

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



October 2023

When I went to Sunday School many years ago, we use to sing a hymn frequently with the chorus;

*Count your blessings name them one by one,
Count your blessing see what God has done.
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord has done!*

That is what I found myself doing with Peter the other Saturday following a road traffic accident (RTA) ten days before.

Yes, the RTA left me, Peter and our granddaughter, Purdy very shaken for three days when a local haulage driver decided to gouge out the side of our car with his big lorry when we were stationary at a T junction with a main road. The damage was so extensive the car was “written off.”

But it was events that occurred following that accident that made Peter and I reflect on sixteen blessings we had received during that time.

It started with a phone call to our car insurers. The “waiting in the queue” music was Amazing Grace followed by a very empathetic lady giving us every possible advice and assistance.

It was followed by a very helpful and kind lady at the hire car provider company and an extremely professional young man in handing the hire car over to us. We found out he had only just started the job two weeks before and had the Biblical name of Isaac! “Isaac, we appreciated you so much” and yes, we did give that feedback to the company.

That weekend was special for our family. We were all together for a meal to celebrate early, Peter’s 80th birthday at a hotel in

Grindleford. It was the first time all eight of our immediate family were together since before Covid lockdowns started.

Getting up from the table to leave the hotel after a good meal, Peter became significantly poorly and had to be assisted to the car for our journey home and also straight up stairs to bed.

One of the things Gordon, our son is known for is his singing. He sings much of the day starting from when he wakes up. Whilst he was with us, he woke Purdy and Jake up each morning by going into their bedrooms and singing *Morning has broken like the first morning!* Purdy talked to us about remembering her Dada singing that first verse of the hymn every day to wake her up right from when she was a wee girl. Today as I write this Purdy celebrates her 20th Birthday. Now that is a memory! She was unaware that it was the first verse of a hymn, until we told her.



On the following Monday morning I got another phone call from the car insurance company . The lady was speaking from Glasgow and said, “Eileen I am not phoning about the car. I want to know how you, Peter and Purdy are.” How about that! That is what I call complete service.

I wonder how often you have taken advice from your mum and dad or from your children, if you have any, in your life! Well, our lads had a lot to say about the next car we should buy and searched the internet for such a one! By Monday afternoon we had implemented their advice and bought their chosen replacement but I chose the brilliant blue coloured one! No black or white car for me!

Another of our blessings was the wonderful sales girl in the car show room called Emma. She really was a blessing. By

coincidence Emma just phoned up whilst I was checking this article to ask how we were finding driving the car and if everything was satisfactory for us. Another blessing in customer service.

Peter and I had joy recalling other blessings in the ten days following the RTA. We counted sixteen altogether.

Getting back to the hymn and chorus I started with, the last verse of Count your blessings is

*So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.*

And for the last chorus our Sunday School adapted the end to go like this:-

*Count your many blessings, name them by the score
And it will surprise you even more and more!*

How about you trying to count your blessings!

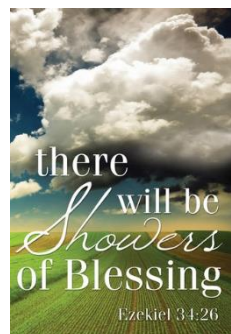
I like a quote from Ezekiel 34 v 26

I will make them and the places surrounding my hill a blessing. I will send down showers in season; there will be showers of blessing.

Which finally leads me to recall another hymn, *There shall be showers of blessing* sung by a wonderful Asian choir of 300 on YouTube.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_y0luCU8kQ

Thank you, God, for our showers of blessings.





*Goodbye faithful friend.
Have a wonderful retirement.
Do pray for Alison as she has to modify her life without Charlie.*



Carpenter's Cross

Below are two pictures of a Carpenter's Cross .

How are they similar ,
how are they
different ?

On our walk in the
southern Alpes we
came across several of
them particularly in a
little village called
Ceillac.

Apparently, they are a speciality of the region and are adorned with articles relating to the life and death of Christ.

What can you see ?

Clue - carpenter's tools , the Roman soldier's spear ... take a look and work out what each article on the cross is.

Debbie Delight





Please pray for:-

For the Saturday Coffee Mornings on 7th October and
4th November.

For the future of High Peak Homeless Help organisation as part
of our church.

Thank you for your prayers for my recovery
from having an ankle replacement.
Things are progressing well!

Eileen Blane



For Ben Houghton starting university in Lancaster reading
architecture and Purdy Blane, Eileen and Peter Blane's
granddaughter, at Exeter University based at Falmouth reading
environmental sciences.

Rev Caroline Andrews taking a well-earned break to join family
and friends in New Zealand and Australia.

For the communities and aid relief in the Atlas Mountains
following the devastating effects of earthquakes and in Libya
following devastation caused by dams bursting, wiping out
coastal communities in Derma.

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays.

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

**Saturday Coffee Mornings on 7th October and
4th November.**



Tearfund quiz

28th October 7pm at church

Bring and share food.

AGM after church service 19th November

followed by food – Jacket potato with various fillings.

Elders and Leaders Meeting:-

1st November 2023 2pm at church

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 23rd October 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

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| 1 st October | 10:30am | To be arranged |
| 8 th October | 10:30am | Buxton Songs of Praise |
| 15 th October | 10:30am | Sunday Night Live with Pam Rhodes |
| 22 th October | 10:30am | Five-minute slot service |
| 29 th October | 10:30am | National URC Service |
| 5 th November | 10:30am | Mark Houghton |
| 12 th November | 10:30am | Eileen Blane |
| 19 rd November | 10:30am | Caroline Andrews |
| 26 th November | 10:30am | Roger Horne |

New for old by Philippa Hanna

*There is a store on London Road
Where all unwanted treasure goes
For Vintage clothes they'll give you old for new
Come rain or shine they'll venture out
To rifle through the lost and found
Guaranteed to find a gem or two*

*Every Monday morning there's an old man at the store
Always seems to find exactly what he's looking for*

*He blows the dust from off the surface
Traces each and every line
And with Scarred and weathered fingers
Holds it up towards the light
He knows exactly what he has to do to bring it back to life
Nothing is worthless for the one who sees the gold
New for old.*

*He takes it home and once again.
He's skilled and loving hands begin
To strip away the varnish and the glue
He sands it down and though it's late
He gives it one more coat of paint
Till every crack is gone it's good as new*



*Every Monday morning you will find him at the store
If someone has thrown away something he knows he can restore*

*He blows the dust from off the surface
Traces each and every line
And with Scarred and weathered fingers
Holds it up towards the light
He knows exactly what he has to do to bring it back to life
Nothing is worthless for the one who sees the gold*

*There is nothing that's beyond repair
There is no one too far gone
Can't your eyes see what can be done
With a little love*

*Just blow the dust from off the surface of each tired and weary life
There's a diamond to discover when you hold it to the light
Cause everyone is someone's treasure when there're loved and that is
why
Nothing's worthless for the one who sees the gold
New for old.*

The YouTube link is:

[Philippa Hanna - New For Old - \(Lyric Video\) - YouTube](#)



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

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

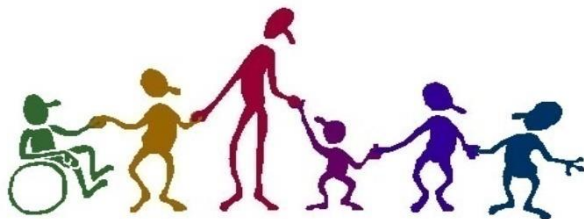
***On Saturday 7th October
And Saturday 4th November***



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

***Love in the
community***





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)