

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



February 2024

You might well ask who is that lady on the front cover of our magazine for February 2024.

Perhaps some of our readers may recognise her but other certainly will not.

Her name is **Norah Lowe** who lives in Poole, Dorset. Norah is the sister and sister-in-law of our very much-loved Dorothy and Ken Phillips who are now with the Lord.

Dorothy and Norah were bought up in our church from a very early age. As Dorothy use to say “There was never a moment in my life that I didn’t know the Lord. He has always been in my life,” and so too would Norah say that.

Why is Norah on the front cover?

This February she is celebrating her **100th Birthday** and we know that every month Norah reads our magazine so we thought we would give her pride of place and wish her a very

Happy 100th Birthday on 7th February
from our church.

Photo of Dorothy, Norah and Ken on the front row
and Noreen and Peter, Jennie Gill’s grandparents behind.



How about another good news story for you.



At Christmas Waste Not Want Not prepared and gave out over 117 food parcels to families and couples / single folk and more were given out between Christmas and the New Year. Other food was given to schools for distribution to families we did not have contact with. A very big thank you to Cath and Daniel Sterndale in particular for all the organising and packing of the parcels but also all the helpers who helped packed and distributed the goods too.

**WELL DONE TO EVERYONE FOR MAKING
OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES A BIT SPECIAL
THIS LAST CHRISTMAS.**

Peter and I found that this last Christmas a lot of charities that we support sent us Christmas cards along with their magazines. One story which was amazing from a magazine I want to tell you about is an interview with Daniela Gabayet, a Mexican surgeon working with Medecins Sans Frontieres, (MSF) in South Sudan.



“Are there particular patients who you still think about?”

“O for sure, there are patients that never leave you. Sometimes the outcome was good, sometimes bad, but they stay with you. There was one child I treated in South Sudan that I think about quite a lot. He was two years old and he had a gunshot wound to his head. His mother had been shot in the arm and had a broken humerus, but she carried her boy for five days, walking all the way, to reach us.”



The boy’s injury was horrific. A large part of his brain was exposed through this bullet wound. It was completely infected and there is no way to sugar coat this – there were maggots in the brain tissue. But the boy was calm and seemed completely normal apart from the fact that half his head had been blown away!

At that point I really started to question myself. I’d never seen somebody with a wound like that survive five days, let alone appear normal. You look around and see how limited your equipment and options are and you wonder what you are supposed to do.

I called the medical team together and said, “Guys, what do you think? I am open to any and all suggestions here.” It was clear that I couldn’t touch the brain to remove any of the infection. We talked it through and decided the only real option was palliative care.

For five days that is what we did. After five days the boy had no fever, no convulsions, was eating perfectly well, was playing with

others but just wasn't talking or walking. So, we said: "We should probably revise this." So, we completely changed course. We gave him full antibiotics, kept changing his dressings, sorted out his nutrition with Plumpy Nut and threw everything we had at him. On day 15 the swelling was reduced and there was no longer any infection. There was still brain exposure, but everything was improving. At three months I was able to do a graft to cover his exposed brain. Then we were able to discharge him. By that stage he was walking, talking, eating, playing, running. Here was a boy who survived a gunshot wound to the head with no neurological deficit. It still amazes me.

It just goes to show how resilient people can be and even if you think there is no hope, patients can still sometimes surprise you. And people can inspire you too. In all the projects I have worked in, I have found people who will go beyond their limit to provide care, to be there for others and their communities.

You never want to complain after experiencing people like that."

Daniela Gabayet, a Mexican surgeon

Now that really is an account of wonder and hope for the New Year for a family in South Sudan. Did the maggots play a part in that miracle? Without a doubt!

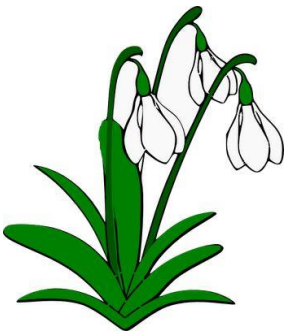
Eileen Blane





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Buxton URC Sunday services

4 th February	10:30am	Mark Houghton
11 th February	10:30am	Mark Houghton
18 th February	10:30am	Torch Trust Sight Loss Service
25 th February	10:30am	Songs of Praise
3 rd March	10:30am	Caroline Andrews

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

Please advise Cath Sterndale of the hymn or song that you would like to be included in the Songs of Praise service on 25th February.

For one week in March, thousands of people around the country are going to count their household plastic waste. The act of doing this can help you to see how much plastic you use and encourage you to reduce it in some way .

Plus, the evidence will put pressure on the UK government to act and end the age of plastic for good.

If you are interested sign up to take part at <https://act.gp/403aFxB>
Happy counting and reducing plastic .



Debbie Delight



Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy

Our Story

A rural chaplaincy in Derbyshire was first established in 2003 following the devastating foot and mouth disease outbreak in 2001. Graham Hinds was

the first agricultural chaplain to be employed through a collaboration between the Methodist Church, Workplace Chaplaincy in Derbyshire, and Rural Action Derbyshire.

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The Rev'd Alan Griggs took on the role as Lead Rural Chaplain in July 2015 and has since been licensed as an Agricultural / Rural Chaplain in Derby Diocese. Alan works with a team of committed volunteers who are passionate about walking alongside the agricultural and rural community in Derbyshire.

Chaplaincy Derbyshire Charity Number 1172198

The Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy is hosted by Chaplaincy Derbyshire, an independent Christian organisation and registered charity, operating across the county. Chaplaincy Derbyshire provides training, support, and oversight to over 150 chaplains from police and fire chaplains to retail, industry, GP surgeries, sport, transport, education, social care, and our rural chaplains with a specific focus on the farming community.

What We Do

First and foremost, we want to celebrate all that our agricultural and rural communities offer to our shared life in Derbyshire. The Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy believe that the agricultural sector navigates significant uncertainty with skill and ingenuity. Yet, the Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy is here to offer pastoral and spiritual support when life doesn't always go to plan journeying with the community in the ups and downs of life.

DRC is an ecumenical Christian organisation. It concentrates workplace support to the farming and rural sector throughout the County of Derbyshire. Chaplaincy is provided by ordained and lay people from within authorised Christian traditions. Further support is provided by DRC volunteers from the farming and rural communities, collectively known as the Farmers' Support Team.



Monthly Service at Bakewell Livestock Market

Dates for 2024:

Monday 8th January
Monday 5th February
Monday 4th March
Monday 8th April
Monday 13th May
Monday 3rd June
Monday 1st July
Monday 2nd September
Monday 7th October
Monday 4th November

A short, informal service starting at 10:00am in the conference room of the Agricultural Business Centre, Bakewell, Derbyshire, DE45 1AH

Everyone welcome | Refreshments served

For details please call or email:

07593 380311 | nicola@derbyshireruralchaplaincy.org.uk

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.

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

Locations to be arranged.

Saturday Coffee Mornings on

3rd February

and

2nd March

Coffee and cake 10am – 12md **followed by**

Lent Lunch, soup, bread and cheese – 12md – 1pm

Elders and Leaders Meeting:-

21st February 2024 at 2:15pm at 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 26th February 2024.

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





Please pray for:-

For the Saturday Coffee Mornings on 3rd February and 2nd March

For Cath and Daniel Sterndale giving out Waste Not Want Not food especially in this very cold weather.

For Norah Lowe celebrating her 100th Birthday on 7th February.

For the decisions needing to be made by Debbie and Phil Delight and both their mums who are getting frailer and need to have care to adapt to their current needs.

For wisdom for folk in our fellowship who have challenges to deal with involving other people and peace when making their decisions.

Thanks for prayer for my mum
Ada

Last year my mum was in hospital for her 87th Birthday with a hip fracture.

This year she was able to try an Express Martini (coffee cocktail very tasty) go out for a lovely meal and have her lunch cooked in our camper van.

Fortunately for me , she did not like the Express Martini and I had to finish it while she had a cup of tea.



Please continue to pray for her hip as she cannot have a revised hip operation , her eyes still have water behind them and she has arthritis in her neck.

On Sunday we all went to the Baptist church at the end of her road and the people there were all so friendly and welcoming.

Please pray she goes again and makes friends there who can support her as she comes to terms with getting older and that her eyes show signs of improvement when she next visits the eye consultant.

Thanks Debbie Delight

Richard Bower update:

After more bad news of needing a further operation after major surgery, Richard and his wife Lois have picked themselves up again and Richard is experiencing good energy levels . However, the consultant is not sure they removed all the cancer so further surgery is necessary. Lois, Richard's wife asked for prayer for the coming operation and that the consultant is able to confirm that all the cancer has been removed and that Richard and Lois can move on from nearly 3 years of struggling with Covid and cancer .

Debbie Delight





On Sunday 17th December, we held our WNWN Community Christmas Party. This was an opportunity for all the children and families to meet up and share a wonderful Christmas experience and realise that other people also come to WNWN and would like to make new friends.

Three young sisters who regularly attend the Saturday Coffee mornings wrote a wonderful letter to the Buxton for Youth Funding committee and explained that they would like to meet with other children whose families are also involved with WNWN. Buxton for Youth were very generous and contributed £125 to the overall cost of providing food, prizes and presents for the occasion.

The party attracted 13 children aged under 14 and another 5 older teenagers who came to support their younger siblings. Parents stayed and seemed to enjoy themselves as much as the children especially with all the Lego that Daniel supplied. Robin, one of the young boys had a great time assisting Daniel with the Disco. All those who attended were also presented with a Christmas gift as well as playing pass the Santa sack (a twist on pass the parcel).

People are already asking if we can do it again next Christmas.

Cath Sterndale
Project Coordinator High Peak Homeless Help

Thank you to Cath, Daniel and others for all your work in making the time special for so many families.





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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)