



21st DECEMBER 2014

**A warm welcome is given to visitors sharing in our
worship today**

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL SERVICE

Led by Junior church and the minister

HYMNS

REJOICE AND SING

137, 146, 163, 184, 151, 567

READINGS

Luke 1, v 14-18

Luke 1 v 28-34

Matthew 1 v 18-22

Luke 2 v 8-13

Luke 2 v 14

Mathew 2 v 1-2

Matthew 2 v 9-12



**Church flowers this week -
The Smalley family—Memories of parents**

After the service there is opportunity for fellowship, to have a chat and a cup of tea/juice in the church hall.
Communion will be shared on the 2nd Sunday of each month.
Grape juice is used for communion.

CHILD FRIENDLY CHURCH

We strive to be a 'child friendly' church. Any visitors with children are welcome to join in Junior church—the children leave the service after the Offertory is taken, accompanied by our volunteer leaders. All our leaders have been CRB cleared. The children will be brought back into the church hall after the service.

In the front pew on the right of the church in front of the screen there is a soft play area—please feel free to sit there and make use of this area. Also there are peg bags in the front porch containing crayons/books etc to keep older children amused—please ask for one. Please do not worry if your baby cries but if you wish to leave you may use the door on the right of the church (under the display screen) to go into the church hall.

DISABLED ACCESS

There is room for a wheelchair by the side of one of the pews on the right aisle of the church and also at the front.

There is a platform lift to take you through to the church hall and for access to disabled toilet facilities from the hall.

MITE SCHEME

The white tins in the front porch are for collecting 5 pence pieces. These buy a sachet of salt/sugar to combat dehydration.

Last week 846 lives were 'saved'
Total of lives 'saved' so far this year—9458

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE
PHONE DURING THE SERVICE**

WED 24TH DECEMBER
SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS 5.30PM
Please try to support this lovely service

The joint Christmas Day service will be held at Penwortham URC at 10.30 am please note change of time

CHRISTMAS TREE

At the front of the church near the lectern there is a small silver Christmas tree with tags hanging from the branches. Each tag has a gift item written on it. Please pick a tag, buy the gift, wrap it and stick the tag to it and place it round the tree.

Then take a bauble from the basket under the tree and hang it on a branch. We should end up with a tree full of baubles and a nice supply of useful gifts for charity

Thank you

THURS 1ST JANUARY

Mollie's Meander Ramble at 1.30 followed by refreshments at Greenbank Farm

There will be NO coffee morning on Sat 27th December

A HEARTFELT PLEA

We desperately need more elders. The few elders we do have need urgent help. Please carefully consider whether YOU could become an elder and speak to either the minister or another elder before the AGM in February

**SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY
JOINT SERVICE AT KIRKHAM URC 2 PM**

Signing of the constitution for the 4 church pastorate.
Numbers required please for catering and lifts to Kirkham.

Names to Ann Gill or Linda Barnes.

Soup lunch at 1pm. Bring your own sandwiches

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

To be held on the first Tuesday of each month

No charge but donations would be welcome

**Please remember the Food Bank box which is located in
the left hand side of the porch, any contributions would
be most welcome**

CREDIT UNION Open each week on **Tuesday, 2-3pm**

Leyland United Reformed Church
Hough Lane - Door B on Quin Street

Credit Unions are community savings and loans co-operatives, owned and run by the members. They provide a safe and viable alternative to pay day loans, enable people to save as well as offering low cost loans and provide a safe and ethical place to borrow from. All deposits are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

Membership of Unify is available to anyone who lives or works within Wigan, Leigh, Chorley, Leyland or Skelmersdale
<http://www>

If you have any items for the notices please contact Linda Kay
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