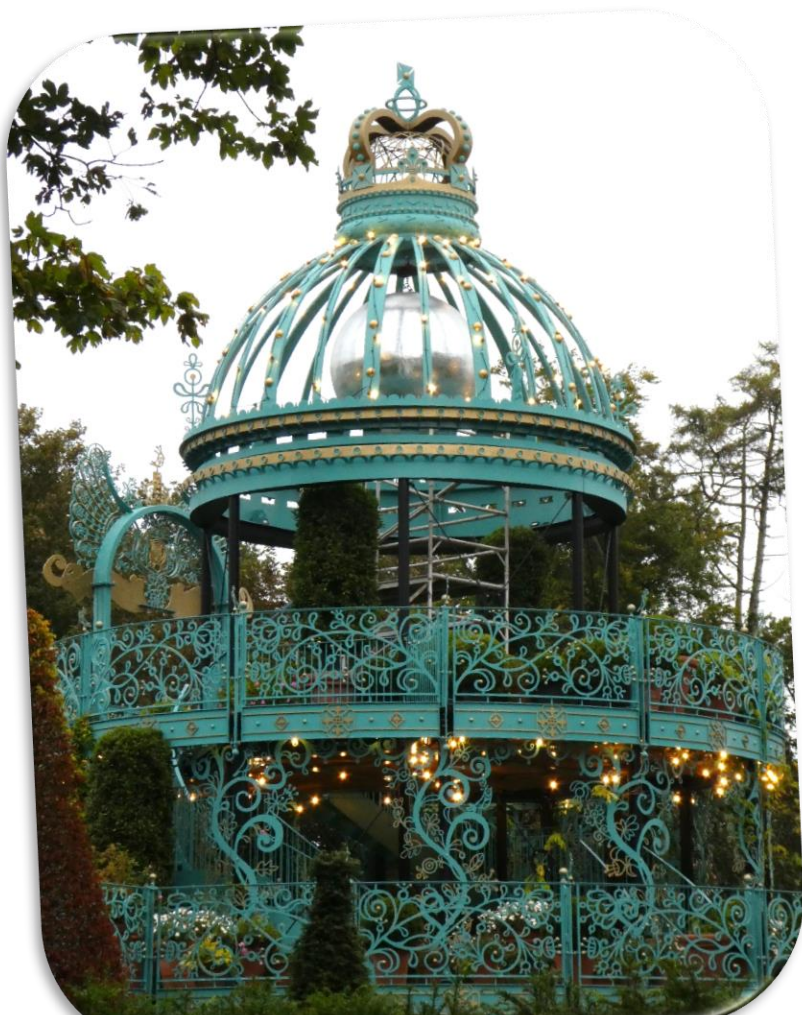


Buxton United Reformed Church
Hardwick Square East



November 2023



October is the time when Peter and I return to Ireland to spend two weeks at Ballintoy Harbour Cottage on the North Antrim coast.

I thought I would tell you about occasions when we celebrated sharing food with other folk.

This year we took the night ferry from Birkenhead, docking in Belfast at 6.30am. We made plans to have our picnic breakfast by

Coronation Garden that was built on a bowling green on the north shore of Belfast Lough.

I really wanted to see the garden that was designed by award-winning garden designer Diarmuid Gavin and built by many local organisations. It was opened by King Charles and Queen Camilla in May this year and is very beautiful.

Unfortunately, we were unable to enter the garden as it is locked up at night but we were able to see it from the car park road where we had breakfast with “the expecting to be fed” local duck population!



At the official opening of the garden King Charles said "It's a garden for people, a garden to bring people together and a garden, we hope, that'll make people smile,"

We would have loved to have seen it during the opening time but we didn't have the opportunity to; still we were pleased to see it from afar.

Joining Dunseverick Baptist Church again for Sunday worship was great. The first week was Harvest Festival and the second was a Mission long weekend ending on the Tuesday evening.



After both morning services Pastor Billy

A banner for a Missionary Weekend event. The background features a photograph of three women wearing colorful, floral-patterned hats. The text is overlaid on the banner in white and black.

Dunseverick Baptist Church
Missionary Weekend
Reaching the World with the Gospel
Sunday 8th October - Tuesday 10th October

Sunday 11am	Andrew Elliot - Baptist Missions Spain
Sunday 7pm	Keith Lindsay - Acre Gospel Mission
Monday 8pm	Lynda McAuley - CEF North East Ulster
Tuesday 8pm	Donald Fleming - Friends in Action Ukraine

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.
Mark 16 v 15

and Agnes Jones invited us and other folk to have Sunday lunch with them at their home.

On the second Sunday they invited Andrew Elliot and his wife Rosalia (who are missionaries with Baptist Missions in Algeciras, Spain), Ian, his carer nephew Calvin and nurse Avril. It was great to have spent time with them all.

Sunday lunch on average lasts about two and a half hours!



(From left to right) Ian, Avril, Agnes, Billy, Andrew and his wife Rosalia, Calvin and Eileen.

Agnes serves up all the food on green Denby crockery!



Peter and Ian

Ian is a farmer and breeder of wonderful red border collies. He is awaiting a liver transplant and his nephew Calvin is staying with him to give help when he needs it.

Avril is a widow. Her husband was a gastroenterologist and Avril talked about the time he spent working in Kenya with the family in tow.



Afternoon tea was our next sharing time with Ruth and Tom at a very good garden centre café near Bushmills. We have met them now three times but have kept in regular contact with them through Billy and Agnes.



Tom had Covid very severely right at the beginning of the pandemic and we asked our church on various occasions to pray for him and the family. Tom still has significant medical problems as a result of the prolonged treatment he had to keep him alive so it was good to catch up on their latest news. Ruth is hoping to write a book about their experiences and how God was very much present and working with them and medical and nursing staff through so many complications during the very long recovery process. We did have a happy time with them and appreciated them wanting to spend time with us again and I enjoyed the bacon and cheese scones!

My next meal I want to tell you about was a celebration of Haggadah (Passover) with the women and girls in the church on our last Wednesday evening in Ireland.



The Haggadah is a Jewish text that sets forth the order of the Passover Seder. (Seder is a Jewish ritual service and ceremonial dinner for the first night or first two nights of Passover)

Breaking and sharing the matzah unleavened bread.

About thirty people attended and many took part in reading the various scripture passages including me reading about the drowning of Israelite new born babies and Pharaoh's daughter "adopting" Moses after finding him in a reed basket in the Nile.

The lady who took the leader's role had lived in Jerusalem for six years and had celebrated the Haggadah many times. She explained the rituals as we went along. They included candle lighting; the reasons why we celebrate; the cup of sanctification; hand and foot washing; reading of the first Exodus; the cup of deliverance and answers to four questions children enquire about concerning unleavened bread, eating only bitter herbs, amongst other things. Now that was an interesting sharing meal.



Dropping drops of wine on a plate to symbolise each of the ten plagues sent against Egypt.

Our last meal in Ireland was with Billy and Agnes. They have adopted us as their English parents!

We had already celebrated with them my birthday during the first week with a Chinese Takeaway and cake.



Guess what – more food ended our time in Ireland with Peter being given a delicious pink birthday cake from them to take home and share with our family round our own dining table in Buxton the next day.

Food Glorious Food!



PS Peter had yet another birthday cake at our church after the morning service and a lovely card so a big thank you for that too.

PPS You may think, like we did, that the photo on the front of the magazine is of Jesus calming the storm but isn't! It is of an ancient Irish sea god on Bishops View, Windy Hill at Gortmore overlooking the estuary of Lough Foyle not far from Londonderry. It sure was very windy and cold there!

Eileen Blane

Buxton URC Sunday services

5th November 10:30am Mark Houghton

12th November 10:30am Eileen Blane

19rd November 10:30am Caroline Andrews

26th November 10:30am Roger Horne



Daniel helping to load relief clothing and essential toiletries and many other things in Roger's van to be taken to Macclesfield for onward journey to Ukraine.



A driver of a van parked next to our car in Ireland and we thought it was interesting for you to see.



Please pray for:-

For the Saturday Coffee Morning on 4th November.

For the future of High Peak Homeless Help organisation as part of our church.

For Richard Bower for his recovery following an 8.5hour radical operation to remove his bladder. He has spent 10 days in the high dependency unit and was not eating, in pain and not taking an interest in anything. Lois (his wife) said he lost his drive. He's taken a real battering and it's taking time to get his drive back. Good news since that report is that Richard was transferred out of HDU to an ordinary ward at 11:30 pm Tuesday night (24th October) when they finally found him a bed. He is now making progress, eating and wanting to get home . All being well he will be home Sunday 29th October .

Please pray that God draws close to him and picks him up when he needs it .

Debbie Delight

For Rev Caroline Andrews back from a well-earned break with family and friends in New Zealand and Australia.

For the suffering of people in countries in turmoil because of war including Ukraine and Gaza and Israel.

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.

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

Saturday Coffee Morning on 4th November.

**AGM after church service on 19th November
followed by food – Jacket potato with various fillings.**

**Elders and Leaders Meeting:-
1st November 2023 2pm at church**

Help Needed!

**Putting the Advent decorations up in the church.
Saturday 25th November**

Contributions for the magazine

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

Contributions please for the next magazine to
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news and events.*

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

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

On Saturday 4th November



***Between
10am and 12midday
in the church***

***Love in the
community***





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(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)