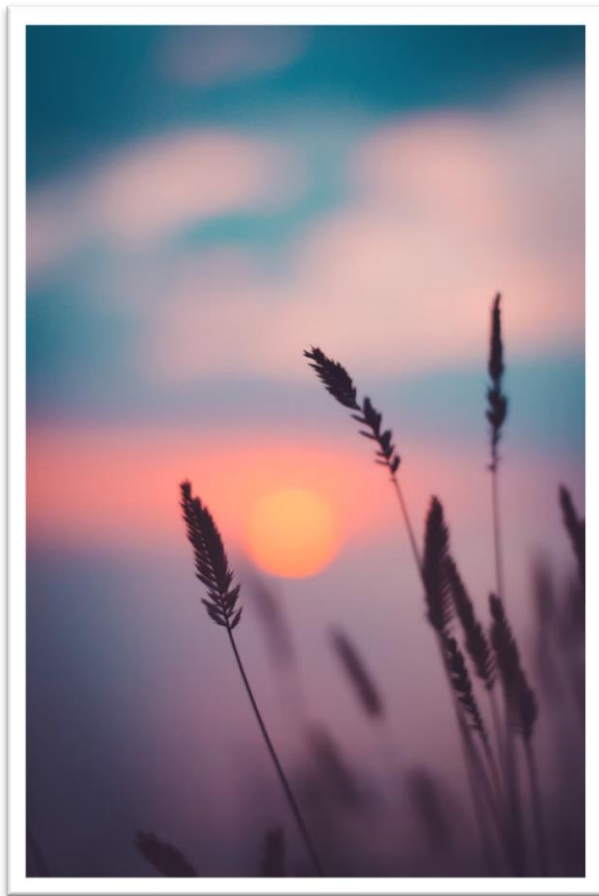


Buxton

United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



November 2021



*Just have a think for a moment
and guess what a nutmeg grater
and a wigwam have in common.*

Answer later!



I wonder if you can remember some special moments in your life that you hold on to and retain in your memory.

Peter and I returned to Ballintoy in Northern Ireland, for two weeks in October and as we arrived at the cottage right down by the beach, we saw a sight that we had never seen before. Hundreds of gulls were on the calm section of sea in front of us making a significant noise. As an incoming wave was about to crash down on them, they flew straight up in the air and settled down on the other side of the breaking wave. The light caught their feathers and on showing the photo to a friend they thought they looked like the angels we hang in church for Advent!



Pastor Billy gave us an enthusiastic welcome to the Harvest Festival Drive-in Service on the first Sunday in Dunseverick Baptist Church car park. The area is very much a farming community. As Billy said to us over a lovely evening meal prepared by Agnes, his wife at their home, you have to know the difference between green, blue, red and yellow in order to communicate



effectively with the farmers! Why? Because green is the colour for the John Deere tractors and farm machinery; Blue - New Holland; Red - Massey Ferguson and Yellow - JCB. Farmers do like to talk about their tractors and if you want to get to know the farmers you have to get to know their tractors first!



One afternoon we went with Billy and Agnes to a garden centre café to meet up with Tom and Ruth Sampson. Can you remember our church was praying for Tom who was very ill with covid last year?

Tom and Ruth gave us big hugs when we met them and Tom was very keen to tell us about his health progress since we saw him a year ago.

In fact, he just wanted to talk and talk and talk about his progress; for all the help he had received and how thankful he was to God and people praying for him – including our church.



His rehabilitation courses have gone very well enabling him to renew his strength and there was a possibility he was going to be sent on another two-week course to Scotland for further training. Tom was only one of two men that completed an advanced rehab. course out of twenty. He was encouraging one man to walk and that man told Tom that it wasn't important to walk again because he had an electric wheel chair, a car specially adapted for him to drive and other aids to daily

living so he was much better off than he had ever been in his life! Tom does do administrative police work from home and hopes that he will be able to return to his previous work to some degree in the future.

Our friends also asked about the progress of Richard (Phil and Debbie's friend) who they and we have been praying for over the last eighteen months.

One of the things Pastor Billy said to us was how lovely it was to meet with friends over a meal and just have a good wee chat. It has been something they have been unable to do for such a long time.

Another journey we were able to make this year was into Co. Donegall. Last year the border was closed because of Covid restrictions on travel.

We walked the Amazing Grace Trail by the beautiful Lough Swilly.



We found some interesting notices and insect boxes along the way.



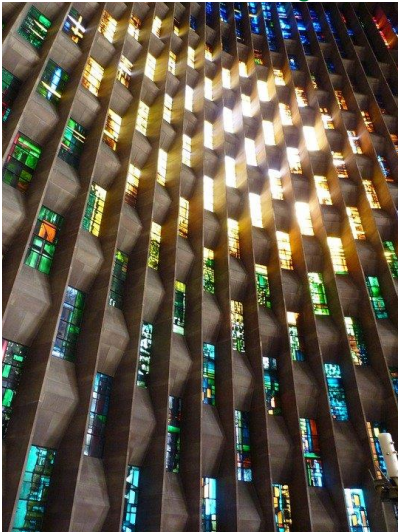
There is a lot more I could go on about but I won't! When we left our cottage for the last time on Saturday before getting the ferry back to Cairnryan we made our last call on Billy and Agnes and shared a very big cooked breakfast with them. It was a brilliant end to our holiday.

Eileen Blane



O yes, have you got the answer to the question I asked at the beginning?

The answer is stained glass windows.



Patrick Reyntiens, working from designs by the painter John Piper, produce both the huge spectacular 84-foot-high window, with 198 glass panels, for the Baptistry Window in Coventry Cathedral, commonly named the Nutmeg Grater.

He also made the lantern tower windows in the "Wigwam" R. C. Cathedral of Liverpool, described by Patrick as an upside-down rubbish bin!

Patrick Reyntiens died on 25th October this year.

Single-use plastic

Single-use plastics are goods that are made primarily from fossil fuel-based chemicals (petrochemicals) and are meant to be used only once, for a short period of time or disposed of right after use, often in mere minutes. Single-use plastics are most commonly used for packaging and service ware, such as bottles, wrappers, straws, and bags.

Derbyshire is working to cut the waste created by single use plastic which is part of the drive to reduce carbon emissions.

How can we help?

1. Recognise and avoid buying and using single-use plastics.



2. Look for more sustainable alternatives
3. Visit Day Zero shop in Buxton for ideas on how to do 1 and 2, they are so helpful and informative and no pressure to buy

No, I'm not on commission!

What have I done / or are trying to do to help?

1. I've cutdown on clingfilm and use the bags inside breakfast cereal boxes and keep cleaning them to use again and again. They are great to cover food and wrap things up in.
2. I buy as much as I can in glass and refill it eg olive oil and rapeseed oil glass jars are refilled. Cleaning products and hair products can be done this way.
3. I buy loose leaf tea due to the plastic in tea bags and use the following handy tea strainer.



4. I use a wooden and coconut tooth brush rather than a plastic one *Christmas present ideas?*
5. I get my burgers from the butchers and take my own re-usable plastic containers to put them in rather than the single-use plastic tray the burgers come on.
6. I've bought a long-lasting coconut pan scrub rather than the yellow and green plastic pan scrubbers.

What do you do that saves on single-use plastic?

Let's encourage each other and share ideas.

Debbie Delight



The Zink Project (High Peak Foodbank) Update

Thanks to the support of the local community, businesses and various grants, the new Zink HQ will open in November after just eight months of planning, building and fundraising.

As well as existing services (foodbank, advice, employability), Zink will be opening a new Eco-Café to prevent food waste, music therapy to improve wellbeing, a book exchange, a community TV channel and other exciting projects. Check our Facebook page for more announcements.

To donate to help Zink and High Peak Foodbank continue to support local families in need, please visit www.highpeakfoodbank.co.uk or send a cheque made payable to Zink to Zink HQ, Market Street Car Park, Clough Street, Buxton SK17 6LJ.

Best wishes from everyone at Zink.

**Zink HQ, Market Street Car Park. Clough Street,
Buxton SK17 6HA**



Waste Not Want Not

At
Buxton United Reformed Church.

You are invited to join with us for
free coffee, cake and
company



Saturday 6th November between
10am and 12md in the church

Love in the community

Dear all,

For a while I have been challenged by our decreasing numbers at Sunday services and yet the increasing contacts with our church through Cath, her family and volunteers by Waste Not Want Not (WNWN). I've been thinking about how to bridge the gap between us inside the church and all the people who come weekly outside our church to be fed and receive food from WNWN.

So here is an idea I came up with to try out.
Every first Saturday of the month (except 1st January as

we will not be in Buxton and may have a fat head / be a bit tired) Phil and I will be heading up a "Free coffee, cake and company" morning from 10am till 12 midday in the worship room. Eileen and Peter have designed invitations that are being given out to all who come for food through WNWN for the first free coffee morning on Saturday 6th November. SEE ABOVE

So, what can you do to help?

1. Put the dates in your diary.
2. Pray about these events, that people would come inside our church building for cake, coffee and company and will meet us and see that we are fairly normal "ish" people 😊.
3. Come along to support the Saturday mornings so that you can chat to anyone who takes that possibly difficult step to come inside the building and welcome them.
4. Bake, buy, bring or give me anything that goes nicely with a drink of tea / coffee.

So, dates for your diary are: -

Saturday 6th November

Saturday 4th December

There will be a prayer tree and an opportunity for people if they want prayer for anything.

Maybe you have a good idea about these events? Please let us know. I really don't know how many people will come but hope that by doing it God can work through us to bridge the gap for people to see what us and the Church are like and maybe may even want to join us.

Hope this encourages you and you want to take part in it,

God Bless,
Deb and Phil Delight



Another date for your diary is **Saturday 27th November**. Volunteers are needed to put up the church **Christmas decorations anytime from 10am till 12 midday-ish** (including a little coffee / tea break and an eating treat). The more the merrier and the quicker it gets done. This is so the Church is ready for Christmas and so that the next coffee morning on 4th December will be very festive and have invitations to our Christmas service on 19th December.



We have a new Minister for North Derbyshire!

On Monday 27th September two joint church meetings were held, at Tideswell and at St Andrew's and a unanimous call was offered to **Reverend Caroline Andrews** to be the minister for **the North Derbyshire Resource Area**.

Caroline has accepted the call and we look forward to her being among us soon. One tenth of her time will be allocated to working with our church.

Caroline's Induction Service will be in Chesterfield on Sunday **26th February 2022**.

Caroline's time at the present is working between Shipley Local Ecumenical Project and Saltaire United Reformed Church.



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

Phil's mum, Eileen, who is still very frail after getting Covid.

Debbie's mum, Ada, who even after 2 weeks of her booster Covid jab (third jab) is still feeling very sickly and unsteady on her feet. She is due to have her second carpal tunnel operation and does not want it to be postponed as she has little grip now in her hand that needs doing.

Give thanks for Richard Bower's recovery from Covid. He is now walking without a stick!

The people of Madagascar, are facing climate induced famine and starvation caused by a severe drought. It is reported that one young boy keeps telling his mother 'I am hungry; where is the food, where is the food, where is the food?' 'He thinks I am keeping it from him' says his mother. 'He doesn't realise that there is none. I realise we will all die because there is nothing to eat.'

Give thanks for the wonderful way the Lord has been with Tom and Ruth Sampson in Northern Ireland and the progress that Tom has made in his rehabilitation from Covid.

The COP26, climate talks are bringing together heads of state, climate experts and campaigners to talk about ways we can tackle climate change. Let us pray that sustainable solutions to mitigate the very worst effects of the climate crisis can be agreed and put into action.

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.

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

Elders and Leaders Meeting – 12 January 2022

Church Meeting – Sunday 16 January 2022

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 22nd November 2021

for the December/January publication.

To ensure your magazine is as informative

as possible please keep us up-to-date with

news and events. Tel: 01298 27591 or email peter@blane.co.uk.



Please be aware that we are not producing a printed magazine, only an electronic version that is available to read on the church's website:

www.buxtonurc.org.uk

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

Proposed services for November (these may be revised)

7 th November	10:30am	Tear Fund COP 26 service
14 th November	NO SERVICE AT CHURCH (see below)	
21 st November	10:30am	Fellowship Service
28 th November	10:30am	Chris Walker
5 th December	10:30am	Mark Houghton

On 14th November an on-line link will be available for us to join the service at Rose Hill Church, Chesterfield at 10:30 from our homes

Services will be monitored and changes made if it is felt appropriate.



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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.*

