

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



The wedding of Jenni and Adam Walker-Delight plus their dog!

May 2024

Yesterday Peter and I took one of our favourite round trips from home, along the Leek Road and turning off to go across the moorland to Warslow and on to Hulme End before turning off to Hartington. It is the last section I want to tell you about. Going through Hulme End the road straightens out and on either side of the road on the verges were yellow masses of dandelions in full bloom. We did the same trip two weeks previously and the verges were then covered in daffodils in full bloom too. Now that is something to be joyful about. In the distance were the occasional fields of bright yellow. No, it wasn't oilseed rape, it was dandelions and cowslips. What a joyful sight the Peak District is in springtime.



I thought I would bring you up to date with some news that hit the headlines in the past few weeks that hopefully will make you smile.

Two mini rope bridges 20 m long have been constructed 16 feet above the ground in the Forest of Dean's ancient woodland to help hazel dormice travel safely from one wooded area to another. Dormice do not like to go down to the ground except for hibernation. They are vulnerable to predators when on the ground.

Forestry England says hazel dormice need woodland or hedgerow trees and shrubs to live in during the warmer months. During the summer, trail cameras will be fitted to monitor how the dormice use them. Forestry England say "Together we have worked very hard in this woodland improving habitat for the wildlife and flora. We also have a volunteer who has been surveying for dormice here for over 20 years. We hope the bridges will



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complement this work and that dormice will do well. We've never tried this before and it is exciting to see what will happen."

I just hope that there aren't too many squirrels in the woods because they are sure to use the bridges too!

A young lad in America was given an octopus from his parents for his ninth birthday. The parents thought they had bought a male but after the octopus had settled into the big 60-gallon tank it laid dozens of eggs. When the father picked up one of the eggs it burst open and out popped a mini octopus soon to be joined by many others – 50 in total. Caring for the new arrivals has been expensive. Feeding them did not come cheap, with the family spending several thousand dollars for snails, clams and crabs. Some of the babies died in transit to new homes but the remaining 23 babies are living in the lap of luxury, each has its own plastic container and is being fed live mysid shrimp, which are especially desirable.

If you think the owners of the octopus got off lightly you are right because octopus can produce more than 50,000 eggs!

And lastly from the animal world a story that started in 2006 on the River Liffey which flows through Dublin. One of the 150,000 plastic ducks released into the river as part of a world record attempt was recently picked up by a thirteen-year-old lad taking his dog for a walk on the beach on the island of Stronsay in the Orkneys. That is 18 years after the race and the plastic duck still has writing on it "World Record Duck Race Ireland 2006."

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Duck Race
Ireland 2006."

The duck was in good condition despite its 423-mile (681km) journey. It's colour is a bit washed-out yellow but it has still got an orange beak and it has got black eyes. Amazingly the writing was still on it after 18 years in the sea and it has even got a number on the back as well.



My last bit of news is the marriage of Jenni Delight and Adam Walker that took place in our church in an extended morning service on Sunday 7th April led by our previous minister Rev. Steve Fisher. Jenni is the daughter of Phil and Debbie from our church family.



At the end of the service, I presented Adam and Jenni with The Message Bible from our church family with verses from

Proverbs 3 v 5-6.

*Trust GOD from the bottom of your heart;
don't try to figure out everything on your own.*

*Listen for GOD's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go;
He's the one who will keep you on track.*



Afterwards Jenni said to pass on a big thank you to the church for allowing them to get married there.

Eileen Blane

Roger Horne, Steve Fisher with Jenni and Adam signing the document.



Wieliczka Salt Mine near Krakow

On our recent trip to Krakow, southern Poland, we took a short 20 mins trip on the train to visit Wieliczka Salt Mine, as we had heard it was very beautiful.

The Wieliczka Salt Mine is a salt mine which gets its name from being in the town

of , big surprise , Wieliczka . From Neolithic times, sodium chloride (commonly known as table salt) was produced there from the upwelling brine.

The Wieliczka Salt Mine produced table salt continuously until 1996, as one of the world's oldest operating salt mines.

Due to falling salt prices and mine flooding, commercial salt mining was discontinued in 1996.

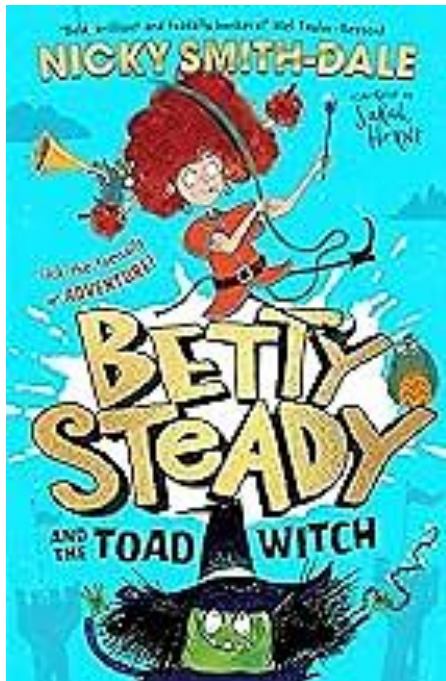
The Wieliczka Salt Mine is now an official Polish Historic Monument and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Its attractions include the shafts and labyrinth passageways, displays of historic salt-mining technology, an underground lake, four chapels and numerous statues carved by miners out of the rock salt, and more recent sculptures by contemporary artists.

The Mine has nine levels, the lowest of which is located at a depth of 327 meters. Underground galleries and corridors form a true underground labyrinth, 245 km in length.

I enjoyed the massive chapel where people can still get married and even the floor tiles are carved from salt and each bit of the hanging chandeliers are salt. And the best bit was a carving on the wall of the Last Supper which has the visual illusion of depth.



Debbie Delight



Nicky Smith-Dale's story is set in a period a long time ago "between the invention of the laundry basket and the first panda in space!" It is a book for 7-10-year-olds and is reportedly the funniest fiction book for children in 2024.

Why have we included it in the magazine?

The illustrator of the book is Sarah Horne, the daughter of the proud father in our church, Roger Horne.



*Waste Not Want Not
At Buxton United Reformed Church.*

*Please join with us for
free coffee, cake and company*



*On Saturday
4th May*

*Between
10am and 12midday
in the church*

Sharing in the community

To Roger
Horne for all
the time and
effort, spent
painting our
church kitchen. A good job done and
we appreciate it very much!





Please pray for:-

Our church elders and leaders that God will give them wisdom and strength.

The WNNW **Saturday Coffee Morning** on **4th May** and for all who receive food.

The conflict and suffering in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel. For humanitarian aid to get through unimpeded.

The Rev Caroline Andrews who is slowly returning to work following a bad accident.

Richard Bower eventually was able to have his much-needed operation. Pray that he will benefit from it and gradually return to health.

The suffering people in Ukraine with their homeland destroyed by war Russia has inflicted upon them.



Alison Derby needs help in working through a Safeguarding document required to be completed for URC that is available on the computer. She needs help in responding to tick box questions.

If you have about one and a half to two hours to spend with her on her computer please contact her. Help would be appreciated very much.

Dates To Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.

Join us at 7:30 to 9:00 pm:

Locations to be arranged.

Saturday Coffee Morning on

4th May

Coffee, cake and conversation 10am – 12noon

Elders and Leaders Meeting:-

Wednesday 29th May at 2:15pm at church

High Peak Homeless Help have a stall at the Buxton Spring Sale on Monday 6th May.

Contributions for the magazine

Thank you everyone who has contributed to this magazine.

We really do appreciate your contributions so please keep them coming.

Contributions please for the next magazine to

Eileen and Peter Blane by 27th May 2024.

To ensure your magazine is as informative as possible please keep us up-to-date with news and events.

We are producing only a limited number of printed magazines. An electronic version is available to read on the church's website: www.buxtonurc.org.uk



Buxton URC Sunday services

5 th May	10:30am	Service from St. Peter's Brockley
12 th May	10.30am	Christian Aid Service
19 th May	10.30am	Eileen Blane
26 th May	10.30am	Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes
2 nd June	10:30am	Mark Houghton

Please note that, when appropriate, services may be subject to change.



12–18 May 2024

Christian Aid Week

**Will you help someone push back
against poverty this Christian Aid Week?**

How Christian Aid stepped in

In Burundi, malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population, making survival a daily struggle. Jobs and food are hard to come by, and those who have homes often have no electricity or running water.

For Aline, life was a constant struggle. She was married young and gave birth to her eldest son, Fisto, when she was just 14 years old.

Hungry, scorned and alone, Aline took her first step towards her new life. She started by participating in a transformative three-day community workshop, funded by Christian Aid.

'I came out with amazing knowledge and skills. The trainer restored a sense of hope and energy in me,' says Aline.



She was taught how to form a Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) and establish a steady income. VSLAs mean people can save for their future and borrow money to kickstart small rural businesses. With all she had

learned, Aline's dream of getting her children back finally felt possible.

Building a business

With a small start-up loan, Aline started trading avocados and peanuts locally. With her profits, she bought a bicycle so she could transport greater quantities of goods to markets further afield. Eventually, her hard work had finally paid off, and she had earned the money she needed to rent a house.

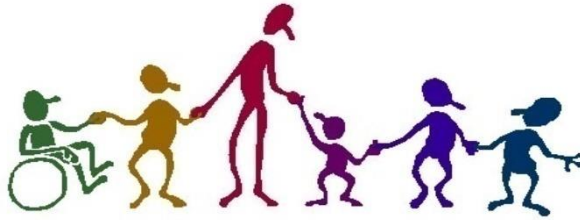
Once Aline secured a home for herself, her three eldest sons were able to escape their father and join her. They told Aline that their father had abused them and sent their three young siblings to live with different members of his family.

Aline still hopes that she'll be reunited with her youngest children in time. Today, Aline lives peacefully on her own plot of land in a remote village in the Kayogoro Commune in Makamba Province. She's baked her own bricks and is building a strong home for her and her children in every sense.

Now Aline can afford food, clothes and essential healthcare for her family. She's also purchased solar panels so her children can do their evening homework by electric light.

'I like to feed my family with the produce that I grow, such as beans, vegetables and corn. I am so happy that we are together. Now my children feel supported as they have a parent who can meet their needs.'

Aline Nibogora



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Minister for the North Derbyshire Resource Area
(which includes Buxton URC): **Rev. Caroline Andrews**

We warmly welcome everyone who wishes to join us for
Sunday worship

Details of services, including times, can be found inside this
magazine and on our website.

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

Activities for young people

- **Rainbows:** for girls aged 5-7 Tues. 5 - 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale (Tel. 07967205209)
- **Brownies:** for girls aged 7-10 Tues. 6 – 7:30pm
Leader: Cath Sterndale (Tel. 07973670595)
- **Guides:** for girls aged 10 to 14 Tues. 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale (Tel. 07967205209)