

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



Glorious gorse by Barbara Carr



May 2023

I was watching a one-hour TV programme every working day last week and listening to the commentators' descriptions of what was going on. They were words like miracle, joy, amazing, wonderful, brilliant, heart-warming and best feeling in the world.

Have you guessed what the programme might be?

Well, it wasn't *Songs of Praise*.

It was the nightly visit during the last two weeks of *Spring Time on the Farm* at Cannon Hall Farm in Yorkshire and for me, yes it really was all those things expressed. The farm was very busy with the births of chicks, ducklings, lambs, (90 ewes gave birth over one night alone) kid goats, donkey foal and calves. Still waiting to give birth was a precious Shire Horse mare. During every evening's programme the same words were being used in appreciation of witnessing the new arrivals into this world. For me that really was heart-warming and I really did share in the joy along with those taking part in the programmes.

There are few in our church family who were alive to remember the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II but Peter and I were! My family didn't have a TV but I can remember the wireless being on all day as we listened to all the proceedings. I can remember the roar of "God Save the Queen" after Queen Elizabeth's crowning in Westminster Abbey.

I have still vivid visual memories of the scenes that I saw, having paid a visit to the local cinema to see the Coronation later on the following week.

Each child at school in Kent was given a Coronation mug too.
We still have Peter's.





I have a great memory of the announcement on Coronation morning in 1953 of the news that the first ever climb to the summit of Everest had been achieved by

Tenzing Norgay, Tibetan guide with ***Edmund Hillary*** (a mountaineer from New Zealand).

Both men hold the record together.

Our goblet is to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the climb.

Getting on to the Coronation of King Charles.

Four new King James Versions of the Bible have been produced specially for the Coronation Service.

Oxford University Press has been commissioned by the Archbishop of Canterbury to produce the Coronation Bible to be used by King Charles III at Westminster Abbey on May 6, 2023. The Bible will play a significant role in the ceremony, with the King set to place his hand upon it while reciting the Coronation Oath.

The Bible produced for His Majesty's Coronation is hand-bound in red leather and decorated in gold leaf by renowned bookbinding company, Shepherds, Sangorski & Sutcliffe, the intricate design of the binding—a collaboration between Oxford University Press and the binders—draws inspiration from both historic Coronation Bibles and His Majesty's love of the natural world.

Oxford University Press has a long history of Bible publishing. In 1675 it was granted the right to print the King James Authorized Version of the Bible which, in 1611, was commissioned by King James VI and I to be translated from the original Greek and Hebrew by some of the country's leading biblical scholars. The first recorded use of an Oxford Bible was at the Coronation of George III in 1761.

But getting back to the coronation of King Charles. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "On this momentous occasion, the Bible will be the first, and most important, gift offered to The King. The Scriptures offer a guide and light to all, and I pray these living words will offer strength and encouragement to His Majesty."

The Coronation Bible used in the service will be retained by the Archbishop of Canterbury and placed in Lambeth Palace's archive alongside their collection of all four 20th century Coronation Bibles. OUP will then produce three identical copies, the King's personal copy, which will be given to him as a gift, and a further two to be placed in the archives of Westminster Abbey and Oxford University Press's head office in Oxford.

The holy oil to anoint both King Charles and Queen Camilla has been produced in Jerusalem from oils harvested from groves in the Mount of Olives, which is the burial place of Princess Alice of Battenberg, King Charles' grandmother, and mother of the late Philip Duke of Edinburgh.

Princess Alice was born at Windsor Castle in 1885. Alice's great-grandmother was Queen Victoria. Deaf from birth, she apparently learned to read lips in multiple languages. After spending time in Greece and Germany as a child, she became fluent in German and married Prince Andrew of Greece

When the royal family went into exile in 1922, she converted to the Greek Orthodox Church and became deeply religious. In 1949, she founded the Christian Sisterhood of Martha and Mary, an order of nuns dedicated to caring for the sick.

Princess Alice helped save a Jewish family from the Holocaust by sheltering them in her Athens palace during the Nazi occupation of Greece. She is said to have used her deafness as an excuse to prevent the Gestapo from searching her home.

Because of her help in saving Jewish families her final resting place was in the Mount of Olives.

Getting back to the oil! The formula was based on the same ancient recipe used to create the oil used at the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 and her many predecessors dating back to Charles I in 1626.

It is perfumed with essential oils – sesame, rose, jasmine, cinnamon, neroli, benzoin and amber – as well as orange blossom.

And lastly, at Queen Elizabeth's coronation Westminster Abbey ran out of toilet rolls the evening before the coronation. I just hope they are better supplied this time!

Eileen Blane

Do enjoy the celebrations!



Special celebrations for our church over
the Coronation of King Charles III weekend.
Everyone is welcome.



**Book in your diary Monday 8th May 2023 for
our church celebration from 2-5pm**

Please bring food to share if you are able to.





Christian Aid Week: 14-20 May 2023.

Christian Aid Service at Buxton URC
on 14th May 10:30am
followed by a soup lunch

[An Introduction This Christian Aid Week \(14-20 May\), from
Christian Aid Resources](#)

We stand with Esther and Jen, and their families in Malawi. Determined women who want to make their children's dreams come true. Strong women who will work and hope to achieve great things. Esther grows some truly special pigeon peas on her farm. With these peas, Esther can bake delicious bread, support her daughter's dreams, and send little Nespo to nursery. It's a joy to give her grandson a happy future, full of love and laughter. But the peas and laughter aren't just for Esther and her community!

Why not join in with them this Christian Aid Week and have some pea-fectly delightful fun?

Our activities are suitable for pea-ple of all ages. Younger children can grow mustard seeds and watching yeast bubble up.

For a bit more of a challenge, you could try your hand at making pigeon pea flour (it's as easy as 1, 2... pea, honestly!), and turn your flour into a cake or communion bread.

Why not ask people to join in The Big Pea Challenge with a pea bake-off or a competition for who can grow the best mustard seeds or prettiest mustard plate?

Please join with your community, united by hope, as we work together to turn peas into prospects this May.

Recipe prayer to our Breadmaking God,

You take a large measure of pigeon pea flour grown with dignity and dedication, a pinch of salt to season and celebrate diversity, a tablespoon of sugar to encourage and enable, a teaspoon of yeast to inspire and dream, and a glug or two of water to bring us all together.

Leave to rise to stretch and learn, then bake in an oven of justice and love. The smell of baking bread invites us to the table, where all have equal worth, to take, break and eat, until all are fed and hunger is no more.

For this is a celebration of community, of God's presence among us

Amen



Love is like a basket of loaves and fishes.

You never have enough until you start to give it away.

How does Moses make a cup of tea?

Answer: Hebrews 11



Dates to Remember

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

Next Elders and Leaders Meeting:-

Wednesday 21st June 2023 2:00pm at 31 Temple Road.

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 22nd May 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

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

Proposed services for May (these may be revised)

7 th May	10:30am	Coronation Service
14 th May	10:30am	Christian Aid Service followed by a soup lunch
21 st May	10:30am	Caroline Andrews
28 th May	10:30am	To be arranged
4 th June	10:30am	To be arranged



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Waste Not Want Not

At

Buxton United Reformed Church.

There will not be a coffee, cake and conversation morning on Saturday 6th May.

You are invited instead to our celebration of King Charles' coronation on Monday 8th May between 2 and 5pm

Food will be available then for folk to take away if they need it from WNW supplies.

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

On Saturday 3rd June

Between



10am and 12midday in the church

Love in the community



Please pray for members of our church family and friends, but also, for the many needy across the world

For the next **Waste Not Want Not Saturday Coffee, Cake and Company** morning at church on **Saturday 3rd June**

For the Coronation afternoon tea celebrations at our church on 8th May.

For members of our own church family:-

Giving thanks for the improvement in Eileen Blane's eyes following her operations.

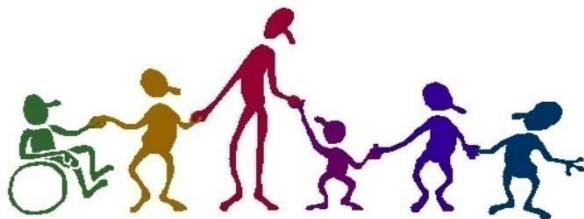
For the world:

The desperate state of Sudan

Pray for refugees throughout the world including the thousands of people trying to flee the conflict in Sudan.

The desperate state of East Africa.

*Families living in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya are struggling to put food on the table as they experience severe food shortages caused by drought and exacerbated by the Ukraine crisis. Right now, up to **26 million** people are at risk of going hungry.*



Buxton United Reformed Church

Website: 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.*

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)