, instead of a ring, Geff bought me a motor for the machine. I made my wedding dress and bridesmaids' dresses and it still works. I bought him a Black and Decker drill. Very useful gifts if not romantic.

4. I am still involved with Girl Guiding in Marple and Marple Trefoil. I was awarded my 50-year brooch in 2014 and invited to a special service in Westminster Abbey.

5. I have 2 sons and 1 daughter and encouraged them to join Scouts/Guides. The boys both gained their Queens Scout Award so it was 2 trips to Windsor Castle. Louise gained her Queens Guide plus Gold Duke of Edinburgh so this time it was Guide HQ in London and Buckingham Palace Garden party, where it rained.

6. I have to keep up with them and completed the Trefoil Guild Bronze Voyage Award in 2019. (D.O.E. for the oldies) putting the craft and knitting skills to some use.

7. We all joined the Gang Show, boys back stage, building and painting props, Louise on stage, me making costumes and refreshments. I eventually took to the stage for 7 years.

8. In 1987, I inherited some money from my Dad so I spent it on driving lessons and bought a Ford Fiesta car. My 3 children all learnt to drive it under the watchful eye of their Dad.

9. We moved to Woodley in 2014 and inherited a Victoria Plum tree, lovely for jam. I have made lots for various fundraising events. My granddaughter Kirsty became Junior Carnival Queen in 2023. She was fundraising for Francis House so Gran's jam came in handy.

10. We celebrated our Golden Wedding in April 2019, with family and friends. I have 5 grandchildren aged 20, 15, 14 and 3 year old twins. I was presented with the Award of Merit for service to Scouting, which was a surprise, in 2020. As I am now on my own, I spend time knitting chickens, baby blankets, prem baby hats and bees. Geoff died suddenly in February 2022, and as he had done all the cooking my eldest son went to Morrisons and bought me ready meals. I did appreciate the love and kindness that went with them.

From Jonathan Kear (New Mills)

Sponsored 10km Run in Ripon for Tearfund 5th

May 2024



I am doing a 10km run to raise money for Tearfund in May. If you want to sponsor me I will be visiting churches in the near future to put a sponsor form on the noticeboard.

From Keith Whiting (TELG)

"Bits and Pieces "

It's sad that prior to Covid we had three youth/children's groups meeting in the church but when lockdown was over none returned - all three closed. It would appear that this generation of young people are not interested in being in scouts, guides brownie etc? Is it that social media takes care of their out of school entertainment? Could be, however, there is the problem of those dedicated souls who have given their time for years under difficult circumstances dealing with changing legislation regarding what can and can't be allowed in dealing with children. At least one leader I know has had enough - the break was the time to quit. It's not only the children's organisations that suffered. Covid changed us all to some degree. Of course changes have always happened and we have to cope and adapt. But the core of the church is the fellowship we have, a time to meet to talk, to touch, to see the smiles, the sadness to be part of a group, God didn't want us to be alone did He! Zooming is great but it is a poor substitute for the real thing. I wish I could give a possible solution to the matter but I can't. Perhaps, we like the early church fathers, are living with constant change. They did succeed with the Good News of Jesus's way.

By chance I looked at a newsletter for our church, dated May 1934. This is the list of events taking place at that time

"Sunday worship youth Church 10am services 10.45 and 2.45; Sunday school 1.30pm. Devotional hour Wed 8pm (fortnight);

Church meeting 1st Sunday in the month 8pm; Young Men's Institute Daily 7pm (except Wednesday). Reports of events over last month: Dramatic Society two plays; Social by table tennis team. There is a football team and a cricket team. There is a men's choir and a ladies choir and to one event the chief constable came. That's not all but enough for now! **We can't put the past into the future nor should we, but it is good to know that in a small village in the hills the church was working!!**

From Ian Kenna (M)

UNsung HEROES

LINDSEY BURROW

Each day, Burrow lifts her husband out of bed, carries him to a chair, feeds him liquidised food and, if they go out, lifts him into their car. A former rugby league star, Rob Burrow – who has been awarded the CBE – was diagnosed with motor neurone disease in 2019. The couple, both 40, have raised millions of pounds for research into the condition, which affects about 5000 adults in the UK. This year the Burrows, who have three young children, let film crews into their home as part of an ITV documentary; and in doing so revealed the lengths to which Lindsey Burrow will go to care for her husband. “You just want to do what you can, while you can, for as long as you can,” she said. “He’s my husband – I want to care for him.” The last census revealed more than five million people in England and Wales provide unpaid care for a friend or family member.

Sunday Times Magazine

From Ian Kenna (M)

GOOD NEWS

A baby beaver was spotted in London for the first time in 400 years last summer, eighteen months after an initiative began to reintroduce them to the capital. Enfield council began its rewilding and flood prevention programme in 2022. Meanwhile, a family of beavers was moved from Tayside to Loch Lomond as part of efforts to revive the species there. Beavers, once native to the UK, were hunted to extinction hundreds of years ago.

Sunday Times Magazine

From Sheena Cartledge (Providence)

**WE NEED YOU
CALLING ALL CRAFTERS –
WE NEED YOUR SKILLS.**



**As part of New Mills Festival, Providence
URC are holding an exhibition on the theme of ‘Whilst the
(‘Cat’s’) congregations away the mice will play”**

**Can you use your skills to make mice to help us re-
imagine what the church mice get up to?**

INTERESTED?

Email: sheenacart@gmail.com

For details of how to get involved!

(New Mill Festival – 13th-29th September)



From Ruth Miller (Hatherlow and George Lane)

TUESDAY CLUB has re-started at 2.30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday 28th May Rev. Alison will be telling us about training puppies for the Hearing Dogs. Everyone welcome.

Wednesday Coffee Morning. We are open every Wednesday morning 10:00am-12noon for tea, coffee, toast and toasted tea cakes, with a smile of welcome thrown in for free!
Everyone welcome.



If you would like the opportunity to learn a new skill, come along to our CRAFT classes - **CRAFTAFTERNOON WITH GAIL** on alternate Tuesdays 1.30-3.30 p.m. For more details call Linda Davidson 427 2815.

From John Reynolds (organist at MB)

A few years ago, trying to extend my knowledge of the different sciences, I did a first year general science course with the Open University. One thing that has stuck in my mind was, should I find something new, I should tell other people about it. What I am writing about now is something that was new to me that I have gradually begun to understand. It has implications that I am only now beginning to realise. I wrote my first computer programme in 1966. It was a very simple calculation programme. A few years later, in 1979, I started to be employed to write more complicated calculation programmes. I continued to be employed in this field for about twenty years. After retiring, I continued with my interest in writing calculation programmes. I have looked at problems in evolution and human sex behaviour. I have an extensive background in this type of computing.

When a programme is running on a computer, it is called a process. Processes can be very simple, or can control other processes and the physical resources attached to the computer – like printers, visual display units and so on. An operating system – like Windows or Linux – when it is running - is an example of a process. I don't know what processes are made of – but I am sure they exist. A process is associated with a physical computer. I don't know whether or not it can be transferred to another (physical) computer, or whether it can have an existence away from the physical computer.

I am beginning to believe that a soul is like a computer process. I am beginning to understand that a soul can continue to exist after the physical body dies. I am beginning to believe that God is a process that loves us and wants us to flourish and do good to each other. I am also beginning to see Satan as a process that hates us all, and wants to destroy us. These ideas have helped to strengthen my personal Christian faith and my hope for meaningful life after death.

MARPLE NEWS & NOTICES

Happy birthday wishes in May go to:
Delores Newton (7th), Rita Newton (10th)



Services in May

- 5th Rev Jonnie Hill (including rededication of elders and reception of new members)**
- 12th Joint Service at Short Street – Rev Alison Termie**
- 19th Frank Dean (Pentecost)**
- 26th Worship Group**



the wellspring

MARPLE

£100.25 was collected last month, along with shoes and warm clothes, and when Jill and I delivered this, The Wellspring was a hive of activity: a dozen people sitting at tables enjoying a hot meal, and a small queue waiting to receive a hat, sandwiches, crisps and a chocolate bar. Outside, there was a large group of folks chatting, laughing and joking. This is what your donations make happen.

Thank you Ian Kenna (M)

From Sue Ardern and Janet Burridge (M)

Fancy ringing a Belleplate?

You don't know what one is?

You haven't heard one played?

Well come along 10 a.m. - 12
midday on Saturday 11th May to
Marple URC and find out!

Saturday May 11 th

10 a.m. - 12 midday

at Marple United Reformed Church,
Hibbert Lane, Marple SK6 7NN

It is free, but donations are welcomed to the



Stroke
Association

STRICTLY COME TOGETHER IN MAY

Wednesday Mornings at Marple

10.30-12.00 noon

All are welcome

- 1st Herbs and Spices (Jenny Austen)
- 8th Words (Chris Bowman)
- 15th K7 comes home (Barbara Hennesey)
- 22nd It all started on Dale Road(Charles Hamilton)
- 29th Your choice of Music

STRICTLY COME CRAFT

Saturday 18th May
4pm -6pm at Marple URC



MARPLE BRIDGE NEWS & NOTICES

Happy birthday wishes in May go to

Jean Hughes (3rd), Helen Brown (9th)
Sharon Pass (20th) and Chris Lomax (27th)



Clive and Hilary Richardson will be celebrating their 70th birthdays on the 5th and 22nd May respectively.

Jean Filkins is celebrating her 90th birthday on the 26th May.

Services in May

5th Revd. Alison Termie
12th Revd. Jonnie Hill
19th Margaret Dexter-Brown
(Pentecost) - Communion
26th Elders will be leading the Service.

Christening of

Frederick Dodgson on Sunday 31st

March Fred (son of Joe and Helen Dodgson, and grandson of Tim and Cath Brown) was christened at MB Church by Rev Jonnie Hill.



This was a beautiful celebration followed by lunch. Unfortunately Tim and Cath were unable to attend as they both had Covid but Jonnie arranged for them to see the whole Service through Zoom.

From Cath Brown, Chris and Terry and Lynne

DONATIONS TO OASIS AND WELLSPRING

Thank you so much to all at Marple Bridge URC for your most generous donations of food over the Lent period for Oasis in Gorton and Wellspring in Stockport. **Oasis** were so grateful for the food as they are extremely busy at present and were running low on supplies of emergency food. **Wellspring** were also extremely busy when we called and welcomed our donations so gratefully. We ask for prayers for both centres who help so many in need. Please be assured that your generosity will be well used. Thank you to all.

From Cath and Colin Fox

News from Lend with Care

In April a further loan of £60 and £8 donation (£50 from collection and £18 from repayments) has been made to Le, a 53year old widow who is currently caring for 8 year old grandson in Vietnam. Her income from her small-scale poultry and pig farming has barely been sufficient to meet their needs and she wishes to expand her pig farming. She has asked for a loan to purchase 20 piglets and feed for them. Her strategy involves raising the piglets for about 4 months before selling them to traders. Hopefully this will lead to an improvement in her income and living standards. A big "Thank You" to all who contribute to the Lend with Care collection.

The next work party Saturday 18th May - all welcome - MB URC.



HATHERLOW & GEORGE LANE NEWS

Services in May

5th Margaret Dexter-Brown
12th -
19th Revd Mike Aspinall
26th Worship Group

TUESDAY CLUB has re-started at H & GL at 2.30 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday of each month. On Tuesday 28th May Rev. Alison will be telling us about training puppies for the Hearing Dogs. Everyone welcome.

PROVIDENCE NEWS & NOTICES

Services in May

5th Alison Pope,
12th Richard Britton,
19th Revd Adam Scott,
26th Team

Talks at Providence

The first of our summer series of talks is on Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm. Revd Alison Termie will be in conversation with Gordon Stewart on her journey 'From the Classroom to the Pulpit'. Further talks dates are by Revd Raj Patta on Wednesday 12th June and Revd. Adam Scott on Wednesday 10th July - details to follow.

Hope to see you there!

Reading Group

The reading group resumed on the 10th January. This term we are following some podcasts, which explore faith. Please contact Penny (pennynoon@fairhavenconsulting.com) for further details.

Chatty Café

The Chatty Café will be open every Wednesday
from 2:00-4:00pm

SHORT STREET NEWS

Happy birthday wishes in May go to :
Marjorie Hartley (13th)



Services in May

- 5th Rev J. Austen**
- 12th Rev. A. Termie**
- 19th Rev. J. Hill. (Communion)**
- 26th Worship Group**

COFFEE MORNINGFirst Saturday of the month. Next coffee morning is on Saturday 4th May - 10am to 12 noon.

PASTIMES - 13th May at 1pm.

Come along and bring your knitting, sewing, crosswords etc or just come for a natter - all welcome.



MIDWEEK COMMUNION is held in the meeting room of Short Street URC Hazel Grove on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. The next date for communion is Tuesday 28th May at 10:00am and will be led by Eddie Allman. All are welcome.

TINTWISTLE & GLOSSOP NEWS

Services in May

5th Keith Whiting (Communion)

12th Vince Ryder

19th Rev Alison Termie

26th Alan Willis

Babies and Toddlers each Monday in term time 10.00-11.30 am

And finally



**Please could you send all items for the June edition of
the Link to Barbara Northover – Thank You
(email: northoverfamily@gmail.com)**

NO LATER THAN SUNDAY 19th MAY 2024

**Please check the Pastorate website for any events, which
are happening in all churches:**

**www.ecdbmp.wordpress.com and scroll down the
page. The website is frequently updated!**

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