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Buxton
United Reformed Church
Hardwick Square East



October 2011

Dear Friends,

If you take the following

ARROW

BUNDANCE

EADY

EGETABLES -

SSENTIAL

EEDS

HANKS

Which seem to be part of words and add one of the following letters: H, R, V, A,S, E, T to the individual words what do you get?

Harrow - in agriculture it is used to break up and smooth out the surface of the soil - so harrowing is distinctive from ploughing and is often done to finish off the process of ploughing

and by removing the weeds, the soil is:

Ready for the

Seeds - All we need now is fertiliser, rain and sunshine, so that in the autumn there is an

Abundance of

Vegetables and fruit ready for us to pick, store and enjoy in the winter ahead -

But is it

Essential that we store our crops for the winter - many parts of the world there are supermarkets that are overflowing with fruit and vegetables for us to buy at any time of the day or night, why do we have to bother storing them up for ourselves?

Our final addition is "T"

Thanks – to whom you might say? To the farmer, to the picker, for the supermarkets, market stall holders, to those who provide our meals – Yes – but there is one to whom we should all give thanks and that is GOD, our Father in Heaven.
BUT thanks to God for what? Perhaps we might want to thank Him

FOR	H elping us;
	A lways being with us even when we stray from Him
For His	R ules and
	V alues and that
He provides all our	E ssential
	S upplies for our everyday needs
And He wants us to	T rust Him

He is after all – Lord of the Harvest!

With Love
Dí

Di Horne is one of the Elders of Buxton URC



Church Profile

The small group set up to write our Church Profile has been busy and will continue to be busy during the weeks ahead. It is hoped that they will have a draft Profile ready for Church Members to look at on Sundays 16th and 23rd October. An electronic version will also be available. The group would welcome constructive comments from Church Members about the draft Profile when it becomes available.

Help wanted for the Advent / Christmas Festival!



If you would like to help in the construction of the Festival please let me know as soon as possible. Work is already beginning.

If you are not too creative we still need volunteers who can do painting under direction – a bit like painting with numbers! Later on we will need help of different sorts so please come and have a talk with me.

Eileen Blane

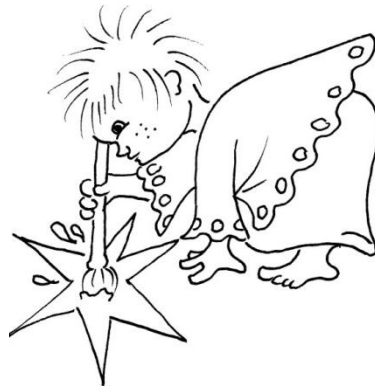
Please put in your diary the following dates for the Festival:-

Dates and Times of Opening:-

Saturday November 26th 2.30-4pm

**Saturday December 3rd, 10th, 17th
10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Sunday December 4th, 11th, 18th
12md – 2.30pm**



Other times by prior arrangement.

Please Pray:-

- For Dorothy Phillips as she recovers from her operation on 3rd October.
- For the work of High Peak Nightstop.
- For Heike Huschauer as she continues to recover her health after an operation.
- For those involved in writing our Church Profile for prospective ministers to read.



BUXTON CHURCHES ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP

Reclaim Christmas!

Workshops to help reclaim Christmas from commercialism
by making useful and fun presents and cards

*Families very welcome but please note that children must be
accompanied by adults who will be responsible for them*

Saturday October 29th 2011

St Anne's Community Centre, Hardwick Square
Drop in from 1pm, Finish about 4 pm

Volunteer workshop leaders needed!

*For information or to offer assistance please contact
Charles Jolly charles.jolly1@talktalk.net
tel: 01298 22557*

Charles Jolly

Dates to Remember

Lunch Club

Thursday 6th October & 3rd November
at 1pm in the church hall

Church Meeting

Sunday 27th November
after the morning service (12 noon approx.)

Prayer & Reflection Meetings

Alternate Mondays at 7:30 pm
October 10th at 7 Wyedale Close
October 24th at 31 Temple Road

Home group

Alternate Mondays at 7:30 pm
October 3rd & 17th at 31 Temple Road
October 31st at 7 Wyedale Close

Contributions for the magazine

to be received by
Eileen and Peter Blane by
24th October
for the November publication.



*We appreciate your contributions so please keep them coming.
To ensure your magazine is as informative as possible please keep us up-to-date
with news and events.*

Tel: 01298 27591 or email peter@blane.co.uk

***Please also remember to send details of meetings and events to
Alison Darby to collate in the church diary.***

Sunday Services **10:30 a.m.**

2nd October	Harvest Festival – Roger Horne and Jennie Gill
9th October	Communion Service – Di Horne
16th October	Morning worship – Barbara Jones
23rd October	Morning worship – Gordon Hornblower (retired Baptist preacher)
30th October	Morning worship – Charles Jolly
6th November	Morning worship – Philip Bridgewater

Harvest Festival Sunday 2nd October

Gifts of food will be welcomed. They will be passed on to High Peak Nightstop after the service.

Alison Darby will be at church on Saturday 1st October between 10am and 12 noon to receive any gifts for decorating the church or for Nightstop.

After the service on Sunday we will share together a ploughman's lunch. Please let Mary Macdonald know in advance if you wish to partake.



Churches Together in Buxton - notices:

There is a **Reclaim Christmas event on 29th October**. For further details contact Charles Jolly.

'**Little Blessings**' is a social enterprise shop opening any day now at 111-113 Spring Gardens at the bottom of Fairfield Road opposite Sylvan Car Park to support the work of 'Choices' (parental counselling and support services). They will be selling 20% new and 80% second hand children's items so call in and see them soon! The charity is now appealing for more donations of maternity and baby clothes, children's clothes, shoes, toys and books for ages 0 - 10 years old, as well as baby equipment and nursery goods. Anyone wishing to volunteer at the shop or wanting to arrange a collection of donated goods can contact Shop Manager Caroline Gaunt on 01298 22388.

There is a general plea for people to make use of the **Christian Bookshop** as they are now struggling. They may sometimes be more expensive than online shopping but are an important presence for us in the town so we need to keep them in mind for purchasing our own or church resources (and don't forget they stock your favourite Fairtrade items, too.)

Pilots will be having a Brew and Brekkie on Saturday 8th Oct (all the usual timings etc.). The young people are going to be putting together shoeboxes this autumn for Operation Christmas Child and will be offering games at the Brew and Brekkie in order to fundraise the money that needs to be sent along with the boxes to pay shipping costs etc. - all donations will be very welcome.

Jennie Gill

Christian Aid AGM will be held at our church on **Wednesday 19th October at 7:45 pm**.

An unexpected gift of flowers!

In early September Peter and I had a holiday in the Shetland and Orkney Isles.

On our last day in Shetland we were walking along the fishing harbour at Lerwick where there was a very old fishing boat listing by the harbour wall. The name on the boat was unusually in Latin which we were unable to translate. An elderly man was nearby smartly dressed in a green jacket with a small enamel puffin in the lapel. We asked him if he knew what the name was in English and he immediately translated it for us telling us he was the owner of the boat. We had quite a chat to him about the boat and his fishing life. But he was unable to sail anymore because "You see I have a titanium knee!" at which moment he rolled up the leg of his trouser and showed us the operation scar! I told him I had two titanium knees. "My word; I have never met anyone with two titanium knees!"

After a long conversation we said our goodbyes to this very interesting little fisherman as our coach was waiting at the harbour to take us onto the ferry harbour for our evening crossing to Orkney.

During the holiday we had been assigned the back seat of the coach and just before the coach moved off our little fisherman boarded the coach, had a word with the driver and courier and made his way to our back seat.

"You're the lady I've just been talking to by my boat aren't you?"

"Yes I am!"

"Well I would like to give you this bouquet of flowers and when you and your husband return to Shetland get in contact with me and I will take you round the island and show you the Shetland I know."

The beautiful scented bouquet contained white roses, stock, carnations, large chrysanthemum and pale blue delphiniums. After thanking him he left the coach and went on his way.



What did the other people on the coach make of this? Plenty!

Eileen Blane

PS. Peter did tell me not to talk to too many other locals otherwise I might end up like a florist shop full of flowers!

What happens years after the Asian Tsunami?

The follow extract is from a letter dated 8th August from a friend of ours, Gert Venghaus, who is an independent Humanitarian Consultant working in challenging places all over the world. We thought that you might be interested in what the situation is in Banda Aceh in Indonesia after the tsunami of 26th December 2004.

My next contract is a challenging work for the Red Cross in Switzerland and Indonesia. After the tsunami, most of the emergency projects have come to an end, yet, many of the aid organisations including foreign Red Cross organisations have remained in Indonesia (a common problem after emergencies). The National Red Cross is slowly and understandably fed up with too many foreigners, yet, they are to a certain extent depending on their funds. And as the International Federation of Red Cross is no longer seen as neutral in this matter, they have asked me as an independent consultant to do some work as a mediator/coach. Part of this will be to listen to the partners, and to Indonesian RC in order to bring about a mutually agreeable compromise, and also to hand over the coordination of the foreign-aid supported projects to a suitably qualified and trained (by me) local Indonesian coordinator so that the number of foreigners can be reduced. Quite a challenge as this has never been done, but when I made the suggestion, everyone jumped on it, so at least we shall have plenty of good will as I will obviously try to create a win-win situation for all without anyone losing their face. Therefore, I shall be travelling to Sweden, Finland, Norway, Denmark, UK, Belgium, France, Holland, Germany, Spain and Italy to visit all these Red Cross organisations, and also interview the American, Canadians and Australians by phone. Then, over the coming 4 months, I'll be travelling three times to Indonesia, each time for 2 weeks to work out the plan and train/coach the local colleague. I really look forward to this work - particularly as it will allow me sufficient time off next year to come to Buxton, again ☺☺☺

Peter and Eileen Blane

PS. Gert is a Gilbert and Sullivan enthusiast!



Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans

Support for a Bethlehem co-operative at Christmas:

We recently received an email from our former Highway Projects colleague Ian White, writing from Bethlehem as follows:

“I spent time with Suzan Sahori at the Bethlehem Fair Trade Artisans. Their new website has now been launched. Do check it out, and contact her if you are interested in supporting the local Artisans of Bethlehem, especially this Christmas.

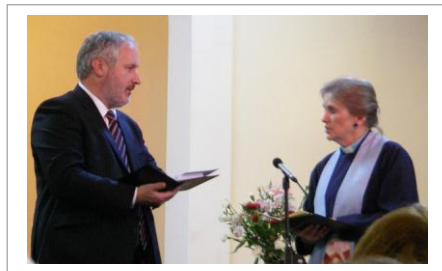
This is an important work, as the Security Wall surrounding Bethlehem has effectively cut off much of the tourist trade in recent years, and the unemployment level is very high. Our work with BFTA is an attempt to reach over the wall in practical friendship and support”

The website address is www.bethlehemfairtrade.org

Roger Horne



A group from Tideswell & Buxton churches attended Peter Meek's induction as Moderator of the East Midland Synod on September 17th. It was a lovely service.



When you take

8 young people, 7 tables (various), 6 tents for sleeping, 5 energetic leaders, 4 loaded cars, 3 frying pans, 2 wobbly chairs (but 14 steady ones!) and a very loaded caravan (with chairs, food, drink, sleeping bags, cooking utensils, plates, cups, cutlery, cool boxes, tickets, programs, all weather gear, washing-up liquid, awning, awning tent and poles

Mix them all together – you have



And you get a taste of camping at Greenbelt 2011 for members of our church and young people from our Pilots Youth Group.

It was a busy weekend full of excitement, fun and challenges. Our groups joined many thousands of others for the

annual Christian Festival at Cheltenham Race Course.

Roger started our expedition by setting off before the sun was up to ensure that we had a good camping area. The remainder of the party

travelled down several hours later – unlike last year we did not have to queue for ages to get in – The organisers had cracked that one and we sailed in finding Roger setting up the caravan.

Everybody settled down to helping set up camp and by late afternoon we were browsing through the programme to see what we would like to go and see. The programme full of interesting talks and exciting activities on the theme “Dreams of Home”. There was so much choice, and at first it was really hard to decide where to go.

To help the young focus, a challenge sheet was devised by Barney and Martha, which included stickers and this helped them plan



their day and encourage each other and the leaders to have a go at something different.

All the young people and some of the leaders took part in the People's Bible – they were amongst the 990 who over the



weekend queued to add two verses using a digital pen to add 1,980 verses to the online Bible which is being compiled to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. An amazing achievement! But don't despair have look on the People's Bible website for information of where you can take part.

As mentioned there was so much to see and do, including talks, plays, music, different sorts of worship and the subjects ranged from Church, Ethical Living to inter faith.

We joined thousands for communion on Sunday morning and thanks to the advance party a good place was found for our group. During the service ribbons were passed to the



front and once joined together lifted up to form a huge tent. It was an amazing sight.

So all in all we had a great time and if you meet anyone wearing one of these hats around Buxton – rest assured they came with us to Greenbelt!

But I cannot finish without saying a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who supported this venture, especially the Bingham Trust, those who lent us equipment, and those who prayed for us and especially God who helped us look a little more into Dreaming of Home.

Thank You for your help!

From us all

Di and Roger Horne, Martha and Barney Lawrence and Jennie Gill

**You are invited to a LOAF Supper to celebrate
Creation Time
(prayers, readings, meditations & food)**

7 pm Friday 14th October 2011
Lower Hall, Methodist Church

*Prior booking please. Numbers limited to 20
please contact charles jolly: 01298 22557
charles.jolly1@talktalk.net*

LOAF stands for:

Locally produced (as far as is practicable),

Organic (as near as we can get),

Animal friendly (vigilance is very important)

Fair trade (for local and tropical farmers & producers)

A LOAF meal has simple courses, each introduced with a reading and prayer. Our meal is vegetarian because this generally has a smaller 'footprint'. Different people take responsibility for preparing each course.

But LOAF raises some complex issues that we need to address thoughtfully.

Buxton Churches Environmental Working Group.



FAIRTRADE STALL

Thank you very much for all your support for producers in poor countries by buying Traidcraft products from our stall. The new catalogue for Christmas is now available (on the stall or from Charles Jolly). Popular lines often run out quickly so please place your orders soon!

Charles Jolly jointly with Transition Buxton



commitment for life

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE PRAYER FOR OCTOBER

May God bless you with discomfort
at easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships,
so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression, and
exploitation of people,
so that you may work for justice,
freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those
who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war,
so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and
to turn their pain into joy

May God bless you with enough foolishness
to believe that you can make a difference in this world,
so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God who creates, redeems, and sanctifies be
upon you and all you love and pray for this day and forever more.
Amen.

Modern Franciscan prayer, origin or author unknown

Commitment for Life encourages all United Reformed and Local Ecumenical Partnership churches to take action, pray and give for people across the world. It works with both Christian Aid and The World Development Movement. Envelopes for giving are at the back of the church.

Sunday Worship
Family Service 10.30 a.m.

Communion Service (1st Sunday of each month)

*We offer a sincere, loving welcome to all in
Christian Worship*

Secretary: Alison Darby
(Tel: 01298 26260)

Web site: www.buxtonurc.org.uk

Weekly Activities for Children and Young People

- **Rainbows:** Tues. 5 - 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale
(Mobile Tel No: 07967205209)
- **Brownies:** Tues. 6 – 7:15pm
Leader: Tracy Ryde
(Tel: 01298 79714)
- **Guides:** Tues. 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale
(Mobile Tel No: 07967205209)
- **Pilots:** Thurs. 6:30 - 8pm
Leader: Di Horne
(Tel: 01298 83328)

Other Activities

- **Home Group and Prayer & Reflection – alternate Mondays**
- **Lunch Club – 1st Thursday**