

# Buxton United Reformed Church

## Hardwick Square East



June / July 2023

The start of May was a special occasion for many who joined in the celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla. I watched, on TV, the whole of the service in Westminster Abbey.

**Q** What was the welcome King Charles received at the start of the Coronation in the Abbey?

It was from a young lad from Chapel Royal,  
*“Your majesty, as children of the Kingdom of God we welcome you in the name of the King of Kings.”*

And King Charles replied:-

*“In His name and after His example I come not to be served but to serve.”*

***“I come not to be served but to serve.”***

The King went on to pray aloud this prayer:

*“God of compassion and mercy, whose Son was sent not to be served but to serve, give grace that I may find in thy service perfect freedom and in that freedom knowledge of thy truth.*

*Grant that I may be a blessing to all thy children, of every faith and belief, that together we may discover the ways of gentleness and be led into the paths of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”*

It was the first time ever recorded that a sovereign had prayed aloud for all to hear.

**A**t the end of the Coronation Sunday service in our church we finished the service by singing a hymn that is familiar to many – ***The Servant King***. A fitting choice for a very special weekend.

I do hope that you enjoy seeing the photos that were taken of folk at our celebration Coronation Tea on the Monday afternoon. It was a happy time.

Eileen Blane



**Special celebrations for our church over the Coronation of King Charles III weekend.**







*Cutting the coronation cake.*

*What a Union Jack Hat!*





*Jenga  
was a big hit with people  
and their reactions were  
very noisy!*





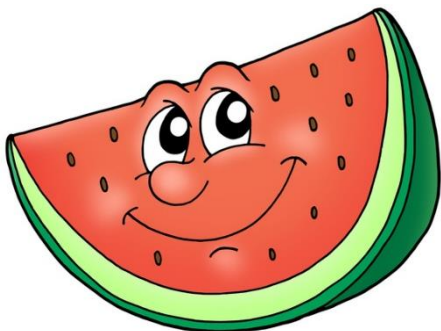
*Thank  
you  
for  
all the  
help you  
gave in  
setting  
up,  
providing  
food  
etc, etc,  
etc!*



Please pray for ----

*WOW a water melon!*

This was just one appreciative reaction to being offered a melon at **Waste Not Want Not**. Do continue to pray for that important service to the community from our church.



Pray for **Eileen Blane** who is having a total ankle joint replacement operation on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**Richard Bower** was one of the first to get Covid in March 2020 the week before the first lockdown of March 23rd 2020. Because he has a type of blood cancer it was thought he was vulnerable to the virus. In Macclesfield hospital he was treated for 2 weeks as best as the doctors and nurses knew how but then he was transferred to Manchester hospital where he was heavily sedated and on a ventilator for at least 9 weeks. There he suffered a massive stroke and as the doctors were not sure there was anything else they could do for him and as he did not seem to be responding to treatment, the family and doctors prepared for life support being switched off. As a last check, a Christian neurologist, who would you believe it, knew Richard and was on duty at the time, was asked to look at his brain scan. It was then decided to give Richard more time to wake up and here he is today!



The next 3 years have not been easy though. There was intensive rehabilitation in hospital, he left for home unable to walk and in a wheelchair with ramps to get into his house and daily support at home. Then there was the discovery of bladder cancer and treatment that has not been successful and more recently after a procedure it was thought he also had bowel cancer. Thankfully there is no bowel cancer and he is now waiting for a bladder reconstruction.

We have prayed for Richard and his wife Lois and children Amy and Ali over the last 3 years and we ask you now to pray for this coming operation to be successful and that he might know God's presence in his life.

Debbie Delight

### **DR Congo floods on 10<sup>th</sup> May Miracle by Samba Cyuzuo**

Two babies were rescued floating near the shores of Lake Kivu days after floods killed more than 400 people in east Democratic Republic of Congo. The babies were found on floating debris in different areas of two of the worst villages



affected by the floods. It was a miracle that they managed to survive three days. Both sets of parents were found dead.

More than 1,300 residential houses have been destroyed, and "many schools, health facilities, churches, and water infrastructure were destroyed. One said *"I don't have any more relatives and I don't have a farm; I have nothing!"*

*Please pray for those two babies' futures and the villagers starting to rebuild their lives with very little.*

### **Prayer for Serenity**

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardship as a pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it; trusting that You will make all things right if I surrender to Your will; so that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

— *The Serenity Prayer, Reinhold Niebuhr*

### **Prayer for Loving Life**

God, help me love the life I live right now. Show me the good things I often overlook and help me be content with what I have. Forgive me when I compare myself to others, forgive me for longing for things outside of You and Your kingdom. Thank You for loving me right where I am, right as I am. Help me keep my eyes on You.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

— Nicki Koziarz

# Dates to Remember

**Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.**

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

**Next Elders and Leaders Meeting:-**

Wednesday 14th June 2023 2:00pm

**Contributions for the magazine**

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

Contributions please for the next magazine to

**Eileen and Peter Blane by 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

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

***Buxton URC Sunday services (normally at 10:30am)***

***Proposed services for June/July (these may be revised)***

4 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	To be arranged
11 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes
18 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	Service for Brownies, Rainbows & families <b>Bring your pets!</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> June	10:30am	National URC Service
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10:30am	To be arranged
9 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	Camilla Veitch
16 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	To be arranged
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10:30am	To be arranged
30 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30am	To be arranged

# Coronation Day

How did you spend the day ?



*I found a pair of socks (see below ) from my college days, an arm band from the 2012 Olympics and my mum's red white and blue necklaces. Mum and I enjoyed ourselves in down town Cleveleys.*



*It was buzzing in town a great atmosphere and the decorations were amazing especially the King Charles on top of the post box .*

*Whatever you did hope you had a good one.*

*Debbie Delight*





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

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

***On Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July***

**PLEASE NOTE THE  
CHANGE OF DATE**



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

***Love in the  
community***





**Question**

What is 644 km long ?  
Has 6,933 m of ascent ?  
Takes 40 hrs to cycle ?



**Answer**

An 8-day tandem trip with Phil's friend from college days, from Buxton, around Northern Ireland and back to Buxton.



The route was Buxton to Liverpool, ferry to Birkenhead, overnight ferry to Belfast, up NE Antrim coast past Ballycastle to Londonderry / Derry. Over the Sperrin Mountains to Moira, back to Belfast, ferry to Birkenhead, train to Liverpool (very interesting with the tandem ) back to Buxton.

It was an adventure! We had a chain break and one B n B turned us away at 6 pm after a hard day's

cycle. It was a challenge. The weather was kind and the only rain was in England. The scenery was stunning, especially the Giant's Causeway and we managed to pop down to Ballintoy Harbour to see where Peter and Eileen stay in a wonderful cottage for their holidays.



It was thought provoking and sad seeing places that were in the news when I was a teenager like the Bogside, the Bloody Sunday memorial and the Peace Wall.

The Titanic Museum brought a tear to my eye as the visual displays were amazing.



On the final day's ride to Buxton, we were not sure we would make it but we manged the 3 final black grade hills ( v steep ) and were absolutely elated to make it.

Next year if we do another ride like it ... I'd like an e bike for Christmas!

Debbie and Phil Delight



## Workshop - Leading prayers in worship

Revd Camilla Veitch is proposing to lead a workshop on leading prayers in worship. This will be open to those who already have experience of leading prayers and anyone who feels called to doing so for the first time.

The workshop will be practical in nature – looking at different forms and types of prayer and where/how they fit into a service. We will look at prayers written by others and how to write your own.

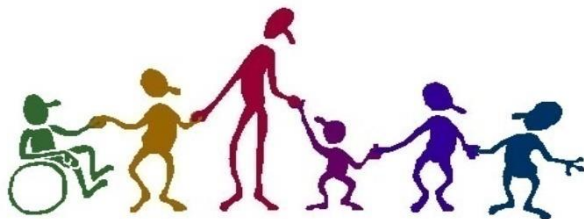
**A date and venue will be chosen to suit participants from the following dates: Tues 6<sup>th</sup> June (evening), Wed 7<sup>th</sup> June (evening) or Mon 19<sup>th</sup> June (afternoon).** It will be approx. 2 hours in length.

If you are interested in joining this workshop, please contact Camilla on [revcamillaveitch@gmail.com](mailto:revcamillaveitch@gmail.com) or 01629 826 913 to let her know your availability, following which a date and venue will be confirmed.

## Area gathering

There will be a gathering for all the **churches in North Derbyshire on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30 at Rose Hill URC.**

This will be an opportunity for us to meet and share fellowship and news. It will begin with a time of worship, to include watching extracts from the URC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary service in London on 15<sup>th</sup> April this year. This will be followed by a bring and share afternoon tea – please bring cakes to share!



## Buxton United Reformed Church

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

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.*

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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)