

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



April 2025

Every day on the news from one source or another there seems to be mentioned Artificial Intelligence (AI) and how using it will change our lives; how we will do things in a different ways – not to mention it replacing jobs!

Last Sunday in our church service Roger Horne, in his reflection, asked us to think about completing the following statement:-

The essence of Christian contentment in life in 2025 lies in....

He suggested three statements -

- Balancing personal growth with meaningful activity.
- Nurturing supportive relationships for me and for others; not regretting the past and not worrying needlessly about the future.
- Recognising that God is sufficient for me in all circumstances whether in abundance or hardship.

Roger then asked us where he sourced these statements from. The answer was Artificial Intelligence! That may be a surprise to you.

Why I mention AI is because I heard about Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) using AI and 3D printing to transform lives of patients when they make custom built prosthetics on 3D printers for as little as £23.70 at a reconstructive surgery hospital for victims of conflict in Amman, Jordan.



The biological engineers can quickly and inexpensively design customised prosthetics using digital imaging techniques and software. Using a combination of plastics, 3D printers can fabricate prosthetics tailored to a patient's anatomy and needs. Traditional methods can cost hundreds of pounds and require

extensive maintenance; custom built prosthetics can be 3D printed for as little as £23.70 and fabricated in 24 hours.

In 2018 the project developed unique 3D compression masks to help patients with severe facial burns, using a 3D scanner that allows the team to create highly accurate models of patients' faces. After successful achievements in Jordon MSF has also used the techniques in Haiti, Armenia and Gaza. Now I recon, that is really wonderful for patients and a massive achievement for the biological engineers.

Information taken from MSF 116 Spring 2025 Dispatches.

Recently, in our newspaper, there was an account of a person handing in to an Oxfam charity shop in Chelmsford a collection of books. Sifting amongst them a helper found a book that looked very special. It was a first edition of a Chinese Bible printed in 1815 – 1822 translated by John Lassar and Joshua Marshman. Last week it was sold by Bonham's Auctions for £56,280. The other books in the collection were also auctioned and altogether raised a total of over £105,000 for Oxfam. Now isn't that just great.



Over the last few weeks people have been remembering the trauma and effects of the lockdown for Covid across the British Isles as it was 5 years ago that the restrictions were started.

Our friend Paster Billy Jones of Dunseverick Baptist Church, on the North Antrim coast of Northern Ireland made a decision, at the start of the lockdown, to keep in contact and encourage the folk in his church by recording a daily Christian message available on social media. He kept up the daily messages until the end of the covid restrictions and then reduced them to Tuesday and



Saturday with a message from “ Maurice on Monday” too. They are still being produced! Now that is an amazing commitment and one that is appreciated in far off places around the world as well as in Dunseverick area.

We too in our church are also celebrating five years of

“Waste Not Want Not” with food supplies given by supermarkets around Buxton and Cath and Daniel Sterndale and other volunteers distributing the food to folk in need. Now that too is a wonderful commitment to the folk of Buxton, so thank you so much to Cath, Daniel and all the voluntary helpers.

Finally, Peter and I were sitting out in our garden the other day enjoying the sunshine. We had one daisy in bloom on our lawn. It reminded me of a quote from The Book of Days by Eleanor Farjeon called “*Twelve Daisies.*”



“How many daisies can you count on your lawn?”

When you can count twelve daisies, spring has come!”

You may think you have never heard of Eleanor. She was a prolific poem and hymn writer but you surely have heard of the very familiar hymn “*Morning has broken*” that she wrote. Many artists have recorded it over the years and it is often sung in church at spring time.

I do hope that you have a blessed Easter celebration and enjoy reading the gospel accounts of Holy Week.

The Lord has risen - He’s risen indeed Halleluiah!

Fancy a trip to Marrakech?



Well, we did for Phil's 66th Birthday and it was a sensory overload! Different culture, language, dress, food, smells, money and mixed with a riot of beautiful colours.

Marrakech is one of Morocco's most famous cities, known for its vibrant culture, rich history and stunning architecture.

Here are some interesting facts:

1. **Historical Importance** – Founded in 1070 by the Almoravid dynasty, Marrakesh was one of Morocco's four imperial cities and has played a central role in the country's history.
2. **Nickname** – It's often called the "Red City" because of the distinctive red sandstone buildings and walls.
3. **Jemaa el-Fnaa** – The city's main square is a UNESCO-listed cultural space and one of the busiest marketplaces in Africa, filled with street performers, food vendors, and traditional musicians. Sadly, this includes snake charmers and monkeys dressed up in often silly clothing, both these entertainers trying to get you to have your photo taken with the snakes / monkeys and then demanding a payment for the photo.
4. **Medina & Souks** – Marrakesh's ancient medina is a maze of narrow streets, vibrant souks (markets), and historical sites, offering spices, textiles, and handcrafted goods. Very easy to get lost in, as we found out, having passed the same gentleman 3 times who invited us each time to join him at his eatery.

5. **Majorelle Garden** – A famous botanical garden created by French artist Jacques Majorelle and later restored by fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent.

6. **Koutoubia Mosque** – The largest mosque in Marrakesh, known for its iconic minaret, which influenced the design of famous towers like the Giralda in Seville, Spain.

7. **Royal Palaces** – The city is home to grand palaces like the Bahia Palace and El Badi Palace, showcasing stunning Moroccan architecture.

8. **Climate** – Marrakesh has a hot semi-arid climate, with very hot summers and mild winters. It was about 20 degrees C when we visited in mid-March.

9. **Tourist Hub** – It's one of Morocco's top tourist destinations, attracting millions of visitors yearly for its unique blend of history, culture, and luxury accommodations.

10. **Gateway to the Atlas Mountains** – Marrakesh is a popular starting point for trips to the Atlas Mountains and the Sahara Desert.

Here is a picture of the Arab guest house we stopped in called a riad which has an open courtyard and small pool that your room looks into.

When we arrived, we were greeted with a mint tea and honey covered pastries which were yummy!

For Phil's birthday we braved a trip to the local stoney dessert for a camel





ride to see the sun set and enjoy a meal in a tent. My beautiful white camel didn't like it when going downhill and the seat strap came undone and the seat and me fell into its neck. He wailed so loudly and I wondered how I was going to get off or if I would be galloping across the dunes! I wasn't sure where the camel brakes were! Thankfully the Camel leader caught me as the camel bent down and no one was injured. Phil was stuck high up on his camel thinking how to help and wondering if camel riding was included in our insurance! So do check if you go and try this pursuit.

Lastly if you go, I recommend a tut tut ride which is like a 3-wheeler bike (electric or petrol powered) with seats in a small carriage behind it (see pic). Some of these are built especially for disabled people so they can earn a living. We thought that was great!

Debbie Delight





Please pray:-

For the Saturday Coffee Mornings on 5th April and 3rd May

For Cath and Daniel Sterndale and other volunteers giving out Waste Not Want Not food.

For our church elders and leaders, that God will give them wisdom and strength.

For Rev Caroline Andrews needing a significant time off work to recover her health.

For the people of Myanmar and Thailand following the devastating disaster caused by the earthquake on Friday 28th March. Pray for the relief efforts as well as families and friends who have lost loved ones in the disaster.

(Eileen and Peter's grandson, Jake left Bangkok airport to fly to Oslo just hours before the earthquake. Jake's friend, who is his next-door neighbour in France, was working in an office on the 26th floor of a skyscraper in Bangkok and had to be rescued and is safe.)



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

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

On Saturdays 5th April

and 3rd May



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

Love in the community

Buxton URC Sunday services

6 th April	10:30am	Songs of Praise – Cath Sterndale
13 th April	10:30am	Palm Sunday/Leprosy – Eileen Blane
20 th April	10:30am	Easter Sunday – Fellowship Group
27 th April	10:30am	Roger Horne
4 th May	10:30am	All Saints Marple live link

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

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.

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

Locations to be arranged.

Saturday Coffee Morning on 5th April

Elders and Leaders Meeting:- Wednesday 9th April at 2pm

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 21st April 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)