

## How does your garden grow?

One of the ongoing tasks since moving into the manse has been to try to get some control over the garden. With the application of gravel and bark chips most of the borders have submitted, and thanks to our gardener (who did all the major weeding) the rockery has been reclaimed. The back lawn has been edged, three vegetable plots created, and the pond emptied of rubble.

It was part way through the clearing of the pond that I got an inkling, and then after I had the idea that I wanted a couple of dwarf apple trees, it became clear what my subconscious was up to - I was recreating something from childhood. The bungalow in which I grew up on Fen Road in Little Hale had a pond and next to it ... you guessed it, three dwarf apple trees.

It is amazing how our minds work sometimes, and often we don't realise the habits and patterns that we fall in to. Like cutting sandwiches at right angles or diagonally, placing the remote for the tv in a certain place, having a cup of tea at a specific time, shopping at a particular supermarket, wearing clothes of a certain colour, or walking a certain route with your dog. All fairly minor decisions, but they all build up into the life that we live.

As it is with life, so it is with our church life. What are your church habits? Is the place where you sit so very much different from any other place? Just because we decided a while ago that Bible study wasn't for us, does that mean that the ones we do together now aren't either? Is a sermon the only way for us to explore our Bible readings? Could we make more use of silence rather than only listening to prayers? Is there any harm in trying something new to see how we feel rather than assume we won't like it?

In our lives and in our church life together we get into habits. Some good, some harmless, but we do give some a much greater significance than they deserve. We may not be aware of them but we do need to be open to asking ourselves questions and placing them before God and the way of Christ we are called to follow.

Now back to the manse garden. For the last few weeks our back lawn, that I look out on from my study, has been a complete mess. It's a perfectly ordinary square of grass but a while back I noticed there was a bit of moss in it so I bought granules to remove it.

Now you never know how much moss is in a lawn until it turns brown! A square of green became mainly brown splotches. But with some raking, a bit of grass seed, and lots of rain, it's turning green again. It was a perfectly reasonable lawn before but in the next few weeks it will be much healthier and more of a lawn than it has been for a while. Like the manse lawn our lives and our church life need a little maintenance from time to time. A little weeding, pruning, the occasional replanting (moving a plant to a different part of the garden) or maybe the addition of something new. Which could be that plant you've always dreamed of having in your garden but you've never wanted to spend that much, or the heavily reduced shrub from the bargain basket.

A garden is always changing. Things may go quiet in the winter months but come spring there is always a surprise. Plants you'd forgotten you'd planted appear, a weed has a beautiful flower (so you decide it's not a weed after all), a different plant attracts different birds and insects and in all these and other ways your garden becomes a slightly different place.

The life of faith, and our life together as a church, grows and develops in the same way as a garden. Faith isn't a plant we put in the garden of our lives and just leave. Faith connects with every part of our lives. For our faith to deepen and grow it need to be tended. It needs to be watered, fed, and it needs sunlight. Some of this we can do by ourselves but it is together as Church that we are able to help each other. It is together we can share stories and insights, offer suggestions and experiences, raise questions and seek answers. It is together that we speak the truth in love to each other and the world around us. It is together that we sow the seed of faith and live out the way of Christ.





To

- Jackie Cochrane for all her hard work as Treasurer in preparing the church accounts ready for presentation at the last church meeting. Jackie does a tremendous amount of work for the church - far more than just keeping the church finances under control but also in doing so much to deal with fabric issues. Add to this flower arranging, operating the visual display during worship, taking turn to preside at the Guild etc and we see how very much we rely on her.
- Ian Dempsey for acting as Auditor for the church accounts.
- David Coaker for all his hard work and leadership as he completes his first year as our minister. We may only officially be one half of his responsibility in ministry but he seems to be very involved in virtually every aspect of our church life as well as being present at far more ecumenical events than most of other ministers in the town.
- Audrey Pritchard who, assisted by Brenda Farrer, has run her Dance Class every Wednesday evening for the last six years. All the proceeds have been for church funds and in that time several thousand pounds have been raised as well as a good number of people given an enjoyable night out and a chance to develop their dancing skills. Now Audrey feels the time has come to call it a day and we do thank her so much for all the time and effort she has given so willingly. It is perhaps a sadness that few church people have been part of this but those of us who have taken part have memories of good fun and good fellowship.
- Audrey has also been our authorised person for weddings for many years and we thank her for her hard work in this position.
- Mollie Ward for her willingness to take over as secretary of the Fylde Women's Guilds Association. She succeeds Margaret Moorhouse from Marton URC who has held that office for many years and who we also thank for her devoted service.
- Everyone who took part in recent Fund Raising activities— Promises Auction, cake stall etc.

## From

- John Henley—Joint Church Secretary, Loughborough United Reformed Church says-

'Just a quick note to say that we at Loughborough URC broadly followed the liturgy you posted on the Vision4Life web-site for our Easter Hour of Prayer. Without exception, everyone commented on how helpful and effective the liturgy was. Many thanks for sharing it with the wider URC family.'

- Christian Aid have sent an acknowledgment letter thanking us for the donation to the earthquake appeal of £300 from the special collection for Haiti and £191.22 from Mission Boxes .
- Mavis Roskell - better known to us as Mavis Berry - and family to all the members of the church for the cards and letters of sympathy which were received following the death of her husband, Brian.
- Stella Eccleston for the many cards, flowers and donations received for her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. The donations will be divided equally between the Lancashire Air Ambulance and our church.

Sadly the Horticultural Society have had to move on from our premises to larger rooms at St Ambrose. This is the end of an era and our long connection with the Society especially through Eddie and Mary. We wish them every success in their new premises and hope they continue to grow in strength.

However this also means yet another room rental lost and highlights the current financial problems in keeping our buildings maintained. If anyone knows of people looking for rooms to rent even 'one offs' - please point them in our direction!

# THEY LIKE JESUS BUT NOT THE CHURCH

An interactive 6-session journey responding



Many people today are either losing interest in the church, or have negative perceptions about Christianity, and yet they remain fascinated with Jesus.

What are those objections? How can the church respond?

**7.30-9.00pm**

**Wednesday:** Penwortham United Reformed Church, Liverpool Road  
**Thursday:** Leyland United Reformed Church, Hough Lane

- 1: The danger of the Christian bubble.
- 2: Is the church negative, judgmental, and political?
- 3: Does the Church restrict and oppress women?
- 4: Is the Church homophobic?
- 5: Do Christians think all other religions are wrong?
- 6: Are Christians fundamentalists?

<b>Penwortham</b>	<b>9/6</b>	<b>23/6</b>	<b>30/6</b>	<b>14/7</b>	<b>28/7</b>	<b>4/8</b>
Session	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>Leyland</b>	<b>29/4</b>	<b>6/5</b>	<b>13/5</b>	<b>1/7</b>	<b>15/7</b>	<b>29/7</b>

## Outline of time together:

- Welcome and refreshments
- DVD introduction, open discussion
- DVD continues, small group discussion

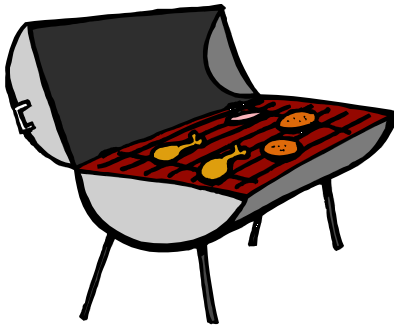


# Service & BBQ

## Thurs Aug 5th, 6.30pm

You are warmly invited to join us in  
welcoming

Rev'd Richard Church, Moderator of the  
URC North Western Synod, as he visits the  
Preston / South Ribble area on his cycle  
journey around the Synod.



Penwortham URC  
(Liverpool Road, PR1 0QB)  
are hosting a worship service  
with an environmental theme  
and a BBQ in collaboration  
with  
Leyland URC, Fulwood URC  
and  
Christ Church Meth/URC.

## "Worlds Longest Toilet Queue

On a rather wet Saturday 20th March 2010 Atlantis Explorer Scout Unit went and took over Blackpool.

Atlantis are taking part in the zodiac challenge and part of that challenge was to visit an aquarium which was the main aim of the trip and to have a picture with the biggest fish, however the shark didn't want his picture taking. Also as a unit we decided to take part in a community project which was being organised by UNICEF,.

Saturday 20th March is World Water Day and an activity that was happening on this day worldwide was "The Worlds Longest Toilet Queue" so Atlantis decided to undertake the challenge of making the worlds longest toilet queue and what better way to celebrate world water day than do the challenge at the Sea life Centre.

The world's longest toilet queue is a Guinness book of record attempt to get as many people worldwide to stand in a queue from anything from 10 minutes to 24 hours, and to make the attempt the queue must have at least 25 people in it. UNICEF wanted to make people aware that there are countries out there that do not have access to toilets like we do.

So we went around the sea life centre and looked at all the sea life, watched a live feed and then we got underway with our toilet queue . We needed 25 people. Luckily we already had seven from the unit and then we needed the general public to take part, and I can say congratulations to the unit as we managed to get 30 people and complete the challenge we had been set. Thank you to the Sea life centre for their co- operation in this challenge.

In the afternoon the unit decided to treat themselves to Harry Ramsdens fish and chips. Since we were on a budget the older Explorers and Leaders begged for them to let us have a kids meal (which was far too big anyway) and they let us "Yippee" .

After lunch we decided you can not visit Blackpool without going to the top of the tower so off we went into the tower building and right up to the top where we took some pictures ,then everyone walked over the walk of faith glass, one leader laid down on it even though he is scared of heights -what an achievement, we then went and looked around the aquarium<sup>8</sup> in the tower and found the lost city of Atlantis under water.



After we left the tower, we wanted to do something random and this was to go down to the beach even though it was raining and build a sand castle but of course the beach is closed so we ended up taking a stroll down the pier like the old days. Of course you can not leave Blackpool without buying rock which most of the Explorers did however one decided to buy pancakes. So then it was time to get the train home after a long but exciting day breaking records.

Lee McNulty, Atlantis Explorer Scout Unit.

## The Ellis Quiz

Once again Ellis Cochrane was willing to place his vast experience as a Quiz compiler and presenter to lay on a fund raising Quiz evening at and for our church Not only that but he also attracts the greatest percentage of the competitors who attend from his regular mid week quiz clientele. Once again it was a team of quiz regulars who won the competition though there was not a great deal of difference in the scores between all the teams for it was a close run thing .

Though competitors were called upon to provide their own liquid refreshments the church Fund Raising Group provided hot pot and apple pie. We thank the kitchen people but most of all we thank Ellis for making it all possible.

The evening raised a wonderful £315 for church funds.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ITEMS IN NEXT MAGAZINE TO  
COVER Aug/Sept 2010 is 25th July 2010**

If you wish you can email them to me on  
[lindakay@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:lindakay@blueyonder.co.uk)

# Pentecost: story or strategy?

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

**Acts 2: 1-4 NRSV**

After Jesus' arrest the disciples hide away. On Easter Sunday the resurrection presence of Christ was before them and they were amazed. In the days that followed their faith was renewed, they had doubted on Good Friday but now they were filled with courage and conviction. Then Christ leaves them again, that vital, powerful, resurrecting force that had overwhelmed them, ascends to heaven. The disciples are left looking up to heaven wondering what to do next, and decide to look down to earth and hold an election for Judas' replacement.

The day of Pentecost finds the disciples again gathered behind closed doors. The passion that had filled them between Easter Sunday and Ascension has diminished, and they gather to organise themselves and enjoy each others company.

This quiet and ordered scene is violently disturbed. A fierce gale fills the room, flames rush in dancing over their heads, and suddenly they are gibbering at each other using words they don't understand.

Then they go outside. Leave the comfort of their cosy, safe, well-loved space, and go out into the street still speaking these strange words. It is only then that the words make sense, the people outside understand them, and even more amazingly these strange words cause the hearers to question their whole understanding of life and they become followers of Christ.

So is the story of Pentecost simply that, a nice story of how things worked years ago, or is it a strategy for how we should be Church today?

When Pentecost happened to them the disciples had no idea what was going to take place or where they might be led, but they did have a foundation to support them. They had been blessed with knowing Jesus, experiencing his life, death, and resurrection, and had organised themselves giving leadership roles to key people.

All of us have had an experience of Christ in our lives, however we struggle with the words to express that experience and its meaning for us, and we have different people within our fellowship that support our church. So we can say that we are in a similar situation to those first disciples.

But are we? Do we look at their story and let it wash over us, a nice tale of how things used to be?

If the disciples as they sat comfortably in that room had decided to keep their door closed, remain comfortable, the fire that had filled them and the words they were speaking would have been wasted. We may struggle to find a direct connection between the drama of the first Pentecost and our fellowship, but if we have nothing we want to share with the world around us what is our purpose? The Jesus we read of in the gospels, the Church that we see in Acts that spread in his name, the kingdom of God that calls us towards its fulfilment, is not to be kept behind closed doors. Closed doors are there to keep us safe, so we do not get disturbed by the world around us. The gospel we as Christians are called to live is one of disturbance. Jesus challenged the complacency of the religious leaders of his day and disturbed the status quo that held following the rules in higher regard than helping people and caring for them.

We cannot look at the world, at the community in which we live, and not see that there is a desperate need for compassion. Christ has no hands and no voices but ours, do we keep the doors closed or do we step out in faith?

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

## Prayer Stations

This opportunity to live through the events of Holy Week as narrated by Luke was a meaningful experience for those who undertook the 'journey' through the twelve Prayer Stations set up by our minister first in Penwortham and then in the Leyland church. We thank him for preparing all this for us to share.

At each station there was a bible passage on which to reflect, starting with the events of Palm Sunday and ending with the resurrection events of Easter Day. Also at each stopping place there was a visual image on which to focus and an action to undertake. All the time there was background music.

As an Elder I made my journey along with the other two sets of Elders as a trial run at Penwortham URC and I found it quite a moving way of taking time to consider the well known story quietly and contemplatively. That was until I reached Station 10 when things came to life in quite a magical fashion. I, and my companion, a Penwortham Elder, ( we went round in small groups though we remained entirely as individuals with no discussion), had been reminded of events leading up to the Last Supper, the arrest, the trial and up to the crucifixion. At Station 10 came the actual crucifixion (Luke 23-43) ending with the exchange of words between Jesus and the victim on one of the other crosses culminating with the words "Today you will be with me in Paradise". And as I read the words and held a sharp metal nail in my hand, I became conscious that what I was hearing was not just background music at all. At that precise moment what I was hearing was the exquisite melody from the Faure 'Requiem' " In Paradisum" - 'May the angels lead you to paradise.' A wonderful melody and at that moment so magical.

On to Station 11 'The death and burial of Jesus'. The reading was Luke 23 44-53 and the action was to take a match (provided) and drop in into the glass bowl on the table and watch the flame die as Jesus breathes his last and his spark of life extinguished. This I did and the way the flame died looked so very final. 'It is finished!' But then something quite magical happened. My partner in silence, lit his match and also dropped it into the bowl. It flickered briefly but then, miraculously the flame re-ignited my dead match stick and

then the other dead match sticks in the bowl and for a glorious moment a little pyre of flame built up as new life was kindled from the charred remains of what had seemed like a final ending . Somehow Resurrection did not seem so remote after all.

On to the final Station 12. 'Resurrection'. Just a reading here, Luke 24 1-35, and a final prayer on which to reflect quietly. This I did and yet it was in that quietness that the music seemed to come closer than just something in the background. What I heard was that magnificent triumphant chorus (which I had just shared in my own Choral Society concert) 'Rejoice for the Lord has Arisen' from Mascagni's 'Cavalleria Rusticana'. So uplifting, so magical, and the Easter Story given new life in this quite special way. The accompanying Prayer Stations booklet said 'Prayer is a very individual thing. We each understand it and do it differently so some of these stations will be more or less tuned to your personality and prayer life.' That was certainly true for me and I am very grateful that David gave us this challenging opportunity to let the gospel come to life in this new way.

Ernest Wrennall

### **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LANCASHIRE**

The Saturday afternoon service and choral event at Leyland St Mary's to mark the centenary of the ecumenical movement in this country was a very special event especially for those who were in the massed ecumenical choirs of the southern half of the county. The Leyland and Penwortham 'One Voice Choir' was prominent not only as part of the choir of perhaps 150 singers but also provided the venue, the planning, the rehearsal conductor - Margaret Greer did an absolutely marvellous job- and the organist, Stuart Whillis. It was thrilling to be part of such large scale music making and to hear the words about the increasingly close relations that are starting to be felt between churches and denominations across the county.

Ernest Wrennall

## Promises Auction.

Some years ago the former church Mission Committee and then the original Fund raising Group which replaced it as the main money raising group in the church had held auctions first of donated objects and later mainly promises of services which people were willing to offer . These had proved successful, enjoyable - and profitable. When a revival was suggested there was some doubt about whether this sort of thing had outlived its sell-by date but in the end all doubts were overturned.

Offers of trips and excursions, meals and willingness to perform household chores as well as interesting items for sale just poured in. Ivor, a born salesman, took on the self appointed task of approaching commercial firms such as Booths and Morrison's stores, Whelan's fish restaurant in Lytham and Wellington Park restaurant in Leyland, Preston North End Football club, a local Chiropractic clinic and the Apollo electric retail outlet in Preston. And they were so generous in giving vouchers, bottles, floral displays, tickets etc as were Absolutely Fabulous Flowers and the Charmed Nails and Beauty Salon. Our own people were also generous with the trips out as well as the many offers of baking, jam and marmalade making and dinner party invitations. There was even the minister's willingness to allow people to have their own choice of hymn in a service - for a fee - and even allowing at least one generous person to suggest a topic on which he would preach. Once again Ellis Cochrane found himself donating his professional carpet cleaning skills to make money for church, Audrey Pritchard found herself doing about twice as many reflexology sessions as she originally planned and Janet Calman's barbeque numbers keep on rising .

On the Auction evening a good number of people - including the generous Sikh salesman from Apollo, plus his family - were present as auctioneer Greg Bolan, assisted by Mollie and Jan as his clerks, opened the sale. The bidding was brisk and very, very generous; serious yet light hearted.

Every single item was cleared , some of them with redoubled offers to allow more people participation. Refreshments were available all the evening- thanks Lesley and Linda -and there was also a raffle.

In the end a profit of over £1800 was announced with some late additional sales to add. We thank everyone involved especially those generous donors who made it all possible. This summer we are going to be active with so many meals to be shared and far away places to be visited - and very likely new friendships to be developed.

#### Footnote

The above mentioned salesman from Apollo, Surge, the Sikh, also has a spot as a presenter on the local community radio station, Preston FM. As a result of the conversation about a donation to our auction (and they were extremely generous giving us four brand new electrical appliances!), Surge invited Ivor to join him in the studio to talk about the sale and our church in general live on radio. Ivor recruited me to accompany him in the venture so the two of us duly appeared on radio to be interviewed by Surge during his 6pm to 7pm slot mainly of Asian music. In the event we were given free range to talk about the "United Reformed church LEYLAND" (as he so frequently accented the name) and seemed very impressed as we unfolded a picture of a friendly community with such an involvement with the world outside through the Mite scheme, Tools for Self Reliance, Amnesty International etc.

We enjoyed the experience and think that we were able to paint a good and appealing picture of our church in action. What a mainly Asian audience expecting to hear the Indian Top of the Pops would make of it is unclear but it did make us think that there are perhaps new ways to share the gospel as lived at the United Reformed Church LEYLAND which we could take up.

**(Commercial footnote.** Surge assures us that if you want an electrical bargain then go to Apollo just past the prison on Ribbleton Lane, Preston, ask for Surge and mention the 'URC LEYLAND', he will "see you right". After all, he came to see us!.)

## Stewardship

In the last issue of our church magazine there was an article giving notice of plans for a church 'Stewardship Campaign' planned for the autumn of this year. Instead of having the complacency of this leisurely time for preparation we now have a great urgency to get on with things as a new time schedule has been arranged to allow for a 'Back To Church' programme around Harvest Festival time.

The new date for Stewardship is now **SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE** when appeal literature will be presented and distributed with the following **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June** set for the return of your response papers.

All this sounds very frightening and formal. However it really just means that on the first of those Sundays David will be explaining something of the way in which the gospel challenges all of us to consider how we can serve our Lord through the way our gifts of Talents, Time and Treasure can be offered to the church. Fired by the challenge we will then each receive an envelope with a booklet explaining in detail what our church needs, and offers, together with response material for you to make your offers of the ways you can be involved. During the next week we hope that you will take time to study what is said, tick the boxes to express your offers and write down your own ideas for the way ahead. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> we will receive and dedicate your response papers and then work out how to take up your offers constructively.

We very much hope that you will do your very best to be present at the two services in question though your Elder will see that the material will be supplied to those who are not there in person.

Stewardship is important so that the resources available "for the work of God in this church" are made freely and generously available for God to use.

Once again those two dates- **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June**.

Too important to miss. (And yes, we know that the second of those dates is also the date of the Area Service at Leyland. So you will be able to return your papers later if necessary. But do try to come to both if you possibly can)

Ernest Wrennall

Lo  
d,  
jus  
t  
wa  
nt  
to  
sa  
y  
TH  
AN  
K  
YO  
U,  
be  
ca  
us  
e



## Christian Aid

Once again Christian Aid week has been and gone and, perhaps helped by the use of Christian Aid film material in the morning service - the screen equipment does more than project hymns! - we had enough volunteers to cover almost all of the Central Area of the town, our allocated territory.

We thank our collectors - Irene Entwistle, Stella Eccleston assisted by Glynis Bury, Alison Dempsey, Ann Gill, Janet Porter, and Ernest Wrennall. The total collected in their door-to-door visits and adding the money in the envelopes distributed and returned to church by members of the congregation, totalled £265.

It could have been more but we had to ration our collectors to 50 envelopes each as we only ordered half as many envelope as in previous years to avoid the waste of great bundles of unused stationery when few collectors had come forward. It is also a cause for concern that far too many of our people did not receive any envelopes for collection at home by distributors from other churches who had been given responsibility for different areas of Leyland. Perhaps there is a case for asking a redistribution of areas so that the more apparently 'affluent' districts are not neglected.

Looking ahead. Alison Dempsey assisted by William and Sally, invite you to a 'Teatime Event' for Christian Aid at their home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September from 4.00 to 6.30pm

William also wishes to say thank you to all the people who bought the laminated book marks which he and Sally had made for the Eczema Society. Over £100 was sent.

Well done William - and Sally!

## RAMBLES AND PLODS

In March Arnold led a repeat walk around Maghull in Merseyside. As before we parked in Ormskirk and used the most impressive Merseyrail service to get to and from Maghull itself. Unfortunately the weather deteriorated and it was cold and wet. We did not see Maghull at its best. However we are grateful to Arnold for taking us again into an unfamiliar area.

In April we went to David Lamb country in south Cumbria to meet up with David and a couple of friends from Grange over Sands at Flookburgh. We were promised a flat walk - and it was certainly that for we followed the shoreline Cumbria Coastal Path most of the way. The sun shone throughout, it was warm and calm and it was easy going. We had our tea break on a grassy verge looking out to sea as the tide receded; to Jackie's joy we came across the factory where Cartmel style sticky toffee pudding is made; and we had the puzzling mystery of the presence of a City of Dublin wheelie bin strategically placed where high-tide mark litter was most abundant.

We were glad that David had made a quick recovery from time in hospital to plan and lead this walk. He has one more ramble in mind for the autumn which promises to be a good deal more challenging as hills are guaranteed.

The only midweek Pensioners Plod on which a report can be made was the one in mid April in the Limbrick area between Chorley and Rivington. Once again we were blessed by fine weather and, because the ground had dried out thoroughly, a normally muddy riverside path by the Yarrow could be attempted. The walk was based on the historic Black Horse hostelry and, despite having to wait rather a long time for service, the food was good. Ernest planned and led this plod.

# GUILD PROGRAMME FOR JUNE/JULY

1st June John Nickson, St Catherine's Hospice  
8th June Syd Calderbank, Lancashire songs etc.  
15th June Mary Eatock  
22nd June Eunice Walsh, Keeping fit  
29th June Outing

6th July Edie Reynolds  
13th July A.G.M.

## FLOWER LIST FOR JUNE/JULY

6th June Mollie Ward—Memories of mum  
13th June Jean Emery—Memories of Alan  
Brenda Holmes - Memories of father  
20th June Graham Kilmartin—Memories of Joan, Mum  
and sister  
27th June Jean Simmons—Memories of Maurice  
Shaun, Janet and family—In loving memory of  
George and Pat  
4th July Enfys, Gwilym and family and Elaine, Frank and  
Janet—Loving memories of parents  
11th July Susan Lucas—Memories of parents  
18th July Vacancy  
25th July Lionel & Marjorie - Memories  
Brenda Holmes—Memories of Geoffrey

## GARDENING

The spring display in the gardens has been magnificent with plants making good growth and giving a good display of bloom. Take the opportunity of walking around your district and looking at what is in the gardens. Look at leaf shape and colour, study blooms and note what makes good plant partners. If something had not worked in your garden make a note and then change it round at the appropriate time of year.

Visit garden centres and see what is new on the market, plant breeders are working hard to produce something different. In my own greenhouse I have a number of new fuchsias which will be going out to the trade nurseries this year.

Gardening is a lovely hobby and you always meet nice people at the gardening clubs and shows. Our own horticultural society in Leyland had recently changed it's name to Leyland Gardening Club and this has brought in quite a number of new members. This has caused us a problem for the church rooms are not now large enough to accommodate us and we are having to relocate to St Ambrose.

In the garden keep on top of weeds, using the hoe regularly to loosen up the soil and cut off the weed seedlings before they get established. Some spring flowering shrubs such as forsythia, lilac, kerria and escallonia can be pruned after flowering so that the new growth to come will flower next year. Patio areas can be improved by the placement of tubs and troughs. These can contain bedding plants, alpines or small growing azaleas. Hostas do well in tubs and are less prone to snail attack.

Enjoy your garden  
Eddie



## CHURCH & WORSHIP DIARY FOR JULY



Thur 1 <sup>st</sup>	'They like Jesus but not the church' DVD	7.30pm
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ramble with barbecue	
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd Shirley Farrier Communion	10.30am
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> and Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Transport Festival in Hough Lane with church Tea Garden open.	
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd David Coaker	10.30am
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup>	'They like Jesus but not the church' DVD	7.30pm
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup>	CTL Fun day on Worden Park	
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Ernest Wrennall	10.30am
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd David Coaker	10.30am
Thur 29 <sup>th</sup>	'They like Jesus but not the church' DVD	7.30pm

The Saturday café will normally be open every Saturday in the month.

Please note this starts at **10.00am**

### TRAIDCRAFT ROTA JUNE/JULY 2010

6.6.10	RITA COAKER
13.6.10	MOLLIE WARD
20.6.10	SYLVIA BAIRSTOW
27.6.10	LESLEY LOWE
4.7.10	CHRISTINE HOLMES
11.7.10	SYLVIA BAIRSTOW
18.7.10	RITA COAKER
25.7.10	MOLLIE WARD



## ROTAS FOR JULY

	Stewards	Lessons	Flower distribution
4.7.10	Marjorie Wrennall	Linda Barnes Lesley Lowe	Olwyn Rayton Marjorie Wrennall
11.7.10	Susan Lucas	Jan Chapman Stella Eccelston	Mollie Ward Sylvia Bairstow
18.7.10	Jean Simmons	Ivor Pugh Arnold Rayton	Linda Barnes Linda Crump
25.7.10	Sylvia Bairstow	Uniformed Orgs.	Alison Dempsey Irene Entwistle

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY

4.7.10	Sylvia Bairstow	Irene Entwistle
11.7.10	Lois Porter	Barbara McHugh
18.7.10	Jean Simmons	Joyce Robinson
25.17.10	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard

## SATURDAY CAFÉ FOR JULY

3rd July	Lois Porter	Linda Kay
10th July	Leyland Festival	Volunteers wanted
17th July	Linda Barnes	Lesley Lowe
HOLIDAYS		

## CHURCH & WORSHIP DIARY FOR JUNE 10



Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pensioners plod	
Thur 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Church meeting	7.30pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stewardship Sunday	
	Worship led by Revd David Coaker	1 0.30am
	Communion	
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd John Hopkins	10.30am
	Return of stewardship forms	
	Lancashire Area Day from 3pm in our church	
	Area Service Preacher. The Moderator	6.30pm
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ramble	
	Chorley Choral Society summer concert	
	in our church	7.30pm
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd Gwen Thomas	10.30am
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup>	Elders meeting	7.30pm
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Church outing to Ambleside	11.45 am
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd David Coaker	10.30am
	Parade	
	Mission Boxes to be received	

The Lancashire Area Day on 13<sup>th</sup> June will be from 3pm to the end of the evening service. As hosts we may well be welcoming a number of members from churches from places as far away as Morecambe or Burnley. There will be events such as a couple of organ recitals in church during the afternoon as well as preparations for the creation of a choir for the evening service. Visitors will also be encouraged to sample the delights of Leyland such as the Commercial Vehicle Museum and Worden Park. There will be a full scale buffet style tea for every one and for this we will be asking people from with the Leyland church to provide home made cakes.

The choral concert on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> is not a fund raising effort for our church, though a donation will be coming to us from the society. However, as a member of the choir, Ernest appeals for your support especially as our own Victoria Ward, Mollie and Peter's daughter, will be taking part as guest soloist.

## ROTAS FOR JUNE 2010

	Stewards	Lessons	Flower Distribution
6. 6. 10	Sylvia Bairstow	Georgia Sayer Linda Kay	Marjorie Wrennall Mollie Ward
13.6.10	Linda Crump	Becky Cochrane Jackie Cochrane	Linda Barnes Sylvia Bairstow
20. 6.10	Irene Entwistle	Ian Dempsey Mollie Ward	Linda Crump Alison Dempsey
27.6.10	Linda Kay	Uniformed Org	Irene Entwistle Barbara McHugh

If you need to change your place on the Lessons rota please let Stella know

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE 2010

6.6.10	Lois Porter	Barbara McHugh
13.6.10	Jean Simmons	Joyce Robinson
20.6.10	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard
27.6.10	Stella Eccleston	Glynis Bury

## SATURDAY CAFÉ

5th June	Ken Houlton	Ernest Wrennall Lesley Lowe
12th June	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
19th June	Maureen Niemayer	Alan Niemayer
26th June	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle