

ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
5th	Linda Crump	Ann Gill Linda Barnes	Marjorie Wrennall Alison Dempsey
12th	Linda Kay	Stephen Crump Jan Chapman	Linda Barnes Lois Porter
19th	Sylvia Bairstow	Ian Dempsey Mollie Ward	Jackie Cochrane Barbara McHugh
26th	Marjorie Wrennall	Uniformed Organisations	Linda Crump Olwyn Rayton

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

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR FEBRUARY

5th	Ann Gill	Lorna Bowling
12th	Rita Coaker	Lesley Lowe
19th	Linda Crump	Dianne Bolan
26th	Glynis Bury	Stella Eccleston

SATURDAY CAFÉ FEBRUARY

4th	Lesley Lowe	Graham oLwe
11th	Jackie Cochrane	Ernest Wrennall
19th	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
25th	Linda Kay	Linda Barnes

POLITE REQUEST:

It would be less disruptive if, when on coffee, you would not leave the service until after the blessing.

Thank you

Sowing the seeds ...

For the last couple of years we have been trying to grow vegetables in three 2mx1m plots in the manse garden. We haven't been that successful. Potatoes have been okay, kale seems to have grown, and the onions though small were fine. We aren't the best of gardeners but we tried. Last year we acquired bags of manure to try to help things grow with not much affect. Then Rita sprinkled some green manure on the beds, and on some pots that we had compost in for a couple of rose bushes and an Acer. The contrast was dramatic: in the pots a mass of green, in the beds a few straggly plants. The difference: the soil. So my next project is to raise the beds to three times their height and fill them up with good soil. Then we'll only have our gardening skills to blame!

I'm sure you too are hearing the echoes of the parable of the sower, where the seed is cast indiscriminately and the farmer waits to see what grows. The seed in the parable being the message of God; and the resulting growth the response of the hearers. This is our underlying approach to sharing the good news of God we see in Christ, to the community around us. We exist, we do what we do, and we see what happens. We rely and trust in God, and we hope that God will draw people to us. Our life and future are nurtured by our prayers, activities and worship – but we also need to go further. Just as after a while trying to grow vegetables in poor soil I need to buy some wood, spend a day constructing, and fill the new beds up with compost or top soil –

we as Church need to think again about how we are engaging our community with the message of God.

I believe a way for us to do this is to be part of the URC's Radical Welcome campaign. This will declare to our community that there are alternate paths to the rule-bound Christianity they see portrayed in the media and will help us prepare to engage in conversations together, and with people who have never come through our doors before, about what it means to live the Christian life. This is a step into the unknown, a step of faith, but we join hands and step forward together as brothers and sisters in Christ, trusting in God, and each other, and see what grows as we live the kingdom.

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

AGM - Sun 12th Feb

As part of our worship on Sun 12th Feb we will be holding our AGM. The business will be surrounded with the normal parts of our Sunday worship and we will conclude by sharing in communion together. (Our intention is to keep the duration to about 1½ hours and to help with this please make sure you read the reports beforehand - the only verbal report will be from the Elders.) There is also the opportunity for you to choose the hymns we sing that day.

Please pass on your suggestions to our minister David.

ROTAS FOR MARCH

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
4th	Barbara McHugh	Sarah Goldson David Holmes	Mollie Ward Sylvia Bairstow
11th	Ivor Pugh	Jackie Cochrane Stella Eccleston	Jan Chapman Marjorie Wrennall
18th	Eddie Reynolds	Ivor Pugh Arnold Rayton	Alison Dempsey Linda Barnes
25th	Irene Entwistle	Uniformed Organisations	Lois Porter Jackie cochrane
(1st April)	Janet Murray	Mollie Ward Linda Kay	Barbara McHugh Linda Crump

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR MARCH 2012

4th	Joyce Robinson	Jean Simmons
11th	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard
18th	Sylvia Bairstow Ann Riding	Brenda Farrer
25th	Barbara McHugh	Lois Porter
(1st April)	Ann Gill	Rita Coaker

SATURDAY CAFÉ

3rd	Lesley Lowe	Graham Lowe
10th	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
17th	Jackie Cochrane	Ernest Wrennall
24th	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
31st	Linda Kay	Linda Barnes
(7th April)	Lesley Lowe	Graham Lowe

FLOWER LIST FOR FEB/MARCH

- 5th Feb Vacancy
- 12th Feb Memories of Ivy Ainsworth and loved ones from all the family
- 19th Feb Memories of mum from Julie Key
- 26th Feb Memories of parents—Dianne and Greg Bolan
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- 4th March Memories of May—Eddie and Alision
- 11th March Brenda Holmes - Memories of mother Janet Baxter-Bennett—Memories of mother
- 18th March Olwyn and Arnold Rayton—Memories
- 25th March - Edna Harvey—Memories of mother and Frank

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

RAMBLES AND PLODS

Since November there have been no mid week Pensioner's Plods - we must be fair weather walkers - and the only Saturday ramble was the traditional Mollie's Meander on New Years day - which just happened to be a Sunday. With a number of friends from Midge Hall Methodist Church and the nearby Caravan Club about 22 walkers did a Cuerden Valley tour on a cold but dry day before enjoying the warm hospitality provided at Greenbank Farm where we were joined by several part time visitors.

This was the twenty third consecutive year that we have shared Mollie's mince pies and short bread which means that with an average of perhaps 25 people per year and an average of 2 mince pies each - I had three this year! - means a total of at least 1100. Mollie is a dedicated baker. Thanks a lot.

The ramble programme for 2012 has been worked out

Feb 11 th	Brockholes	Chris Baines
Mar 17 th	Chipping/ Bleasdale	Ernest Wrennall
Apr 28 th	Bolton Abbey	Ernest Wrennall
May 12 th	Bolton le Sands	Neil and Jean Fow
June 9 th	Appley Bridge	Roy and Linda Barnes
July 14 th *	Catforth BBQ	Ian and June Holt
Aug 18 th	Lake District	David Lamb
Sept 15 th	Silverdale	Chris Baines
Oct 20 th	Local	Mike Chapman
Nov 17 th	Local (+ tea)	Malcolm and Karen
	2013	
Jan 1 st	Mollie's Meander	Mollie Ward
Jan 19 th	Abbey Village	Chris Baines

Pensioner's plods are arranged on a one-off principle when, and if, someone can be prepared to volunteer to plan and lead.

Saturday rambles are not 'members-only' activities. Just come along as and when you feel able. The more the merrier.

Family News

Congratulations to Becky Cochrane on the occasion of her 18th birthday on the 5th January.

We regret the death of Connie Forshaw who was a loyal member of the Church and Guild for many years. We offer sympathy to her friends Ken, Elizabeth and Marcella. The church was represented at her funeral at Charnock Richard crematorium and our minister conducted the service.

We are also sorry to hear of the death of a former member of our church family who we knew as Rita Kenyon, the younger sister of Marjorie and Barbara. Unlike her two elder sisters, who both emigrated 'down under', Rita spent her adult life in the Chicago area of the United States and died in a hospice there after a severe stroke.

We offer our support to our friends at Penwortham URC and especially to the family of their Ted Taylor, until very recently their Church Secretary, who has a serious and unexpected health problem which is causing concern. With our shared minister we have quite a lot of contact with Ted and have great admiration for the input that he has made in the smooth running of our partnership.

Several of our own people have had health problems concerning themselves or members of their families. We think of John Mercer; Joan Almond after a minor operation; Lilian Dawson who is in hospital at the moment; Ann Gill whose father is undergoing tests; Malcolm Birrell after an operation; Stella, Yvonne and Philip who have concern about the well being of little Sarah; Linda Kay who is giving support to her mother.

GUILD PROGRAMME

7th February	'Go on Tour' 50 plus Theatre Co All welcome
14th February	Peter Taylor (Galloways)
21st February	Carol Banks Bath—The story of a city
28th February	Norman Pearson The legend of St Swithin
6th March	Betty Melling 101 Insider Secrets about the Royal Wedding
13th March	Kath Greenlees Christian Aid in Uganda and Fairtrade goods
20th March	Karen Rainford Miles for Smiles
27th March	Syd Calderbank Lancashire dialect (Songs and Poems)

GARDENING

At the time of writing this article (11th January), we have only had two nights of frost, what a difference from last year. My crocuses in the border are flowering and two of my shrubs are flowering. As usual the winter flowering jasmine is providing a good show and brightens up the larchlap fence.

Many of you may have had damage in the garden due to the strong gales that we have experienced, now is the time to repair and strengthen structures.

It is also time to check over alpine plants in borders and containers for signs of rot due to dampness. Clear away any signs of dead leaves or leave showing mould and then lift up the foliage slightly and place a layer of sharp grit under to give better drainage.

Now is the time to move any deciduous shrubs that have shed their leaves. The ground is soft and wet, therefore the task should be relatively easy and the shrubs won't suffer from the move.

If you forgot to plant up spring bulbs into containers during the autumn now is a good time to buy some in. The garden centres are full of containers with bulbs showing colour. This should give you a lift and help spring on its way.

You need to be thinking about future bedding schemes and what you intend growing this spring. Seed catalogues are full of new varieties so order early to avoid disappointment. One thing missing this year will be 'busy lizzies' as they have developed an incurable wilt disease.

Enjoy your garden

Eddie



We congratulate William (abracadabara kazoo!) Dempsey whose shared magic act saw him acclaimed as the winner of the Brinscall's Got Talent competition. William was busy in the church hall making money 'disappear' in his magic money box only to reappear as a donation of £6 to the Eczema Society whose treasurer thinks it is a 'brilliant idea'. His sister, Sally, being part of a 'Mad Scientist' act was also in the final of the event. (She does strange things with baking powder I am told!)

Congratulations to Sarah Goldson who won the 'Anagram Opus Three' quiz competition set from the Autumn Fayre. Almost a hundred copies were sold, with about twenty all correct solutions returned. Of these, Sarah was judged to have slightly the most ingenious clues for her selected anagrams. These were 'vane' (which brought together the wind indicator meaning plus the sound alike word 'vain') and 'nave' (again a link between the part of a church and the similar sounding word for a rogue, ie 'Knave'). Does that give you a clue about the way Ernest's mind works when it comes to attempting the tie break section of his next quiz?



A little bird tells me that we may be hearing the 'pitter-patter' of tiny Coaker feet at the manse sometime after July—many congratulations to David and Rita.

Radical Welcome Defined

As we continue to explore what it means to be a radically welcoming congregation here is a definition adapted from the book 'Radical Welcome' by Stephanie Spellers.

A radically welcoming community seeks to welcome the voices, presence and power of many groups - especially those who have been pushed to the margins, cast out, silenced and closeted - in order to help to shape the congregation's common life and mission

Few communities could achieve the vision of radical welcome in its totality. Radically welcoming communities are the ones committed to transformed life, a life that aims to be:

- **Hospitable:** They seek to offer a gracious, warm space to all people, especially those who have been systemically disempowered and oppressed, pushed to the margins.
- **Connected:** They link to their neighbours, to their neighbourhood, to brothers and sisters beyond their neighbourhood with whom they actively practice what it means to embrace and be changed by Jesus.
- **Centred:** They possess a clear, compelling sense of Christian identity. That self-understanding is based in part in their cultural and denominational heritage, but primarily in the unapologetic and clear call to live out the dream of God as they have discerned it in light of scripture, tradition, reason and their context.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A CHRISTIAN

In a series of studies this Lent author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions

In this five-session, faith-formation resource, participants enjoy witnessing Marcus in dialogue with a small, diverse group of adults as they honestly - and sometimes painfully - confront the big questions and work together toward authentic answers. Each session includes a 10-minute presentation by Marcus Borg followed by interaction with the group.

Some preparatory work would be encouraged for each session and resources will be available to help us "join the dialogue" following the dvd input.

Pen-wortham	29/2	14/3	21/3	28/3	4/4
Session	God	Jesus	Salvation	Community	Practice
Leyland	1/3	8/3	15/3	22/3	29/3

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to everyone who helped during the Christmas period with the extra services, decorating the windows, flowers, Christingle etc.

The church looked fabulous.

We also thank Lesley for organising the Potteries expedition with another big thank you to her husband Graham for handling the coach driving side of things so willingly.

Christmas Day happened to be on Sunday but the number of people in church was disappointing. Some churches seem to draw in family visitors to make their Christmas day service into a kind of reunion event. Perhaps our people are so often those who go away for the season and become someone else's visitors.

So that was Christmas 2011 with its highs and its lows. We thank all who contributed. But in a sense we haven't finished yet with the nativity. On 2nd and 9th of February in our meeting room, after a brew, we have the opportunity to view the BBC series of the Nativity in two one hour episodes. When first shown twelve months ago I was really impressed by the human story about the way Joseph, and especially Mary, and their families, responded to the miraculous things that were happening to them. It is not abstract theology; it is down to earth life made real. Do try to come.

Ernest Wrennall

'What's in a Name Quiz' answers

Lois Timothy's grandparent 'Famous battle maiden'

Stephen First deacon with angelic face(Acts 6 v15) 'Crowned one'

David King of Israel 'Beloved one'

Rebecca. Daughter-in-law of Abraham 'The captivator'

Ruth David was her great grandson 'Compassionate, beautiful Companion'

Anna Old prophetess (Luke 2 v38) 'Full of grace'

James Name of two apostles 'The supplanter'

- **Open to conversion:** They attempt to listen carefully to, make room for, share power with, and learn from groups who've been silenced, closeted and disempowered, and they are open to genuine conversion and transformation based this encounter with them. On the ground, that means they allow God's Spirit *and* the gifts of all to enrich and transform their understanding of who is inside and who is outside, what ministries they undertake, how they select leaders, how they do business, how they worship, what they claim as their mission and purpose, and how they partner with other groups.
- **Intentional:** They engage in training, research, active listening, strategic planning - some conscious, contextually appropriate effort that addresses individual, congregational, institutional and systemic change. They realise radical welcome does not come merely as a matter of good will or a by-product of enthusiastic outreach programs.
- **Comprehensive:** They recognize that the work cannot be left to a specialised ministry area, like the Outreach Ministry, the Social Justice Team or the Hospitality Committee; it is a way of being, and should eventually be cultivated by the chief leaders through formation, worship, mission and other areas of congregational life.
- **Becoming:** They realize this journey is never finished, so they are always becoming, always looking beyond the congregation to see who has been left out or pushed out, always aware that the stranger's face is the very face of Christ.

- **Beyond diversity:** They understand that radical welcome is not merely about diversity, evangelism, multiculturalism, inclusion or getting it “right.” It is simply, profoundly about being faithful disciples of the Christ who welcomed and still welcomes all.
- **Faithful:** They honour radical transformation not as a necessary evil or as change for the sake of change, a response to misplaced liberal guilt or a church growth strategy—but instead because they are saying “yes” to God’s gracious invitation to welcome as Christ welcomes.
- **Compassionate:** They prioritise the work of creating “space for grace” - small groups, forums and other settings where people can develop, express and hold their dreams and their fear of change, even as they deepen their commitment to radical welcome.
- **Real:** They acknowledge they will not be perfect or consistently, radically embrace every group. A radically welcoming congregation is one where the members are becoming God’s radically welcoming people.

The next Sunday morning’s service was entirely left to the uniformed groups, even to providing the music for the hymn and carol singing. The main item was an entertaining sort of nativity play in which a group of ‘angels’ (disguised in business suits - don’t ask!) were sent on assignment to Shepherds, Wise Men, Mary, Joseph etc who all duly did their bit in creating a fine tableau. I was impressed by the ending in which the one ‘angel’ who had been rather pointedly left out of things before was assured that her time would come “There is a stone to be rolled away from the entrance to a tomb for you to do” A thought provoking ending!. The groups did very well especially with regard to detail, as for example using a number of extra microphones so that dialogue could be heard. It was good to see so many parents present to share in the presentation.

During the service quite a good number of shoebox gifts for deprived children overseas were handed in to Malcolm Tomlinson from International Aid organisation - which celebrates its 21st Birthday next year.

The following Sunday had our own mainly Junior Church nativity presentation as part of a service conducted by Revd Geoff Tolley.. As ever it was a delightful presentation mainly of the children but with a few adult stand ins as Angels Shepherds and Magi. Ian Dempsey was the narrator for this. Once again see Frank McGuire’s photo gallery to remind yourself of who was who.

That evening was our Lessons and Carols service and though there were slightly more people present than last year, apart from the actual readers the attendance was unworthy of the occasion. But we enjoyed the brew and mince pies afterwards..

Much the same can be said about the Christmas Eve teatime service but those who were there found it a peaceful and restful experience especially as the wonderful church decorations seem at their very best when it is dark outside.

I'M WALKING BACKWARDS TO CHRISTMAS

This song by the Goons from 1956 seemed a good eye catching title for a retrospective account of what sticks in the memory about our busy Christmas programme even though we are casting our minds back rather than reversing our footsteps.

We had a busy Sunday-with-a-difference at the end of November with a Welcome Service based on Preparing For Advent which had a selection of activities in the first part of the service and a drawing together second part followed by a soup lunch and then a chance to explore David's meticulously planned Prayer Stations based on Abraham. Perhaps too much all at once but certainly a very different kind of approach.

In the next few days there was great activity in church as the decorations went up, the windows were filled with imaginative 'Christmas Carol' displays, the internal Christmas tree was erected and decorated, superb floral displays were prepared and the Council erected the town's main tree in our garden.

In this writer's opinion our church has never been so beautifully prepared as this year. Look at Frank McGuire's photographic record to remind yourself how good it was. We do thank all those involved in preparing the church so beautifully.

The rush to get this done was because we had our (and SRBC's) Christingle service as early as 2nd December and it was good that, with a good deal of support from 'outside' families - the event had been pushed in schools - the church was well filled. We even ran out of oranges for the DIY preparation of the symbols.

Next day the Uniformed groups were involved in all kinds of ways with the South Ribble Borough Council's Christmas tide event in the market area, fortunately much less icy than it was last year.

On the following Sunday, the day after the by-now-annual Potteries trip' (when, alas!, my hint about previous purchases of best CHINA tea sets went unheeded!) we had our church Christmas Lunch in the Church hall - thanks to Lorna, Pat, Alison and the fund raisers.

SOUTH RIBBLE TRANSITION TOWNS

Raising awareness to help create a thriving, sustainable community in the face of rising oil prices and climate change

FILM SHOWINGS

Every month we are going to show a film with an environmental theme. Some you will know, some will be new, and others you will have helped choose!

Feb 2012 Sun 5th - 2pm Leyland URC, Hough Lane
March Tue 20th - 7pm Bamber Bridge Methodist, Station Road
April Wed 11th -7pm Penwortham URC, Liverpool Road
May Tue 8th -7pm Bamber Bridge Methodist
June Sun 24th -2pm Leyland URC
July Wed 11th -7pm Penwortham URC
Aug Sun 5th -2pm Leyland URC
Sept Tue 18th -7pm Bamber Bridge Methodist
Oct Wed 10th -7pm Penwortham URC
Nov Sun 4th -2pm Leyland URC
Dec Tue 11th -7pm Bamber Bridge Methodist
Jan 2013 Wed 23rd -7pm Penwortham URC
Feb Sun 10th -2pm Leyland URC
We will start with refreshments, watch the film, and end with a brief discussion.

Donations towards the venue and refreshments will be encouraged

If you would like to hear about future events and activities or to get involved in South Ribble Transition Towns please contact us on: 01772 468044 or email us at southribbletransitiontowns@gmail.com
www.srttt.co.uk

The Journey: Inviting – Inclusion - Radical Welcome

	Inviting	Inclusion	Radical Welcome
The Message	“Come, join our community	“Help us to be diverse.”	“Bring your culture, and share our cultural voice, your whole self - we want to engage in truly mutual relationship.”
The Goal	assimilation: community invites new people to enter and adopt dominant identity	incorporation: community welcomes marginalised groups, but no true shift in congregation’s cultural identity and practices	incarnation: community embodies and expresses the full range of voices and gifts present
The Effort	Systems and programs in place to invite and incorporate newcomers into existing structures and identity; rejection or marginalisation of those who do not assimilate	Stated commitment to inclusivity, but less attention to on-going programs, systemic analysis or power; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • emphasis on • individual efforts 	Systems and programs in place to invite and welcome people, including those from the margins; to ensure their presence, gifts and perspective will be visible and valued; and to ensure that these

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SUNDAY EVE 13TH MAY 7PM

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ITEMS FOR NEXT MAGAZINE

FEB/MARCH

TO BE WITH LINDA KAY BY 2012

AT THE LATEST PLEASE

Email lindakay@blueyonder.co.uk

Overturing Expectations

Creating worship together!
 Sunday 11th Mar
 10.30am-12noon



We are going to create a relaxed atmosphere to explore, through a choice of activities, the Ten Commandments and the story of Jesus overturning the moneychangers' tables in the Temple

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

We'll start with refreshments and then you can choose from the activities set up around the church. (e.g. learn a new song/hymn, visit the story corner, make something, write prayers of thanks and concern from newspapers, reflect on a Bible passage, or write a poem or reflection.) Then we will share in a short communion service which will include items from the activities you've participated in. To end we'll share in a soup and roll lunch.

			new communities, gifts and values influence the congregation's identity, ministries and structures
The Result	Healthy numbers (perhaps with some members who claim marginal identity) but institution and its membership is overwhelmingly monocultural	Revolving door, with people coming from margins only to stay on fringe or leave; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> institutional structure remains monocultural, with some pockets of difference 	Transformed and transforming community with open doors and open hearts; different groups share power and shape identity, mission, leadership, worship and ministries

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEYLAND Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 14th February
 Monday 14th May
 Thursday 5th July
 Tuesday 25th September

St Andrews
 Midge Hall Methodist
 Leyland Methodist
 Leyland URC **AGM**

ADVENT SUNDAY—WELCOME SERVICE

Feedback

Which activities did you take part in?

learn new song/hymn	8
write prayers of thanks and concern from newspapers	2
make something	15
prepare Sketch	5
reflect on a Bible passage	6
write a poem or reflection	4
visit the story corner	5
Amnesty Christmas cards	5

Did you get something out of the activities?

31 Yes / **0** No

We're doing this to create an informal and friendly space for us to welcome and invite newcomers to join us whilst trying to keep some of what we normally do.

Would you be happier inviting family, friends and neighbours to this form of service?

24 Yes / **4** No

How often should we offer this form of service?

Weekly	Monthly	4 per year	3 per year	1 per year
2	6	9	12	2

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

Saturday 24th March

7.30pm

Featuring Victoria Ward

and

Lostock Hall Brass Band

Leyland URC

Hough Lane

Leyland

Tickets £7.50

including refreshments

Telephone : 433123

DUCKWORTHS LAST BOW

Harry Duckworth plays the organ for us on many occasions when Janet is absent and is fondly known for his 'twiddly bits' when he is playing. He is always accompanied by his wife Mary and it is always lovely to see them at Leyland.

Harry was born in Southport, went to the Royal College of Music in London and was music master at the then Preston Catholic Boys College. He trained their choir to such effect that they toured America six times and also represented the UK at a prestigious Italian choral festival. He then became music master at the renowned Stonyhurst College and took on leadership of Wigan's Cecillian choir.

Mary, a secretary when they met, retrained as a teacher and taught at local schools, but they are probably best known for their involvement with Preston's Orpheus Choir whom Harry led for 33 years since 1978, while Mary would sing in the choir. But no more—the couple have just taken part in their last concert with the Orpheus—the spectacular Festival for Christmas at Preston Guild Hall which has been the highlight of the Orpheus's year since Harry introduced it 29 years ago.

At the show which is compered by Harry and Mary and which traditionally involves the Freckleton Brass Band and many children from local schools, Harry got a standing ovation and was presented with an engraved glass trophy, commemorating his years of service, by the choir's president, Alderman Borrow. Harry said it was a splendid evening but after 33 years it's time to call it a day.

Harry has had a period of ill health but 'touch wood' he seems to be o.k. now and we hope he will continue to play for us for as long as possible.

The Lancashire Evening Post featured a full page article on Harry and Mary in December which made very interesting reading.



Any other comments?

Informality is the way to welcome people and then a 'normal' service later.

Very different and enjoyable.

Missed normal service. (*indicated '4 per year' above*)

We need some good inspirational hymns.

As before, very enjoyable and reflective. (Would have liked to be able to get round all the activities though!)

Enjoyed it!!

Had fun

It was a great morning.

What a fab day!

Enjoyed it – very good.

I enjoyed it.

I enjoyed it very much because there was lots to do.

Too much with prayer stations, keep separate.

I really enjoy these kind of services as you can choose what you enjoy and would get the most out of. I spent all the time today learning 2 hymns but the last time (Father's Day) I also spent it writing a poem which I enjoyed as much. I think it makes a pleasant change to worship and we can interact more with each other (which from a teacher point of view is when learning is taking place ... rather than some people day dreaming through the sermon. Not that I do this of course

I'd rather the prayer stations were on a different day as I've had my soup and feel ready for home now.)

Sunday Welcome

Following our trial services on 29th June and 27th November and the elders discussing the following feedback we will be planning and sharing in this style of service three times next year (11th March, 29th July and 25th November). It is our intention have a group plan and deliver these services and for us all to use them as an opportunity to enjoy a more informal service and invite new people along to share in worship.

FAIR TRADE MADE EASY - OR IS IT?

It was way back in the early years of Glyn Eatock's ministry that we started our Sunday morning Traidcraft/Fair trade stall. Its inspiration came from the thinking of the Church and Society sub group of the Church Meeting and it was with some regret that after twenty years we have decided that it is no longer a viable proposition. Though there are a core of customers who stock up with a few basics such as tea and coffee, other lines tend to reach those critical 'Sell By' dates unsold and the net result is a drain on resources rather than a way of providing help for overseas producers. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the organisers and volunteer servers behind the counter.

The Church Meeting at the end of 2011 which made the decision to close did so with reluctance but also felt justified that, perhaps because of the actions of church groups like ours, various superstores had, of their own accord, begun to stock similar Fairtrade goods so the need for an internal sales point had gone.

So we thought! But, in reality, is this so? For example, is Fairtrade coffee and tea as readily available as we assumed in the large 'Beverages' sections of the town's supermarkets? Time for a spot check!

It was not easy to make accurate assessment so when I visited Tesco Extra I did a bit of pacing of the appropriate lengths of the Beverages aisle and multiplied it by the number of shelves to be found one above the other in each section. I found an estimated shelf space for coffee of 25 feet of averaging 8 shelves high, Almost all for 'instant' varieties with some 'ground' but no 'beans' that I could see. Naturally Nescafe, Kenco and the like dominated but eventually I located, with difficulty, three quarters of a shelf of coffee with the 'Perco' brand name which had FairTrade (but not Traidcraft!) symbol plus half a shelf of Traidcraft . Much was 'ground' rather than 'instant' coffee.

It was a similar story in the other supermarkets and Iceland did not seem to have any Traidcraft goods.

I suppose the percentage of Fairtrade goods offered in any store will represent the anticipated demand so it would suggest that the only way to encourage these commercial giants to make FT products more prominently available is to buy them instead of the traditionally well advertised national brands and, if necessary, use the customer comment facility to let the manager know that you would support a change in policy. You might also suggest that the FT items which are available be displayed rather more prominently as they were indeed difficult to spot.

Ernest Wrennall

List A

LOIS Porter; STEPHEN Crump, DAVID Coaker; REBECCA (Becky) Cochrane; RUTH Mercer; ANNA Seale; JAMES Bamber

List B Great grandparent of David

Name of two disciples

84 year old prophetess

First deacon 'with a face like an angel'

Timothy's grandparent

Second King of all Israel

Father in law was Abraham

List C 'The captivator' (Hebrew)

Full of grace'(Hebrew)

Famous battle maid' (Germanic)

Beloved one'(Hebrew)

The supplanter' (Hebrew)

The crowned one' (Greek)

Compassionate, beautiful (or Companion)' (Hebrew)

Answers on a later page.

Ernest ('Sincere and earnest') Wrennall

Church bulletins (tongue in cheek!)

Please place your donations in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility!

Whoops

WHATS IN A NAME

In a recent service, nominally about Samuel and his call, the Children's address somehow got round to Christian names, their meaning and how many had a biblical origin. The prize I think went to Linda Barnes, formerly Marston, whose father was Samuel and his brothers were Eli and Levi.

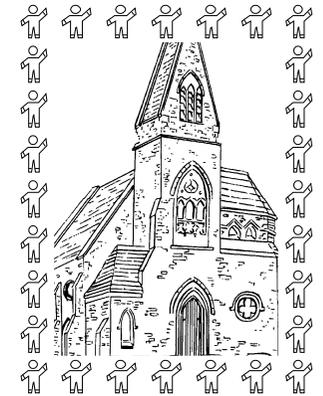
Actually it is remarkable how few of our current adult members have 'biblical' Christian names. Linda has Spanish origins, Irene is Greek, Lesley is Celtic, Stella (Estelle) is a French star - and none of these appear in the Bible.

It is noticeable however how many of the children listed with their families in the Year book are now being given Bible style names. One complication is that some names are rooted in other older names which may or may not have a bible link. For example Marjorie, Marguerite and even Rita are all variations of Margaret (which is not a bible name but is from the Latin for 'pearl')

Just for fun I have supplied a list of a handful of people whose first names are in the Bible (List A), biographical facts about them in a different order for you to find the link (List B) a mixed order set of traditional meanings for the names (List C). See if you can complete the trios.)

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

We believe we have something to offer the people of Leyland, both as a church and as a space available for the community to gather



A new community garden in the centre of town for you to enjoy, sit and relax in.

Accessible community space for events, meetings and social events

WANT TO FIND OUT MORE?
PLEASE COME ALONG TO OUR VIEWINGS AND
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK.

CAN'T MAKE IT? WE'LL COME TO YOU
tel: 01772 462229

VIEWINGS

10 AM-2PM 5-7PM
TUES 28TH FEB
FRIDAY 2ND MARCH
SAT 3RD MARCH
TUES 6TH MARCH

OPEN DISCUSSION

Our thanks for their support and encouragement go to 3D.G Design of Chorley, South Ribble Community Works and South Ribble Partnership

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CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR FEBRUARY



Thur 2 nd	'The Nativity' DVD (1*)	7.30pm
Sun 5 th	Worship led by Revd Nigel Lemon Elders nominations to be in by this date.	10.30am
Tues 7 th	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Wed 8 th	Fund Raising Group	7.30pm
Thurs 9 th	'The Nativity' DVD (2*)	7.30pm
Sat 11 th	Ramble at Brockholes (*3)	
Sun 12 th	Worship with AGM led by the minister (*4) Communion	10.30am
Mon 13 th	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Sun 19 th	Worship led by Revd Geoff Tolley	10.30am
Thur 23 rd	Elders Meeting	7.30pm
Sun 26 th	Worship led by the minister Parade	10.30am

(*1) and (*2) See the end of the 'Walking Backwards to Christmas' for a preview of these events. Please support if you can.

(*3) This is a unique opportunity for a guided tour of the new riverside Nature Reserve set up just to the east of Preston. We believe that accurate numbers taking part will need to be known in advance so be aware of this and follow the instructions in the leaflet which will shortly be available on the ramble notice board.

(*4) We are trying something new by holding the church Annual General Meeting as part of worship. Written reports will be available before the meeting rather than be presented orally though there will still be time for discussion. The election of Elders and confirmation of other church officer appointments will also take place as part of the meeting.

Even including communion it is expected that the service will be over by 11.45am at the latest.

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR MARCH



Thur 1 st	'What it means to be a Christian' DVD (1*)	7.30 pm
Fri 2 nd	Women's World Day of Prayer service	
Sun 4 th	Worship led by Revd Shirley Farrier	10.30am
Thur 8 th	'What it means to be a Christian' DVD (*)	7.30pm
Sat 10 th	Provincial Synod	
Sun 11 th	'Welcome to worship' service led by the minister and the Worship Group (*2) Communion	10.30am
Mon 12 th	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Thur 15 th	Elders meeting	7.30pm
Sat 17 th	Ramble at Chipping/Bleasdale	
Sun 18 th	Mothering Sunday Worship led by Ernest Wrennall	10.30am
Thur 22 nd	'What it means to be a Christian' DVD(*)	7.30pm
Sat 24 th	'Last Night of the Proms'(*3)	7.30pm
Sun 25 th	Worship led by the minister Parade Wedding Fair	10.30pm
Thur 29 th	'What it means to be a Christian' DVD (*)	7.30pm

(*1) Each Thursday evening we have the opportunity to 'join in the dialogue' about the big questions about our understanding of the fundamentals of faith. In order, these topics will be 'God', 'Jesus', 'Salvation', 'Community', and 'Practice'

(*2) Though details are yet to be worked out, this is to be a service in which everyone is invited to take part in a selection of activities probably with a Lenten theme. These will be brought together in a final act of worship and followed by a light lunch as a time of fellowship.

(3*) Last year our Last Night of the Proms was perhaps attended by more people than we could accommodate with safety. Get your tickets early to be sure of your place. Details of the programme are yet to be finalised.