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Borders Missional Partnership  
(United Reformed Church)**



**Faith – Hope – Love – Since 1972**

# THE LINK



**2025**

**"The East Cheshire and Derbyshire Borders is a Christian Church, living out the love of God by reaching into the heart of each community and responding to its needs"**

## *Dear Friends,*

As we step into September, we find ourselves on the threshold of a new season. The long, warm days of summer slowly give way to cooler mornings, falling leaves, and the return of routines. Whether a student heading to University or school, parents adjusting to a new rhythm, or simply taking stock as the year begins its final quarter, September often brings with it a fresh sense of purpose and reflection.

In many ways, this season mirrors our spiritual journey. Just as the trees begin to let go of their leaves, we, too, are invited to let go—of burdens, distractions, or anything that may be keeping us from drawing closer to Christ.

September is also a time when our church life becomes more vibrant—Bible studies and meetings resume, and new opportunities arise to serve and grow in community. We should prayerfully consider where God may be calling us to step in, step up, or step out in faith. Whether through volunteering, joining a group, or simply committing to regular Sunday worship, every step we take deepens our roots and helps our church flourish.

‘Going forward’ would be a good theme for this season. A simple phrase but powerful - reminding us faith was never meant to be stagnant. We are called to walk, to grow, to move forward.

The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 3:13-14: *“Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

As a church, let’s move forward together—with unity, with faith, and with the expectation that God is already ahead of us, making the path clear.

*Blessings, Margaret*

# Finding God in Scripture



## ALMOST TRUE IS STILL FALSE

*Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.* Proverbs 12 v19 NIV

**VIDEO REVIEW: Cinematography? Well done. Soundtrack? Reflective and calming. Content? intriguing and relatable.**

The video presented a study in which Redwood trees were injected with a substance similar to adrenaline to keep them from going dormant. The injected trees died because they weren't allowed the natural cycle of wintering.

The video's message was that this can happen to us as well if we're always too busy with no seasons of rest. And that can be true. But the video was inaccurate. There never was such a study. Redwoods are evergreens and never go dormant. And the trees in the video were giant Sequoias not coastal Redwoods. As thoughtful as the video seemed to be, it was based on falsehoods. **FAKE NEWS!**

We find ourselves living in an age where, due to our technologies, lies are sometimes magnified and multiplied to try and convince us they're true. The Book of Proverbs, that compendium of godly wisdom, speaks often of the stark difference between truth and lies. *Truthful lips endure forever, says the proverb, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment.* And the very next adage tells us: *Deceit is in the hearts of those who plot evil, but those who promote peace have joy.* (v 20). Honesty applies to everything from God's commands to videos about wintering. **The Truth Endures Forever. How might you wisely question the narrative of what you see, hear and experience? How will you live out your commitment to the truth?** Dear God, please give me discernment as I daily pursue what's true.

(*JOHN BLASÉ. Taken from Our Daily Bread publication. odb.org / 0153 956 41 49*)

*Articles from Members of the Missional Partnership.....*

*NB: last date for October articles is September 21st*

# **GREAT CELEBRATIONS!!**



Margaret Dexter Brown is graduating on the 13th September at Luther King House, having completed her NSM4 training (Non-stipendiary minister4) and will celebrate her ordination and induction on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2:30pm at Hatherlow and George Lane

All welcome!

*A message from Liz Delafield,  
ECDB Steering Group Convenor*

Hello everyone,

I am excited to be taking up a new role as steering group convenor for the East Cheshire and Derbyshire Borders Missional partnership. (I am still Mission and Discipleship Mentor here too).

The role of the convenor is to chair the Steering Group, and to support the ministers, elders and congregations of the partnership to work together for Mission. Each of the churches has a representative on the steering group. We meet together once every couple of months to reflect, pray and work together.

Our next meeting will be reflecting on how the call process for new ministers operates in our partnership, addressing some concerns that were expressed to us. I know several churches have been collecting ideas about this to feed back to us. We will also be finding out more about the Church Life Review.

If you want to know more, or you have ideas that you would like the Steering group to explore, please speak to your steering group rep, or contact me directly.

## **Calling all Preachers and Worship Leaders**

I'd like to let you know about some opportunities for preachers and worship leaders in our area.

1. **A new Stepwise Faith Filled Worship in person group.** Due to a recent change, participants are no longer required to do the faith filled life course first, so this group is open to anyone who feels it would support them as a worship leader or preacher, or simply to reflect on the role of worship in their discipleship. I am hoping that this change will enable more people to step forward. Faith Filled Worship is a year-long course (meeting once a month for about 2 hours) for preachers, worship leaders and anyone interested in reflecting on worship. It is part of the URC's Stepwise discipleship programme. It is also the first step to becoming a Synod Recognised Worship Leader (although there is no requirement that people taking the course would go on to do this). If your church has a few people who want to do this together, that would be great. Please let me know whether: a. You, or others from your church, would like to be in the group. b. your church would offer to host. Once we have a group together, we will plan the group according to the participants' availability.

**2. South area Worship leaders gathering.** Alicia Jones (the South area lay preacher advocate) and I would like to organise an in person gathering sometime in October for lay preachers and worship leaders to share resources and get to know each other. Date and time to be confirmed. This could lead to a regular gathering if this is what people feel they need. Again, please let us know if you would be interested.

Also please let me know whether you would like to be on our contact list for lay preacher and worship leader opportunities in the South area.

**Creationtide:** Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. This is known as Creationtide or the season of creation. There are lots of fabulous resources. Just search “Season of Creation” in your internet browser or get in touch and I can post some to you.

This year, the theme for the season is “**Peace with Creation.**” At a time when the world longs for peace, we are reminded that God’s peace is built on right relationships and on justice. We are invited to live in peace with each other and with all of creation.

The Greater Manchester South Missional Partnership are celebrating Creationtide this year with Prayers in the Park, Fog Lane Park, Manchester, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2:30pm. There is also a zoom book club on Monday evenings, starting on 15<sup>th</sup> September. The book is “Not the End of the World” by Hannah Richie. It is a book filled with hope, reminding us that we could live a flourishing and truly sustainable life.

Please contact me or see the Synod Newsletter for details of these and other events.

This is also an excellent time of year to look at your church Eco Church plan. Care for creation is an important part of Mission. Whether you are just starting out, or looking at your next step, one of my roles is to support churches with Eco Church, so do get in touch.

May peace, built on justice, be in our hearts, our churches, our homes, our land and our world!

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**Mission and Discipleship Mentor**  
**East Cheshire and Derbyshire Borders Steering group**  
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*From Keith Whiting (T&G)*

## **BITS AND PIECES**

**The Hay Wain** by John Constable It's hung in the National Gallery in London; it is the most celebrated painting of an English landscape, frequently voted one of Britain's favourite works of art. John Constable grew up a mile away, - just off the canvas is Flatford Mill owned by the Constable family. John knows the landscape very well from his privileged view point and he depicted the idealistic rural way of life.



The painting was completed in 1821. It's a view of the world we all wish for when we look back and remember a time when all was peace and joy. Study the masterpiece and live for a moment in the world God created for us. Only for a short time we have work to do and we are challenged to make a difference to the lives of the people in the place we live, the place we work and the place we worship. John Constable painted a picture that was looking back at a time he remembers. The industrialisation of rural England was rapidly changing the landscape and the lives of the people in the painting. Machines are going to replace men. The masterpiece was painted from sketches gathered over two decades and completed back at his studio in Hampstead London, when it was just a village.

*From Jill Kenna (M)*

## THE PLASTIC PROBLEM

Plastic pollution is damaging our planet and having a huge impact on 2 billion people worldwide who don't have a safe way to dispose of their waste. This is harming human health and the environment.

**441.000 tonnes** of plastic waste enters our rivers, lakes and oceans every week. **1.3**  
**million tonnes** of plastic waste is incinerated every week **1 in 4**  
**people** don't have access to suitable waste management

How can we as churches help? Here are a few ideas from Tearfund

1. Pray about the problem
2. Pledge to reduce your plastic usage and avoid single use plastics wherever possible
3. Contact your MP to urge the government to do more
4. Download the Plastics Crisis video and slides from [tearfund.org](http://tearfund.org) and consider holding a service focussing on this problem and how it affects God's creation



5. Take the Bin-Go challenge - ask me if you would like a copy, or download your own to your phone or printer from the Tearfund website

Every little helps but the more people who spread the word and tackle the problem the greater the impact so encourage others to take part too.

*From Michael Brueck (NM)*

### **CRYING FOR PEACE - A psalm for the moment**

*In our wider world, our communities and locally in our churches and missional partnership, we are going through troubling times. I offer this now as a prayer for us all.*

God! We are your people. You have called us to yourself, have drawn us to one another. To worship you in this place. To serve and care for one another and for those among whom you have placed us. And we have learnt to do those things. To worship, to serve, to tell your story. Our story.

Yet we have found ourselves drifting out of touch with each other. Perhaps regretting our original commitment to togetherness. Over time, we seem to have fallen out of our first love for you. Despite our being bound to you in a covenant of love and service. A cross-shaped covenant binding us to you. Binding us, too, to others, whom you have called to serve you.

And now, as your people, seeking your will for our common future, we have hurt one another. We have begun seeing each other as unkind or unfaithful, no longer true to you. And we are sorry.

Even while claiming to follow you, we have turned away from the path of costly truth. From the way of loving service. We are sorry for falling out of love with you. For turning away from each other.

God of mercy, you are our truth. We would cling to the truth we see in Jesus. The truth of life. The way of costly service. In you, we find mercy. Mercy for our broken hearts. Mercy able to channel righteous anger into loving service. Service of those we have always loved. Service of those from whom we have drifted.

God of mercy, you are our only healer. As you came to your first friends in that upper room, blessing them with wounded hands, bless us now here. Be the peace among us, as we reach out again to one another. Stand among us as we help you heal each other.

In this world of widening conflict, may we here be your peacemakers. In this place - as in all places - you are our only peace,

**Amen.**

*From Barbara Northover (MB)*



## THE GARDENERS HYMN

All things bright and beautiful  
All creatures great and small  
All things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

**BUT** what we never mention though gardeners know it's true  
Is when He made the goodies He made the baddies too.

All things bright and beautiful ...

The greenfly on the roses, the maggots in the peas,  
Manure that fills our noses. He also gave us these.

All things bright and beautiful ...

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the club root on the greens  
The slugs that eat the lettuce and chew the aubergines.

All things bright and beautiful ....

The drought that kills the fuchsias, the frost that nips the buds  
The rain that drowns the seedlings the blight that hits the spuds

All things bright and beautiful ....

The fly that gets the carrots, the wasp that eats the plums  
How black the gardeners outlook, though green may be his thumb

All things bright and beautiful ...

**BUT still we gardeners labour midst vegetables and  
flowers ... And pray what hits our neighbours will  
somehow bypass ours .....**

**All things bright and beautiful .....**

## *From Anita Curwell (M)*

### **THE WOOD WIDE WEB**

Trees communicate with other trees via complex underground networks which make up what has been called the Wood Wide Web.

This has led to the thinking that forests are not just a collection of individual trees but instead are interconnected communities.

Scientific proof is growing that trees can send messages to each other, as well as distress signals when one tree is facing a threat from pests or diseases, so that fellow trees can strengthen their defences. They can also help sustain each other by sharing nutrients and water underground.

The interaction happens largely through fungi which as well as acting to decompose dead wood into fertiliser, also allow trees to communicate. Thin threads from fungi will attach to the tip of a root and then spread out beneath the ground and attach to the roots of other trees, forming a connection (sometimes even between different species). These are known as mycorrhizal networks. Messages that could be sent might include a warning that a tree is under attack from a swarm of insects.

A German forester called Peter Wolleben helped spread the idea that trees are sophisticated social beings that work together in his best-selling book *The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate*, and science is coming to largely back that up.

Some trees can also send out messages above ground to help protect themselves. When a pine tree, for example, is threatened by aphids, it can call in help. It can send out a strong scent designed to attract ladybirds to the tree that will then act as predators to eat the aphids.

Trees can also protect themselves by deterring animals when they come under attack. There is evidence that if the leaves of beech trees are being eaten by deer, then the tree can send a chemical to its leaves to make them taste bitter and put the animals off.

In Africa, when acacia trees are chewed by giraffes, the tree can send out a warning signal of ethylene gas into the air. When neighbouring trees pick up this scent from the gas, they then pump tannins into their own leaves to put off any animals that might attempt to graze on them.

*Anne Smith, Daily Mail*



*From Ian Kenna (M)*

## **GOOD NEWS**

The hole in the ozone layer is set to be healed over most of the world by 2040, according to a UN-backed assessment. The hole in the stratospheric layer, which protects our planet from the sun's ultraviolet radiation, was found above Antarctica in 1985. Since then countries have phased out 99% of ozone-depleting chemicals under the Montreal Protocol.

*Sunday Times Magazine*

## *From Margaret M. Jones (Short Street)*

*My late partner, Peter, was a very keen Human Rights' supporter and I recently found this book, amongst many others, that he had collected over the years. It is called 'Breaking Free' and contains many interesting poems selected by Robert Hull. Here are two of them, which epitomise the pain and suffering endured by black Africans over the centuries.*

### **'Mama Dot' (was a slave in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century in the USA)**

Born on a Sunday in the Kingdom of Ashante.

Sold on Monday into slavery

Ran away on Tuesday 'cos she was born free.

Lost a foot on Wednesday, when they catch she.

Worked all Thursday 'til her hair grey.

Dropped on Friday, where they buried she.

Freed on Saturday in a new century.



By Fred D'Aguiar (Guyana).

### **'Negro' (by Langston Hughes, USA)**

I am a Negro; black as the night is black.

Black like the depths of my Africa.



I've been a slave; Caesar told me to keep his  
doorstep clean.

I brushed the boots of Washington.

I've been a worker; under my hands the pyramids arose.

I made mortar for the Woolworth building.

I've been a singer; all the way from Africa to Georgia.

I carried my sorrow songs; I made ragtime.

I've been a victim; the Belgians cut off my hands in the Congo.

They lynch me still, in Mississippi.

I am a Negro; black as the night is black.

Black, like the depths of my Africa.

*From Ian Kenna*

## **UNSUNG HEROES: VISHAL KARIA**

At the age of seventeen, Vishal Karia was expelled from school for being disruptive in class. He did not realise it, but Karia had undiagnosed ADHD. Now aged 35, and worth £98 million thanks to his wholesaler business Affinity Fragrances, which distribute products from Hugo Boss and Gucci, he calls ADHD his superpower and has used his wealth and profile to help raise awareness of the condition. *Sunday Times Magazine*

*From Ruth Miller (Hatherlow and George Lane)*

**CRAFT-A-NOON** starts again Tuesday 2nd September 1.30 - 4 p.m. and then each first and third Tuesday in the month. All welcome.

**TUESDAY CLUB** also starts on Tuesday 23rd September 2.30 p.m. when the speaker will be Rev. Jonnie Hill with Part 2 of his talk about Co. Meath, then each fourth Tuesday in the month. Everyone welcome.

**COFFEE MORNING** is ongoing from 10 - 12 each Wednesday. Tea, Coffee, Toast and Toasted Tea Cakes (at very reasonable prices!) and a smile and a chat!

**Scaffolding** is once again in evidence, this time inside the building in preparation for scraping off damp-affected paint and plaster and then re-plastering and re-decoration. A messy job but hopefully well worth it in the end.

*From Phil Taylor (Hatherlow & George Lane)*

**Another trip into the unknown** - In May this year I received an invitation from Baroness Ford for Afternoon Tea at the House of Lords on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Epilepsy Action. It was a lovely experience, and the speakers from the Epilepsy Association were very motivating. They emphasized the importance of fund raising, thanked everyone for their efforts and encouraged us to continue.

## Henry Alford



Henry Alford was an English Churchman, theologian, scholar poet, hymnodist and writer. He published several volumes of his own verse, and a number of hymns, the best known of which are "**Come, ye thankful people, come**" This popular Harvest Festival hymn was written by Revd. Henry Alford and first published in his Psalms and Hymns

[1844]. It has been revised through the years and reduced from the original seven to the now popularised version of four stanzas, and "Ten Thousand times ten thousand"

Come, ye thankful people, come echoes two of Christ's parables; Matthew 13:24-30 [the wheat and the tares] and Mark 4:26-29 [the story of the seed springing up without the sower knowing of it]. This latter text includes the words: "All by itself the earth produces corn. First the stalk, then the ear, then the full grain. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts a sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Through the years the hymn has been greatly altered, and Alford himself was critical of some of the early revisions.

## *From Mike Aspinall*

It has been agreed through Church Meetings that the Joint Services for Marple, Marple Bridge and Marple Methodist Churches, from September 2025 to February 2026, will be as follows:

Marple Churches Worship Timetable September 2025 - February 2026				
<b>September 2025</b>				
7th Marple URC	14th Marple Methodist	21st Marple Bridge URC	28th Own Churches	
<b>October 2025</b>				
5th Marple URC	12th Marple Methodist	19th Marple Bridge URC	26th Own Churches	
<b>November 2025</b>				
2nd Marple URC	9th Marple Methodist	16th Marple Bridge URC	23rd Own Churches	30th Own Churches
<b>December 2025</b>				
7th Marple URC	14th Marple Methodist	21st Marple Bridge URC	28th Own Churches	
<b>January 2026</b>				
4th Marple URC	11th Marple Methodist	18th Marple Bridge URC	25th Own Churches	
<b>February 2026</b>				
1st Marple URC	8th Marple Methodist	15th Marple Bridge URC	22nd Own Churches	



# MARPLE NEWS & NOTICES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*wishes in September go to:*  
Caroline Calverley (6<sup>th</sup>), Joan Armitt (12<sup>th</sup>),

## *Services in September*

*Please note Services start at 10:30am*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Revd. David Jenkins (Communion)–at Marple URC**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Adrian Law At Marple Methodist Church**
- 21<sup>st</sup> At MB Church – Raymond Cochrane**
- 28<sup>th</sup> At MB Church – Rev Jonnie Hill -Harvest Festival**

## *From Sue Ardern*

Marple URC Handbells team are seeking NEW members to join the group.

Practice evenings are: Tuesdays from 7pm-9p.m at Marple URC in Hibbert Lane.

We are a friendly HRGB-affiliated (Handbells of Great Britain) team, doing some mini-concerts and joining up with other teams, occasionally. No previous hand-bell ringing experience needed.



Please support our **Coffee Morning & Handbells informal Concert**, at **Marple URC on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30am-12.00**. Donations requested for Francis House Hospice, Didsbury. The Hospice needs £5 million pounds in charitable donations each

year to continue to provide specialist palliative care provision, caring for children with a wide variety of life-limiting and life-threatening conditions.

## **STRICTLY COME TOGETHER**

Wednesday Mornings at Marple URC 10.30am-12.00

**SEPTEMBER - All are welcome**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Opportunity to chat
- 10<sup>th</sup> 'Ukraine' Jane McLean
- 17<sup>th</sup> 'Quiz'
- 24<sup>th</sup> tba

## **STRICTLY COME CRAFT**

For children and their families

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

4pm -6pm

At Marple United Reformed Church



### *Message from Kevin Daily*

I have a set of lever arch files and two-ring folders available, some used, some nearly new (approx 12 of each). If anyone is interested in reusing them please contact me on 07523 758283 or at [kdaily@gmx.com](mailto:kdaily@gmx.com)

## **MARPLE BRIDGE NEWS & NOTICES**



*wishes in September go to –*

Mike Bolderson (7<sup>th</sup>), Colin Fox (9<sup>th</sup>)

Terry Lomax (11<sup>th</sup>), Zara Pass (20<sup>th</sup>)

John Reynolds (30<sup>th</sup>)

## *Services in September*

*Please note Services start at 10:30am*

- 7<sup>th</sup>      Revd. David Jenkins (Communion)–at Marple URC**
- 14<sup>th</sup>     Adrian Law At Marple Methodist Church**
- 21<sup>st</sup>     At MB Church – Raymond Cochrane**
- 28<sup>th</sup>     At MB Church – Rev Jonnie Hill -Harvest Festival**

### **Marple Bridge URC Harvest Service**

We are planning to have our Harvest Service at Marple Bridge URC on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

Once again we shall be supporting Commitment For Life projects in Bangladesh. Throughout the last year we have been supporting various projects in Bangladesh with the money collected over our Harvest period last September. Here is an update on one of them.

Hamida relied solely on her husband's unreliable income as a day labourer to support her family. As president of a local women's group she was invited to join Gender Transformative Climate Resilience Microfinance training sessions, where she learned livestock management, poultry raising and agricultural techniques. Through Commitment For Life, supporting a Christian Aid Loan Project, Hamida secured a loan to buy a cow and a calf. By selling the milk in her community and then repaying her loan she has managed to buy more cattle, securing regular income for her family.

As we can see, giving through Commitment for Life can enable real change to happen, where life and income are precarious.

Thank you in advance for your support again this Harvest time. Envelopes for giving or details of giving online will be circulated in September via your Elder.

We shall also be collecting tins of food etc to support The Wellspring and the Oasis Centre in Gorton.

### Foods needed for The Wellspring



UHT milk

Coffee

Cereals

Tinned meats for sandwiches  
(ham, corned beef, Spam etc.)

Ready custard

Crisps for individual lunch bags

Chocolate biscuits ( individually wrapped)

A list of foods needed by the Oasis Centre will be posted on the Church family WhatsApp group nearer the time or will be available from Cath Brown nearer the time.

Please don't feel that you have to donate to all three causes.....just one will do!

Thank you for your support this coming Harvest time.

The Elders MBURC and Lynne and Cath B xx



## **LEND WITH CARE**

Thank you to all who have contributed to Lend with Care over the last few months. I have donated a further £75 to our account. With this money and £100 in repayments we have received recently, we have made two new loans.

We have lent £100 to Mai, a 62 year old widow, mother of two. She is actively involved in raising cattle, including water buffaloes and cows. After receiving training on sustainable farming practices - such as using natural feed and improving waste recycling systems- Mai has applied for a loan to upgrade her livestock facilities. She wants to purchase 70 metres of corrugated roofing sheets, 70 bags of cement and other building materials to repair the barns and construct a waste storage tank. Her goal is to ensure a clean and safe environment for both her animals and family, while improving productivity.

The second loan of £75 is to Anaya Bibb who live with husband and two sons in Katsura, Pakistani. Anaya works as a yarn extractor by collecting discarded sweaters. She extracts the high quality yarn and supplies it to local buyers and shops, providing them with an eco-friendly asset which reduces textile waste and contributes to a greener environment. She's been running her business for over six years and brings in £34 per month. Anaya has applied for a loan to expand her business by purchasing worn-out sweaters and garments in bulk. As well as reinforcing sustainable textile practices and reducing waste, this investment will enhance her production capacity and thereby. Increase her income.

Hopefully our small loans will help Mai and Anaya reach their loan target quickly and they can soon benefit from their improvements. Thank you again to everyone.

*Cath and Colin*

The next Working Party at MB will be on

**Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>**

All Welcome

## **MARPLE METHODIST CHURCH**

*Services in September*

*Please note Services start at 10:30am*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Revd. David Jenkins (Communion)–at Marple URC**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Adrian Law At Marple Methodist Church**
- 21<sup>st</sup> At MB Church – Raymond Cochrane**
- 28<sup>th</sup> At MB Church – Rev Jonnie Hill -Harvest Festival**

## **PROVIDENCE NEWS & NOTICES**

*Services in September*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Revd Jonnie Hill (church meeting)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Revd Paul Brewerton**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Harvest festival (church members)**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Revd Mike Aspinall.**

*From Sheena Cartledge*

A lovely, sunny afternoon was enjoyed by all who came to my Afternoon Tea in July. We raised £330 to be split between Providence and Commitment for Life. Thanks everyone  
xx



**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1pm - 4pm**

'An Art Sale of drawings and Paintings by Jonathan Kear. Jonathan went to Edinburgh College of Art and paints views of local places and landscapes. The pictures make ideal gifts. All proceeds from the sale go to the charity Tearfund'



### **Evening talk at Providence**

We have a new evening talk for your diaries on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm** when Gordon Stewart will be in conversation with Bishop Jack Nicholls, former Bishop of Sheffield.

These conversations always give a warm hearted glimpse into the lives of extraordinary people, and are not to be missed! Admission free with refreshments, donations to the church gratefully received.

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm**

### **The King of Instruments**



Gordon Stewart plays the 1914 J J Binns organ in Providence Church. The programme includes classical favourites Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, Handel's Arrival of the Queen of Sheba and Widor's Toccata.

Free entrance with retiring collection

# SHORT STREET NEWS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*wishes in September go to:*

Kath. Booth (12<sup>th</sup>), Betty Newman(15<sup>th</sup>)

## *Services in September*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Rev. Mike Aspinnall (Communion)**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jonnie Hill**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Mr. Frank Dean**
- 28<sup>th</sup> Joint service at Hazel Grove Methodist**

## **Pastimes**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 1pm to 4pm.

Bring your knitting, sewing, crosswords etc. Or just come for a natter. All welcome

## **MIDWEEK COMMUNION:**

Midweek communion is held in the meeting room of Short Street URC on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. The next one will be held on Tuesday September 24<sup>th</sup> and will be led by Eddie Allman. All are welcome.

# TINTWISTLE & GLOSSOP NEWS

## *Services in September*

- 7<sup>th</sup> Revd Jenny Austen**
- 14<sup>th</sup> Vince Ryder**
- 21<sup>st</sup> John Watkins**
- 28<sup>th</sup> We visit New Mills.**

Babies and Toddlers each Monday in term time 10.00-11.30 am



# HATHERLOW & GEORGE LANE NEWS

## *Services in September*

7<sup>th</sup> Margaret Dexter Brown

14<sup>th</sup> Keith Whiting

21<sup>st</sup> Rod Wallace (Harvest Festival)

28<sup>th</sup> TBC

## WORD OF THE MONTH ....



**SPLOOTING:** the name given to the stretch cats and dogs do when they lie on their fronts with their hind legs stretched out.



*And finally ....*

*A prayer for September sent by Janet Hughes (MB)*

### Prayer of Planting

As I plant each seed, Lord, plant hope in my heart. Let roots grow deep in the soil and in my spirit. May this garden become a place of promise and peace. Amen.



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