

Buxton United Reformed Church

Hardwick Square East



Rainbow at Ballintoy Harbour, Co. Antrim

October 2019

**BBC
10
Most loved Hymns
2019**



***1st
Jerusalem***

How Great Thou Art

In Christ Alone

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Abide with Me

I Vow to Thee my Country

Guide me o Thou Great Redeemer

Amazing Grace

Be still for the presence of the Lord

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

How are some hymns created?

The music to "In Christ Alone" was written by Paul Getty and was recorded on a CD and given to Stuart Townend who liked it very much and then put words to it.

Now it is number three in the most liked hymns in the BBC public vote.

Buxton United Reformed Church
Everyone is welcome to come to our
Sunday Services



6 th October	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Mark Houghton
13 th October	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Charles Jolly
20 th October	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Hilary & Nick Benson
	6.00 pm	One World Week Service
27 nd October	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Chris Walker
3 rd November	10.30 am	Communion Service - Mark Houghton

The promise of Spring



We have four magnolias in our garden. The wonderful thing about them at this time of the year is that they have already developed large buds that will flower in May next year. That is an assurance to us of God's promise that there will be spring next year.

Eileen Blane

*Jenny Gill had suggested I did a sort of version of **John chapters 13 and 14** during my message one Sunday morning, which seemed to go down very well with requests for copies etc. and so Jenny suggested that it be included in the magazine.*

Here it is.

Simon Bingham

The Extraordinary Board Meeting



The Chairman walked into the board room with his Versace artificial leather briefcase nonchalantly at his side. He walked steadily, purposefully, around the table only nodding once or twice as a board member raised a head, hand, and acknowledged him. He reached the head of the table, put the Versace briefcase on the polished real wood mahogany top, put his fingers against the fingertip ID locks, heard them click and opened the case. He took out a green folder and then nodded his thanks as Captain America closed the case and put it on the floor by his chair. He opened the folder, every movement confident, cool, self-controlled, spread out the papers it contained, white paper hard against the dark red of the table top. Conversation slowed around the table, as he mentally went back over the things he had to say. He looked up, looked round the table, nodded comfortably, straightened, "OK, we've got a lot to get through here so I'm going to make a start. You've all eaten I trust? Good. Here's the deal. Things are going to be changing. Big changes and you all need to get hold of the things I'm passing onto you today."

The Chairman watched as Spiderman did his usual and stuck one of his webs onto a vase of flowers in the middle of the table. He tugged it, just lightly but lightly with him tended to be heavy for most and the inevitable happened as the vase fell over, flew back to him spraying water and flowers over all those around him. The Chairman closed his eyes for a moment, never the most promising of students . .



"Spiderman, just leave the thing alone would you?" he said as the vase gave up the unequal battle, disintegrated, and a rose ended up sticking out of Magneto's helmet.

The Chairman kept going *"As I was saying, there's a lot to get through. The first thing I want to say is probably one of the most important. How you deal with each other. Your cars alright?"* he asked and they all nodded. Seeing the Chairman scrabbling around under their cars draining the oil as he gave them all a free service had been something. Iron Man had argued of course. Said his didn't need it as only he would. Then told the boss he wanted it washed as well but the boss had only said that he was out if he didn't do the car service for him. That he would understand better later. That had seemed to end the matter.

"OK, so learn the lesson, this isn't just about working together, this is about a lot, lot more. Not just the occasional save the world get together, there needs to be more, help each other out, be there for each other, dare I day it, show a little love!"

Iron Man, Tony Stark, raised an eyebrow, stared at Captain America and got the stare back. The Chairman sighed as a shadow crossed his face again, the one Iron Man had seen a few times lately, had even told him off about it.

Then he said thoughtfully in a complete change of direction, *"We have a betrayer here."* and a buzz started around Iron Man. He thought for a moment then leaned backwards, put his hand past Wolverine, tapped Captain America on the shoulder. Captain America looked at him with the question obvious.

"Ask him who, OK?" Iron Man said.

Captain America put his hand on the Chairman's arm, and he leaned down.

"So who is it?" he asked.

The boss stood up, put his hand in his pocket and took out his cigar case. He took one out, pinched it, lit it, didn't look back at the Captain as he said, *"Whoever I give this to." and passed the cigar to Magneto. Magneto looked up, grinned as he took it, they were always good to get hold of, those cigars, as the Chairman said to him "Get on and do the job. Don't waste time."*

Magneto took the cigar, drew on it appreciatively a couple of times, blew the smoke back into the Chairman's face then nodded, got up

and walked out. The Chairman watched as Magneto waved a hand, casually pulled the hinges off the door, let it crash to the floor and walked over it still puffing on the cigar.

The buzz had died down now, they were all looking at him, expecting something. He shook his head, this wasn't the time for an all out war, *"The main thing is: don't worry; just stay together, be there for each other. The Boss has this sorted. All dealt with so no need to worry. I'm going to be around for a while longer but when I do go, you won't be too surprised and you won't be able to follow so don't even think of it. Like I said, the Boss has it all sorted, in fact I'm going to be getting things ready for you all to come too later."*

"There's no problem, I'll stick with you anyway." Iron Man said.

The Chairman shook his head. *"No go, where I'm going, you can't come and anyway, you're going to throw me to the wolves and deny you even know me."*

Iron Man stared at the Chairman, started to deny it and then stopped, for once at a complete loss for words.

"So who is this Boss? I mean if you're going, we could do with getting to know him. And how can we come later if we don't know the way?" Batman interrupted.

The Chairman shook his head, *"Come on Batman, you as good as know him, we're close, him and me. You've seen me, you've seen him. In fact I'll say this, get it all together and you'll do even more than I've done this last few years. And don't get uptight, don't think this isn't sorted, as we're sending someone who will be so close you won't even see him! He'll tell you all the stuff you need to know too. He'll be me, so just do what we pass onto you and you'll be fine!"*



Superman chimed in, *"So how come you're not advertising? So people know if there's a save the world situation they can come to us?"*

The Chairman shook his head, *"That's no problem Superman, when they see you, they'll see me too and know we're on it. The one we're going to be sending to you, he'll do all the work, just trust him and do what I say. It'll all pan out."*

In fact I'll say this, the guy we're up against is major but he doesn't have any way of dealing with me. And when I'm with the Boss, I'll be there looking after you too."

He looked around everyone at the table. For a change, it was quiet, silence, as they seemed to be absorbing all he had said. Spiderman was still fidgeting but that wasn't unusual. The rest looked sort of stunned and unsure but that was to be expected.

"OK, time's up! Time to go and I'll give you the rest later."

Captain America put the Versace briefcase back on the table, the Chairman unlocked it with his fingertips and put the rearranged folder back in. He closed the case with a snap, picked it up and they followed him as he walked out over the broken door. He was just out of the boardroom when he heard a bang followed by a crash that literally shook the floor followed quickly by a muttered oath. The Chairman didn't hesitate or look round, just nodded to himself as he called out *"Spiderman, how many times do I have to tell you not to swing on the chandelier!"*



Buxton Community Church
London Road
Fan the Flame –
A Weekend for Worshippers



For the last few years we have been running a Worship event/conference. This year the event will take a very different direction, in that we are setting aside the weekend to solely spend time in extended worship and creativity. We have guests coming from Sheffield and Walsall, and would love it if you can come. As it's a weekend of worship (Friday 11th October - 8pm to Saturday 12th October 8:30pm), we believe that God will use the space to stir up hunger, prophetic senses and a tangible experience of His presence. Its free, but if you are planning on coming **YOU NEED A TICKET!**

For booking visit... <http://fantheflamebuxton.eventbrite.co.uk>

There are limited spaces available.

Oliver Taylor, BCC

Jesus has become our Saviour.
Our Way, our Truth, our Life.
Our refuge and our comfort.
Our fortress in the strife.

We are a new creation.
He is our only treasure.
He is our rock and our
foundation.
Everything beyond all measure.

God, He wants to fill our cup.
He will always be our supply.
Our emptiness He will fill up.
What we give He'll multiply.

He can fill us with so many
things.
Hope, joy, love and peace.
Abundant life will flow through
us,
As these gifts are all released.

Giving thanks with a grateful
heart
Is always a good start.
Allowing ourselves to declare and
speak.
We will be strong when we are
weak.

Proclaim the name of Jesus.
The oil of gladness let it flow.
With psalms and hymns with
spiritual songs
Our praise and worship show.

The Holy Spirit in us
Changes things into light.
Consuming all our darkness.
Causing our lives to always shine.

Allow yourself to be refreshed,
Revived, restored, renewed.
BE filled with the fulness of God
In everything you do.

Let rivers flow out of your life.
Causing fulfilment every day.
Passing it on to others
In what you do and say.

Never lose the wonder
Keep the child like faith.
LIVE LIFE TO THE VERY FULL
It will be worth the wait.

Hope fulfilled is a tree of life. Prov 13 v12

Fiona Bingham

OVER-65s SUNDAY CLUB

Meetings start at 2.00pm and are held in
St Anne's Community Centre on Hardwick Square West.

Dates of meetings.

13 October - Talk on Stained Glass by Tony Waldron, a conservation expert, who will also give a demonstration of how a stained glass panel is put together

17 November - Paper Crafts – make a seasonal decoration to hang in the window

8 December - Ripley's Ridiculous Rhythmic Rendezvous – Paul will challenge your musical knowledge

A £3.00 donation is requested, to cover tea/coffee and biscuits and a free raffle.

Indoor Kurling and board games are also available.

Contact sundayclubgo@gmail.com or call Caroline on 01298 27638

Alison Darby



The following has been taken from the
High Peak Homeless Help
July 2019 Newsletter.



DAVID'S STORY

This is a true story, but not unusual. Names and some minor details have been changed.

When he was middle-aged, David was under so much pressure at home and work that he walked away, fearing for his mental health. David then sensibly approaches us and explained that he was homeless. Using our phone, David agreed to phone home to tell his family that he was safe. We lent David a tent and sleeping bag and other equipment, which David used for 11 nights on common land, moving every couple of days. We provided David with hot meals at the church and also with food that he could prepare for himself with cooking equipment that we supplied. David visited the project coordinator daily to discuss how he was feeling and coping. After a few days David agreed to see a G.P. We supported him in this visit and eventually he felt able to return home.

Extracts from an e-mail from The National United Reformed Church Finance Committee.

Date: August 2019

To: The members and friends of each local URC congregation.

‘THANK YOU’ for what you help us achieve together in God’s name.

The purpose of this letter is to say **‘Thank you’** to each and every one of you for all that you do for the Church and, especially, for your help in **raising over £19 million in 2018 for the URC Ministry and Mission Fund**. For Christians, any giving of ours is in response to the amazing generosity of God in pouring out his love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and through his risen life in the world and the church today, through the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, it is important to say ‘thank you’.

The United Reformed Church is like a big family – about 46,000 members in 1,400 churches served by just under 400 ministers. In any thriving family, the members support each other and want the best for each other. In the URC, we are all seeking to *‘Walk the way: live the life of Jesus today’* – and to enable others to do so as well.

For most of us, this idea of the church as family is most easily seen in the life of our own local church. That is where we regularly worship God and also seek to serve our own community and share God’s love with them.

‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom in your local churches.

A crucial part of what your local church does, like any family, is support you in all that you do in your daily lives. That is where we all *‘Walk the way’*.

‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom in your daily discipleship.

But the wider family of the United Reformed Church is more than the sum of its parts. We belong to each other under God and through our sharing of resources as well as burdens, opportunities as well as challenges, we achieve more together. **‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom through the wider Church, including your giving which enables your church to give to the Ministry and Mission Fund.**

It is an extraordinary demonstration of commitment and generosity that the average giving per member to the Ministry and Mission Fund continues to go up each year. Although the number of URC members has been going down by a few percent each year, the total amount raised has been going down

much more slowly. The total raised in 2018 was less than 0.5% lower than the total for 2017. These contributions are voluntary but they are not optional. They are an expression of our commitment to each other. The United Reformed Church could not function without them.

'THANK YOU' for your church's contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund.

NB: the contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund requested from each local church is a matter for its Synod. The central Church is not directly involved.

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter then please speak to your church treasurer, who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help then they will get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Hardie
Treasurer

John Piper
Deputy Treasurer



Please Pray For

Our country. All the decisions with the run up to end of October. That justice, truth, mercy and righteousness will be shown by our leaders.

The church to stand firm and be a witness to so many people with no hope who need Jesus

You are welcome to join us for prayer at the Church every
Friday morning any time between 7am and 8am.

Simon and Fiona Bingham

Dates to Remember



Lunch Club

The next lunches will be on
**Thursdays 3rd October
& 7th November**

Fellowship Evenings

Wednesdays at 7:30 – 9:00pm

Locations to be announced

**Next Church Meeting
TO BE ARRANGED**

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 27th October 2019

for the November 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, in addition to the printed magazine, an electronic
version is available to read on the church's website:**

www.buxtonurc.org.uk

Recent meeting with Synod representatives and next Area meeting.

Thanks to everyone who came to the recent meeting with Rev Sue Powell, a retired URC minister living in Chesterfield, and Duncan Smith, one of the two pastoral consultants for Derbyshire.

Sue has sent us the following invitation:-az

Dear friends,

This is the call for our next meeting of the North East Derbyshire United Reformed Churches.

Area meetings are a chance for anyone who attends any URC in the North East Derbyshire Area to meet together and share news, information, upcoming events etc. They help us to stay in touch and see what is happening in our churches. Anyone from the church can come, and all are welcome.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 15th October, 7.30pm at Rose Hill URC, Soresby Street, Chesterfield, S40 1JN. The church is next to a car park, so parking shouldn't be an issue. We meet in different churches around the area every three months with each church taking it in turn to host.

An outline agenda is included below.

We begin at 7.30 and generally end for 9pm.

I look forward to seeing lots of people there!

With thanks

Sue

Rev Sue Powell

Agenda for Area Meeting of the North East Derbyshire Churches 15th October 7.30pm At Rose Hill URC

- Refreshments
- Chair: Rev Sue Powell
- Opening Worship
- Welcome
- News from the Churches:

Buxton

Holymoorside

Rose Hill

St Andrews Newbold

Wirksworth

Calow

Matlock LEP

St Andrews Dronfield

Tideswell

- Discussion Item – to be arranged
- Thanks and Closing



Sunday Worship

**There will usually be a Service at 10.30 a.m.
each Sunday**

Please check inside this magazine for details of the services
as the format will vary from week to week

*We offer a sincere, loving welcome to all
in Christian Worship*

Web site: www.buxtonurc.org.uk

Weekly Activities for Children and Young People

- **Rainbows:** Tues. 5 - 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale
(Mobile Tel. No: 07967205209)
- **Brownies:** Tues. 6 – 7:30pm
Leader: Cath Sterndale
(Mobile Tel. No: 07973670595)
- **Guides:** Tues. 6pm
Leader: Stephanie Sterndale
(Mobile Tel. No: 07967205209)

Other Activities

Fellowship Evenings – Wednesdays
Early morning prayers - every Friday drop in between 7 & 8am.
Lunch Club – 1st Thursday in the month
Tuesday Club – 2nd & 4th Tuesdays in the month 2pm