

## In the light of the Resurrection

The events following that first Easter Day are at the same time both amazing and confusing. They are amazing because the resurrection experiences of those first believers brought the Church to life, and they are confusing because, well, because *they are* confusing.

In Mark's telling of the Jesus story the three women find the empty tomb, hear a message from a young man, but are so afraid they don't tell anyone. (This led to later scribes offering two additional alternate endings).

Matthew has two women, guards present, an angel descending from heaven, an earthquake, Jesus appearing, and the disciples gather in Galilee for their final commission.

Luke tells of a crowd of women, a message from two men in dazzling clothes, Peter running to the tomb, the Emmaus story (where Jesus is a stranger until he breaks the bread), Jesus appears in the upper room in Jerusalem, eats some fish, and then ascends from Bethany.

John speaks of just Mary Magdalene who on seeing the stone rolled away (with no message from a man or angel) goes back to tell the disciples. Peter and the beloved disciple run to the tomb, Mary follows and meets Jesus (but doesn't recognise him at first), Jesus appearing twice in a locked room (the doubting Thomas story), the disciples go fishing in Galilee, Jesus instructs them to get a bumper catch, they share breakfast, Peter is reinstated, and the rumour that the beloved disciple would live forever is born.

So we have a variety of resurrection experiences there, and we have more when we turn to Paul's letters - which were written before the gospels. In 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Paul lists Cephas (Peter), the disciples, to more than five hundred brothers and sisters, to James (Jesus' brother), all the apostles, and to Paul. So Paul counts his encounter on the Damascus Road as equal to the appearances that would be included by the Gospel writers. Note Paul's resurrection light and a voice - not a human figure.

Later in the same chapter Paul speaks of the resurrection that awaits us all, he says in verse 44: 'It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.' The original Greek is not totally clear here but one is a 'physical body': the Greek *psychikon sōma* probably means a body animated by a soul (*psychē*), which is mortal and temporary. The other is a 'spiritual body': the Greek *pneumatikon sōma* which indicates a body inhabited by spirit (*pneuma*), perhaps the Spirit of God. Paul is clearly arguing that after the resurrection things are completely different. Our physical bodies become spiritual bodies, and so it was for Jesus.

The power of the resurrection can be seen in its effect. The disciples' encounters with the spiritual body of Christ totally transformed them. They went from being scared, tongue-tied, hide-a-ways to become the apostles who would declare the good news of God in Christ throughout the Roman Empire and face persecution, animosity and even death because of it. The spirit that took Peter from denying Jesus in the outer court of the High Priest's house to the apostle and bishop who was crucified in Rome at the hand of Nero, is a power that goes well beyond accepting a belief that a tomb was found empty.

Believing or accepting a statement about Christ and having faith or trust in Christ are two of many ways to express the Christian faith, and they are not mutually exclusive. For some Christians the empty tomb is crucial and a foundation of their faith, for others it is harder to believe in. Personally I try to hold in tension the confusion of the various accounts of the Resurrection and speak of the Resurrection experiences of the disciples. I know the disciples were transformed that first Easter Day but the details remain a mystery to me. I am content to live with that tension, aware that I may discover new insights, and always trusting that the same resurrection spirit that transformed the disciples is present within my life, the life of our congregation, the Church, and within all of God's Creation.

So I leave you with a question. How can the resurrection spirit of God in Christ become a fuller reality within your life and the life of our congregation?

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

# THANK YOU

## TO:

Everyone who was involved in organising and helping on the day of the Spring Fair which raised over £700

Ellis Cochrane and everyone who helped with the quiz night . It was a great night even if we did run out of hot pot!

Jackie, Betty and all who helped with preparing the flowers for Mother's Day

Betty, Jackie, Brenda and Lesley for the beautiful floral displays in church over the Easter period

Lesley for organising the catering for the many people who were in our church for the CTL Good Friday service.

Jackie for the immense amount of hard work which she does as Church Treasurer. It is only when you see the umpteen pages of itemised accounts which she presented to the financial Church Meeting that you begin to appreciate the size of the task which, among so many other things, that she does so willingly and well.. We also thank Ian Dempsey for auditing these accounts.

The leaders of the uniformed organisations (and there are an amazing number of them), for the imaginative work which they do to attract so many members to their groups. The long lists of things done month by month through the year by every single group made impressive listening as presented at the recent Scout Group AGM. They do a lot and they do it well. (The AGM also highlighted the fact that they do need help with lay volunteers to serve on their Executive Committee which provides support for the hands-on leaders. You don't have to be a parent or an ex-scout to volunteer. See Ian Holt.)

Lesley Lowe for undertaking a sponsored walk from her home in Wigan to church on Sunday morning (22nd May) in aid of church funds

# THANK YOU

FROM:

Ernest and Marjorie Wrennall for the flowers, cards and donations which came from so many of our church family on the occasion of their Golden Wedding anniversary. The donations were divided equally between the Church and the Northwest Air Ambulance with each receiving £455. (Ernest and Marjorie would like to add special thanks to Victoria Sharpe (Ward) and Gavin Ashberry for the wonderful entertainment which they gave for our guests at the 'Truffles' dinner. Both came especially from London for the occasion to share their talents and they were great.

Ivan Sharpe, his wife, sister and mother in law !! Thanks to all those who travelled to Knutsford including Ivan's intrepid fans from our sister church in Penwortham to see Caledon, his group of three Scottish tenors. The evening was a huge success and your continuing support is much appreciated. We love you all!

## FAMILY NEWS

We regret to record the death of Kathy Griffiths who formerly played such an active role in church life especially as Elder and Junior Church Leader. The funeral service took place at Charnock Richard crematorium and Revd Glyn Eatock, who had been our minister when Kathy was an Elder, took the service. We offer our sympathy to Roy, Stephen and family

As these notes were being written we heard of the death of Irene, widow of our former Church Secretary, Alfred Nelson. Irene in her time was very active in church life not only in supporting her husband but also serving as Elder and leader in the Junior Church. For some time illness and mobility problems have prevented her from involvement in church life but the interest remained and we will miss her. We offer sympathy to Mark and the family.

We welcome Anne Gill to the Eldership following her recent induction

We welcome into our church family Grace and Keaton Tiley daughter and son of Chris and Sam (and grandchildren of Ian and June Holt) and also Lennon Holding, son of Kevin and Kelly.

We offer belated congratulations to Bill Lamb on his recent 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Edna Harvey will be reaching the same milestone special birthday on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Roy Barnett, the originator of the Mite Scheme has also reached that age landmark and Les North has sent a greetings card to him on behalf of the church.

Eddie Reynolds, David Lamb and Robert Barton are now at home recovering after hospital treatment. Les North is also recovering after a period of ill health while Doreen remains in Longton Nursing Home hopefully getting over an infection.

Lois Porter has moved to a new home at 40, Chestnut Court, Leyland, PR25 3GN. Her phone number is 01772 621338.

As these notes go to press we hear of the sad death of Doris Beaty, a long serving supporter of the church and the Women's Guild. We have no details of Funeral arrangements but we offer our sympathy to the family

#### **Our congratulations go to :-**

Georgia Sayer on passing her Grade 2 music exam for Cornet.

Emily Calman who has used her considerable musical talent for saxophone to be selected to play with her school concert and jazz bands on a concert tour in New York and Washington

Sally Dempsey for achieving honours in Grade 1 Ballet

William Dempsey for being awarded the 'Goal keeper of the Year' award for the Under 7's team of Brinscall Village Juniors F.C.

'Saffron Cottam' who was the 'cover girl' on a recent edition of the weekend 'Telegraph' magazine. (*Saffron is an Orange Mini Rex rabbit whose proud owner is Amber Cottam. Saffron, though not actually a champion, was much admired by 'The Fancy' at the Harrogate Rabbit Show - the 'Crufts' of the rabbit world, - and clearly caught the eye of the reporter who found her 'soft and adorable'. (Or was that Amber?). (P.S. Saffron is now the proud mother of four babies.)*

## FUND RAISING EVENTS FOR JUNE AND JULY

We are holding a cake stall each month on :

18<sup>th</sup> June

23<sup>rd</sup> July

13<sup>th</sup> August -Mollie's garden party—with cake stall

24<sup>th</sup> September

29<sup>th</sup> October (confirmed date for Autumn fair)

If you could help by baking cakes/biscuits etc for either of these dates we would be very grateful. Lesley Lowe

## CHILDRENS CRAFT AND ACTIVITY MORNING

To be held at LEYLAND URC

2ND JUNE

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

## DO YOU KNOW YOUR HYMNS?

Dentist's Hymn.....Crown Him with Many Crowns

Weatherman's Hymn..... There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

Contractor's Hymn..... The Church's One Foundation

The Tailor's Hymn..... Holy, Holy, Holy

The Golfer's Hymn..... There's a Green Hill Far Away

The Politician's Hymn..... Standing on the Promises!

Optometrist's Hymn..... Open My Eyes That I Might See

Thanks Jan—more next time

# SOUTH RIBBLE TRANSITION TOWNS PRESENTS

## ‘THE AGE OF STUPID’

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](http://www.spannerfilms.net/films/ageofstupid)

Wed 29th June  
7.00pm  
Penwortham URC  
Liverpool Road  
(opposite Police Station)  
Free Admission

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 [southribbletransition-  
towns@gmail.com](mailto:southribbletransition-towns@gmail.com)

[http://www.transitionnetwork.org.uk/initiatives/south-ribble-  
transition-towns](http://www.transitionnetwork.org.uk/initiatives/south-ribble-transition-towns)

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

## EASTER 2011

Holy Week and the Easter Day weekend is a special time in the calendar of the church and it is perhaps good to look back at the way we, as a church and as individuals, were involved in marking the period this year.

Palm Sunday was really just 'another service' led by our minister with appropriate hymns, readings and sermon theme. However your reporter was sorry that no one but he took part in the memorable and very moving, open air re-enactment of the passion tide events in Jerusalem so much appreciated by several hundred people in the Liseux Hall/Whittle le Woods area that afternoon.

On the Tuesday there was the opportunity to join our Penwortham friends as a local drama group presented readings and music on 'Redemption' while on Thursday we were the hosts as a handful of Penwortham folk joined a similar number from our church for a Maundy Thursday communion led by the minister.

On the following morning the annual Churches Together in Leyland Good Friday Walk, which set off from St John's Church at Earnshaw Bridge, finished up at our church for worship which again our minister was responsible. At least 200 people were there and we did a splendid job, with help from generous commercial outlets, in laying on liquid and hot cross bun refreshments afterwards. We thank all who helped, especially Lesley who did the organising. Also we thank Peter Ward for getting the large wooden CTL cross, normally stored in our balcony, down to St. John's..

On Saturday through circumstances 'beyond our control', we were forced to be commercial rather than spiritual by holding our fund raising Spring Fair. This was well supported, made a nice profit of over £700 and we thank all who helped with baking, preserve making supplying goods for sale, manning (or mainly womaning!) the stalls, dealing with raffle tickets, tombola, various guessing games, serving refreshments etc.

So to Easter Sunday with a reasonable sized congregation present for the service with communion led by Ernest as Dave was on duty at Penwortham. Our church was beautifully decorated with so many floral arrangements and we are so grateful to Betty, Jackie, Lesley and Brenda for all this.

Special thanks go to Dave, Janet and Jackie for the extra services in which they were involved at this time.

Ernest Wrennall

## THE KOKHRANE KWIZ

One Saturday night in mid May Ellis Cochrane, that experienced Quiz setter and Inquisitor-in-Chief, once again volunteered his expertise and sadism as a fund raising effort for the church. About fifty or so folk - many being regulars from his mid week pub quizzers - were brave enough to accept the challenge and to make up teams of around four to six people. About four of the ten teams had URC members and, sad to say, none were winners THIS time. However the story might have been different if, for example, the 'Unvincibles' team, made up of couples from the Coaker, Rayton and Wrennall clans had

- a) listened to a teetotaler rather than beer festival attendees about brewery geography,
- b) been less honest in owning up to a scoring mistake originally given in their favour

Two more marks, would have been very valuable in a close competition. It was a good evening with hot pot and apple pie supplied by members of the Fund Raising Committee to enjoy half way through. We thank them for their efforts..

Over £290 was raised by the event and we thank Ellis very much for his willingness to lay on Quiz evenings like this. The next one will be on the evening of Saturday September 3rd.

# Wedding Fair Leyland URC



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
time 12pm till 3pm

We are looking for volunteers to help run the café and help out with showing people around and answering any questions to do with church and weddings.

Please contact

Ann Gill on 01772 421600 or  
07801084072 or

Janet Porter

Your Perfect Wedding Planner

07976510229 or

email: [janet@yourperfectweddingplanner.com](mailto:janet@yourperfectweddingplanner.com)

# FATHER'S DAY SERVICE

CREATING WORSHIP TOGETHER

SUNDAY 19TH JUNE

Fatherhood 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, and see if this is something we'd like to do again?!

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



amnesty.org.uk

Leyland and Chorley Amnesty International group  
presents the documentary film

**Outside the Law: Stories from Guantanamo**  
(75 mins.)

Friday 10th June, 7.30pm in the ground floor Meeting Room  
at Leyland United Reformed Church, entrance via 2<sup>nd</sup> door on  
Quin Street

Admission free, but donations to Amnesty welcomed.  
Tea/coffee available before and after film.

Focusing on the stories of three prisoners from the UK, and their lawyers, "Outside the Law: Stories from Guantánamo" is a documentary film which provides a powerful rebuke to those who believe that Guantánamo holds "the worst of the worst" and that the USA was justified in responding to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 by holding men neither as prisoners of war, protected by the Geneva Conventions, nor as criminal suspects with habeas corpus rights, but as "illegal enemy combatants" with no rights whatsoever.

Feel free to turn up on the night, but to help with numbers please let Steve know if you intend to join us (07834 656091 / [steve.harman@fbu.org.uk](mailto:steve.harman@fbu.org.uk))

For any questions on the film, please ask  
Rita Coaker (07816 335757 / [rita.coaker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rita.coaker@yahoo.co.uk))

## ASPULL TO LEYLAND

One day last year when thinking about the finances of the church, I wondered what I could do as an individual to help. As I like walking, (although I don't do much other than taking the dog out), I thought "What about walking to church?" It seemed a reasonable idea, so decided that is what I would do once the weather improved.

Practicing weekly to increase my distance I prepared. Soon the day arrived. Although I must admit when the alarm went off at 6am (on a Sunday!!!), I nearly had second thoughts, especially as I could hear the rain on the conservatory roof. Still after a bowl of porridge I set off at 6.56am to be precise. My route took me past the Red Lion (the Guild's haunt) over Red Rock and into Standish. I didn't realise how many people are about so early on Sunday morning - dog walkers, cyclists, runners. From Standish I went through Coppull, Charnock Richard and into Euxton before arriving in Leyland. Although at times I flagged a little, it was lovely to see and hear all the wild life ie. Squirrels, rabbits, lambs with their mothers and birds. The weather improved, the rain stopped and the clouds cleared, although the wind continued.

As I approached Leyland my step increased as nature called! I must admit I was very surprised to find that I had covered the 13.4 miles in 3 hours and 15 minutes. If I had remembered my pedometer I could have told you how many steps I had taken (memory lapse - never mind).

Thank you to all those people who have sponsored me. If I manage to collect it all I am hoping to raise just over £500.

Lesley Lowe

## PENTECOST FOR EVERYONE

Earlier on this month I spent some time preparing for our next Prayer Stations. After we looked at Luke's telling of the Easter story, and the beginnings of each of the gospels, we are going to explore the Pentecost story as we have it in Acts 2.

My assumption when I began was that Pentecost is all about 'tongues of fire' and speaking in tongues, but after reading and reflecting on the passage it said more about who we are as Church.

The disciples were gathered to celebrate the festival of Pentecost, a Jewish festival seven weeks after Passover, and the Holy Spirit fills them. This is how the chapter starts but the majority of it is a speech by Peter which outlines what the good news of Jesus is, how it is to be shared, the kind of Messiah Jesus is, and the challenge that has on our lives. The chapter concludes with the dramatic response to Peter's speech and the life of the Church that was formed.

It just goes to show that we all need to dig a little deeper at times to move beyond our assumptions. Pentecost isn't just a festival for the Pentecostal and Charismatic strands of Christianity - it is for all of us. It is also good to reflect on the roots of the Church. To ponder how things began, our past and present experiences, and our hopes and dreams for the future. As we reflect on the beginnings of the Church we are also exploring the future of our congregations. Our Mission Plan and our discussions about the radical welcome campaign are all grounded in where we come from, grounded in that first Pentecost, and our goal is to discern where God's Spirit is leading us today as the Spirit led the early Church.

When we reach this year's Pentecost it will be the end of our student minister David Amvam's time with us on placement. He begins a time over the summer with Worsley Road URC in Swinton, and then the second year of his training. We thank him for all he has contributed to our fellowship and wish him and his family well as God leads him and us onwards in the way of Christ.

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

## PRAYER STATIONS PENTECOST

**PRAYER STATIONS** A prayer station is a space created to aid reflection. Around the church there will be numbered spaces for you to visit in turn. The prayer stations will each focus on a different part of the story of Pentecost from Acts chapter 2. They will use different styles and ways of praying, and include different symbolic actions as you reflect and journey through the stories.

Join us as we explore and reflect on Acts chapter 2, the story of Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian Church, and the start of the Church's mission to the world.

We're going to experience again the story of the tongues of fire, Peter's speech to the crowd, the crowd's response and discover what we can learn about our life as Christians and as Church today!

Leyland United Reformed Church, Hough Lane  
Sun 5th June 11.30am-1.00pm (after morning worship)

Penwortham United Reformed Church, Liverpool Road  
Sun 3rd July 11.30am-1.00pm (after morning worship)

# 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.

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<sup>16</sup> I would like the minister to contact me. (Please ensure your details are overleaf)

This is a step of faith. We believe prayer is important. It is a way of opening ourselves up to God, and of sharing our concerns and joys with God. We believe it is important so we are offering a way for the community around us to engage with it.

We don't know if we will get any replies. We don't know if we will hear cries of pain or shouts of delight. But whatever the response is it will give us a better idea of the community in which we worship, serve, and seek to declare the good news of God in Christ.

David

### TRAIDCRAFT ROTA JUNE/JULY 2011

5th June	Christine Holmes
12th June	Rita Coaker
19th June	Sylvia Bairstow
26th June	Mollie Ward
3rd July	Lesley Lowe
10th July	Christine Holmes
17th July	Rita Coaker
24th July	Sylvia Bairstow
31st July	Mollie Ward
(7th August	Lesley Lowe)



### ITEMS FOR NEXT MAGAZINE AUGUST/SEPT

TO BE WITH LINDA KAY BY JULY 24th AT THE LATEST  
PLEASE

## RAMBLES AND PLODS

In April the midweek Plodders met at Yarrow Bridge hotel on the outskirts of Chorley and a good number of people enjoyed the pleasant summer weather to walk on the paths of the Yarrow valley to Duxbury Park Golf Club and back for a good lunch. Frank and Barbara McHugh supported by Marjorie Bartlett planned this Plod.

In May the Plod was from the Bobbin Mill hostelry in Dawson Lane with a leisurely stroll to explore the fascinating varieties of the architecture and landscaping in Buckshaw Village followed by a chance to wonder at the marvellous views from the man-made hill behind the Green Man statue. All this and a good meal to follow. Ernest led this walk.

The April Saturday ramble was a splendid walk in upper Wyresdale at Abbeystead. The first part of the walk was quite demanding with lots of ups and downs, especially the first section up a steep rough-hewn staircase, but the return leg was along level grassy riverside paths to the spectacular spillway at the Abbeystead reservoir dam. Ernest planned this walk.

This ramble was, by chance, a landmark point in the history of the walking group. The first walk was in May 1985 which means that we are on the verge of beginning a 26<sup>th</sup> year of activity. It was also walk number 299 in the Log books (now volume 6) so the May expedition will take us into the three hundreds of walks. The yearly plan is for a walk each and every month so you can see that we have kept very near to that frequency throughout our life history. Reference was made to these statistics at our annual presentation dinner when it was noted that Ernest, Mollie, Lois, Les and Doreen, and Arnold, in that order, had taken part in most of the walks with Ernest being the leader of more than one in four of the total.

Of the original 1985 founder members only Ernest, Mollie, Lois, David Lamb plus Shirley and David Farrier are still in any way involved and though we have a reasonable number on most walks we do need some new recruits as we look to the future.

The Rambling Club is not a 'members only' organisation so just come along and take part. On average our rambles are no more than a relatively leisurely afternoon walk of about five miles in probably new, attractive and often exciting countryside. Transport can be sorted out and the fellowship is splendid. And it never rains!!! (Well, only sometimes!). Come and join us!

Ernest Wrennall


**FLOWER LIST FOR JUNE/JULY 11**

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| 5th June  | Ann Gill—Memories of Joyce<br>The Ward family—Memories of loved ones                             |
| 12th June | Jean Emery—Memories of Ian<br>Brenda Holmes—Memories of father                                   |
| 19th June | Graham Kilmartin—Memories of Joan,<br>Mum and sister.<br>Jean Goodall—Memories of Stuart         |
| 26th June | Jean Simmons—Memories of Maurice<br>Shaun, Janet and family—Memories of Pat<br>and George Calman |
| 3rd July  | Enfys, Gwilym and families. Elaine, Janet and<br>families—Loving memories of parents             |
| 10th July | Wedding Fayre  |
| 17th July | Neil and Jean Fow—Memories   |
| 24th July | Brenda Holmes—Memories of Geoffrey<br>Lionel Glover—Memories of Marjorie                         |
| 31st July | Eva Marland—Memories<br>The White family—Memories of John and<br>Isabelle                        |

## GARDENING

Things are really moving in the garden now after the warmest April since records began. Plants have caught up after the harsh winter and there is plenty of lush growth. Now that flowering is finished on the montana and alpine clematis varieties, they can be lightly pruned to keep them within bounds. Next years flowers will be produced on the new growth. Do take care and check that there are no birds nesting, you may have to delay pruning until after the birds have left.

Now that light levels and warmth are higher the house plants should be progressing. If they have been in the same compost for a while they may need repotting, or at the very least be given a feed. If you need to trim them to shape don't throw the pieces away, try taking cuttings to increase your stock. Simply trim them to shape don't throw the pieces away. Trim the pieces below a leaf node and remove some of the lower leaves, these shoots can then be placed in a pot of compost. Put in a shady warm place, keep well watered and they should root within 2-3 weeks

Now is the time to plant up baskets and tubs. There are a wide variety of suitable plants available from the garden centre. You can buy special trays of mixed plants with have a trailing growth habit.

Leyland Gardening club is holding its first show of 2011 on the 2nd July at Balshaws High School—do come and pay us a visit it's well worth a look. In fact if you are a gardener why not attend some of our monthly meetings, we have speakers on a wide range of topics. If you want further details ring 453450.

Enjoy your garden  
Eddie



## CHURCH & WORSHIP DIARY FOR JULY 11



Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ramble and BBQ	
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Worship led by Revd. Paul Pells	10.30am
Sat	9 <sup>th</sup>	Synod BIG DAY OUT at Morecambe	from 10am
Sun	10 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by the Minister	10.30am
		Communion	
		Wedding Fayre	12 noon to 3pm
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Sun	17 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Revd. John Hopkins	10.30am
Sun	24 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by the Minister	10.30am
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	Worship led by Yvonne Hawkins	10.30am

The garden party at the home of Mollie and Peter Ward which was scheduled for mid July will now be held on 13th August

### **From July Communion will be shared on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month**

As of July we will offer to families seeking baptism or dedication for their child, the option of a short service after morning worship, as well as during. As baptism is how we welcome people into the family of the Church, members are encouraged to attend as well. These will normally be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month at 12noon - and the families will be invited to join us for refreshments from 11.30am.

*Please don't forget our 'buy a slate' campaign which Ken Houlton administers so ably. We still have a long way to go to completely repair the roof.*



## ROTAS FOR JULY 2011

	Stewards	Lessons	Flower Distribution
3rd July	Irene Entwistle	Linda Kay Arnold Rayton	Ann Gill Linda Crump
10th July	Frank McHugh	Linda Barnes Lesley Lowe	Olwyn Rayton Marjorie Wrennall
17th July	Jean Simmons	Jan Chapman Mollie Ward	Mollie Ward Sylvia Bairstow
24th July	Linda crump	David Holmes Stella Eccleston	Jan Chapman Alison Dempsey
31st July	Janet Porter	Ian Dempsey Ann Gill	Linda Barnes Barbara McHugh
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## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR JULY 2011

3rd July	Linda Barnes	Marion Howard
10th July	Sylvia Bairstow Ann Riding	Irene Entwistle
17th July	Barbara McHugh	Lois Porter
24th July	Ann Gill	Lesley Lowe
31st July	Glynis Bury	Stella Eccleston
(7th August	Joyce Robinson	Jean Simmons)

## SATURDAY CAFÉ

2nd July	Sylvia Bairstow	Mollie Ward
<b>NO COFFEE MORNINGS IN JULY &amp; 6th AUGUST</b>		
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## CHURCH & WORSHIP DIARY FOR JUNE 2011



Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Children's Craft and Activity 'Messy Church'	10.00am
		Church meeting	7.30pm
Fri	3 <sup>rd</sup>	CTL Barn Dance at the Priory Club	7.30pm
Sun	5 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost Worship led by the minister	10.30am
		Communion	
		Prayer Stations open in church	
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup>	Vision4Life 'Commitment' at Penwortham URC	7.30pm
Mon	13 <sup>th</sup>	Fabric Committee	7.30pm
Sun	19 <sup>th</sup>	Father's Day. 'Preparing Worship Together' with Dave and others(*1)	10.30am
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup>	Church outing to Ambleside	
Sun	26 <sup>th</sup>	Worship led by Ernest Wrennall	10.30am
		Parade. Mission Boxes to be received.	
Wed	29 <sup>th</sup>	Vision4Life 'Getting on with evangelism'.	7 30pm

### Explanatory Footnote

(\*1) (See separate publicity) This is an experimental act of worship on the theme of Fatherhood. After an introduction (and a welcoming brew) all who come are invited to spend the first half of the worship time in joining perhaps a couple of the groups which will prepare appropriate words, music or thoughts around which the joint worship of the last half hour will be based.

**Sunday 5th June** is David Amvam's last service at Leyland. Please come along, listen to him speak and say your farewells

### GUILD PROGRAMME FOR JUNE/JULY

As this goes to press the details of the Guild programme have not been finalised so please see weekly notice sheets for information as to what's on<sub>23</sub>

## ROTAS FOR JUNE

	Stewards	Lessons	Flower Distribution
5th June	Alan Niemayer	Ian Dempsey Ann Gill	Mollie Ward Sylvia Bairstow
12th June	Barbara McHugh	Emily Calman Stella Eccleston	Jan Chapman Alison Dempsey
19th June	Maureen Niemayer	Becky Cochrane Jackie cochrane	Linda Barnes Barbara McHugh
26th June	Julie Key Rhys Pownall	Uniformed Organisations	Lois Porter Jackie Cochrane

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

## SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS FOR JUNE 2011

5th June	Barbara McHugh	Fran McHugh
12th June	Ann Gill	Lesley Lowe
19th June	Glynis Bury	Stella Eccleston
26th June	Joyce Robinson	Jean Simmons

## SATURDAY CAFÉ

4th June	Ernest Wrennall Ann Riding	Alan Niemayer
11th June	Brenda Farrer	Irene Entwistle
18th June	Lois Porter	Linda Barnes
25th June	Linda Kay	Ann Gill