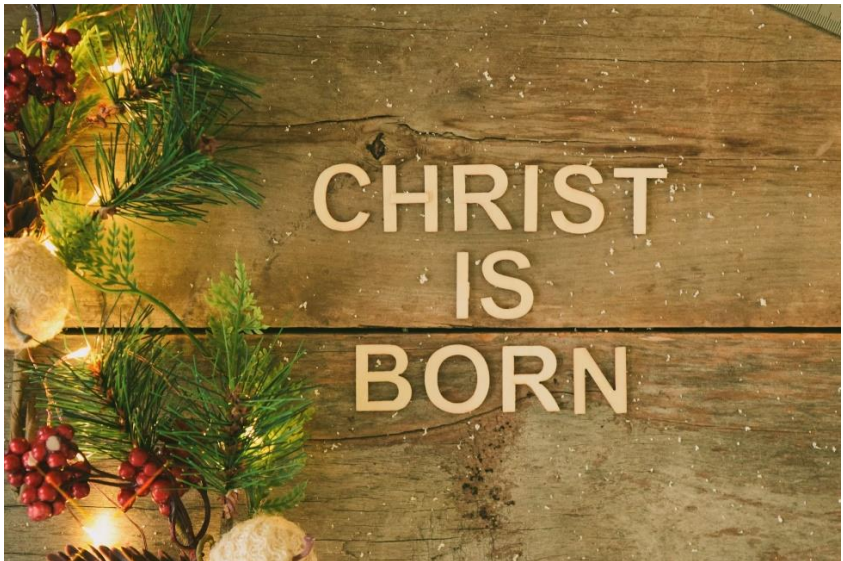


*Buxton United Reformed Church*  
*Hardwick Square East*



*December 2024*

*January 2025*

## THE FIVE GOOD SAMARITANS

*Written by Eileen on 26<sup>th</sup> November in ward M6 Stepping Hill Hospital*

Special greetings this Advent. As you read this, I expect you are busy on the build up to the Christmas celebrations. For Peter and I, we are not too sure of our plans except that our Christmas decorations at home will certainly be up.



On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November Peter and I experienced a real modern-day example of Jesus' teaching of the Good Samaritan. I had a very bad fall in the garden at the end of our work planting our wall and hanging baskets with violas and bulbs before the forecast of heavy snow expected in the following days.

Screaming out in pain for Peter to come to me our first Good Samaritan came. A lady, passing our home, rushed up the drive to help. We did not know her but Peter asked her to go and get neighbours who live opposite us, one of whom is a vet, to help us – our second and third Good Samaritans.

Without going into details of my injuries, except to say they are complex, I want to tell you what Good Samaritans 1 2 & 3 did in the following 5 hours waiting

for an ambulance in the freezing cold. They stayed with Peter and I continually, arranging 999 communications for an ambulance, getting a halogen heater for folk to sit round, providing cuddly blankets to wrap me in and, in particular, Ann-Marie the vet supported my fractured leg for 5 hours non-stop until it was put in a splint by the ambulance men.

Our first Good Samaritan, Barbara, knew our second Good Samaritan and found out that her husband worked in the same company as Good Samaritan three, Mark. Enough to say that all three of them refused to leave me until the ambulance men took over my care, 5 hours in total.

Good Samaritans 4 & 5 were the ambulance men who returned to the A&E department later that evening to find out what was the verdict of the damage done.

Ten days later I am still in Stepping Hill Hospital with a cast from my toes to mid-thigh waiting to be transferred to Northern General Hospital in Sheffield for my surgery.

If you are one of the people who have been praying for Peter and me, we thank you – please go on praying especially for my consultant in Sheffield, for decisions to be made for surgery and post-operative recovery.

Moving on to the ward M6 that I am in at Stepping Hill Hospital; it is the highest ward in what you might know



as the maternity block. We have five windows of 5ft H x 3ft W in the 4-bedded room What is wonderful about these windows is the panoramic view in all weathers that we have from the rising of the sun to its setting. From left to right: Window 1 is the view of Marple, windows 2 and 3 Lyme Park area and the moors beyond, window 4 Shutlingsloe and window 5 the transmitter mast at Sutton Common on the top of Croker Hill. It really is a wonderful sight.

Last Saturday two other patients sat round my bed watching Strictly Come Dancing on an ipad. Now that was fun for us and the nursing staff who kept popping in to see the dances between their work demands.

Yesterday Peter arrived in the morning in time to wash my hair. When he had finished two of the other ladies in our mini ward wanted Peter to wash their hair too, along with a staff nurse, except she thought her husband would object. Peter had made such a good job of mine the staff nurse said he should be employed as the ward M6 hairdresser! The doctor visiting me continued the theme saying he would print Peter business cards for his services!

It is good to have fun amongst the serious moments.

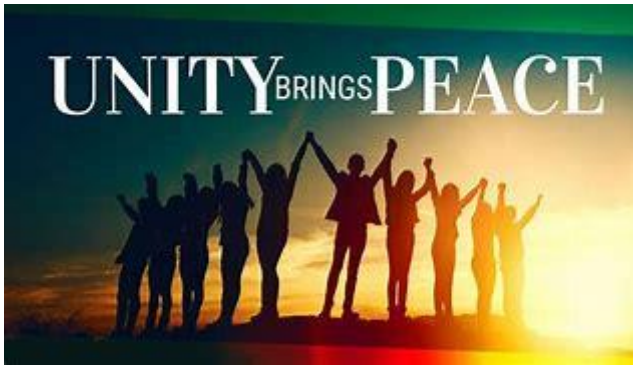
And lastly a new nurse came to work on our ward today. Her name is Funmike, pronounced Funky! I asked her what it meant and she said her Christian name in full is Oluwafunmike and she is Nigerian.

She said the meaning of her name is “God has given her for us to take care of”. Funmike is taking care of me!

Have a joyous and blessed Christmas.

Eileen and Peter Blane

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A Churches Together in Buxton  
Service for Peace and Christian Unity will be held at

**BUXTON METHODIST CHURCH**  
**AT 3PM on SUNDAY 19TH JANUARY**



Ian Lloyd was welcomed as a church member in the morning service on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 by Rev Caroline Andrews and Eileen Blane with Roger Horne in the background.

This is how God showed his love among us:  
He sent his one and only Son into the world that we  
might live through him.

1 John 4 v9

## **Waste Not Want Not**

*At Buxton United  
Reformed Church.*



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

*On Saturdays 7<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January*

*Between*

*10am and 12midday*

*in the church*

## **Buxton URC Sunday services**

1 <sup>st</sup> December	10.30am	Live Link to All Saints Church, Marple
8 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Rev. Mark Houghton
15 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	URC National Service
22 <sup>nd</sup> December	10.30am	Carol Service
29 <sup>th</sup> December	10.30am	Informal fellowship and prayers
5 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Rev. Caroline Andrews
12 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Roger Horne
19 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Live Link to All Saints Church, Marple
26 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30am	Fellowship Service

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





# Please pray for:-

The WNNW **Saturday Coffee Mornings** on 7<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January and for all who receive food.

Debbie Delight as she recovers from her replacement hip operation  
For her rehabilitation and for her mother who is frail and elderly.

Susan Houghton's sister who is very unwell with lung disease.

Give thanks for Roger's sister-in-law Alison who had blood clots on her lungs . She is home now, breathless but still breathing.

Ian Lloyd being made a church member. Give thanks to God for all that he means to our fellowship.

Eileen Blane as she awaits an operation following her accident on 16<sup>th</sup> November when she fractured her right tibia.

## Help needed with

### Warm Spaces

Every weekday and Saturday.

Church vestibule area

Time 1-3pm

*Contact Cath Sterndale if you are able to help.*





# Dates To Remember

## **Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.**

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

Locations to be arranged.

## **Saturday Coffee Mornings on**

7<sup>th</sup> December and 4<sup>th</sup> January

Coffee, cake and conversation

10am – 12noon

## **Advanced warning of Church Annual General Meeting**

**5th January 2025**

*Following the morning service and a soup lunch.*

## **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 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

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



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Minister for the North & West 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.**

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### 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)