

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



Photo by Yolanda Blane at the Butterfly House next to the Aston Memorial in Lancaster.

July/August 2025



Introducing a special rose for our July / August magazine!

It will be a rose that you have never seen in people's gardens before and we have two growing very vigorously in pots in our garden. They have been named:- **RNLI With Courage Rose** celebrating 200 years of the RNLI last year at Chelsea Flower Show. We received them as bare root floribunda roses in November and after potting them they have exploded in growth this spring time. Just one stem head had 19 buds on it! They have a nice perfume to them too.

Now some news about two churches.

The first about St Andrew's Church, in Compton Dundon, Somerset who with great rejoicing from the local community and beyond have had their church bells reinstated and ringing after over 100 years. Villagers raised £160,000, enabling the bells to be reinstalled and brought back to life again. The Bell Appeal Committee Group had been fundraising since 2019 and raised the money through a variety of sponsored events and applications for grant funding.

Paul Kemp-King writes in an unpublished manuscript that it is almost certain that there was once a bell foundry in the village where the bells for the church were cast, although its exact location is uncertain. Bells cast in Compton Dundon can also be found in nearby villages too.



Image source, Mark Taylor of Bells Before Hanging.

Somerset architect Mark Taylor, designed the new fixtures in the bell tower. The project saw five of the church's bells restored while two others were acquired from former churches in Lancashire and Sussex. The two oldest, from 1630 and 1668, were originally cast in the village by Robert Austen's local bell foundry family.

Judy Skelding, chair of the Bell Appeal Committee, said "People have been so supportive and have enjoyed the fact we are restoring part of the village tradition. We've had a lovely response from people who have never rung bells in the village and are now learning to do so."

And our news about one other church's resolve in solving a maintenance problem with the graveyard.

Goats keeping the churchyard tidy.
Bruce Sinclair from a Local Democracy Reporting Service reported on 4th June this year that goats have been introduced as an eco-friendly way of keeping a churchyard in shape.

Narberth Town Council in Pembrokeshire is trialling using the animals at St Andrew's Church to clear excess growth around gravestones and across the site.

The goats come from a business, believed to be the only one of its type in the UK, which provides the service for the council as well as for a national park and other local churches.

The goats are kept in their designated areas using GPS satellite technology.

Visitors are being asked to support the scheme by avoiding the grazing goats at work, making sure children are supervised and kept away from them, and by keeping dogs on leads.

It is hoped the goats can be used as a natural and chemical-free method of managing overgrown areas and for controlling brambles and invasive vegetation.

“Daily welfare checks will be carried out on them to ensure they are healthy, safe, and well cared for throughout their time on site,” the town council said.

The goats themselves come from Clynderwen-based

Bio Goats 2 Rent

run by Richard White and Dawn Hart, who said the goats were expected to remain at

St Andrew's for two to three weeks.

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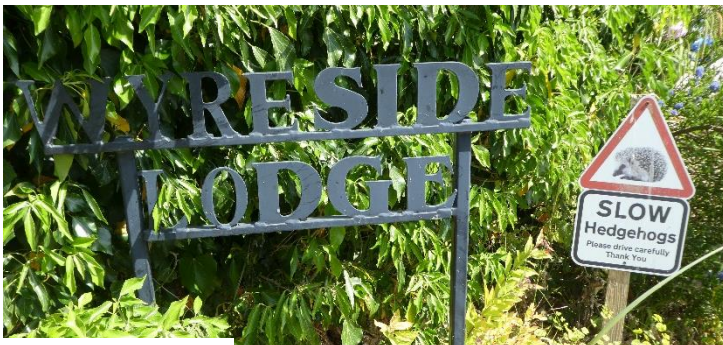
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Mr. White, said: "We're the only company in the UK to do this. We get enquiries from all over the UK, but the travel costs can make it unviable for the customers from further away. We enjoy what we do and meet some nice people along the way."

The council said in a statement: "Narberth Town Council is continuing its work to enhance the grounds of St Andrew's Church as part of our ongoing biodiversity and environmental improvement programme. "These goats will help clear excess growth around gravestones and across the site, enabling us to implement a longer-term ground management plan."



And lastly just to leave you with yet more signs that we had outside our Lodge on holiday near Dolphinholme, Lancashire.

Eileen Blane



A BIG THANK YOU

To Cath and Steph Sterndale

for the full cooked breakfast before
one Sunday morning service in May.



I had everything on offer!

The cooking was excellent as was the
service! Please can we do it again. 😊



Also, Phil and I would like to thank Steph, Sue, Jenny and Eileen and
anyone else I've forgotten for the wonderful cakes, buns and general
baking of yummy edible stuff for **Waste Not Want Not Coffee Cake
and Company mornings**.

You are all truly wonderful (*even anyone I've forgot*).

Deb and Phil Delight xx



Please pray:-

For the Saturday Coffee Mornings on
5th July and 2nd August

Demand for help from **High Peak Homeless Help** is on the increase. Please pray for everyone needing help and for our volunteers who provide it.

For our Elder's and Leader and others as they plan, prepare and lead our worship each Sunday.

For our turbulent world; for the millions of people affected by the decisions made by world leaders.

A Prayer for Leaders to Choose Peace in the World

Almighty God, we lift those in power who make decisions about war and peace.

Grant them discernment and courage to reject violence and embrace dialogue.

Let their hearts be filled with mercy and justice, so they may lead their nations away from destruction and towards harmony.

Fill hearts with compassion and minds with wisdom.

Replace conflict with cooperation and enmity with love.

May their decisions reflect Your will for unity and not division.

Amen

I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,

I will call on him as long as I live. (Ps 116:1-2)



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

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

On Saturdays 5th July

and 2nd August



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

Love in the community

Buxton URC Sunday services

29th June	10:30 am	BBC Songs of Praise
6 th July	10.30 am	All Saints Marple live link
13 th July	10.30 am	Nick Fawcett's Parables Service 1
20 th July	10.30 am	All Saints Marple live link
27 th July	10.30 am	Nick Fawcett's Parables Service 2
3 rd August	10.30 am	Cath Sterndale
10 th August	10.30 am	Nick Fawcett's Parables Service 3
17 th August	10.30 am	URC National Link
24 th August	10.30 am	Roger Horne
31 st August	10.30 am	BBC Songs of Praise
7 th September	10.30 am	Fellowship Group

Dates to Remember

Saturday Coffee Morning on 5th July and 2nd August

Elders and Leaders Meeting:- Wednesday 20th August at 2pm in church

Safeguarding Afternoon 20th September from 1-3pm in Church with Ben Twelves from URC East Midlands Synod. Everyone welcome

By Lake Annecy at 🍷 Camping du Lac near



Talloires. Need a rest!

Did a 4-day trek in the Vanoise region from Pralognan-la-Vanoise.

Pralognan is where Peter and Eileen Blane's son Gordon and grandson Jake lived for many years.

Debbie and Phil Delight

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 25th August 2025.

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





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Minister for the North and 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.*

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)