

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



Pavilion Gardens, Buxton. Photo by [JCNazza](#)

June 2025

Last week Peter, our daughter Yolanda and I spent time in a Lodge belonging to the Wyreside Estate on the western edge of the Forest of Bowland. You may recognise it if you travel northwards on the M6 motorway turning off at Junction 33 and going eastwards!



We decided on the Sunday that we would go to St Marks C of E Church in Dolphinholme for their advertised Family Service. On arriving there, there was no one around and the church wasn't open. We sat in the grave yard for a while and then went into the porch and started reading the notices. The service had been changed to become a "Blessing the tractors service" in a place where we didn't know. Obviously, it was a field somewhere not inside a church! Peter wandered around a set-a-side church yard area maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) with graves from the First and Second World Wars. It may be the CWGC's smallest graveyard it is responsible for.

In Derbyshire we are familiar with the mills along the River Derwent. Well, Dolphinholme was known in the past for its Worsted mill owned by Thomas Hinde. Built in 1795, the mill was water-powered and equipped with two water frames to spin worsted yarn.

The gasworks were installed in 1811 by Samuel Clegg, a move that saved the building's owner the cost of up to 1,500 candles every night. Gas also lit the mill owner's house and the street in Dolphinholme, which was unusual at the time as most public spaces or homes did not have gas lighting.



Karl and Ali
St Mark's
Church weather
vane on the
tower.

The remains of the oldest gas holder are still to be seen today. I wonder what happened to the candle makers business!



The remains of the works, including a chimney and gas plant, have been put on the National Heritage List for England. They represent industry's "experimental and pioneering phase". They are exceptionally rare sites that connect us to the industrial revolution that shaped the modern world and that need to be protected for generations to come, so they understand how engineering, industry and our wider society has developed."

The archaeological remains, which are located on private land and cannot be accessed by the public, have been protected as a scheduled monument.

Clegg went on to build the first public gasworks at Westminster in 1813 before bringing gas lighting to towns and cities across England and to think it started in Dolphinholme!

O, just in case you think that Dolphinholme is called after dolphins, "holme" comes from an old Norse word roughly meaning 'island'. Rather than an island surrounded by a sea or lake it usually means a raised area of land in wet, boggy or marshy ground.

"Dolfin" is almost certainly a Scandinavian name, however Scandinavian names were still commonly used in this area until well into the Middle Ages so it is possible that the name dates after 900 AD.

Many of you will be aware of **Waste Not Want Not**. One of the helpers and recipient of the food wrote this lovely poem about the WNWN produce and handed into Cath and Daniel Sterndale. We have the author's permission to reproduce it for the magazine. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Waste Not Want Not

What would you like from us today?

We are eager and ready to serve without delay.

We have lots of bread, brown, white and granary too,

So come right inside and join the queue.

Perhaps baps or rolls, baguettes or bread that is sliced,

Plus lots of veg, from spuds to carrots that are diced.

There are apples, oranges, melons and plums,

And if you have a sweet tooth maybe cake or hot cross buns.

The list is endless on the things on display,

So tell us now and there is no need to pay.

For we don't want this food to go to waste,

As tomorrow most of this food will be replaced.

We've got such a lot of variety on the tables

Did we mention we have croissants, crumpets and bagels?

We have small bags of herbs coriander, thyme and mint.

We have lots for everyone so no need to sprint.

We are open daily from ten to midday



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And there's always lots of tempting things on display.

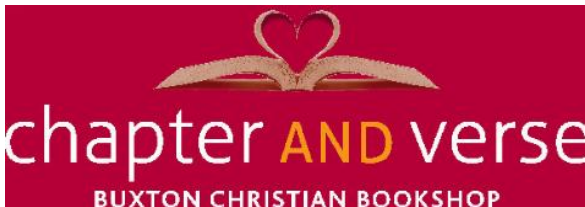
So make sure you get here with your bags of every size,

For you never know what you will take home, it's like a nice surprise.

By Ann L (April 2025)

Well, I think that is all my news for this month. Continue enjoying the sunshine and much needed rain.

Eileen Blane



A Letter from Chapter & Verse

To Members of 'Churches Together in Buxton' and
neighbouring friends.

May 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As Chair of the Trustees of Buxton Christian Bookshop,
Chapter and Verse, which has strong links with Churches
Together in Buxton, I am writing this letter to seek your support

to enable the shop to fulfill its mission of not only providing Christian books, greeting cards and some church worship materials but also a place where people can come into, to explore their faith.

The shop, in its present format, has been in operation since 2013 and has been solely staffed by volunteers, aided by a Trustee group, some of whom are unable to continue for a variety of reasons- for instance, I now live in Belper, not Buxton! In addition, the shop has been managed by one of the volunteers, who has recently decided to step down.

We are now looking to recruit a volunteer manager, volunteer shop workers and additional Trustees and are hoping you can help us in this mission.

It will be a sad loss to the town, and the local Christian community, if the shop is forced to close, because there are not many Christian bookshops left in

If you believe you can help, please contact any of the trustees or me by email:

christine.mcmullen@hotmail.co.uk.....

Or

by telephone on 01773 431 705.....

Kindest regards

Christine McMullen

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Chair of Trustees

Buxton Christian Bookshop (Trading As Chapter & Verse)

Over the weeks the outside of the church building has been repainted, so a big **thank you** to Roger, Ian, Phil and Debbie for all the time and effort you gave. It is really appreciated.

Church Cleaning Days in May were held on two Saturdays in the hope that other folk would join the working party to give a hand to the decorating. Although only a few regulars turned up a very productive time was had and not just having a brew and eating cake! Most of the windows, woodwork and drain pipes on the left hand of the church building (as you look at the church) has been painted in a lovely green / teal colour. Good work and fellowship was had by all. Do join us for the next one if you can.



Schoolreaders
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Volunteers Needed!

Please visit [Schoolreaders.org](https://www.schoolreaders.org)



Become a Schoolreaders Volunteer

Schoolreaders is looking for volunteers in this area to listen to children read in primary schools. No qualifications are required, just a love of reading and some spare time each week in term time.

Registered Charity Number: 1139157 Registered in England and Wales

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Schoolreaders

is a charity that finds local people who are able to visit a local primary school for an hour or two a week to listen to children read individually and help to improve their reading and comprehension skills. Reading for pleasure is currently the most significant factor in improving a child's access to secondary education and their life chances beyond, and our volunteers help to encourage this as well by giving the children more confidence

with their reading.

Our volunteers visit their school weekly for an hour or two in term time (holidays can be taken during the school year). They need to have good written and spoken English but they do not need any other skills or prior experience. They will also need to have a DBS check carried out but this is done by the school and is at no cost to the volunteer.

We are currently looking for more volunteers across Buxton and would really appreciate it if you were able to share some information about volunteering with Schoolreaders with the members of your church community. More information can be found on our website <https://www.schoolreaders.org/> along with our volunteer application form <https://www.schoolreaders.org/volunteer-application-form>



Talking Faith Day

Saturday 13 September 2025

WORSHIP

10.00am - 3.30pm
St Martins House, Leicester
Bring your own lunch

WORKSHOPS

BIBLE STUDY

A day of encouragement as we explore together the Synod focus of Talking Faith

Opening Worship and Keynote will be delivered by friends from Mersey Synod,
Revd Louise Franklin, Revd Stuart Radcliffe and Emma Jackson.

We will also have workshops led by Revd Martin Ferris (East Midlands Synod),
Lindsey Brown (URC Evangelism and Ecumenical Officer), Revd Louise Franklin and
Emma Jackson.

The day will conclude with a short Bible study.

Come to be inspired in **Talking Faith** in your everyday life, a fun day of fellowship and friendship together.
Resources and information will also be provided to help Talking Faith continue to be explored in our churches.



All are welcome to join us for this free event!
Early booking is recommended as we have limited spaces.
visit: <https://bit.ly/talkingfaithday>



Talking

Faith

Zoom Sessions

An opportunity for us to gather online from across the Synod, to hear of news from around the Synod, to hear from our guest speaker, to have conversations with one another and to help encourage us in Talking Faith.

These sessions are free, and all are welcome to join us.

7.30pm - 9.00pm on:

Tuesday 24 June 2025

With Revd Dr Ash Barker

Leader of the Newbigin Pioneering Hub and founder of Seedbeds

Wednesday 8 October 2025

With Dr Ruth Valerio

Environmentalism, theologian, social activist, author

Thursday 22 January 2026

With Dr Rachel Jordan-Wolf

Hope Together - Talking Jesus

Tuesday 21 April 2026

With Phil Knox

Evangelical Alliance, Evangelism and Missiology Senior Specialist and author

SAVE THE DATE

Future Dates

Thursday 23 July 2026

Monday 19 October 2026

Tuesday 15 December 2026

Monday 15 March 2027



For more information or book your place on any of the sessions

email: trainingpa@urc5.org.uk



The
United
Reformed
Church



Please pray:-

For the Saturday Coffee Mornings on
7th June and 5th July

For the work of High Peak Homeless Help and for those who seek their help.

For those of our fellowship who will be on holiday this month, that they will be refreshed.

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

Those caught up in conflicts including in -

Ukraine and Russia

Palestine and Israel

India and Pakistan

Syria

Congo

Sudan

Nigeria

and elsewhere

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 7th June

and 5th July



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

Love in the community

Buxton URC Sunday services

1 st June	10:30 am	All Saints Marple live link
8 th June	10.30 am	Cath Sterndale
15 th June	10.30 am	Eileen Blane
22nd June	10.30am	Eileen Blane
29th June	10:30 am	BBC Songs of Praise
6 th July	10.30 am	All Saints Marple live link

Dates to Remember

Saturday Coffee Morning on 7th June

Elders and Leaders Meeting:- Wednesday 25th June at 2pm in church

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 23rd June 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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Website: www.buxtonurc.org.uk

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)