

The Church in Holy Week

As we journey through the events of Holy Week we can see within them images that can be symbolic of the Church, and foundational to our faith, how we express it, and how we understand it.

On Palm Sunday Jesus arrives in Jerusalem surrounded by the cheers of the crowd urging him to free them from Roman tyranny. Within this is the image of the Church supreme over all worldly authorities, beyond reproach, with no need to listen to society and respected without question.

As the week progresses Jesus clears the Temple of the traders who are abusing the rituals and laws of God's house for personal gain, rather than to enable the people's devotion. Here the image of the Church is counter-cultural, standing with the oppressed and excluded, immersed in society, militant and politically engaged.

In the gospels we also have this as a time of teaching and healing. In this we see Jesus explaining, declaring and creating; the good news of God. It offers the image of the Church as the bearer of tradition, of wisdom; a place of debate, exploration, and discovery. An image of the Church offering welcome, companionship, and encouragement; a place of support, comfort and peace.

On Maundy Thursday Jesus celebrates Passover with his friends and establishes Communion, the central sacrament of the Church. This ritual can be seen as an image of the Church, held together through time and space in Christ, living and reliving his life together.

Later that evening Jesus seeks the peace of the garden of Gethsemane to pray. Here the tradition of pilgrimage and the monastic movement can be an image of the Church. The Church centred in its devotion to God, holding the world before God, seeking peace and unity within hearts and communities.

That night, and the following morning, Jesus is put on trial by the authorities of his land, both religious and secular. Here the image of the Church is two-fold, at war with itself and finding itself irrelevant to society. The Church focussed on what divides its body and unaware of the needs and spiritual longings of its community

The result of those trials is Jesus' crucifixion, the ultimate punishment for treason and insurrection under Roman law. Here the image of the Church isn't just of standing with the oppressed and excluded, but as one with them.

The Church without power or influence, yet still responding as Christ did; praying for those who persecuted him, caring for his fellow sufferers, and offering words of comfort to his mother and friends.

Saturday has to be the most troubling day of the Christian year.

Jesus' body is in the tomb, the rock covers the entrance, his followers are in hiding, and we are left alone in this silence, darkness, and absence; left between death and resurrection. We can see this as an image of exile, a running theme throughout the Old Testament, where the Jewish people long for return to Israel, to God's Promised Land flowing with milk and honey, and freedom from the oppression, compromise and humiliation of living in a foreign land. We can see it as the image of the Church journeying through the wilderness, like Moses and Jesus, learning to live closer to God's way, rebelling against God, being tempted, and deluding ourselves that it was better when we were in Egypt.

The journey through Holy Week ends with Easter Sunday, Easter Day, the day of resurrection; a day of transformation, renewal, of peace and unity, filled with tears and laughter, words spoken in love, and acting as Christ to each other and to the community around.

As Christians we will each find different aspects of Holy Week attuned, to a greater or lesser extent, to our faith and spirituality. They will also speak to us in different ways throughout our lives and in different circumstances. Our hope, goal, and desire within all of our life together is to live with Easter Day in our hearts.

May this be our prayer and the motivation for all that we do.

With every blessing, *Rev'd David R. Coaker*

FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Ashley and Jess on the birth of a baby son Levone, a grandson for Pauline and a great grandson for June and Bob Kay.

Congratulations also to Becky and Jake on the birth of a son, Riley Joshua, a grandson for Ellis and Jackie Cochrane.

As a church we extend our love and sympathy to the family of Lillian Dawson who died on March 6th. The funeral took place at Charnock Richard crematorium and Dave took the service. When Lillian moved to Leyland she became a member of the church and of the Guild.

We also offer our sympathy to members of our fellowship who are saddened by the passing of loved ones. Christine Holmes on the death of a dear friend, John and Ruth Mercer and family on the death of John's mother and to David and Ann Gill and family on the death of Anne's father.

Connie Finnigan will be celebrating her 90th Birthday on 8th April. Have a lovely day, Connie.

We remember and pray for all our friends who have been in hospital or have received treatment in hospital or at home or who are concerned about members of their families. Malcolm Berrill, Robert and Margaret Barton, Jan Chapman, Mark Coaker, Connie Finnigan, Margaret Fishwick, Les North, Lois Porter, Olwyn Rayton, Eddie Reynolds, Lionel Glover, Jackie Cochrane, Albert Draper and Ivor Pugh.

We thank June Holt for playing for worship when Janet was unavailable,

RECENT HAPPENINGS AND APPRECIATIONS

Week of prayer for Christian Unity

Now that our Linda Barnes is Secretary of Churches Together in Leyland it seemed appropriate that our church was the venue for the main joint service in the town. As a new approach, instead of a midweek evening service there was an early afternoon Sunday service following a bring-and-share 'Jacobs Join' lunch. Unfortunately the attendance was very disappointing but the service which our minister planned and led was worth far better support. In that service the emphasis was on the things which we already do together in the area and speakers for the existing Tools for Self Reliance Group, the Furniture Scheme, the SLEAP project and Amnesty International were there to tell us what they did.

In addition we hosted a lunchtime service again led by our minister followed by lunch for which Lorna and Pat made soup and Mollie provided cakes. Thankyou.

Church Lunch

It had not been possible to have a pre Christmas lunch in the church hall but the Fund Raising Group did lay on a splendid Sunday meal on February 3rd. Though numbers were below average -perhaps only turkey will do for some people! - but thanks to the culinary skills of Lorna and Pat there was good food, speedily served by head waitress Linda, and a decent profit for the Fund Raisers.

Mothers Day

In our service there was a Mothers Day theme worked around the parable of the Prodigal Son/Loving Parent and rose buttonholes were presented to all the ladies present. We thank Betty, Jackie and Lesley for preparing the flowers for this day - and indeed for every service.

It also seemed appropriate that Lois Porter was inducted for a further term as Elder during the service.

Coffee Mornings

We really appreciate the small number of volunteers who come in pairs on a rota to provide this facility. Customer numbers have also been low though increasing lately - especially when local historian David Hunt arrived with thirty five folk on an Industrial Leyland history walk for a brew and a chance to look round the spiritual home of so many of Leyland's industrial pioneers.

Women's World Day of Prayer

Held annually on the first Friday in March, this years local celebration took place at St.Mary's church, The service, planned by Christian women from France, was led by Margaret Dixon and made use of many readers from various churches with Mollie Ward and Linda Barnes representing our church. There was a challenging address by Revd. Barbara Wilson from St. Johns. It was a fine service and we are grateful to St. Mary's for hosting the service and providing refreshments afterwards.

Ernest

CHURCH OUTING 2013

The annual bowling trip to Ambleside will be on 22nd June leaving the Leisure Centre at 11.45am. Bring your lunch! The cost for the coach and bowling will be £9. The evening meal will be at the Queens Hotel in Ambleside. Linda Barnes is taking names and will have the menu choices and costs for the meal soon.

Let's hope for a full coach and that the sun makes an appearance.

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LAST NIGHT AT THE PROMS



Sat 13th April

7.30pm

Featuring

**Victoria Ward and Ivan Sharpe
and
Lostock Hall Brass band**

Tickets

£7.50

inc refreshments

Tel 01772 433123

CHRISTIANS AND POLITICS IN EGYPT

The transformation of a nation:
An Egyptian perspective

Embrace the Middle East presents a lecture by
His Grace Bishop Thomas

Wednesday 22nd May
7pm-9pm

Christ Church Broadway, Morecambe

This is a free event
All Welcome

LEYLAND COMMUNITY CINEMA
South Ribble Borough Council
Film and Food Evening
Showing 'Quartet' (12A rating) -
Tuesday 9th April

**£5 for film only, or £10 including food (main meal
and pudding)**

**Food will be served 5.30-6.15 pm—refreshments
extra**

Call 01772 625625 to book your place

commitment for life

What is life like in Jamaica?

Here are some facts about Jamaica

7 boys and 5 girls in every 100, under the age of 14, have to work.

72 children out of 100 thought their neighbourhood was unsafe.

14 out of every 100 grown ups can't read or write.

Is that fair?

Bible verse

The Bible tells us: Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also (1 John 4: 21)

Who do you think your 'brothers and sisters' are?

By helping someone in a small way you can help them change their whole life. How can we show love to people in the poorest parts of the world?

Do you think it is fair that some people are very rich while others are very poor?

These 10 words are hidden in the word search. They could be backwards, forwards or diagonal.

- brother sister
- God love
- justice commitment
- life fairness
- give change

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Prayer

Thank you for your wonderful world and all the people who live on it.
 Help me to remember those who do not have what I have.
 Help me to find new and better ways of acting and giving,
 so that everyone can have enough for their needs
 And know your unending love.

Amen

Here is the Lord’s Prayer in Jamaican Patois

“Wi Faada we iina evn,
 Mek piipl av nof respek fi yu an yu niem.

Mek di taim kom wen yu ruul iina evri wie.
 Laad, mek we yu waahn apm pan ort,
 Jos laik ou a way u waahn fi apm iina evn apm.

Evri die, gi wi di fuud we wi niid.

Paadn wi fi aal a di rang we wi du,
 Siem laik ou wi paadn dem we du wi rang.

No mek we fies notn we wi kaaz wi fi sin,
 An protek wi fram di Wikid Wan”
 (Matyu 6: 9-13)

If you feel you would like to do something positive for Commitment for Life why not copy the above Lords Prayer and then decorate the page and place on the Junior Church Notice Board? Also you could save loose change and donate it to Christian Aid to help those less fortunate in countries such as the children in Jamaica.

BOLTON SCHOOL JOINT JAZZ BAND
(Music for Youth finalists 2012)

**CONCERT AT
ST AMBROSE CHURCH HALL
MOSS LANE
LEYLAND**

20TH APRIL

**TICKETS COST £7
INCLUDING HOT POT SUPPER**

From St Ambrose Church office
Lynn Rhodes
Tel 01772 495684

AN APOLOGETIC POEM

At Christmas time we had, in church, a splendid Christmas tree
As well as one outside put up by the S.R.B.C
The one within had baubles, stars and also many lights
It was so beautifully done - it filled us with delights.
The magazine the church puts out said 'thanks' to all concerned
Or rather so it tried to do - but subsequently learned
That Linda Barnes, who was involved, was not working alone
We gave her thanks by name but left the other one unknown.
We said "with others", left it there, when what we should have said
Was cut out "others" from the page; put "Mollie Ward" instead
So very sorry Mollie dear, we won't miss you again
Next time you won't be "others" - and I won't get earache pain.
Thanks! "Others" is a plural word - that gives a slant that's new.
So really it's a compliment. You did the work of two.
Ernest Wrennall

Membership Discussion

If you would like to explore what it means to be a member of

Leyland URC please come along to the Manse on

Thursday 11th April, 7.30-9.00pm

for a conversation about what that means with our minister and elders.

Then if you would like to explore it further we will make use of our next discussion group as

Membership Preparation

Together we will discuss and reflect upon 'The Heart of Christianity' by Marcus Borg.

Some copies of the book will be available on the 11th April.

We will work through the book chapter by chapter, with some video clips to support the discussion.

If by the first session you could have read to the end of chapter 2.

World-renowned Jesus scholar Marcus J. Borg shows how we can live passionately as Christians in today's world by practicing the vital elements of Christian faith.

For the millions of people who have turned away from many traditional beliefs about God, Jesus, and the Bible, but still long for a relevant, nourishing faith, Borg shows why the Christian life can remain a transforming relationship with God.

Emphasizing the critical role of daily practice in living the Christian life, he explores how prayer, worship, Sabbath, pilgrimage, and more can be experienced as authentically life-giving practices.

Thursday:

2nd, 9th, 23rd May, 6th, 13th June

7.30-9.00pm

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR APRIL



Tues 2 nd	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Wed 3 rd	Area Gathering (*1)	
Sat 6 th	Spring Fair (*2)	9.00 am-1pm
	Thanksgiving Service for Mark Coaker	3.00 pm
Sun 7 th	Worship led by Elizabeth McRobbie	10.30am
Mon 8 th	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Thur 11 th	Potential members meeting at the Manse	7.30 pm
Sat 13 th	Last Night of the Proms (*3)	7.30 pm
Sun 14 th	Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Communion	
Wed 17 th	Pensioners Plod	
Sat 20 th	Ramble at Wrea Green	
Sun 21 st	Worship led by Revd Geoff Tolley	10.30am
	Parade -St Georges Day	
Thur 25 th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm
Sun 28 th	Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Joint service for the congregations of Leyland and Penwortham URCs	6.30pm

(*1) The monthly opportunity for members of any and all of the members of URCs in Lancashire to meet together will, this month, be of a social nature with a Dinner at Penwortham Golf Club. Cost £16. Book with Anne Hall on 01772 74683. See the poster for the menu.

(*2) Please support the Fund raising Group by providing saleable goods for the stalls (especially home baking or preserves), serving behind a stall and /or being a generous customer.

(*3) The year's big money earner - and the most enjoyable evening it is possible to imagine. A leading Brass band, two marvellous singers returning by popular demand from a busy professional list of engagements, plus all the favourite opportunities for audience participation.

Be there. Come early. Bring your union flags to wave. And Enjoy It! £ 7.50. and worth every penny. Mollie Ward and Marjorie Wrennall are the people from church to see for tickets

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR MAY 2013



Wed 1 st	Area Gathering at Penwortham URC (*1)	
Sun 5 th	Worship led by Ernest Wrennall	10.30am
Sun 12 th	Worship led by the minister	10.30am
	Communion	
	Church Meeting (Financial) after the service	
Mon 13 th	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Tues 14 th	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Wed 15 th	Pensioners Plod	
Thurs 16 th	Elders Meeting	7.30pm
Sat 18 th	Ramble in the Lake District	
Sun 19 th	Pentecost	
	Worship led by Revd Geoff Tolley	10.30am
Sun 26 th	Worship led by Revd Shirley Farrier	10.30am
	Junior Church Anniversary	
	Parade	

- (*1) The subject at the area gathering is 'Embrace the Middle East' and the speaker is Lisa Toner, formerly with Biblelands. She will tell us about the organisation's work supporting vulnerable and disadvantaged people in that region.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MAGAZINE

JUNE/JULY 2013 TO LINDA KAY BY 23rd June
AT THE LATEST PLEASE

Email: lindakay@blueyonder.co.uk

KEEP JACKIE HAPPY

Jackie Cochrane, is a cheery soul but from time to time, have you noticed, she has a sort of sad and bemused expression on her face when she is forced to put on her Church Treasurer's hat. Keeping the church accounts out of the red becomes a bit of a juggling act when even the ordinary bills come in with regularity while the income to pay those bills may come in some sort of hit-and-miss fashion. The arrival of unexpected emergency type demands just increases the anxiety

However it is the bread and butter side of things which is the concern here and for this we rely so much on income from room lettings, from the efforts of the Fundraising Committee and, especially the money from your giving either on the plate, in the envelopes or via the Direct Debit arrangements made through the banking system.

The Elders, seeking to remove the worry lines from Jackie's face, would like you to consider transferring your giving from a plate offering made personally by you when you are present on a Sunday morning to a, perhaps monthly, transfer of money automatically from your bank account into the church's bank account. It would take away so much of the time spent envelope distributing, opening, counting and banking and best of all from Jackie's point of view it would be **regular**. She would know where she stood and not praying that a shortfall one week would be made up by a windfall the next - it very often is not.

If you are prepared to make this commitment then just have a confidential word with Linda Crump. You would decide how much you are prepared to give and this would not be changed without your authorisation. And once signed there would be nothing to trouble you in any way again..

We have heard of other churches where they do not have a collection during the service because virtually everyone does their giving this way. I'll bet that their treasurer has a permanent grin.

When the former Leyland Congregational Church moved to our present building in 1877 there was no collection during the services

for the regular income was based on fixed Pew Rents

A Family would pay for the sole use of 'their' pew at a rate per person depending on its position in the building. Three shillings (equivalent to £12 these days) for one place in the centre block of pews and the front row in the balcony, two and sixpence (£10) in the side pews and second row upstairs, two shillings (£8) for the rest of the gallery seats. That is why the pews are numbered and why there are different sizes of pew suitable for different sizes of family. The references do not give an indication for the length of time involved for these bookings but perhaps they could be monthly so that a comparable modern day equivalent would be about £3 per week.

Pew rents continued to be the main source of direct giving until 1920 when numbered and dated Free Will Offering envelopes were introduced for those promising to give each week with a simultaneous 'loose cash' collection for more casual givers. It is interesting to note that when, in the 1960s, we introduced a formal Stewardship approach ('Every Person Canvass') the aim, never quite realised, was to be able to cover all normal running expense entirely by direct giving with no Fund Raising activities except for specific special projects. Social type events were to be offered for a charge just enough to cover the actual cost of running that event.

Sadly at this time we need all we can get from giving in whatever way offered **plus** room letting income **plus** fund raising to cover all our costs as Jackie will no doubt explain in detail at the coming Financial Church Meeting. .

She does a wonderful job. Please see if you can make it that little less stressful and give her something to smile about.

Linda Crump is waiting to hear from you.

Ernest Wrennall

CHRISTIAN AID

Over the years, in my little way, I have supported Christian Aid and indeed for some years have organised our church's involvement in the annual Christian Aid Week door-to-door envelope collection. This I am doing again but before giving the details for this and issuing the customary appeal for helpers I would like to share with you a little about some other aspects of involvement.

Perhaps, like the Wrennall household, you may get charity type appeals virtually every day - indeed sometimes three or four a day - and through overkill most are discarded virtually unread. Sometimes Christian Aid envelopes come and again may not receive much attention. That was until I did study the contents of one envelope more closely and found that I personally was addressed as the 'official' **Leyland URC Church Contact** person, and that what came to me I should have been sharing with **YOU**. I just did not realise that I had that exalted position.

Since the material was for Lent, it is now too late. There was a semi local Road Show presentation in February and a really clever 'Count Your Blessings' Advent calendar with daily challenges to take up. It is not too late however for you, or perhaps us to organise a Super Soup Lunch as a fund raising extra (and I don't mean get Lorna to do it for us yet one more time!) I have an organiser's pack to assist in the planning. Or log on to christianaid.org.uk/super-soup-lunch

Christian aid week itself is from 12th to 18th May and, though left with about 500 unused collection envelopes from last year I have received as many more again for this years collectors to use. The whole of Leyland is divided into collecting zones and each church is meant to be responsible for delivering, and later returning to pick up the envelope from every house. Originally we were allocated the relatively unproductive town centre streets but, since some churches were not able to cover areas which seemed to be potentially more 'profitable' we have moved to the coverage of the Langdale Road area on the south side of Leyland (Though personally I have insisted on retaining coverage of the Westgate area in addition to a Langdale Road section after doing that area every year for about twenty years.)

Last year I had about five volunteers who did very well, each taking out about a hundred envelopes. However this meant that only about half the houses in our area were visited. I divide our entire area into about ten sub divisions so I could really do with ten willing visitors. Maps showing the sub areas will be on display in the church hall after worship from mid April onwards so please do have a look and see if you can help. I will also see that a supply of envelopes will be available in church for each of you to take just in case no collector from another church calls at your home. The money collected will go, via the Leyland treasurer, to swell the town's total contribution to the national Christian Aid Week appeal.

We also, as a church, support Christian Aid in other ways though by far the biggest source of income is the Afternoon Tea day at the Dempsey's home in the early autumn. (Am I rather making presumptions about this, Alison?) Actually the original idea, set years ago, was to challenge, hopefully, **every one** to invite a few local friends to tea as a way of raising lots of, perhaps smaller, sums of money to make up a sizeable contribution to the U.R.C Commitment For Life appeal. This in fact goes to Christian Aid to support one of four specific overseas pieces of Christian Aid work as well as about 10% going to finance the campaigning World Development Movement. You will note that the emblem of The WDM is on our Commitment for Life pulpit banner. I am sure that Alison Bamber, as our Commitment for Life contact person, would welcome a response in this direction.

Christian Aid also informs me that they have an income generating Internet book sale auction for which they ask for donations of quality books - not paper backs or 'old' volumes - for which they will supply and collect appropriate boxes. I am asking for a couple of these boxes and am hoping that between us we can fill them with enough of the right kind of volumes.

(You will also note that the emblem of the Church Action on Poverty organisation (the one with red tongues of fire) also appears on the pulpit banner. I get material for this organisation also - and again we don't get involved as we did in the 1990s. It is all a bit sad.)

Ernest Wrennall

**SPRING FAIR
SATURDAY 6TH APRIL**

**9.30-1PM
Refreshments available**

CRAFT

**BOOK
STALL**

**FACE
PAINTING**

**YOUR
STALL
£10**

RAFFLE

TOMBOLA

CAKES

**BRIC A
BRAC**



JOINT SERVICE ***Catherine of Siena***

(will include communion)

Sunday 28th April
6.30pm
at Leyland URC

A warm welcome to both church families to worship together
(Penwortham will be returning the favour on Sunday 6th October)

Churches Together in Leyland Furniture Scheme

This is run by St Mary's Leyland and sponsored by the Round Table, Knights of St Columba and CTL.

Unwanted furniture is donated, collected and stored in a lock up. People needing furniture request it by ringing St Marys on 01772 455955.

Delivery is free of charge and on a Tuesday and Friday subject to volunteers being available.

The scheme requires a new co-ordinator, the task consists of co-ordinating pick ups, deliveries and managing the lock up store.

Also required are volunteers to help out on Thursdays, preferably with a current driving licence.

Anyone interested in supporting this good cause please ring St Mary's on 01772 455955

RAMBLES AND PLODS

Though written on the so-called 'First Day of Spring' (which just happens to be a plod day) the review of recent excursions covers the months of deep mid winter. And amazingly everything went off as planned irrespective of the weather.

The January ramble was, in fact, a really wintry one. On the previous day there had been very heavy snowfall but a good number of walkers still braved the elements and enjoyed a really wonderful walk from Abbey Village and through the woods by the reservoirs. It was hard going but the experience was unforgettable. The ice bound cliff we passed was indeed spectacular. We thank Chris for getting Lesley to lead this walk in her home territory.

In February we repeated an old favourite walk from Scorton over Nicky Nook. Though there was a hint of snow in the air the main obstacle was MUD especially on the descent from the summit. Bit we had some sun and good views. I was leader for this expedition.

In March we travelled north to Leighton Moss nature reserve near Silverdale for a walk again led jointly by our two natural history experts, Chris and Lesley. On a preliminary reconnaissance visit they had spotted, and identified, fifty six different species of bird and we were all given a list of these to spot for ourselves. I failed miserably being unable even to see the ones pointed out - and also because I was simply bowled over by the spectacular limestone crags. It was a long walk - too far for some who chickened out of the proposed final detour to visit the heart of the Leighton Moss bird sanctuary. I was such a chicken; does that count as bird variety. number 57. It was a splendid walk with lovely weather and spectacular views. Thank you, Chris and Lesley.

We have also held our annual Dinner and presentation evening organised by Jan and Mollie for which we thank them. This was at Shaw Hill Golf Club and we had good food and good entertainment with Jan's quizzes, Ernest's Review of the Year and presentation of the 2012-2013 'Arnold Awards'. Roy and Linda's Appley Bridge ramble was nominated in every category - but only achieved one actual award.

The January Plod was recorded in our last magazine but we can reveal that the February one was based in Euxton with a meal at the Bay Horse. Apart from one muddy stream side path the walk was mainly by track and pavement but the sun shone and it was not too cold.

In March we based our Plod at the Ley Inn in Clayton le Woods and, again in excellent walking conditions, followed a good path above the Cuerden Valley, descended to the River Lostock at the ruins of Kem Mill before following the river to a rather demanding ascent to the top path again, A good walk with fifteen Plodders, with some regulars absent perhaps due to the very last minute arrangements

I led both Plods and, with neither ideas in the pipeline nor a offers of leadership from elsewhere, will give formal notice that there **will** be a Plod on the 17th April and on the third Wednesday of each subsequent month.

Ernest Wrennall

GUILD PROGRAMME—APRIL/MAY

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| 9th April | Arnold and Olwyn Rayton
Golden Wedding |
| 16 April | Margaret Harrison
The Work of the Salvation Army |
| 24 April | Wednesday—Guild Rally |
| 30 April | Eddie Reynolds
(to be decided) |
| 7 May | Gill Kirkham
Derian House |
| 14 May | Doreen Hough
My childhood at Turton Tower |
| 21 May | Peter Holdsworth
South Africa—Yesterday and Today |
| 28 May | Arthur and Margaret Pearson
Talk and Music |

GARDENING

At the time of writing it is still quite cold, with snow flurries and frosts, but things in the garden are beginning to waken up. The snowdrops and crocuses have given a good display and the tete a tote daffodils are now in full bloom. Leaf buds on some of the shrubs are fattening up and green shoots are visible as they burst into leaf. I planted some dwarf insreticulata in pots two years ago and they are in full bloom. The secret is to plant them on sharp grit to give them free drainage, this prevents the bulbs from rotting.

I have made a start with seed sowing and I await signs of them germinating. This year I am trying white delphiniums, cosmos and echinacea, all of these are perennial and should last for a few years.

Parts of my garden are a little tired like me and in need of a major make over. One or two plants have outgrown their space and are needing severe pruning. Other plants have been in the garden years and I think it is now time to make some changes.

Try and plan a garden so that you have a good range of colour throughout the year both in flowers and foliage and always try to fit in plants that make a bold statement (something which stands out and is a talking point with visitors).

Leyland Gardening Club is running another coach trip this year to Hutton in the Forest House near Penrith. It is to be on the 9th June. If interested please ask for details.

Enjoy your garden!

Eddie



FLOWER LIST FOR APRIL/MAY

- April 7 Stella Eccleston - Memories
- April 14 Marjorie, Ernest and Joanne - Memories of Kevin
- April 21 Vacancy
- April 28 Vacancy
- May 5 Audrey Pritchard—Memories
- May 12 Marjorie & Ernest - Memories
- May 19 Diane & Greg Bolan - Memories
- May 26 Linda Barnes - Memories of Mum

FOOD BANK

We are collecting items of food to donate to St Mary's food bank.

Lists of appropriate food items are available in church and it is hoped that this will become a regular weekly activity

Please look out for details in church and try to support this worthwhile initiative.

ROTAS FOR APRIL

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
7th	Frank McHugh	Stella Eccleston David Holmes	Barbara McHugh Linda Crump
14th	Julie Keys Rhys Pownall	Linda Barnes Sarah Goldson	Linda Barnes Lois Porter
21st	Irene Entwistle	Uniformed Organisations	Sylvia Bairstow Mollie Ward
28th	Linda Crump	Ann Gill Jan Chapman	Jan Chapman Jackie Cochrane

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

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR APRIL

7th	Ann gill	Lorna Bowling
14th	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
21st	Uniformed Organisations	
28th	Lois Porter	Lesley Lowe

SATURDAY CAFÉ APRIL

6th	Linda Barnes	Ann Gill
13th	Lois Porter	Lesley Lowe
20th	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
27th	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward

ROTAS FOR MAY 2013

	Stewards	Lessons	Flower distribution
5th	Barbara McHugh	Arnold Rayton Linda Kay	Marjorie Wrennall Alison Dempsey
12th	Eddie Reynolds	Lesley Lowe Stephen Crump	Barbara McHugh Linda Crump
19th	Marjorie Wrennall	Ian Dempsey Linda Barnes	Lois Porter Linda Barnes
26th	Sylvia Bairstow Parade	Uniformed Organisation	Sylvia Bairstow Mollie Ward
2nd June	Stella Eccleston	Sarah Goldson Mollie Ward	Jan Chapman

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR MAY 2013

5th	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard
12th	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
19th	Barbara McHugh	Linda Crump
26th	Uniformed Organisations	
2nd June	Ann Gill	Lorna Bowling

SATURDAY CAFÉ MAY

4th	Linda Barnes	Jackie Cochrane
11th	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
18th	Lesley Lowe	Ann Gill
25th	NO COFFEE MORNING	
1st June	NO COFFEE MORNING	