

Buxton

United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



St Francis Episcopal Church

April 2021

Easter is a very special time of the year for Christians. The following is a song that I play often. It was written and sung by Guy Penrod and to me is like an observer's notes about the followers of Jesus after the crucifixion and ending with a lovely morning chorus. You can find it on YouTube:- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGiff31zB24>

Then came the morning

They all walked away, with nothing to say,
They'd just lost their dearest friend.
All that He said, now He was dead,
So this was the way it would end.
The dreams they had dreamed, were not what they'd seemed,
now that He was dead and gone;
The garden, the jail, the hammer the nail,
How could a night be so long.

Then came the morning, night turned into day.
The stone was rolled away, hope rose with the dawn.
Then came the morning, shadows vanished before the sun.
Death had lost and Life had won, for morning had come

The angel, the star, the kings from afar, the wedding, the water,
the wine. Now it was done, they'd taken her son. Wasted before
His time. She knew it was true, she'd watched him die too, she'd
heard them call Him just a man. But deep in her heart, she knew
from the start somehow her Son would live again.

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Guy Penrod

Hallelujah!

Each week on Saturday morning we Skype Purdy, our granddaughter of 17, to find out how her week has been and to give her pieces of current news to make her smile. She seems to value the chats we have with her so here are some more news items to share with you and hopefully you will smile too.



They're back! The first of the mandarin ducks have returned to the Pavilion Gardens. Each spring they return presumably to mate and raise their young but I have never, to my knowledge, seen a baby mandarin chick. Perhaps this is because mandarins are one of only two breeds of duck to make their nests in trees. But then I've never seen any ducks in trees either. I'll have to look harder this year!

*Have you heard that **Terry Boot** is to step into the position of finance chief at **Shoe Zone** after his predecessor **Peter Foot** walked away from the role! It's true folks!*



Lego is experiencing a boom in sales of special technical models that adults are buying to assemble during lockdown.

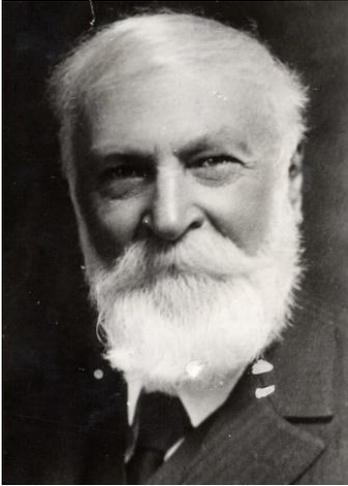
The birth rate has increased considerably in Llandudno and it is not humans!

The wild Kashmiri goats that live on the Great Orme area did not receive their contraceptive injections last year and as a result the population is increasing considerably. We are not kidding you!



And lastly an account of what happened to a famous physician Dr Adolph Lorenz from Vienna (1854 – 1946) who had healed a Chicago girl that no other doctors could heal. Her wealthy parents took her to

Vienna in the hope that Dr Lorenz would be able to heal her. He was an orthopaedic consultant famous for his work with patients with bone deformities and his treatment was called “bloodless surgery” because he used manipulative treatment and plaster casts to correct deformities.



His fame spread throughout the world and on a trip to America to explain his techniques to American surgeons across the country he was besieged by anxious parents and patients imploring him for his treatment for needy loved ones.

One day whilst in a Mid-west town Dr Lorenz felt very restless. Guards were always at his side to protect him but he longed for solitude. Late one afternoon he managed to slip away and take a walk alone in a residential area. There was a sudden violent thunderstorm and no public shelter nearby so the doctor rang the doorbell of the nearest house to ask for shelter. The door was opened by a visibly upset and exasperated woman who refused him entry and told him to go somewhere else – she had enough trouble without having him to deal with too. She slammed the door shut in his face. Presently a car with the protection guards in it found the doctor and took him back to the hotel.

The next day that unwelcoming housewife looked in her newspaper and screamed with shame and dismay. She recognised the photo on the front page of the famous doctor who was the very one that had come to her doorstep yesterday asking for shelter that she refused. The terrible fact was this woman’s daughter had the same illness as the Chicago girl that was taken to Vienna for the doctor to heal. The woman had written several letters to the doctor and sent them to the hotel where he was staying entreating him to come to her home and to make her daughter well again. But she had shut the door in his face when God had guided him there.

This reminds me of the verse in

Revelation 3 v 20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with me."

But it is the person behind the door that has to do the opening not the person who does the knocking.

This true modern parable was printed in Fulton Oursler's book "Modern Parables" (1950). Fulton was Senior Editor of the Reader's Digest. He said "*I thought, humbly and imperfectly, it might be possible to state great truths in terms of modern-day tales with some principles that could light our modern lives.*"

Eileen and Peter Blane

Maundy Thursday Service

The Rev Camilla Veitch will be leading a **Zoom service on Maundy Thursday 1st April at 7 pm**, which all the churches in the North Derbyshire area are welcome to join in with.



Camilla will be using material from the Iona publishing company, entitled

"Seven Actions: A service of prayer and Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday"

As the title indicates this will be a reflective service and will include communion (people will need to provide their own bread and wine/juice at home!). It is anticipated that the service will take 45-50 minutes"

Note – Roger Horne will circulate the Zoom link on Monday 29th March

Easter arrangements

If you wish to participate in the CTiB on-line events or would like more details please contact [Alison Darby](#)

Good Friday

There will be a CTiB on-line evening service. Details are not yet available.



Buxton URC Sunday services 10:30am via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556790029?pwd=VVBmOVZ3VVdqVUJPa1NySFNSbkllUT09>

4 th April	Easter Communion	Mark Houghton
11 th April		Fellowship Service
18 th April		Charles Jolly
25 th April		Chris Walker
2 nd May		Mark Houghton

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81496046535?pwd=T1Rxa2c4ZWJmb0oyWi95QXZsSjJaZz09>

It would be great if more folk were to join in the Fellowship Evenings. The evenings are varied and may include:-

- Bible study
- Prayer
- Sharing
- Fun
- Discussion
- Preparing Sunday Worship

Why not give it a try? You will be most welcome.



A request for help from the United Reformed Church:

The annual **Greenbelt Christian Festival** is going ahead at the end of August, if restrictions continue to be eased as planned. It will be held at Boughton House, Kettering between 27th and 30th August.

It is described as an event which is “somewhere between artistry and activism where the secular meets the spiritual and politics meets positivity”

The URC is a project partner of the Greenbelt charity and is running the café. They are asking for volunteers to help run the café so all of us who have previously helped at our lunch clubs are well qualified!

If you might be interested please have a look at: www.urb.org.uk/greenbelt where you can download an application form. Applications close on the 14th April.

I am going for the weekend in my campervan but it is possible to come for a day or half a day.

Please join me!

Roger Horne

Happy 50th Birthday Mr Men Characters

50th

Most of us will remember the brightly coloured Mr Men books either from our own childhood or by seeing children reading them. Do you realise that the characters do not have bodies? Their arms and legs stick out of their heads!

Nearly every Saturday since 12th September 2020 the Children's Evangelist Jacqui McVicker from Dunserverick Baptist Church in Northern Ireland, has used on the YouTube Saturday Children's Corner a Mr Man or Miss/Mrs Woman's story to introduce the children to a Biblical character. The names of the Mr / Miss / Mrs characters each start with a different letter of the alphabet.

On the 19th March this year the Z for Mr Zoo Keeper was the last in the series.

Have a guess what characters were used from the following titles. *What Jacqui chose is at the end of the magazine.*

A	Mr Afraid
B	Miss Busy
C	Mr Choose for myself
D	Mr Doubter
E	Mr Evangelist
F	Mr Forgetful
G	Mr Grateful
H	Mr Humble
I	Miss Industrious
J	Mr Jealous
K	Mr Kindness
L	Mrs Laughter
M	Mr Magic

N	Mr Nobody
O	Mr Obedient
P	Mrs Peacemaker
Q	Miss Quizzer
R	Mr Runaway
S	Mr Sulker
T	Mr Thoughtful
U	Mr Useful
V	Mr Violent
W	Mr Walk with God
X	Mr X-ray
Y	Mr Yawner
Z	Mr Zoo keeper



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

Celebration of Roger's new granddaughter Dora Nancy Aida Horne, and Oliver and Jess, her parents along with Iris and Rosie, Dora's sisters.

*Cath Sterndale, Daniel and others continuing to give out food bags from our church with **"Waste Not Want Not"**. Up to the date of publishing the magazine over 5,800 food parcels have been given out.*

A young man coming for food to **WNWN** only requesting bread, pastries and cakes as he had no china or cutlery in his home. Pray for Cath and Daniel to be given wisdom in knowing the best ways to help and support him.

Charles and Alison Jolly, that the completion of the sale of their home will not take too long and soon they will be able to move to Bowburn, Co. Durham.

Give thanks for all the NHS organisation that enabled Covid vaccines to have been offered to all the first priority groups in Britain.

Pray for the manufacturing companies and their component suppliers that the production of Covid-19 vaccines will be able to continue unhindered and the distribution to poorer countries of the world will accelerate.

Yvonne, a young girl known to Roger in Korogocho, Kenya who has been admitted to hospital seriously ill with Covid19.

Phil Delight needing treatment for blood clots.

For the blessings of technology that enable so many churches to use Zoom, YouTube and other technologies to maintain contact with their folk.

For Fiona Bingham and her family this Easter.

For the joy of the dawn chorus and catkins opening and flowers welcoming us to Spring.

Dates to Remember

Fellowship Evenings: Wednesdays. Join us at 7:30pm on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81496046535?pwd=T1Rxa2c4ZWJmb0oyWl95QXZsSjJaZ09>

Next Church Meeting TO BE ARRANGED

Fun Evening Easter Saturday 3th April on Zoom

from 7.0pm to 8.0pm. Do join us on Zoom and if you are able to contribute to the fun with something that would be great!

Elders and Leaders Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday 6th April 2021

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 26th April 2021
for the May 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**

A message from Andy Parker about Holiday Club at the Methodist Church

'Just to let you know that we are planning a children's Holiday Club at the Methodist Church from Monday 9th August to Friday 13th August, ages 5 - 12, from perhaps about 10am - 3pm.

The purpose of this message is to let you know it is happening and hopefully we won't clash if other churches put something similar on, and if you want to come long or help then you'll be welcome. Please contact Rev Andrew Parker for more details.'

Happy 50th Birthday

Mr Men Characters

The people Jacqui chose: -

A	Mr Afraid - Adam
B	Miss Busy - Martha
C	Mr Choose for myself - Lot
D	Mr Doubter - Thomas
E	Mr Evangelist - Phillip
F	Mr Forgetful - Joseph
G	Mr Grateful - Leper healed
H	Mr Humble - Pharisees & Tax Collectors
I	Miss Industrious - Dorcas (Tabitha)
J	Mr Jealous - King Saul
K	Mr Kindness - Good Samaritan
L	Mrs Laughter - Sarah
M	Mr Magic - Simon of Samaria
N	Mr Nobody - David
O	Mr Obedient - Ananias
P	Mrs Peacemaker - Abigail
Q	Miss Quizzer - Queen of Sheba
R	Mr Runaway - Onesimus
S	Mr Sulker - King Ahab
T	Mr Thoughtful - Paralysed man's friends
U	Mr Useful - Rhoda
V	Mr Violent - Saul / Paul
W	Mr Walk with God - Enoch
X	Mr X-ray -
Y	Mr Yawner -
Z	Mr Zoo keeper - Noah

Happy
Birthday to: -
Mr Impossible
Mr Lazy
Mr Rude
Miss Fun
Mr Perfect
Mr Clever
Mr Small
Miss Naughty
Mr Uppity
Mr Silly
Mr Bump
Miss Sunshine
Mr Slow
Mr Worry
Mr Nobody
Miss Helpful
Mr Happy
Mr Tickle
Mr Messy
Miss Shy
Mr Quiet
Mr Grumpy
Miss Magic
Mr Rude
Mr Grumpy
and many others

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We would be very happy to warmly welcome everyone who wishes to join us for Sunday worship.

But

because of the current restrictions all church services and all other activities in the church building have been cancelled until further notice.

Instead

we are arranging virtual services on Sundays at 10.30 am using Zoom. If you have internet access you are welcome to join us using the link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87556790029?pwd=VVBmOVZ3VVdqVUJPa1NySFNSbkllUT09>

Once things are back to normal, we will again offer a sincere, loving welcome to all in Christian Worship in our church building.

Maybe sometime this year!