

*Buxton*

*United Reformed Church*

*Hardwick Square East*



*June 2021*

How about having experiences you have never had before! Peter, Yolanda (our daughter) and I have just returned from having spent a grand week at Wast Water in the south west area of the Lake District.



One special experience was witnessing our friend's wedding live on YouTube. Yes, it was a bit strange but we were glad to share this special time with the couple.

Our accommodation was a first-floor maisonette overlooking the south-west end of Wast Water. We had splendid views from our windows, one of which will have a lasting memory for us.

On the Monday evening at about nine o'clock we looked out across the water to the scree mountain side, which was aglow with very bright



golden red and on the very top was a complete rainbow. Now that really is a special moment.

The Herdwick sheep which are special to the Lake District were in the field opposite us. The ewes all had twin lambs and do them was black develop the after their first fifteen months



The ewes all had twin you know, every one of all over. They only significant grey fleece sheering at about old.



*Where would you like to stay for your holiday?*

*How about Bugingham Palace at Muncaster Castle?*

The whole side of an eco-barn is given over to a bug hotel made of stones, wood, fir cones, wool, plant pots, slate, bricks, stick bundles and rope.

PS If you decided to stay it could be a little bit crowded!

I think where we stayed had its own micro-climate. The plants were very much more advanced in flower, the leaves were out on the trees, the laburnum tree flowers were just opening and best of all the swallows were swooping all round our building and the cuckoo was calling every day. It was good to be there.

Recon that is most of our news from Wast Water.



*PS We found a splendid small bakery at Gosforth that cooks wonderful food on the premises and is in great demand from the walkers and climbers!*

Eileen Blane



## Please pray for members of our church family and friends, especially:

**“Waste Not Want Not”**. Up to the date of publishing the magazine **over 7,000 food parcels have been given out**. The service will be winding down by the end of June. Pray for any future possible plans for redistribution of food.

*Rob Williams and his wife Pat. Rob has taken our services over the years and has decided to discontinue now. We took an orchid and thank you card to his home from the church family which he appreciated. Rob says “The choice of an orchid could not have been better as Pat loves them, and I don’t have to remember to water it too often. Pat is far from right and we are still looking for answers and suitable treatment, but we are well supported and surviving, thanks again.”*

Phil and Debbie Delight, as they go on holiday with friends to the west coast of Scotland. Their friend Richard and his wife Lois are also going to join them. We as a church family have been praying for Richard’s long slow recovery from long Covid. A few weeks ago, he managed to get into his canoe and do a bit of paddling. Now that really is something.

*Anthony and Margaret Gill, Jennie’s mum and dad as they settle into their new home in Broadwalk, Buxton having moved from Tideswell.*

The children of Gaza whose lives have again been traumatised by the shattering of their communities. During 11 days of bombing in May, 70 children were killed not to mention the number of adults.

*Thousands of people have fled their homes in Goma area of the Democratic Republic of Congo after fountains of lava burst from the Mount Nyiragongo volcano destroying hundreds of homes. At least 15 deaths have been confirmed and more than 170 children are feared to be missing. Pray that aid agencies will be able to help.*

## **Buxton URC Sunday services 10:30am via Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556790029?pwd=VVBmOVZ3VVdqVUJPa1NySFNSbkllUT09>

6 <sup>th</sup> June	Mark Houghton
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Steve Fisher
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Fellowship Service
27 <sup>th</sup> June	National URC Service
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Mark Houghton

**Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.**  
**Join us at 7:30 to 9:00 pm on Zoom:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81496046535?pwd=T1Rxa2c4ZWJmb0oyWi95QXZsSjJaZz09>

## **Dates to Remember**

**Elders and Leaders Meeting via Zoom**  
**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021**

## **Contributions for the magazine**

***We appreciate your contributions***  
***so please keep them coming.***

Contributions please for the next magazine to  
**Eileen and Peter Blane by**  
**Monday 21st June 2021**  
**for the July/August publication.**



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**[www.buxtonurc.org.uk](http://www.buxtonurc.org.uk)**

# *Joy and enthusiasm in a world of beauty*

John Burroughs was regarded as perhaps the greatest American naturalist, a lover of nature and a teacher of its wise and healing secrets.

He wrote:



*resources of life, I would say books, friends and nature; and the greatest of these, at least the most constant and always at hand, is nature.*

*If I were to name the three most precious*



*Nature we always have with us., an inexhaustible storehouse of that which moves our heart, appeals to the mind and fires the imagination – health to the body, a stimulus to the intellect and joy to the soul.*

*To the scientist, nature is a storehouse of facts, laws and processes; to the artist she is a storehouse of pictures; to the poet she is a storehouse of images, fantasies, a source of inspiration; to the moralist she is a storehouse of precepts and parables; to all she may be a source of knowledge and joy.*



John Kendrick Bangs, who evidently tried to convince someone of the presence of God, wrote a rather thoughtful poem.

### *Blind*

*“Show me your God!” the doubter cries.  
I pointed him to the smiling skies;  
I showed him all the woodland greens;  
I showed him peaceful sylvan scenes;  
I showed him water tempest tossed;  
I showed him hills rock ribbed and strong;  
I bid him hear the thrushes song;  
I showed him flowers in the close-  
the lily, violet and the rose;  
I showed him rivers, babbling streams;  
I showed him youthful hopes and dreams;  
I showed him maids with eager hearts;  
I showed him toilers in the marts;  
I showed him stars, the moon and sun;  
I showed him deeds of kindness done;  
I showed him joy; I showed him care;  
And still he holds his doubting air;  
And faithless goes his way, for he  
Is blind of soul and cannot see!*



Ralph Waldo Emerson, with his usual sensitivity and depth of insight, saw God everywhere in the beauty of the world and it became a blessing to him:

*“Never lose an opportunity of seeing anything that is beautiful; for beauty is God’s handwriting – a wayside sacrament. Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower and thank God for it is a cup of blessing.”*



# Pass it on

a Bible verse for future generations

The Bible Society is encouraging people to share their experiences of when God has spoken to them through the pages of Scripture.

( [www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved) )

Here are some of those stories.

*Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress*

*1 Timothy 4.15*

In my final year as an undergraduate I was considering going to Bible college. This verse gave me the conviction it was the right step. I became a Bible Society translation consultant, and over the years, I worked with more than 50 translation projects in different languages.

Dr David, Camberley

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.*

*Romans 8.26*

After my wife was diagnosed with cancer, she decided not to have treatment. We all tried to persuade her to change her mind but she was adamant. I went to church and my mind was in turmoil. I was completely unable to pray. But as I took communion, I felt more peaceful, and felt someone was holding my arms to my sides. After I walked home, I told Ellen I would respect her wishes. She would not change her mind, and although I was unable to pray, I felt God understood my needs and I would be provided with the strength needed. Ellen lived for two more months and died peacefully.

Gordon, Stoke-on-Trent

*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*

*2 Corinthians 5.15*



This verse changed my direction in life. At 17 I had dreams of becoming a journalist. Then the meaning of this verse was brought home to me; being a Christian means more than having a successful life with some help from God. It means living for him, come what may. I knelt to tell the Lord, I would obey him. After some years, I had the privilege of living with the Bassari people of West Africa to help make God's word available to them, finally retiring after 40 years.

Monica, Calne

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

*1 John 4.10*

I married my childhood sweetheart and we had two children. When our son was 25, he was killed in a car accident. Life was tough but thankfully my faith remained strong and we have weathered the storms, knowing that God loves us and cares deeply about each of us.

Dr Jennifer, France

*Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.*

*Psalms 119.105*

I had always wanted to work in a bank, but when I was 17, I read these verses and they just jumped out of the page to me. At that moment there was born a desire in me to share my love of the Scriptures through teaching, and I subsequently spent my working years teaching RE in secondary schools. God gives just enough illumination for the next step; there is no need for a searchlight to show the whole road.

Miss West, Deal

*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.*

*He will drive out your enemies before you, saying, 'Destroy them!'*

*Deuteronomy 33.27*

Thirty years ago, my younger daughter was terribly injured in a road accident. She was taken by ambulance to hospital and was not expected to live. I found this verse helpful; I liked the feeling that I was lifted and supported. After weeks in intensive care, our daughter gradually recovered. Now, she lives a very active life doing lots of voluntary Christian work.

Marjorie, Loughton



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We would be very happy to warmly welcome everyone who wishes to join us for Sunday worship.

**But**

because of the current restrictions all church services and all other activities in the church building have been cancelled until further notice.

**Instead**

we are arranging virtual services on Sundays at 10.30 am using Zoom. If you have internet access you are welcome to join us using the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556790029?pwd=VVBmOVZ3VVdqVUJPa1NySFNSbklUT09>

*Once things are back to normal, we will again offer a sincere, loving welcome to all in Christian Worship in our church building.*

*Maybe sometime this year!*