

ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
2 nd Oct	Linda Kay	Linda Barnes Jan Chapman	Jan Chapman Alison Dempsey
9 th Oct	Ivor Pugh	Emily Calman Stella Eccleston	Linda Barnes Barbara McHugh
16 th Oct	Barbara McHugh	Ian Dempsey David Holmes	Lois Porter Jackie Cochrane
23 rd Oct	Julie Key Rhys Pownall	Uniformed Organisations	Linda Crump Olwyn Rayton
30 th Oct	Irene Entwistle	Jackie Cochrane Lesley Lowe	Mollie Ward Sylvia Bairstow

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

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR OCTOBER

2 nd Oct	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard
9 th Oct	Joyce Robinson	Jean Simmons
16 th Oct	Sylvia Bairstow Ann Riding	Irene Entwistle
23 rd Oct	Barbara McHugh	Lois Porter
30 th Oct	Lesley Lowe	Lorna Bowling

SATURDAY CAFÉ OCTOBER

1 st Oct	Lesley Lowe	Graham Lowe
8 th Oct	Jackie Cochrane	Ernest Wrennall
15 th Oct	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
22 nd Oct	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
29 th Oct (Autumn Fair)	Linda Kay	Linda Barnes

welcomes sinners and eats with them

...

The above is a quote from the Bible. Do you know where from, or who it is about? Well it comes from Luke 15:2 and is part of the introduction to the parable of the Lost Sheep. It is said by the Pharisees and scribes who are grumbling about the company Jesus keeps. They being the face of religious respectability in their day are dumb-founded that Jesus, clearly a gifted prophet, teacher, healer, and miracle-worker; is spending all of his time with people they spend all of their time keeping away from.

The religious system in their time was very clear on who was in and who was out. If, for a whole variety of reasons, you were unclean you were shunned by society and removed from the family of God's people. Jesus completely overturned this view of our relationship with God. He was more worried about what was in people's hearts than what they ate, their job, or how often they washed their hands. Jesus was noted for the welcome he offered sinners, people turned away from God, and was more than happy to share meals at their tables. Even worse he enjoyed it! Earlier in Luke Jesus speaks of himself as ^{7:34} *the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'*

Jesus kept all of the wrong company and Jesus is the example we as Christians are called to follow. What does that mean for us?

In response to the grumbles of the Pharisees and scribes about who Jesus shared meals with he tells the parable of the Lost Sheep.

But who are we in the story? Are we the lost sheep that is the cause for rejoicing or one of the 99 peacefully left in the wilderness? Are we intently listening to Jesus words or dumbfounded by what they mean? Or are we both or either, depending on the circumstances?

In the coming weeks in preparation for the radical welcome campaign we will be exploring the Everybody Welcome material on Wednesday / Thursday evenings, and in the autumn a series of prayer stations. This is all to help us get ready, to prepare, but it is also a reminder of our origins. This appears all very new, but it is in fact firmly grounded in the life of Jesus and places us straight back into his teaching and example.

With every blessing, Rev'd David R. Coaker

HARVEST TREASURE

An old farmer who was about to die called his two sons to his bedside and said, "My boys, my farm and the fields are yours in equal shares. I leave you a little ready money but the bulk of my wealth is hidden somewhere in the ground, not more than eighteen inches from the surface. I regret that I've forgotten precisely where it lies." When the old man was dead and buried his two sons set to work to dig up every inch of ground in order to find the buried treasure. They failed to find it but as they'd gone to all the trouble of turning over the soil they thought they might as well sow a crop, which they did, reaping a good harvest.

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

	Steward	Lessons	Flower Distribution
6 th Nov	Frank McHugh	Ivor Pugh Mollie Ward	Marjorie Wrennall Jan Chapman
13 th Nov	Jean Simmons	Uniformed Organisations	Alison Dempsey Linda Barnes
20 th Nov	Linda Crump	Dianne Bolan Greg Bolan	Barbara McHugh Lois Porter
27 th Nov	Janet Murray	Linda Kay Arnold Rayton	Jackie Cochrane Linda Crump
(4 th Dec)	Sylvia Bairstow	Ann Gill Linda Barnes	Olwyn Rayton Ann Gill

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR NOVEMBER

6 th Nov	Glynis Bury	Stella Eccleston
13 th Nov	Dianne Bolan	Linda Crump
20 th Nov	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard
27 th Nov	Joyce Robinson	Jean Simmons
(4 th Dec)	Lesley Lowe	Lorna Bowling

POLITE REQUEST:

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

Thank you

SATURDAY CAFÉ

5 th Nov	Lesley Lowe	Graham Lowe
12 th Nov	Jackie Cochrane	Ernest Wrennall
19 th Nov	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
26 th Nov	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
(3 rd Dec)	Linda Kay	Linda Barnes

TRAIIDCRAFT ROTA OCT/NOV 2011



2 nd Oct	Christine Holmes
9 th Oct	Sylvia Bairstow
16 th Oct	Mollie Ward
23 rd Oct	Lesley Lowe
30 th Oct	Rita Coaker
6 th Nov	Christine Holmes
13 th Nov	Sylvia Bairstow
20 th Nov	Mollie Ward
27 th Nov	Lesley Lowe
(4 th Dec	Rita Coaker)

We will continue till current stock is sold out

FLOWER LIST FOR OCT/NOV 11

- 2nd Oct Lionel Glover—Memories of parents
- 9th Oct Mrs Ribchester—Memories of parents
- 16th Oct Marion Howard—Memories
- 23rd Oct Ken Houlton and Brenda Holmes—Memories
- 30th Oct Stella Eccleston—Memories
- 6th Nov Vacancy
- 13th Nov Edna Harvey—Memories
- 20th Nov Vacancy
- 27th Nov Jackie and Brenda—Memories of mother

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

Thank you

In autumn as soon as they had an opportunity they dug for the treasure again but with no better results. As their fields were turned over more thoroughly than any others in the neighbourhood they reaped better harvests than anyone else. Year after year their search continued. Only when they had grown much older and wiser did they realise what their father had meant. Real treasure comes as a result of hard work.

To pass exams you need to study hard, to advance at work you need to pull your weight, to enjoy your spare time or retirement you need to plan and prepare. It is also true for our faith. Faith is not a static thing. It is a treasure we are freely given, and we are given it to share. For us to treasure our faith we need to work at it. What that work is will vary from person to person, and situation to situation, but it is a task for each and every one of us. Whether that work is a conversation, a time of prayer, reading a book, attending discussion groups, offering a helping hand; it all forms part of treasuring the harvest of faith that God has entrusted to us.

The call of God in Christ is empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are called, we are energised, and we are challenged by our faith to live as Christ in our homes, our church, our street and the world. Our faith moves us, transforms us, and holds before us the example of Christ as to how we should live, how we should treat each other, and how we should serve the living God. May we treasure that harvest.

With every blessing, Rev'd David R. Coaker

Family News

We welcome Bill Lamb, Charlie and Olive Hoare and Brenda Bellingham who have recently been received into full membership of the church.

We offer our sympathy to Anna Seale and family on the death of Anna's husband, Barrie. David took the funeral service on August 23rd. Anna wishes to thank all who offered support or sent cards. She was overwhelmed by the amount of love that was shown. The memorial donations to the Heartbeat charity totalled £600.

We are sorry to record the death of Joy, wife of Revd John Hopkins from Chorley a frequent preacher in our church. Many Leyland folk sent condolences and John asks us to say how grateful he is. Also we are sorry to lose Pat Leach, once a regular Rambler and Plodder with the church groups and Jean Yates who often went on Pensioners Plods. We offer sympathy to Jean's son, Mark and granddaughter Rebecca as well as to Pat's family and many friends.

We also record the death of Graham Burns whose funeral service was conducted by our minister in our church on 30th August. We do not know Graham as an individual but there was a link in that the baptism of his grandchild, Tyler Burns, was to have been held during our morning service just two days earlier.

We welcome Lucy, second daughter of Chris and Sarah Walsh into our church family after her recent Baptism. Lucy is the second granddaughter of Stephen and Linda Crump. On 28th August we also welcomed Neeve Mya Joy Barlow, Daughter of Amy into our church family.

Emily Calman is proud to be appointed as Deputy Head Girl at All Hallows High School.

Rambles and Plods

Our 303rd Saturday Ramble in August, though scheduled to be at Chipping actually was based on Whalley. The walk was led by Chris Baines, straight from a Three Peaks expedition and preparatory to a cycle expedition across the country along the Trans Pennine Trail.

The walk, supported by eleven walkers, began in sunshine but sadly there was rain in the latter part of the day but there were wonderful views to enjoy (once we got away from the woodland stretches) and there was a splendid brew stop site on the banks of the River Calder. We are grateful to Chris for his planning and leadership.

Ramble 304, on 17th September was a wet and muddy affair which is probably why only four brave walkers, an all male group, actually set out for a Walton le dale - Samlesbury - Walton le dale Ribbleside walk. Even the four heroes had second thoughts as the first mile or so was in driving rain with puddles so deep that there was discussion as to which swimming stroke was most appropriate to cross them. Then the rain stopped, there was some sun (and several rainbows) and the route alongside the swollen river was excellent. Mike Chapman, the leader had even found a rain protected place for the brew stop. In the end it was voted a very good walk and we thank Mike for leading it.

The August Pensioners Plod, led by Ernest, was a virtual repeat of the one which he had organised last autumn. Twenty three plodders met at the Lord Nelson hostelry in Whittle le Woods on a fine morning for a mainly woodland and riverside walk before enjoying a splendid pre-ordered meal. Not long after we got back to the Lord Nelson it began to rain so we timed things just right.

Ernest Wrennall

GARDENING

We are now at the end of a summer that never was, after a lovely early spring we have experienced only dull and rainy weather. The weather seemed to be good for the fuchsia shows though as exhibits on the show bench were numerous and of good quality. Some of my plants took major awards in Scotland and Yorkshire which didn't go down well with the locals, but never mind!

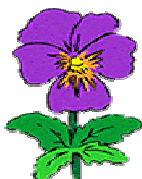
If herbaceous plants are almost at the end of their flowering display now would be a good time to lift and divide them, before the cold weather comes. Dig over the border and put in some fertiliser before re planting them, they will re-establish well whilst the soil is still relatively warm,

Japanese anemones give a good display at this time of year, the large plants making a bold statement. To increase your stock use root cuttings, simply scrape away some of the soil from around the base and cut off a length of root. The piece of root can then be cut into small lengths placed onto a tray of compost horizontally and then covered with a layer of grit. Water well and place into a sheltered spot and wait for shoots to appear. Now is the time to buy your spring bulbs. Avant garden centre have a nice selection, all reasonably priced. Plant them in the border or tubs and troughs, paying attention to where you put them so they can be viewed from the window when the weather is bad.

Leyland Gardening Club have a full programme of meetings planned for the winter months, please see me if you are interested.

Enjoy your garden

Eddie



Congratulations also go to Emily on achieving Eighth Grade (with Distinction) for flute to go with her other instrumental awards.

Double celebrations at the Dempsey household. Sally Dempsey has passed her Grade 1 Ballet exam with Honours. Not to be outdone William has been awarded a trophy for being 'Infant of the Year' at Brinscall St Johns primary school. Congratulations to both of them, mum and dad must be very proud.

In the aches and pains department, we are sorry that Janet Calman herself has had to have a minor operation as well as having an awkward fall. Ann Gill has also been in hospital for an operation on her back and is recovering at home. Stella Eccleston also had a minor operation.

We remember Doreen North and Margaret Fishwick for, as regular attenders and loyal supporters we miss them very much now that health problems have intervened.

We are also mindful of the URC detachment now resident in Clough House. As well as Brenda Holmes who we see regularly there is, of course, Ayls Blackhurst, who will be reaching her amazing 102nd birthday on October 3^{r.d} and also the newest arrival, Edna Harvey. We send them all our love and best wishes.

We congratulate Eddie Reynolds on his many successes in Fuchsia flower shows during the year, including the top award in the recent Scottish championships. His frequent absences from our Sunday worship are the result of his involvement as a national Fuchsia Society judge in so many weekend shows throughout Britain .

Ernest Wrennall

THANK YOU

TO:

- All who helped with preparing food and serving/washing up etc on the Quiz night. It was all very good!
- The Fabric committee for the little by little improvements which keep being made. The wooden panelling on that same west side wall has got rid of the nasty peeling (or peeled) plaster which was such an eye sore before. The sensor lights in the Meeting room/Primary passageway makes things safer. And are you backbenchers in church aware that some pews at the front now have softer padded seating? Perhaps you should move forward - or press for equality for all worshippers.
- All those who helped and attended the Dempsey's Christian Aid Tea Party. £505 has been raised so far and William and Sally raised £60 from the sale of their toys in aid of the Corey Ashcroft Cancer Appeal.
- Ken Houlton for all the years of collecting the 'buy a brick' contributions in the church hall after worship and keeping such meticulous records.
Ken is now giving up this task so any volunteers to take this on would be much appreciated.

ITEMS FOR NEXT MAGAZINE
DEC/JAN
TO BE WITH LINDA KAY BY
AT THE LATEST

GUILD PROGRAMME

4th Oct.	Members holiday stories etc.
11th Oct	Alan Needham 'Producing school plays and musicals'
18th Oct	Ken Houlton 'Life as an evacuee and more'
25th Oct	OUTING
1st Nov	Brenda Fox 'Turnpike roads, toll houses and milestones'
8th Nov	Norman Pearson 'Oliver Cromwell and Charles 1'
15th Nov	Alison Chester 'Hearing dogs'
22nd Nov	Laura and Kath Harvey 'Jewellery making'
29th Nov	Lorna Bowling 'Reminiscence'
6th Dec	Christmas lunch

THE EVENT

An evening of music, art, dance and video by the Brightstar Collective, and the young people of Penwortham to raise funds for the CONGO CHILDREN TRUST

Date: Sun 30th October

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Penwortham United Reformed Church
Liverpool Road

Harnessing the power of creativity to effect change and promote the cause of Christ
www.brightstarcollective.org.uk

Helping children escape poverty in the Democratic Republic of Congo
www.congochildrentrust.org

<http://penwortham.urc.org.uk>

Recent Happenings.

In August Mollie and Peter Ward's garden party at Greenbank Farm was another great success. There was a good attendance - thanks very much to the fact that Mollie has such a wide circle of friends (and is very persuasive!) - and decent weather. There were plenty of cakes to sell, Jackie and Marilyn were rushed off their feet in feeding the multitude from the kitchen and the Tombola and Raffle people were very busy with their competitions (I nearly said 'swindles' but then I am biased!). It was a good day and made £730 for church funds. Thank you to every one involved especially to Mollie and Peter themselves.

The Dempsey's Christian Aid tea coincided with an absolute deluge of rain which meant that everything had to take place either indoors or under the dubious shelter of gazebos. However there was still good support and a good selection of cakes to go with the welcome brews. There was a raffle and Mollie's tombola (which I won't call a swindle this time as I won two prizes!) There were plenty of helpers and we thank them but especially we are grateful to Alison and family for this splendid effort to support a very worthy cause. Ian gets a special mention for the way that his height came in so useful in turning out the deep pockets of rain water that collected in canvas roofs even though it meant getting soaked in the process each time.

The Messy Church/ Children's Activity morning was good but not, alas, well supported. The leaders - Lorna in particular -put a lot of preparatory effort into this sort of activity and they deserve better.

The next one is on 27th October.

On Sunday 21st July the Worship Group led morning worship for the second time. As well as being responsible for prayers the main input was to tell the story of the life of Simon Peter as narrated by 'The Five women in his life' expressed in their own unique imaginative words. Ernest, who led the group, would like to thank Linda Barnes, Mollie Ward, Jackie Cochrane, Ann Gill and Linda Kay and hopes that they and others will be willing to lead more such services in the future.

At the beginning of August Ellis Cochrane put his considerable question setting and Quizmastership skills at our disposal and raised over £200 for the church. There were only seven teams, each of between four and seven people and sadly only two were essentially from our church people. The regular Ellis Quizzers had the top positions but it was a good night with laughter as well as much wracking of brains. (Tip for future success. If there is going to be a round of questions about pop music, get Alan and Linda Kay in your team. They are RED HOT!)

The unsung heroes of the cellar workshop 'Tools For Self Reliance Group' recently sent off their latest accumulation of refurbished tools. As one who assisted in carrying heavy crates of tools up the stairs I can vouch for the fact that an estimated TWO AND A HALF TONS were shifted which would have a catalogue value of several thousands of pounds. (I also believe that an almost equally large assignment was recently sent for use where needed overseas via International Aid!)

The TFSR load, as well as many crates of hand tool sets, included about a hundred bench vices of many sizes, all beautifully restored, recovered from several college re-equipment projects. All quite amazing.

A forklift truck had to be borrowed from Iddon Brothers factory to load the pallets of tool crates onto the lorry and you can see something of all this on the picture board on the west wall of the church hall as recorded by Frank McGuire who has increasingly put his skills as photographer to use for the church .



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

THE AGE OF STUPID

Sat 22nd Oct, 4pm

Leyland United Reformed
Church, Hough Lane

(2nd door on Quin Street)

The film lasts for 90mins

- a brief discussion will follow.

This climate blockbuster stars Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite as a man living alone in the devastated world of 2055, watching “archive” footage from 2008 and asking: why didn't we stop climate change while we had the chance?

www.spannerfilms.net/films/ageofstupid

ALSO

Dirt! THE MOVIE

Tue 22nd Nov, 7pm

Bamber Bridge Methodist
Church, Station Road

Dirt! The Movie takes a humorous and substantial look into the history and current state of the living organic matter that we come from and will later return to.

The film lasts for 80mins

- a brief discussion will follow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

During our morning worship our closing prayers tend to focus on the world - particular places or people that we are concerned for. In the next few months we intend to open up those prayers to the community around us.

We are going to do this by creating prayer request cards which we will post through doors and invite people to post them back to us in a dedicated post box. These prayers will then be added to our closing prayers each Sunday.

This newsletter piece is intended to prepare us, so that we know what's happening, before we take things further.

A post box, clearly marked 'Prayer Requests', will be fixed to an external wall of the church - so that passersby can easily get to it - we'll produce the cards (see below), create a list of streets and a plan to distribute the cards, and then we'll wait and see what happens.

Prayer Request

If you would appreciate a concern, situation or someone to be prayed for, please post the request in the box next to the entrance door on Quin Street.

Your prayer will be shared during worship; details will be held in confidence and only be seen by the minister or an elder of the church.

.....
.....
.....

I would like the minister to contact me. (Please ensure your details are overleaf)



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

Wildlife on your Doorstep a presentation about the natural history of South Ribble

John Lamb, local resident and Senior Conservation Officer for the Lancashire Wildlife Trust

Sat 12th November, 2pm
Leyland United Reformed Church,
Hough Lane

Did you know that:

- The Ribble Estuary is of international importance for birds and is the single most important thing in South Ribble
- There are 25 ancient woodlands which are over two hectares, amounting to 166 hectares
- Apart from the Ribble Estuary, there are two other Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- We have two Local Nature Reserves
- Nearly 1,500 species have been recorded
- Notable species include: Great Crested Newt, Bats, Brown Hare and Water Vole.

Come along to find out more...

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.srtt.co.uk

Dance Moves will be launching a Brand New Absolute Beginners Ballroom and Latin American class, plus a Brand New Absolute Beginners Dancesize class on Wednesday 12 October 2011. This is in addition to the already successful classes running Wednesday evening at the Church hall. This will be a 10 week course, enabling you to dance by Christmas. All classes are 45 minutes long, and you don't need a partner for any of them.

Dancesize is perfect for those wanting to get a little fitter, and enjoy learning a few simple dance steps at the same time, mostly to Latin American music, but we have been known to include the Charleston! Again, no partner required.

The new Class Schedule from Wed 12 October is as follows:

10.00 am	Daytime Dancesize (gentle exercise to Latin American and other rhythms)
7.30pm	Absolute Beginners Ballroom and Latin American class
8.30pm	Improvers Ballroom and Latin American class
9.15pm	Intermediate Ballroom and Latin American class

We look forward to welcoming you to our new classes! See the web site for more details: www.dancemoves.me.uk, or contact Ann on 01772 314551/07749 881883.

Ann Freeman
Dance Moves"

What's the point of forgiveness

A chance to watch the BBC programme together, and reflect on the story it tells.

7.30-9.00pm

Wednesday 23rd November

Penwortham United Reformed Church, Liverpool Road

Thursday 24th November

Leyland United Reformed Church, Hough Lane

Outline of time together:

Welcome and refreshments

Watch episode (1 hour)

Brief closing discussion

Inspired by Jesus' words on the cross, Bettany Hughes traces the history of this challenging virtue. What does it really ask of us? And how realistic is it to put into practice? She looks for forgiveness in the violence of the Crusades, the turmoil of the Reformation and the quest for peace in South Africa. At Ground Zero Bettany meets Cheryl McGuinness the widow of the co-pilot of the first plane to hit the Twin Towers, who in a remarkable gesture has chosen to forgive her husband's murderers. It is a paradox of history that the more secular the society, the more forgiveness flourishes.

Fund Raising

So far this year we have raised £4,996.02. This can be broken down as follows

Last night of proms	£1,910
Cake stall in March	£186.70
Easter fair	£677
Quiz	£290
Cake Stall in May	£134.25
Cake stall in June	£125
Cake Stall in July	£113
Mollie's Garden Party	£735.07
Lesley's Walk	£ 600
Quiz	£225

Forthcoming Events

Autumn Fair - 29th October.

Hoe Down (to be confirmed) - 19th November

Children's Craft day Wednesday 27th October
10.00am - 2pm.

Sunday Welcome - 27th November followed by soup lunch.

First weekend in December is Christmas in Leyland.

Stalls etc. will be run by the uniformed organisations.

Potteries Trip 10th December (if enough people want to go)

Christmas Dinner on 11th December £10.00.

We need £1,000 to make up the short fall for the organ repair and another £1,000 per year for the maintenance and to build up the organ fund. This is as well as raising funds for general church use.

Thank you to everyone who supports & helps us, (in whatever capacity). Without you we would not be successful.

If anyone has any ideas of other events we could organise please speak to one of the fund raising group (Lorna Bowling, Linda Crump, Mollie Ward, Eddie Reynolds, Ernest Wrennall & Lesley Lowe). We are always open to new ideas!

Countdown to Christmas

Creating worship together!

Sunday 25th Nov
10.30am-12noon

Christmas is our theme and you are encouraged to bring ideas and any suggestions of hymns, poems, or readings with you.

Our aim is to create a relaxed atmosphere, a chance to explore ideas, and a space to draw closer to God.



Everyone is welcome!

We'll start with refreshments and then you can choose from the activities set up around the church. Then we will share in a short act of worship that we will create from the ideas and suggestions you arrived with, and the activities you've participated in.

To end we'll share in a soup and roll lunch together.

(Possible activities: learn new song/hymn, visit the story corner, make something, write prayers of thanks and concern from newspapers, reflect on a Bible passage, write a poem or reflection, or visit a prayer station.)

Leyland United Reformed Church

a warm welcome in the heart of Leyland!

<http://leyland.urc.org.uk/>

01772 462229

leylandurc@gmail.com

9/11 (plus 10)

This is not some sort of equation to work out: it is just to lead to a recollection of what happened on 11th September 2001 as recalled in a service which I led at St George's URC exactly ten years later.

Actually the incident which came back to me was the following day, Wednesday 12th September when I received a very early morning phone call from our soon-to-be-inducted new minister, Georgina Brotherton, who had just moved into the Leyland manse. At that time I was church Secretary and it was in that capacity that she rang. She said that she thought that at a time like this, as people sought to come to terms with what had happened at the Twin Towers in New York just hours earlier, our church should be open. "Did I agree? If so, would I go to open up while she phoned round to organise people to be there just in case?"

This I was glad to do - and did. But having opened door and gates I thought that something more was needed to let passers by know what we were offering so I got out the pair of self standing chart boards we have and placed them by the Hough Lane gates. On each I stuck a newspaper picture of the tragedy happening and beneath, with felt tip pen, wrote a slogan saying something like

"This church is open for you to come in and pray for-(and there I stopped!) What could you pray for at that time?

After a brief pause came (divine?) inspiration. I wrote

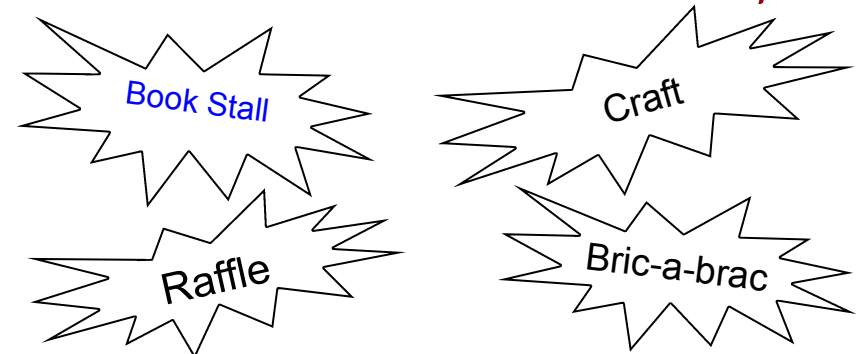
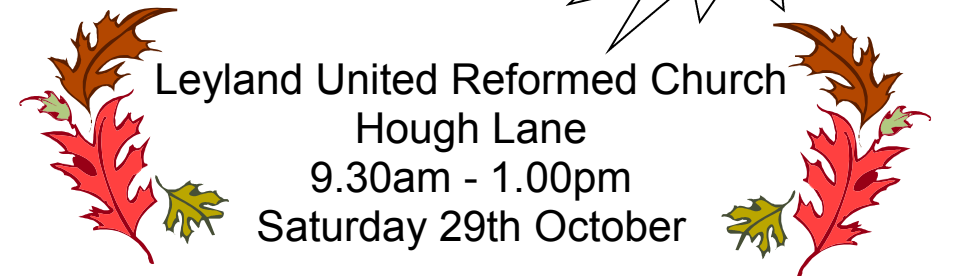
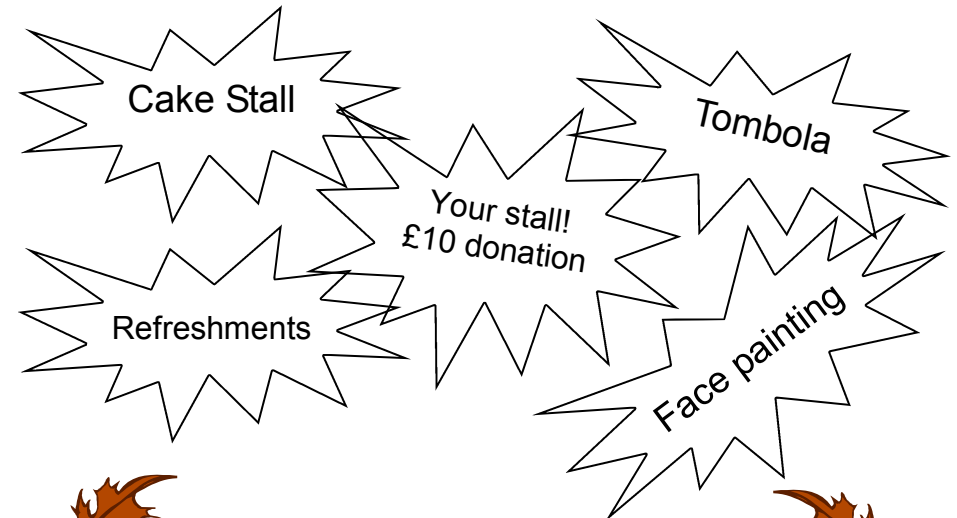
For those who grieve

For peace

For forgiveness

For Love

Autumn Fair



Leyland United Reformed Church
a warm welcome in the heart of Leyland!
<http://leyland.urc.org.uk/> 01772 462229
leylandurc@gmail.com

CHILDRENS CRAFT AND ACTIVITY MORNING

To be held at LEYLAND URC
THURSDAY 27TH OCTOBER
10AM-12NOON

£3 per child

Places for up to 40 children available—book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Lorna Bowling

01257 264900

Activities designed for children aged 3-10 years.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Qualified leaders are CRB cleared.

Café open 12-1pm for reasonably priced light lunches.

Preston Guild 2012

The Churches Together in Leyland Group has registered an intention to take part in the churches procession during the Guild Celebrations by the contribution of a float on a Lords Prayer/ Rainbow theme. At the moment the need is for people with ideas to help to design the float and if you would like to be involved, Lesley, our secretary or either of our two CTL Representatives (Linda Barnes or Eddie Reynolds) will advise you. Later we will be needing people to be involved more directly and you will also be encouraged to visit the church marquee on Moor Park, attending or being part of the Good Friday dramas and certainly sharing in the massed choirs event on September 2nd.

All in less than a years time.

Ernest Wrennall

Then, having been committed, I wondered if these were the right things to have picked out. In retrospect I think they were.

Grief? Pretty obvious! 3000 'innocent' people dead in a flash and in full view of the world as they died.

Peace? There was a real fear of reprisals leading to all out war (and the subsequent War on Terror has indeed become a consequence)

Forgiveness? Was I right to include this? Would it be challenged? It wasn't! The opposite of forgiveness is to hold a grudge, to seek vengeance, to carry out reprisal. And to widen this feeling of wanting revenge against the whole of the group/ race/ religion thought to be responsible.

Love? Surely the answer to the problems which created the atrocity. Caring love would take away the problems of unfairness and inequality which created the divisions leading to hatred

Did the church opening work? Some did come in; there were prayers, there was the sharing of fears and hopes. One visit in particular sticks in the memory. A man and his wife, complete strangers, came in and prayed quietly. As they left they thanked the church for the opportunity we had provided - and explained that they were from the USA. They had flown in to Manchester from Boston on the day before, on 9/11 itself leaving Boston just about the time the highjacked planes had also been taking off. And furthermore, they explained that they were on the first day of a hire car touring holiday of Britain so the wife had been a passenger on the plane **that her husband had piloted**. And our church had been open for them at the time it was needed!

Georgina's vision had been inspiration.

Ernest Wrennall

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR OCTOBER



Sun 2 nd	Worship led by Revd Shirley Farrier	10.30am
Tues 4 th	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Sat 8 th	Synod at Bamford. URC	
Sun 9 th	Worship led by Yvonne Hawkins	10.30am
	Communion	
Mon 10 th	Fabric committee	7.30pm
Sun 16 th	Worship led by Revd Geoff Tolley	10.30am
Thurs 20 th	Elders meeting	7.30pm
Sat 22 nd	Ramble	
Sun 23 rd	Church 165 th Anniversary. Grandparents Day	
	Worship led by our minister	10.30am
	Parade	
Thurs 27 th	Children's Craft and Activity Morning(*1)	10.00am
Sat 29 th	Autumn Fayre with Cake stall	from 9.30am
Sun 30 th	Worship led by Ernest Wrennall	
	(or the Worship Group)	10.30am
	Congo Childrens event Penwortham URC(*2)	6pm

(*1) The Children's Activity morning on the 27th is designed for ages 3 to 10 years. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 40 places available, ring 07845 969442 to book. £3 per child. Light lunches available. The amount of support will decide whether to continue with this in the future.

(*2) The event at Penwortham URC on Oct 30th is an evening of music, art, dance and video by Brightstar Collective and the young people of Penwortham to raise funds for the Congo Children's Trust.

During this month it is possible that extensive work will be done on the organ which may affect some activities in church.

CHURCH AND WORSHIP DIARY FOR NOVEMBER



Tues 1 st	Amnesty International	7.30pm
Thurs 3 rd	Church Meeting	7.30pm
Sun 6 th	Worship led by Yvonne Hawkins	10.30am
Sun 13 th	Remembrance Sunday	
	Act of Remembrance	10.20am
	Worship led by the Minister	10.30am
	Communion. Parade.	
Mon 14 th	Fabric committee	7.30pm
Thurs 17 th	Elders	7.30pm
Sat 19 th	Ramble	
Sun 20 th	Worship led by Mike Adamson	10.30am
Sun 27 th	Worship led by the Minister	10.30am
	This will be a 'Welcome' Service with activities followed by a soup lunch.	

Mission boxes will be received at this service.

Architect Study

For the last few months several grant applications have been submitted to fund the architect study into developing the frontage of the church. In response to a grant application to the South Ribble Partnership we were encouraged to seek support from universities for student projects and local architects to undertake the work pro bono. We are delighted that we received a positive response from 3D.G design who have been along to church to undertake a measure survey and we look forward to seeing and discussing their findings.