

ROTAS FOR APRIL

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
1st April	Janet Murray	Ann Gill Jan Chapman	Olwyn Rayton Mollie Ward
8th April	Frank McHugh	Arnold Rayton Lesley Lowe	Sylvia Bairstow Jan Chapman
15th April	Linda Crump	Mollie Ward Sarah Goldson	Marjorie Wrennall Alison Dempsey
22nd April	Julie Key Rhys Pownall	Uniformed Organisations	Linda Barnes Lois Porter
29th April	Ivor Pugh	Jackie Cochrane Stella Eccleston	Jackie cochrane Barbara McHugh

If you need to change your place on the Lessons rota please arrange you own swap and then let Stella know

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR APRIL

1st	Ann Gill	Rita Coaker
8th	Marion Howard	Linda Barnes
15th	Sylvia Bairstow Ann Riding	Irene Entwistle
22nd	Linda Crump	Lorna Bowling
29th	Barbara McHugh	Lois Porter

SATURDAY CAFÉ APRIL

7th		
14th (Spring Fair)	Linda Barnes	Jackie Cochrane
21st	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
28th	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle

Please note there will be no coffee morning on Easter Saturday

Marking the Seasons

The first inklings of Spring seem to be with us. After a few false starts crocuses and daffodils are coming out in bloom, birds are beginning to build their nests, and on occasion there seems some heat in the sunshine. Each year follows this same cycle with the rebirth of Spring, the vitality of Summer, the rest of Autumn and the chill of winter. As it is true for the year it is also true for our lives.

It's hard to grasp this cycle in one view. The depth of Winter makes us doubt the heat of Summer. The excitement of Spring obscures the patience of Autumn. This has been true for humanity since we became conscious of the world around us, and why our ancestors created rituals to mark the seasons and offer the hope of the next. Those rituals remain within our worshipping communities as we celebrate Easter, Ascension, Harvest, and Christmas; and when we come together for baptisms, weddings, anniversaries, and funerals.

In Spring and Summer, and during our childhood and youth, we focus on the overwhelming positives but they are not without risk and uncertainty. In Autumn and Winter, and during our later years, we focus on the drawbacks and negatives, but they are not with joys and benefits. The year and our lives rely on this cycle and each stage depends upon all the others.

.The challenge to us is to live fully in each moment, what ever stage we are in, holding all that has gone before and looking forward to what is to be. The hope of Spring helps us through Winter, and the joy of Summer needs to include preparation for Autumn.

Within the Easter story we see this cycle lived out. The Autumn of Jesus' arrest, the Winter of his death on a cross, the Spring of Resurrection, and the Summer of the new life in Christ the disciples and we share. As in our lives and the year, the cycle of the Easter story must be held together. Each part relies on every other, and its meaning is revealed to us as we reflect on the whole story as we journey through it together in worship.

With every blessing, Rev'd David R. Coaker

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Service at Penwortham -Maundy Thursday at 7.30pm.

Good Friday walk of witness begins at Leyland URC at 9.30am and finishes at St Ambrose for a service at 10.30am.

ROTAS FOR MAY

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
6th May	Eddie Reynolds	Ian Dempsey Stephen Crump	Linda Crump Olwyn Rayton
13th	Barbara McHugh	Linda Barnes Lesley Lowe	Mollie Ward Sylvia Bairstow
20th	Irene Entwistle	Uniformed Organisations	Jan Chapman Marjorie Wrennall
27th	Marjorie Wrennall	Ann Gill Jan Chapman	Alison Dempsey Linda Barnes
(3rd June)	Linda Crump	Arnold Rayton Ivor Pugh	Lois Porter Jackie Cochrane

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR MAY 2012

6th	Joyce Robinson	Brenda Bellingham
13th	Marion Howard	Linda Barnes
20th	Rita Coaker	Ann Gill
27th	Barbara McHugh	Lois Porter
(3rd June)	Sylvia Bairstow Ann Riding	Stella Eccleston

SATURDAY CAFÉ

5th May	Jackie Cochrane	Ann Gill
12th	Lesley Lowe	Graham Lowe
19th	Linda Barnes	Lois Porter
26th	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
(2nd June)	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle

FLOWER LIST FOR APRIL/MAY

1st April	Stella Eccleston—Memories Barbara and Frank McHugh—memories
8th April	Vacancy
15th April	Marjorie, Ernest and Joanne Memories of Kevin
22nd April	Vacancy
29th April	Audrey Pritchard—Memories
6th May	Vacancy
13th May	Marjorie and Ernest Wrennall—Memories
20th May	Diane and Greg Bolan—memories
27th May	Linda Barnes—memories of mum

It would be much appreciated if people dedicating flowers could pay Betty their flower money in advance of their chosen date. Thank you

THE ELLIS QUIZ

Once again the brilliant Ellis Cochrane will host the, by now ,famous quiz on Saturday 19th May. This event is often supported by more 'outsiders' than our church members but I can vouch for the fact that is it is a great night and lots of fun. Bring a friend or two and make up a team when you get there (Jackie will help with this). You will need your own drinks (cue bottles of wine) but there will be a good supper included in the ticket price. More details later in the notices.

FAMILY NEWS

In our last magazine we shared concern about the serious illness of Ted Taylor , church secretary at Penwortham URC. We regret that Ted died early in March and, as we share the sorrow of our friends from the church at Penwortham, we offer our prayerful support to his family.

Several members of our fellowship have had illnesses and/or minor operations and we are glad that all seem to have recovered. Marjorie Bartlett, Jackie Cochrane, Joyce Robinson, Brenda Holmes, Ann Gill , and Ken Houlton. Janet Holme is however still quite unwell with rheumatoid arthritis.

Other people, while in good health themselves, have worries over others in their families. We think of Lesley Lowe whose father has been in hospital while Ivor and Marjorie Pugh are concerned about Ivor's grandson, Jack who has been in hospital in Shropshire, and Linda Kay is still concerned with the well being of her parents.

We congratulate Marjorie Bartlett on the birth of another great grandchild , Finlay Robert, a baby son for Luke and Liz and a first grandson for Robert and Cheryl Southern.

Belated congratulations to Betty Melling whose 80th birthday on February 12th was missed in our last magazine.

We thank Betty, Lesley and Jackie together with the others who prepared the roses given out at the Mothers Day service.

Since the church AGM both Glynis Bury and Mollie Ward have, we hope temporarily, stood down at the end of their terms as serving Elders. We thank them very much for their contribution to church life and we welcome Lorna Bowling who was ordained as Elder on March 11th.

We offer thanks to members of the Fund raising group who put aside their money making habits to provide the refreshments for the Lunch Time unity week service which is mentioned elsewhere in these pages. In particular we thank Lorna for the homemade soup and Mollie for the cakes. (Lorna also made soup for the after-church lunch following the Welcome Service in March . We thank her for this also).

Audrey Pritchard has been given two awards by the British Red Cross Society for the work she has done since her retirement after 24 years' service. 1st the 'Badge of Honour' for 'Outstanding Service' and a 'Commendation' regarding her 18 years service as a 'Skin Camouflage Practitioner'. Congratulations Audrey!

Congratulations go to Sally Dempsey who, with two friends, was runner up in a recent dance school competition with a performance of a 'Cats' routine. What is most special about this is that the routine was choreographed by Sally herself! Scientist last month! choreographer and dancer this! Is there any limit to her talents?

On the other hand -and it is printed in small print to reduce the shame – in a recent football match Sally's brother, William, did such a hard tackle that it was judged a **foul** At least they didn't score from the free kick.

PUT YOUR MONEY WHERE YOUR MOUTH IS

No I am not asking for money!

Just letting you know that our very own Albert Draper may be appearing briefly on this programme in the future.

Apparently the TV presenter Paul Hayes who is an antique expert from Morecambe, visited the Leyland Accordion Club, to auction an accordion off. Paul talked to Albert whilst they were filming, so watch this space!!!

We have not got a date yet, but the programme goes out each weekday at 5.15pm on BBC2. I will let you know when we have a date for this show.

Lesley Lowe

GARDENING

At the time of writing this article the weather is much warmer and spring is here. The daffodils are providing a good show and many of the spring shrubs such as magnolia , forsythia. kerria and blackthorn are in full flower.

Now is the time to prepare land, dig, rake into a fine tilth and add fertiliser. Lift and divide perennials in the border, split them and replant the outer clumps discarding the more central older pieces.

Any bulbs grown in pots or containers indoors can be planted outside now where they will grow and provide blooms for many years. Buying in plants for summer bedding schemes can be expensive if you are on a budget so why not buy a few packets of seeds and try growing your own. Any half hardy annuals can be grown successfully in a tray on a windowsill before pricking out individually.

Hardy annuals can be sown directly into the border where they are to flower, they can stand a bit of cold weather. Leyland Gardening Society are running a coach to Arley Hall on the 20th May at a cost of £15. Anyone wanting to join us can contact Chris on 436572. The coach will leave the leisure centre at 9.45am. The price includes coach travel and entrance to the gardens with a guided tour of the hall.

Enjoy your garden
Eddie



PLODS AND RAMBLES

The January Ramble was a circuit of Entwistle Reservoir in the moorland north of Bolton. Though it was so early in the year the weather was fine' even with some sun, and it was quite mild but it was certainly windy and there had been a lot of rain in the preceding few weeks. So, unlike our last visits, the reservoir was full – indeed overfull. The outflow sounded like Niagara Falls and there were places where the lakeside path we had to follow was actually under water in places. Lois will long remember the place where not only contending with an underwater path she found that the gale force wind was sending breaking waves which were tall enough to fill her boots with icy water. But it was a good walk.

The February ramble was a tour of the nature reserve which is being developed at Brockholes at the old sand and gravel pits by the River Ribble. One of our regular ramblers, Chris Baines, is a volunteer member of the staff there and had arranged for a guide to lead us round and to explain what was in the plans for the future. The day was cold, wet and grey so we did not see things at their best but we were impressed by what prospects there are for the future. We were also impressed by the floating Visitor Centre which is already in full operation and where we had very welcome refreshments at the end of the walk.

In March we did a Rivington area walk in which, though never actually getting to the top of the Pike gave us the chance to explore the by-now rather unkempt Terrace 'Gardens' of the old Lord Lever estate. This may sound rather drab but the visibility was good, the views tremendous. and the threatening downpours which we saw approaching never actually arrived.

The Ramble Dinner evening was another good 'do' at the Seaview. There was good food, good company and the usual programme of Quizzes (arranged by Jan), Ernest's poetic(?) review of the year and the traditional 'Arnold' awards for the various highs and lows of the year. David Lamb won the 'Best Brew Stop' award, Ernest was recognised as organising the 'Wettest' walk and Malcolm Milnes was rewarded with the 'Hospitality' award for a regular supply of toffees on virtually every walk. Jan Chapman organised the evening with her usual aplomb and Ernest did the 'Arnolding' bit. (which means that he gave himself the Wet Wet Wet certificate. Surely a Stewards enquiry is required for this bit of match fixing!)

Walkers please note. The date of David Lamb's Lake District walk has been brought forward from August 18th to August 11th.

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Session	1	2	3
Leyland	24/5	31/5	7/6

1 The Seeker

Investigates the Arabia Muhammad was born into, beginning in Mecca.

2 Holy Wars

Key events in the Prophet's life, including the eight-year war with the Meccan tribes.

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GUILD PROGRAMME

- 3rd April Colin Crawford "International Aid"
- 10th April No Guild Meeting (Easter)
- 17th April "Homestart"
- 25th April Fylde Guilds Rally

This is at Lytham URC and will include the installation of our own June Kay as President whilst her daughter, Elizabeth McRobbie will be giving the address.. And as our own Mollie Ward is Secretary of the Guilds, this is a real Leyland occasion.

Note this event is on a WEDNESDAY

- 1st May Syd Calderbank "Lancashire tales and songs"
- 8th May Stephen Watson "Origami"
- 15th May Bring and Buy Sale.
- 22nd May "Wings of Song"
- 29th May Beryl Thayne "Grumpy old ladies"

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Your Church Needs You!!!!!!

As you are aware we have only 7 Elders out of the 12 that we need. This means that we will not be able to do all we have been doing in the past.

Although I have allocated all church family to an Elder for Pastoral care, we will not be able to visit as we would like to. We would appreciate it if when you need support or a visit from us (or David) you would let us know; or if you have concerns regarding one of our church family. We can only help if we are aware of the problem or concern. The table insert gives each Elders pastoral list so that you are aware of who to contact.

Communion: to help us limit the number of elders needed to serve we are proposing to ask the congregation to move into alternate pews at the front of church before we sing our communion hymn so that the elements can be distributed by two rather than four elders. Also if you would like to be responsible for the preparation of, and cleaning after, communion please let me know.

Porch elders will now be non-serving elders - our thanks to those who have volunteered.

It goes without saying that if you would consider standing for election as an elder please talk to David or any other elder. Names will be taken to the May church meeting.

After lunch there were separate meetings for the delegates from each area. The Lancashire area group spent most time hearing about the work of a Local Leader – Sheila Wrench at St George's, Blackpool – though there was time to hear about plans for an Area service at St Anne's URC on Sunday 10th June, to welcome George Grime as Area Finance Officer, to welcome a new minister for our two Morecambe churches, to hear, sadly, of the closure of the church at Newton in Bowland. and say farewell to Robert Canham, retiring from the Lancaster churches before coming together for whole Synod business The Resources Committee presented the non financial aspects of their work including the production of very comprehensive Synod Policy Documents to up-date the former 'Guidelines

Then we had the Property Committee report and, though not discussed, I note a reference in the notes to the implications of the Food Safety Act for the proper accreditation of those who handle food . After a secret paper vote we endorsed the nomination of Rachel Poolman, former Cumbria Area Minister, now minister on Holy island, as candidate to be Assembly Moderator elect.

After the more conventional reports from the Learning and Ministries officers, Leo Roberts gave a typically lively review of Youth and Children's work. Macclesfield URC followed Leyland last time by receiving their Child Friendly award. Leo introduced the proposed Intern Scheme which might provide for the placement of a 'Year out' type appointment for a young person in a local church with a job to be done. He then introduced two young ladies with tales to tell. Tiphonie Adam spoke of her experience at FURY Assembly as one of the twelve North West delegates (none, alas!, from Lancashire) and Charis Unsworth told us about her year as FURY representative to Commitment For Life with a moving account of her time in flood ravaged Bangladesh.

Then with some modern style worship that was that. I found it quite a rewarding day and was glad to have been part of it. We have one official delegate but non voting observers are allowed – nay, encouraged- so why not try it for yourself at Windermere URC on 13th October

Ernest Wrennall

SYNOD

The United Reformed Church is far more than just the local church in this town of ours as we are but one of about 140 churches situated in the area of the North Western Synod of the national URC (There are twelve other synods to cover the rest of Great Britain)

The way things are organised is that each individual church congregation sends its minister plus a delegate to a full meeting of such representatives to the twice yearly Synod gathering and most recently our minister, Dave and delegate Ernest were present at the spring Synod at Gatley URC in north Cheshire.

We were most impressed by the church buildings at Gatley. Modern buildings of generous proportions with several spacious halls and first class facilities in a prosperous residential area. Also proper coffee making equipment in the kitchen.

We began with worship using the screen projection system for the hymns and then got on with business. With the Moderator, Richard Church, on sabbatical leave we had a stand in chairman, the retiring Chair of Trustees with the highly efficient Synod clerk, Revd Geoffrey Clarke to see that all was done well. And it was .

Much was routine. The Synod Executive Committee report led to decisions to do with administration and appointments as well as finance –always a problem with decisions to be made about whether to ask churches to pay more to cover Synod expenses and whether the semi-voluntary ‘stakes’ method of payment should continue. We also responded to the request to invest some Synod funds to help Westminster College Cambridge, to up date its resources used for the training of ministers and lay leaders It is worth noting that all discussions about money are to be decided with the following three principles in mind

Our priority should be mission

We belong to each other

The strong should help the weak (and financially the NW is perhaps the second strongest Synod in the UK)

There was a full discussion, both open and in cluster, to consider the implications of possible legislation to allow Civil Partnerships to have a place in the church framework. Churches have some homework to do about this.

I am also struggling to produce a list of people to cover Sunday refreshments. We need our Elders to be available to speak to members of the family and at the moment there are 9 people who are not serving Elders to cover this, (8 in a short while when Rita has to retire from service!) which puts a burden onto a few people. Please help to share out this important task as we would not want to limit or stop brews altogether.

We need our elders to be available on Sunday mornings and not always rushing around with a million and one jobs to do. Help us to help you!

Lesley Lowe

BOB'S CAFE

A group at the Leyland Methodist church is going to start serving hot meals to those who are struggling in our community from Friday 9th March and every Friday from 8-10pm. We hope you can let those whom you know need such services to feel free to come to the cafe. A meal will be 50p but its free on the first night.

REFLECTIONS ON UNITY`

It may seem a long time since The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity took place in late January so it would be useful to reflect on what this appeared to mean to the local community and on our church in particular while memory is fresh. - this note was commenced on the very day after the last event of Unity Week

We were represented at every single event held during the week starting with the opening evening worship at Turpin Green Methodist church. Normally the single formal full service avoids the opening spot which may account for the very disappointing turn out. The One Voice Choir which took part probably outnumbered the actual congregation. But it was a good service with a bit of drama, different styles of music and several pauses for those present to discuss set questions with their neighbours. This time for discussion was a feature of every service which followed the thematic notes on 'Being Changed' set by the Churches of Poland. Phil Goff who led the service in his own church, did link the theme with Poland and its recent history which was good.

From then on there were Lunch time half hour services in different churches in rotation led in each case by members (always the clergy) of that church in their own style and with some light refreshments provided by the church afterwards. (Regulars became skilled in assessing varieties of soup!)

Day two was at Midge Hall Methodist church led for the only time by a female - an American minister too – but on day three we had something very different, There was no opportunity for discussion as the whole half hour was an experience of ritual and ceremonial in the style of the icon rich Greek Orthodox Church on Leyland Lane. At least we had chairs unlike last year. It was interesting that in conversation with a former stalwart of the congregation of the old Methodist church there he said that he had no regrets in coming back to his old chapel as he saw the change as being constructive recycling'

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR MAY



Tues 1 st	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Thur 3 rd	Church meeting with Treasurer's report (*1)	7.30pm
Sun 6 th	Worship led by Yvonne Hawkins	10.30am
Sun 13 th	Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Communion	
	Christian Aid week begins.(*2)	
Mon 14 th	Fabric committee	7.30pm
Thur 17 th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 19 th	Quiz night with Ellis Cochrane	7.30pm for 8pm
Sun 20 th	Worship led by George Grime	10.30am
	Parade	
Sat 26 th	Ramble in Bolton le Sands—see notice board	
Sun 27 th	Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Junior Church Anniversary	

(*1) Please make every effort to be present. A 'financial' report may not sound of great interest but it is of vital importance – and also provides an opportunity for the members of the fellowship to show our wonderfully dedicated treasurer how much we appreciate the immense amount of work which she does for the rest of us, our church and for God. Don't just take her for granted.

(*2) Christian Aid week's main activity is the door to door distribution and collection of appeal envelopes which is perhaps the main source of income for the work of the charity. Each church, which chooses to be part of the campaign, is allocated a residential area and, as last year, we have volunteered to be responsible for the whole Worden estate, basically everything south of Church Road.

Last year we managed to cover about half of this with just five volunteers who collected £407.

As the final sentence of the magazine report last year said, "perhaps we can muster enough collectors to cover the full area next year and so possibly collect a four figure amount". Let's try!

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR APRIL



Sun 1 st	Palm Sunday. Worship led by Revd Shirley Farrier	10.30am
Tues 3 rd	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Thurs 5 th	Maundy Thursday Service at Penworthan URC	7.30pm
Fri 6 th	Good Friday CTL Walk starting from our church. (*1)	9.30am
	Preston Passion live on BBC 1 (*2)	12 noon
Sun 8 th	Easter Sunday Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Communion	
Wed 11 th	Pensioner's Plod walk (Arrangements later)	
	Transitions Towns film at Penwortham URC	7.30pm
Sat 14 th	Spring Fair(*3)	9.30 am to 1pm
Sun 15 th	Worship led by Revd Geoff Tolley	10.30am
Thurs 19 th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm
Sun 22 nd	Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Parade	
Sat 28 th	Ramble at Bolton Abbey	
Sun 29 th	Worship led by Revd Shirley Farrier	10.30am

(*1) The united walk of witness starts with a brief act of worship in our church and will then process behind the carried cross to St Ambrose church for slightly longer worship and refreshments before ending in good time to get home to view the Preston Passion on TV.

(*2) A very different approach to the Passion Story using local participants on national TV as part of Preston Guild.

(*3) Spring Fair. This should be a whole church affair and not just the concern of the handful of people on the Fund Raising Committee. We need things to sell, bric a brac, books, cakes, preserves, items for a food hamper as a raffle prize, tombola prizes etc. Let Mollie have your contributions.

We also need your presence as a customer

Saturday's service at St Mary's had a bit of ritual but was nothing very different from the usual working through the set theme with laid down readings, prayers and the discussion bits. All in a side chapel as the numbers present would have been quite lost in the main church.

Sunday was left to each church to do its own thing in their own service apart from one HUGE happening in Preston of which more later.

On Monday we went Anglican with a visit to St James Church in Slater Lane where the Priest in Charge (he was only to become Vicar later in February) had an informal approach but where we found the little group discussions on 'Changed by suffering' difficult to develop.

On Tuesday it was our turn to host. We did it very well. Dave had prepared very carefully with rather more than a mere photocopy of the set workbook page and by using a very appropriate DVD screen presentation. Our theme was 'Changed by communion' but we did not actually have a formal communion service - if we had there would probably have been all kinds of problems which would have highlighted our lack of unity. As a regular to these services I have no hesitation in saying that our post service refreshments and our attention to detail were the best.

The final lunch service was at St Andrews with the nearest to a traditional service with hymns prayers, readings and a sermon by the vicar, David Gibbs, but which was not really on the general theme or about unity at all. But there were good sandwiches afterwards.

All in all it was quite a good week though many were not very happy by the rather artificial "How can Christians bear witness to the power of the cross?" Talk to your neighbour about it for three minutes starting now!" approach. Numbers however were very disappointing. For example, based on previous years experiences, we catered for 60 people to have soup after our service. Only 35 sat down to eat. Yet apart from the Choir swelled numbers at the opening service we had probably more present than most.

Contrast this with the HUGE event mentioned earlier. This was the Sunday afternoon service in Preston Guildhall as the opening event of Preston Guild but was also an ecumenical service arranged for Unity Week. There were hymns – three traditional , one modern Gospel style- readings, prayers, all lay led, a youth presentation of ‘values’ and an inspiring address by the main organiser of Preston Guild itself. There were over 1500 people present and I am glad that Marjorie and I were part of this very special occasion which will not be repeated in our life time. Mind you, I am still feeling ‘in my prime’ so you never know!!

Ernest Wrennall

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